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## Surrendered terrorists taking up arms against India

### Ex-ultras diverting financial aid for jihad, six cases surface in J&K; forces asked to keep tabs on them



**RAKESH K SINGH**  
NEW DELHI

In an emerging new trend in terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir, ex-terrorists who returned through Nepal and surrendered in Jammu & Kashmir over the years have now joined terrorism again. The security agencies identified at least six such cases recently and advised the J&K Police and its Crime Investigation Department, besides the Army, to keep tabs on ex-terrorists in their respective

operational theatres.

Reports said that surrendered terrorist Mohamad Iqbal Ganie, resident of Nowpora, Doru, Anantnag, joined Lashkar-e-Tayyeba (LeT) on May 5, 2018.

In the past, ex-terrorist Ghulam Ahmed Sofi, alias Jani Baba, resident of Jahama, Baramullah, was arrested by the Army and Special Operations Group (SOG), Baramullah, of the Jammu & Kashmir Police. Ex-terrorists like Mohammad Shafeeq Bhat, Diarwani, Batmaloo and Rahi-ul-Amin Dar of Qazogund, Kulgam, are back on the radars of the security agencies.

Bhat, resident of Diarwani, Batmaloo, Srinagar, is a surrendered ex-terrorist and had

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come to India via Nepal in 2001. He had been noticed providing shelter to terrorists in Batmaloo.

Another case is that of Rahi-ul-Amin Dar, alias Asif of Veesu, Kazigund, Kulgam, who had rejoined terrorism (2010-Hizbul Mujahideen) and was later killed in an encounter.

Yet another case in point is that of Sajad Ahmed Bhat, res-

ident of Wayan, Pampore, Pulwama, who was found to be an overground worker (OGW) of Pakistan-based terror group Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM).

Member agencies, especially, CID, JKP (Jammu & Kashmir Police) and the Army are requested to provide us the details of such cases (surrendered terrorists re-joining ter-

rorism) available with them," reads an Intelligence report.

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fold implies that they are fighting the forces from funds being made available to them under the Government amnesty schemes, a senior security agency official said.

The return of the ex-terrorists to terror activities is matter of serious concern for the security agencies because these hardcore terrorists have well-established links across the border. These terrorists are well trained in terror activities and can provide both logistical support and strategic inputs to foreign ultras entering into the country.

The Union Home Ministry has been opposed to keeping Nepal as a "designated" route for return of these "terrorists" from Pakistan-occupied

Kashmir under the J&K Government's surrender and rehabilitation policy in force since 2010. This is mainly because ultras have been using Nepal as an informal transit route to re-enter India along with their families, and as Nepal becomes designated route they could be spotted by the ISI and targeted while returning to India.

Around 450 terrorists have returned from POK to India via Nepal even though under the surrender policy it does not entitle them to any benefit. In contrast, a few ultras have re-entered India via the three designated routes: Salamabad, Chakanda-Bagh and Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi.

## Spurned Cong seeks foreign support: PM

### More mud you sling, more lotus will bloom; vote bank politics is eating into country like termites, says Modi

**PNS** ■ BHOPAL

Starting his speech by paying tribute to Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya on his jayanti and his thoughts are an inspiration for the BJP, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday accused the Congress of looking for support outside the country, in a veiled reference to Pakistan whose former Minister recently tweeted in favour of Rahul Gandhi.

In an apparent reference to the corruption allegations over the Rafale fighter jet deal, Modi accused the Congress of indulging in mud-slinging against the Government, saying the Opposition party found it easier than debating issues like

development.

Addressing a rally here ahead of Madhya Pradesh Assembly polls, along with BJP chief Amit Shah, Modi slammed vote-bank politics and the practice of triple talaq.

The Congress has been reduced from 440 seats in the Lok Sabha to 44 seats due to its "arrogance" but it is still not ready to introspect or correct itself, he said.

"What a condition the 125-year-old Congress been reduced to! Nothing remains in the Congress... You need to look for the Congress party with a microscope now," he said at the rally also addressed by Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

BJP president Amit Shah

said the process of evicting illegal infiltrators from the country will not stop. Referring to the NRC, Shah said, "The process to evict illegal infiltrators will not stop, irrespective of the Congress' opposition." The recently published NRC has identified 40 lakh as illegal immigrants, he added.

Mocking the Congress, Modi said the party has been reduced to such a condition that it is "begging" with small parties for alliances.

He went on to add, "Even if they get allies, the coalition will not be successful. So, they (Congress) are looking for support from outside India... Now, will some countries decide who will become the Prime Minister of India?"

### MODISPEAK

There are elections (to civic bodies) in Jammu & Kashmir and the allies of the Congress are running away from the polls

If the Congress has a bond with them, it should have stood with them. But they (the Congress) in J&K are saying that well, if you do not want to come along, we can go solo in panchayat elections... What type of coalition is this?

Even if they (Congress) get allies, the coalition will not be successful... Now, will some countries decide who will become the Prime Minister of India?

He was apparently referring to a tweet by former Pakistan Interior Minister Rehman Malik, who had said Rahul Gandhi will be next PM of India if he follows "Jet Gate" (Rafale deal) properly.

Modi asked, "Congress, what has happened to you? Have you lost (mental) balance after losing power?"

At the rally seen as launch of poll campaign, the Prime Minister said vote-bank politics, like termites, has destroyed the country.

Apparently referring to the charges of corruption being levelled by the Congress in the Rafale fighter deal, the Prime Minister said, "They (Congress) are indulging in mud-slinging because they find it easier."

He said the Congress had indulged in "mud-slinging" earlier too. "But I want to tell them, the more you throw mud at us, the more the lotus (BJP's symbol) will bloom," he added. Modi said the Congress' attempts to defame him in the last two decades haven't worked.

"Ever since I came into politics in 2001, you (Congress) have used all your strength to hurl abuses at me. There would not be a single abuse left in the dictionary now," he said.

## Much more to come in Rafale, says Rahul

**PNS** ■ NEW DELHI

Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday continued to attack the Modi Government on the controversial Rafale deal and asserted that more facts on the "dubious" deal should be expected in the coming days. "This is the beginning, there will be more fun ahead," Rahul said, addressing the media at his Lok Sabha constituency Amethi.

The Congress has been attacking the Modi Government over an offset agreement signed by Rafale manufacturer Dassault with Anil Ambani's Reliance Group. Rahul, through social media Twitter handle, also stated that he understands the pain of jawans, Air Force officers, the families of martyred pilots as well as Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) workers, and will work to bring to justice all those who dishonoured them.

"To every Air Force officer and jawan who has served India. To the family of every martyred Indian fighter pilot. To every person who ever worked for HAL. We hear your pain. We understand how you feel. We will bring to justice all those who dishonoured and stole from you," he said on Twitter.

Reminding his constituents that an HAL unit was located in Amethi district, Rahul reiterated the charge that an offset deal wrongly went to Anil Ambani's Reliance group instead of the public sector HAL. "The youth should understand that employment opportunities have been snatched from HAL and from you all. The truth will be before you and you can judge," he said.

"The youth should pay attention. Anil Ambani has not made an aircraft all his life. He floats a company just 10 days before and gets the contract," Rahul claimed.

"Narendra Modi becomes the Prime Minister and the ₹526-crore aircraft is bought for ₹1,600 crore," he claimed. Rahul also recalled the recent row over former French President Francois Hollande's reported claim that the Indian side insisted that Dassault pick the Ambanis as their local partner.

The Congress also rejected BJP's claim that Rahul wanted the Rafale deal scrapped to help a firm linked to his brother-in-law Robert Vadra and said the

Modi Government was responding to the alleged "scam" with abuses and mud-slinging.

The BJP has alleged the Congress president is involved in a "conspiracy, internationally" and former French President Francois Hollande was part of the "nexus" to sabotage the Rafale deal.

Union Minister Gajendra Shekhawat had dragged the Gandhi family into the intensifying political row over the fighter aircraft deal, alleging that the UPA Government had called off the multi-billion dollar deal after a private company linked to Vadra was not chosen as a broker.



Congress president Rahul Gandhi addresses the media in Amethi on Tuesday PTI

### CAPSULE

#### SC: STOP CRIMINALS ENTERING PARLIAMENT

**New Delhi:** The Supreme Court on Tuesday declined to disqualify candidates against whom cognisance of chargesheet have been taken by courts, saying no further disqualification under the law could be added but urged Parliament to enact a law to address the malaise of criminals entering legislatures. P5

#### LAWMAKERS ALLOWED TO PRACTISE LAW, SAYS SC

**New Delhi:** The Supreme Court on Tuesday said that lawyers-turned-lawmakers, both in Parliament and the State legislatures cannot be barred from practising before the courts during their term as lawmakers.

#### SEWER CLEANING DEATHS: CALL FOR AN END

A woman who lost her relative who died while cleaning a sewer takes part in a protest near Parliament in New Delhi on Tuesday AP



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#### BODIES OF 2 SISTERS FOUND IN DELHI DRAIN

**New Delhi:** The bodies of two sisters, in their 20s, were found in a drain in Alipur area of North West Delhi's Rohini, the police said Tuesday. The women were missing since the evening of September 19 and a case was registered in this connection at the Seelampur police station in northeast Delhi, a family member said.

## CAIT calls trade bandh in Delhi on Sept 28 to protest sealing

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

In the wake of ongoing sealing of shops in the National Capital and no visible attempt by the Government agencies to de-seal the shops sealed in December last year, the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) on Tuesday announced "Delhi Trade Bandh" on September 28. The bandh has been called to demand immediate promulgation of an Ordinance to stop sealing in Delhi.

Prominent markets of Delhi, including Connaught Place, Chawri Bazar, Chandni Chowk, Bhagirath Place, Sadar Bazar, Kashmiri Gate, Pahar Ganj, Karol Bagh, Kamla Nagar, Rohini, markets of North Delhi, South Extension, Greater Kailash, Amar Colony will remain closed on Friday.

## Not a speck of pollutants in Delhi air!

### Rain sweeps capital clean

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

Recurring downpour in Delhi has washed away dangerous pollutants from the air, ensuring in the most clean air quality of this year in the national Capital on Tuesday. It was the third time in the year that the Air Quality Index was registered as "Good".

According to the System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research institute (SAFAR), the Air Quality Index (AQI) was recorded at 38, the lowest this year.

An AQI in the range of 0-50 is considered "good"; 51-100 "satisfactory"; 101-200 "moderate"; 201-300 "poor"; 301-400 "very poor" and 401-500 "severe".

Last Saturday, the AQI was 48, while on July 28 it was 43. The PM10 level was recorded

as "good" at 37 in NCR and 35 in Delhi.

The PM 2.5 level was 19 in NCR and 18 in Delhi, according to the Central Pollution Control Board data.

Meanwhile, Union

Environment Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan claimed the improvement is the fruitful result of the Union Government's endeavour.

"With the concerted efforts of the Government, the Air

Quality Index of Delhi has improved during the last three years. The 'Good' to 'Moderate' categories days have increased from 99 in 2016 to 142 in 2017, and 147 till September 24," said the Union Minister.



## Confirm Sterling Biotech owner's whereabouts, CBI asks Nigeria

**PNS** ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI has asked Interpol's Nigeria wing to confirm if absconding promoter of Vadodara-based Sterling Biotech Nitin Sandesara, wanted in ₹5,300 crore banking fraud, has moved there.

The CBI poser to the Interpol comes after reports suggested that Sandesara along with his family members have fled from the UAE to Nigeria. India does not have any extradition treaty with Nigeria.

In October 2017, the CBI had booked Sterling Biotech, its directors Chetan Jayantilal Sandesara, Dipti Chetan Sandesara, Rajbhushan Omprakash Dixit, Nitin Jayantilal Sandesara and Vilas Joshi, chartered accountant Hemant Hathi, Andhra Bank ex-director Anup Garg.

## Job scenario in India declined post 2013: Premji varsity report

**SIANS** ■ NEW DELHI

India's structural transformation has been slower than desired, resulting in a situation that there has been an absolute decline in employment post 2013, with the rate of unemployment among the youth now at 16 per cent, says a report by one of the country's noted private universities released on Tuesday.

The State of Working India (SWI) report by the Centre for Sustainable Employment at Azim Premji University said there is an urgent need to think comprehensively about employment and for the Government to formulate a focused National Employment Policy.

"Even as GDP growth rates have risen, the relationship between growth and employment generation has become weaker over

time. Growth creates fewer jobs than it used to. A 10 per cent increase in GDP now results in less than 1 per cent increase in employment," the SWI report said.

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# One killed, 10 injured as bus comes in contact with high tension wire

PNS ■ HARIDWAR

A woman passenger died and at least 10 persons were injured when the bus they were travelling in caught fire on Tuesday morning after it came under contact with a live high tension wire hanging loosely. The incident happened near Kaliyar area. The bus was going to Roorkee from SIIDCUL. The angry villagers later demonstrated against the elec-



tricity department officials, alleging that their negligence had led to the incident. It is learnt that the bus was carrying passengers who were employees of an industrial unit in SIIDCUL. They were going home after they had completed their night duties. According to the eye witnesses, at least 10 people were injured. A woman passenger

## THE BUS WAS GOING TO ROORKEE FROM SIIDCUL

was rushed to a local hospital from where she was referred to a higher medical centre where she succumbed to the severity of the burn injuries. Police said that the passenger who died has been identified as Nisha, 22, from Inayatpur. She had sustained severe burn injuries, said Kaliyar thana in-charge Pramod Kumar. "Employees of Alps company were travelling in the private company bus which caught fire after it came into contact with a live high tension wire that was hanging loosely. The passengers were scared. They jumped out of the bus through the windows. Many of them were injured," he added. Later, fire tenders rushed to the site and doused the flame through an hour-long operation.

# Guest teachers on stir demanding reinstatement

No salary since March

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Demanding reinstatement, the members of the association of guest teachers have been staging sit-in at State Education Directorate for the past seven days. The vice-president of the association Harish Arya said on Tuesday that more than 4700 guest teachers in different parts of the State are awaiting renewal of their contract for the past many months while the Government is indifferent. Mahavir Singh Chauhan, a guest teacher, said that the education department's move

to give additional weightage to the old guest teachers in the selection process of the guest teachers is not acceptable to the association. "Our salary for the month of March is yet to be paid. We want nothing less than reinstatement," he said. The recruitment of the guest teachers was done during the time of the Harish Rawat Government when about six thousand such teachers were appointed in different schools in 2015. They were appointed for a period of nine months or end of the academic session on purely contractual basis. When their contract was terminated in March 2016 they started a massive agitation which forced then Congress-helmed

Government to reinstate them in their services. The order was, however, cancelled their reinstatement. The matter then went to a bench of HC which asked the State Government to initiate a proper recruitment process to fill the vacant posts of the teachers in the government schools. The court meanwhile granted temporary relief to the guest teachers and allowed them to work till March 2018. As per the HC order, the State Education Department terminated the contract of these teachers in March this year after which thousand of such teachers have been on the stir path.

## Reshuffle of doctors, 59 transferred

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

In a major reshuffle, the medical health and family welfare department transferred 59 doctors of the State Health Services

on Tuesday. In the individual transfer orders issued on the day, the secretary Medical health Nitesh Jha said that the orders would be applicable with immediate effect. The radiologist District Hospital, Pithoragarh Dr N S Gunjal has been transferred to Base Hospital Haldwani while the surgeon Dr R K Tamta has been shifted from District

Hospital Pauri to Coronation Hospital Dehradun. The ENT surgeon District hospital Bauradi Tehri Dr Piyush Tripathi has been transferred to Coronation Hospital. The radiologist Dr Manoj Sharma posted in the District Hospital Tehri but attached to Government Doon Medical College (GDMC) Hospital Dehradun has been transferred to GDMC Dehradun.

# Things going from bad to worse in Govt schools

Target has been set for 2018-19

PNS ■ HARIDWAR

Ishika (12) studied in the Government school No 28 Rishikul till class V, but now she is seen wandering around the district hospital where her mother works as sanitation worker. She stays there, idling away time during the day till her mother is free from work and goes back home. Sometimes, she assists her mother in lifting waste bins. This is the picture of primary education in the district. Close to 12% of the students fail to go to the junior schools from the primary level despite attempts being made at all levels by Government schools to increase enrollments. The standard of education in the Government schools in the district is not showing any noticeable improvement. Total strength of students in class V in the district is 37106 which must be 42223 as per the latest survey conducted by the District Education Department, Basics.

The number of private schools is increasing and so is rising the number of students every year. However, the number of students in Government schools is dwindling. While 34% shortage of teachers is always marked in primary and junior level schools, there is even lack of basic facilities like drinking water. An estimated 6% of the schools do not have access to clean drinking water and there is lack of toilet facility for girls in 5% of the schools. The number of private schools is increasing and so is rising the number of students every year. However, the number of students in Government schools is dwindling. Not to speak of the rural areas, even the Government-run schools in the urban areas of Haridwar, Roorkee and Manglaur have a dozen schools with zero or negligible enrollments. Statistics, provided by the district education department, Basics, say that Haridwar district has 672 primary and 188 junior schools. As per the Right to

Education Act, one teacher must be deputed for 30 students, but on the ground, things are grim. The teachers' shortage is a staggering 33.08%. As regards drinking water facility and electricity, a lot is left to be done. Nine percent of the school-going children do not have books. Given such an abysmal kind of infrastructure and basic amenities, one wonders how things are going on in these schools. Quizzed over the prevailing gloomy state of things, the District Education Officer (Basic) Brahmopal Singh Saini said, "As per the standards of RTE Act, plans have been firming up to appoint more teachers to bridge the shortfall and to make available books, electricity, water, uniform and toilets in the academic session 2018-19. Works have already started at the State Government level."

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# Guv assures to take up deplorable NH with CM



PNS ■ HARIDWAR

The Governor Baby Rani Maurya said during her second visit of Haridwar after assuming charge on Tuesday that she would talk to the Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat on the deplorable condition of the National Highway. Notably, she had declined to comment on the matter during her maiden visit to the holy city after becoming the Governor of the State when the media persons asked her to comment. "I will speak to the Chief Minister on the matter," she said on Tuesday when the media persons again quizzed her on the

bad condition of the important road. During her stay, she performed puja at Harihar Ashram in Kankhal on Tuesday. She met Swami Awdheshanand Giri, head of Juna Akhada, and also the RSS general secretary Suresh Joshi who is in Haridwar to address a convention. The Governor reached Harihar Ashram in the morning and performed 'Anushtan' at mercury Shivalinga there. Later, she met RSS leader Suresh Joshi better known as Bhaiyyaji who has come to Haridwar to address RSS members attending a conven-

tion being held at BHEL convention hall. The Governor during her morning and performed 'Anushtan' at mercury Shivalinga there. Notably, Joshi has been the number two in the RSS organisation since 2009 and is the operational and executive head of the RSS.

# CM, Joshi remember Deen Dayal Upadhyaya and integral humanism



PNS ■ DEHRADUN

While attending a programme hosted by Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Sewa Pratisthan to mark the birth anniversary of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya at IRDT auditorium on Survey Chowk on Tuesday, Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat said that Upadhyaya laid emphasis on the development of each and every one of the society. "This is what his philosophy known as integral humanism signifies. Not a single person should be left out as far as the welfare schemes are concerned. This is the message the ideologue has left for us. We are following the ideals laid down by

him while working for the development," CM said. "He embodies cleanliness in political and social life besides Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas," he added. Former Union Minister and veteran BJP leader Dr Murlu Manohar Joshi said that Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya had worked on the concept of integral humanism. "Integral humanism is related to microcosm, creation and glory. The human is related to the society naturally and associated to one another and dependent upon one another. Everybody is for all and all is for everybody. Without the development of the entire society, the planned development can hardly be imag-

ined," he said. Dwelling on the balanced view of development the idologue championed, Dr Joshi said that Upadhyaya stressed on blending development with environment. "There is need to develop technology, but it has to be kept in mind that development of technology should not disturb the environmental balance. Development must be balanced in tune with the importance of conservation of environment," he said. Participating in the programme, the State Finance Minister Prakash Pant said that there is a need to further propagate the philosophy of integral humanism given by Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya. Among others present were the BJP state president Ajay Bhatt and MLA Harbans Kapoor.

# GDMC extends contract of 5 blood bank officers

'Bone densitometer machine' now functional



PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The Government Doon Medical College (GDMC) has extended the contract of five blood bank officials by one year on Tuesday. The principal of the GDMC, Dr Pradip Bharati Gupta said that contract of Dr B C Dhyani, Dr J S Negi, V S Pal, T R Joshi and V K Bhatt have been extended. He, further, said that the services of these officials have been extended for better blood bank management in the biggest Government hospital of the State. The principal also informed that the 'Bone densitometer machine' of the GDMC hospital has been made functional. In the absence of the battery back-up, the machine remained dysfunctional for the last twenty days. The machine is used to find the strength of bones and is a great help for the orthopaedic surgeons, the principal said.

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# CM orders repair of roads in a month in State, in a week in Dehradun

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Seemingly anguished over the deplorable condition of roads spread across the State, Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat has instructed the chief engineer PWD to ensure completion of the repair works of the damaged roads in the State in a month. He, further,

stressed that the repair works



of the damaged roads in Dehradun should be completed in a week. He made it clear that no laxity and negligence would be tolerated in the construction and repair work of the roads. CM, further, asked the officials of the National Highways to get the damaged Haridwar- Dehradun and Dehradun-Roorkee highways repaired on a foot footing. Moreover, he instructed the chief engineer PWD to regularly monitor the road

repair/construction works of National Highways and present the report daily to the secretary concerned of the State administration with a copy to be sent to the Chief Minister's office. He said that the chief engineer must himself ensure that the works are done properly through on the spot

inspection of the sites where works are going on. He said in a warning tone that he himself would keep an eye on the works. "Those neglecting works would face consequences," he warned. He regretted the inconvenience the people suffered due to damaged roads during the monsoon season.

**BRIDCUL (ब्रिडकुल)**  
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On behalf of Managing Director, BRIDCUL, sealed **Item Rate Tenders** with Post Qualification, are invited in two separate envelopes (Technical and Financial) Simultaneously from contractors registered with BRIDCUL in suitable category for Building works, as per the detailed specification, terms & Conditions given in the tender documents for following works:-

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1.	Construction for Registration office cum Transit Camp for Char Dham Yatra at Rishikesh, Uttarakhand	84.97	170000	Rs. 2000.00 + 18% GST	06 month	05.10.2018	1530 Hrs	Project Unit BRIDCUL Dehradun

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## Union Ministers to attend various sessions in Investors' Summit



Chief secretary UK Singh chairs meet on Investors' Summit in Dehradun

Pioneer photo

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

While Prime Minister Narendra Modi is slated to inaugurate the Investors' Summit on October 7 in Dehradun, various Union Ministers will be the chief guests for different sessions to be held as part of the summit. The chief secretary Utpal Kumar Singh said this while chairing a meeting to review preparations for the summit here on Tuesday.

The chief secretary informed that for the manufacturing session, the Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, Suresh Prabhu and Union Minister for Heavy Industry Anant Geete will be the special guests. He, further, said that chief Guest for the Tourism session will be Union Minister of State for Tourism,

Alphons Kannanthanam, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari will be the chief guest for the session on infrastructure.

**EVERY YEAR, THERE WILL BE INVESTMENT OF ₹250 CRORE IN THE STATE**

For the information technology and electronics session, the Union Minister for IT and Electronics, Ravi Shankar Prasad is slated to be the chief guest while Union Minister for Food Processing, Harsimrat Kaur Badal is to be the chief guest in the session on agriculture. The Union Minister for

Health, JP Nadra will be the chief guest in the session on health.

The industries principal secretary Manisha Panwar informed that GAIL would invest ₹680 crore and Railway Development Corporation would invest ₹30,000 crores in the Rishikesh-Karnprayag railway line. Every year, there will be investment of ₹250 crore in the State. The ONGC is spending ₹10 crore from CSR funds. The banking sector is also assisting in the industrialisation through loans. The State's hydro power corporation will invest about ₹2000 crore while the THDC will also invest ₹2000 crore in hydro power projects.

Finance secretary Amit Singh Negi, industries director Sudhir Nautiyal and other officials concerned were also present in the meeting.

## Congress performance during monsoon session excellent: Pritam Singh



PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Grappling with criticism over a lacklustre performance of the Congress MLAs during the just-concluded monsoon session of the Assembly except on the final day, the Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) president Pritam Singh said that the Congress legislature party had put the State Government on the mat on several matters during the session. "We played the role of a robust opposition throughout the session," he averred.

Buttressing his claim with day-to-day account of their performance during a press conference on Tuesday, he said that on the day one of the session, the Congress MLAs had demanded work adjournment

on the issue of price rise. "But the Speaker allowed discussion under section-58 on the issue. We forcefully highlighted the fact that the people are reeling under the skyrocketing prices of diesel and petrol while both the Union and the State Government remain indifferent to their plight," he said.

He said that on the day two, the Congress legislators had articulated their resentment over the anti-encroachment drives going on in different parts of the State with all the seriousness the subject deserves. "The people are being left to suffer by the anti-encroachment drive.

The officials armed with old maps of 1904 and 1938 are pulling down houses where the people have been dwelling in for many years. We asked

the Government to bring a bill to save the people from the anti-encroachment drive on the lines it has given relief to the slum dwellers," he said.

The State Congress chief, further, said that they had also raised the issue of deteriorating law and order condition in the State. Citing sexual exploitation of a visually challenged girl in NIVH, rape in GRD World School and daring day-light murder of a person in the Chief Minister's constituency, Singh said that while the State Government is hyping the investor's summit the reality is different. "The State reeling under such heinous crimes, the investors would think twice before investing in the State. We made it clear during the session to the State

Government," he said.

Dwelling on the proceedings of the last day of the session, Singh said that the party had torn into the State Government on the issue of the appointment of Lokayukt. "The Chief Minister in his first press conference vowed to appoint Lokayukt within 100 days, but nothing so far has been done. When the bill was tabled in the Assembly it was sent deliberately to a select committee.

Now the Government is saying that it is for the Vidhan Sabha to decide on Lokayukt. This is unacceptable," he said. The Congress leader slammed the State Government for sitting over the Lokayukt bill and pointed out that the bills which the Government wants to be tabled in the Assembly

## PCC president dismayed over media coverage of monsoon session

Dehradun: The PCC president appeared hurt by the coverage in the print and electronic media of the just-concluded monsoon session which portrayed Congress's performance in a poor light. On many occasions during the press conference on Tuesday, Pritam Singh pointed out that the performance of the Congress was not bad as the media sought to project. "Keeping in view the fact that we have just 11 MLAs in the 70-member House, we played a spirited opposition," he affirmed.

are being brought in the business advisory committee of the House. "But the all-important Lokayukt bill is conspicuously missing," he said.

He also mentioned the discomfiture the State Government suffered at the hands of some BJP lawmakers on numerous issues, leading to the Speaker passing many orders and giving important directions to the State Government. "In short, the performance of the Congress MLAs in the just-concluded session is excellent, given the low representation of the party there," the State party chief said.

## CM releases RDMC report on eco-tourism



PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Chief Minister Triendra Singh Rawat released the report of the Rural Development and Migration Commission (RDMC) containing analysis and recommendations pertaining to eco-tourism in Uttarakhand. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that environment is the basis of eco-tourism. Conserving the environment and maintaining ecological balance should be a top priority.

The State Government is undertaking efforts to enhance employment opportunities and mitigate migration while also conserving nature, added the Chief Minister.

The report prepared by RDMC contains analysis of eco-tourism activities in the State and recommendations for enhancing the benefits from such activities.

The report dwells on generating livelihood opportunities through eco-tourism and mitigating migration

from the mountainous regions of the State. The Chief Minister and RDMC vice chairman Sharad Singh Negi also discussed the subjects of eco-tourism policy and eco-tourism master plan for the State.

The report submitted by the commission also recommends that at eco-tourism destinations, work should also be undertaken on water conservation, rainwater harvesting, renewable sources of energy, strengthening telecommunication facility, waste manage-

ment, toilet facility, involvement of the local community in eco-tourism and efficient traffic management.

Rawat said that the goddess Sita temple at Sitonsyu in Pauri district will be developed. In a near future, a 4-5 kilometre procession will also be organised here.

The Chief Minister and senior officers of the administration among others will also participate in this procession. The RDMC member secretary RS Pokhariya was also present on the occasion.

## RDMC report reveals absence of policy, outdated & incomplete data

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Though the State has been officially focusing on various aspects of tourism, it still lacks a notified policy on tourism and eco-tourism. Even States like neighbouring Uttar Pradesh and Punjab that have considerably less natural assets compared to Uttarakhand are working on specific eco-tourism policies but Uttarakhand doesn't even have a policy for this sector yet. Further, information about activities in this sector displayed on official websites is outdated and incomplete. These and other anomalies in the sector were revealed in the RDMC report on eco-tourism released by CM Triendra Singh Rawat in Dehradun on Tuesday.

Uttarakhand, with considerably much more environmental wealth does not even have an eco-tourism policy in place. Even in case of the facilities available in the State, the Government bodies concerned are not providing updated and proper information.

In the case of home-stays, the website of the Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board lists a total of 335 home-stays

whereas this is about half the number of home-stays presently available in the State.

Further, the RDMC report states that the current registered home-stays show a skewed distribution among different districts with as high as 79 and 69 in Tehri and Almora districts respectively and as low as one and two in Rudrapur and Chamoli districts respectively.

Apart from the distribution of such registered home-stays being highly uneven according to departmental data, the details of the home-stays available on the website are not even complete.

In this age of online inquiries and booking, the email address is missing for most of the home-stays and in

some cases even the contact numbers are not available. Since home-stays are only a part of the tourism experience, there is also need for providing information to potential tourists on nearby treks, temples and other tourist spots which is presently not being provided.

When it comes to the wildlife attractions in the State, the report points out that though there are six national parks, seven wildlife sanctuaries and four wildlife conservation reserves, the bulk of tourists visit Corbett national park.

When it comes to river rafting, there are nine stretches on various rivers identified for this activity but it is concentrated mainly on the 36 kilometre stretch of the Ganga from Kaudiyala to Rishikesh with the other sites being ignored.

In addition to this, there are multiple agencies working in the sphere of eco-tourism whereas the commission has recommended that there should be a single nodal agency for the eco-tourism sphere. Considering these aspects revealed in the RDMC report, the CM directed the tourism secretary to make necessary changes and improvements.



## Vegetables tackle migration in three blocks of Pauri

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Pauri and Almora districts are said to be suffering the most from migration. However, three blocks in Pauri district have actually suffered negligibly from the ill-effects of migration thanks to cultivation of potatoes and off-season vegetables.

The Rural Development and Migration Commission (RDMC) is working on district-wise reports on economic aspects of the districts. Its report of the Pauri district is nearly complete and slated to be submitted to the Government next month. According to Government data, Pauri comprises about 10

per cent of the State's total geographical area and 16 per cent of Uttarakhand's population but has only 4.23 per cent share in the gross State domestic product (GSDP).

The per capita income in Pauri is ₹1,09,973 per year compared to ₹2,54,050 per year in the plain district of Haridwar.

While the State's average of Below Poverty Line (BPL) residents at the district level is about 16 per cent, it is the highest at 29 per cent in Pauri.

Though most of the 15 blocks in the district are affected by migration, three blocks - Thalisain, Khirsu and Dugadda have suffered very little from this problem.



Traders from Ramnagar in Nainital district provide seeds and enter into contracts with locals in Thalisain to cultivate potatoes.

Similarly, the cultivation of off-season vegetables provides a sustainable livelihood to residents of Khirsu and Dugadda

blocks. The cultivators in these blocks also have access to a market to sell their produce conveniently. This is considered to be a major reason for the problem of migration not affecting these three blocks of the Pauri district.

## Registration for Ayushman Bharat Yojana starts in Dehradun

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

District health department of Dehradun has started the process of the registration of the eligible families for the comprehensive health insurance scheme, Ayushman Bharat Yojana. In Dehradun district, the Union health department has listed 71306 beneficiaries of the scheme.

The chief medical officer (CMO) Dehradun, Dr SK Gupta said that 34633 families in the rural and 36673 families in the urban areas have been included in the scheme. He, further, said that 12 Government and 18 private hospitals have so far been empanelled in the scheme and more private hospitals would be soon added.

CMO informed that the listed beneficiary should visit the nearest empanelled hospital for registration after which he would be issued the card. He, however, added that even if the card is not made the beneficiary's family can avail the benefit of the scheme in the empanelled hospitals.

In all these hospitals, the State Government has appointed Ayushman Mitras' who would help the patients. In the second phase of the survey, more families would be included in the scheme, he said.

In Uttarakhand, the State Government has decided to include all the 23 lakh families of the State under the scheme. The Government intends to include all beneficiaries covered under the Mukhyamantri Swasthaya Bima Yojana (MSBY), all serving and retired State Government employees and all the families not covered under any other scheme in the Atal Ayushman Yojana.

The scheme would cover 1350 types of the diseases and a cover of ₹5 lakh per family per year would be provided under it.

## DMs submit affidavit in HC on polythene ban implementation

PNS ■ NAINITAL

In the matter of the ban on the use of polythene in Uttarakhand, all District Magistrates submitted affidavits in the High Court of Uttarakhand informing the court about the measures taken so far to enforce the ban. In their affidavits, the District Magistrates have stated that orders passed earlier by the high court are being fully observed.

In order to completely ban the use of polythene, those

found using it are being challaned. The public is also being informed about the ill-effects of using polythene.

Public awareness campaign is also being undertaken on this subject, apart from which nodal officers have also been appointed for implementation of the ban on polythene.

Earlier, the division bench had directed all the District Magistrates to also undertake public awareness campaigns for effectively implementing the polythene ban.

It is pertinent to mention here that recently, the State Finance, Parliamentary Affairs, Potable Water and Sanitation Minister Prakash Pant had chaired a meeting with officials in which it had been stated that the complete ban on storage, sale and marketing of polythene bags will be strictly enforced in the State.

It was also decided in the meeting that in compliance of the orders of the High Court and National Green Tribunal (NGT), notification will be issued soon.

## ESZ monitoring committee holds first meeting

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

In the first meeting of the Bhagirathi eco-sensitive zone monitoring committee, 20 of the 23 proposals tabled were accorded approval in principle. The meeting was presided over by the chief secretary Utpal Kumar Singh at the secretariat here on Tuesday.

The chief secretary directed that in the next meeting a check list according to the eco sensitive zone notification, validity of proposals and observance of standards should be presented in the next meeting of the monitoring committee.

It will be recalled that the area on the banks of the Bhagirathi river from Gangotri

to Uttarkashi has been declared an eco-sensitive zone.

The State has submitted a zonal master plan regarding this to the Government of India.

In the meeting of the eco sensitive zone monitoring committee held on Tuesday, six proposals from the Public Works Department, two from the district Panchayat, seven from Border Roads Organisation, five from Irrigation Department and three from the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) were presented.

## CBSE affiliation cancelled for GRD World School

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has cancelled the affiliation of GRD World School Bhauwala Dehradun. The school attained notoriety recently when gang rape of a class X student by the senior students of the same school was reported.

In an order, the joint secretary of CBSE Delhi has said that the application for extension of provisional affiliation for secondary and senior secondary classes of the school has been rejected on the basis of the report submitted by the State Government.

After the allegation of gang rape lodged by a minor girl and subsequent police action against the alleged rapists and some members of management, the education department had sent its team for inspection of the school. The team had found glaring security lapses in the school and recommended cancellation of the affiliation to the CBSE.

# Hry Cabinet approves monthly pension for acid attack victims

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Cabinet on Tuesday approved a proposal to provide monthly financial assistance in the form of pension to acid attack victims.

"Financial Assistance to Women and Girl Acid Attack Victims Scheme" was approved by the cabinet under which a monthly pension to a woman or girl acid attack victim will be provided to allow her a continuous source of income throughout her life.

Under the scheme, any woman or girl victim facing acid attack on or after May 2, 2011 will be eligible for the benefits of the scheme. The financial assistance will be given on the basis of the percentage of disability. On 40-50 per cent disability, 2.5 times of Divyang pension, 51 to 60 per cent, 3.5 times of Divyang pension and more than 61 per cent, 4.5 times of Divyang pension.

The cabinet which met under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Manohar Lal here also reviewed the progress of implementation of Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojna (UDAY) scheme in Haryana power Discoms- the Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam (UHBVN) and Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam (DHBVN).

The cabinet also approved the Haryana Mata Bhimeshwari Devi Mandir (Ashram) Beri Shrine Act, 2018 for the better management of the shrine.

"Haryana Cabinet approved to amend the Haryana Development and Regulation of Urban Areas Rules, 1976 to enable maintenance of town-wise EDC

Account. The amendment has been made for making an enabling provision regarding maintenance of a town-wise EDC account and for utilising the amount collected towards external development works for such town alone," said an official spokesman.

The Chief Minister Manohar Lal had made an announcement in this regard recently.

While reviewing UDAY scheme, the cabinet placed on record its appreciation for unprecedented reduction in aggregate technical and commercial (AT&C) losses by the Haryana Discoms and remarkable achievement in achieving financial turnaround in FY 2017-18 by eliminating the gap between average cost of supply and average revenue return, the spokesman said.

It also congratulated the UHBVN and DHBVN for being ranked 10th and 13th best performing utilities among 42 Discoms in 6th Annual Integrated Rating issued by Ministry of Power.

The cabinet was informed that the Discoms have achieved 20.29 per cent reduction in AT&C losses as against the target of 20.04 per cent in the year 2017-18 and 25.43 per cent as against the target of 24.02 per cent in the year 2016-17, thus showing significant reduction in AT&C losses over a period of two years which constitutes 5.14 per cent and 4.40 per cent.

Similarly, the line losses in rural areas have been reduced from 69 per cent in financial year 2016-17 to 60 per cent in financial year 2017-18 and in urban areas from 20 per cent in financial year 2016-17 to 15

per cent in financial year 2017-18.

## REGISTRATION FEE REVISED

The State Government has decided to revise the fee for registration of non-testamentary documents relating to immovable property. The rates of registration fees were last time revised on November 6, 2006 according to which the maximum rate of registration fee is Rs 15000 if the value of consideration in money terms is exceeding Rs 25 lakh.

As per the revised rates, if the registration of non-testamentary documents such as exceeds Rs 25 lakh but does not exceed Rs 30 lakh, the rate will be Rs 15000. If it exceeds Rs 30 lakh but does not exceed Rs 40 lakh, then the revised rate would be Rs 20000 and it would be Rs

## OTHER CABINET DECISIONS

• Cabinet approved to provide government job to Sujita Kumari, the daughter of martyr Satya Narayan, serving in Army as a Sepoy, who was killed in Operation Meghdut on November 9, 1988. She will be given job on compassionate appointment for Group-'C' post by giving relaxation in the policy as an exceptional case

• The government approved transfer of 17,601 square yards of land of Revenue Department to Municipal Council, Narnaul for construction of shopping

complex in Old Court, Narnaul.

• Kalpana Chawla Haryana Solar Award has been instituted to create a platform for participation of women and men scientists in solar energy sector. The award will encourage their participation in solar sector and provide them a platform to access affordable, reliable and sustainable energy across 121 prospective member countries of International Solar Alliance

• Haryana Canal and Drainage (Amendment) Rules, 2018 were approved to fulfill the

needs of management of water in equitable manner. Under this, the demand statement (Khatani) would be accessible to villagers.

• Electricity (Haryana Amendment) Bill, 2018 for state amendment in sub-section (2) under section 127 of the Electricity Act, 2003 was approved. Now, instead of depositing half of the assessed amount, at the time of appeal, the consumer has only to deposit one-fifth of the assessed amount, the spokesman said

tration fee in order to augment the state revenue to meet the increased development expenditure and to feed the expenditure of registration department, a spokesman said.

Non testamentary documents relating to immovable property are instrument of sale, gift, mortgages, sale certificates, rent or lease deed, collaboration agreement, deed of exchange of property, deed of settlement and deed of partition, he added.

## GOVT TAKES OVER MATA BHIMESHWARI DEVI MANDIR

The cabinet approved the

Haryana Mata Bhimeshwari Devi Mandir (Ashram) Beri Shrine Act, 2018 for the better management, administration and governance of Mata Bhimeshwari Devi Mandir (Ashram), Beri and its endowments including the lands and buildings attached or appurtenant to the Shrine.

Shree Bhimeshwari Devi Mandir (Ashram) Beri is an ancient temple and about 5-6 lakh pilgrims all over Haryana and neighbouring states come to the temple every year to pay their obeisance to the deity. Two big fairs during Navratras are held annually in Bhimeshwari Devi Mata Mandir at Beri in Jhajjar.



# Hry Cabinet okays Panchgram Development Bill, toll on KMP

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Cabinet on Tuesday approved the Panchgram Development Bill, 2018 for developing five new cities over an area of 50,000 hectares on each side of the Kundli-Manesar-Palwal (KMP) expressway. Panchgram Development Authority will be constituted as the Apex Body for policy making, development and regulation for the development of Panchgram Region.

The cabinet approved the concept of the Panchgram Region and developing five cities on the Kundli-Manesar-Palwal (KMP) expressway on 50,000 hectares each side of the expressway which would cover eight districts of the state namely Sonipat, Rohtak, Jhajjar,

Gurugram, Rewari, Mewat, Faridabad and Palwal. While the entire vacant area between the KMP expressway and Delhi has been included in the cities, the area on the outer side varies depending on the development potential, said an official spokesman.

He said that the Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation (HSIIDC) has initiated the process for hiring a world class consultancy firm through a global tender for undertaking the master plan.

Urbanization of the region along the KMP e-way is inevitable. It is estimated that around 50 per cent of the total population of India will be residing in urban areas by 2050. In case of Haryana, urban pop-

ulation will reach 50 per cent mark before 2040, he said.

The cabinet also approved the collection of toll on 6-lane Kundli-Manesar section of Kundli-Manesar-Palwal expressway project.

The work on the Kundli-Manesar section is likely to be completed by October 31 and the toll on this section is to be levied immediately after actual completion of the work, the spokesman said.

The toll points on which the toll fee will be levied initially included toll plaza at village Abbaspur and village Pipli in Sonapat district, at village Mandhoti and village Badli in district Jhajjar and at villages namely Sultampur, Patli-Hazipur and Mokals/Fazliwas in district Gurugram, he added.

# Haryana Govt claims to take steps to curb mob lynching

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Government on Tuesday said that it has taken various steps for creating peace and harmony in the society and to deter the individuals from taking law into their hands in view of the incidents of lynching and mob violence.

The commissioners of police and superintendents of police have been designated as nodal officers to investigate such cases, said an official spokesman.

Only a day before, the Supreme Court had pulled up the Centre and the states over the issue of cow vigilantism and mob killings. The Apex Court had on Monday also sought response from the states on compensation for the families of mob killing victims.

The Centre and the State Governments were also asked to give wide publicity within a week on how mob violence of any kind will invite serious consequence under the law.

Notably, the incidents of lynching of 31-year-old Rakbar

in July this year and 17-year-old Junaid Khan in June last year had shocked the entire nation.

Rakbar, a resident of Haryana's Nuh district, was lynched by a mob who had accused him of cow smuggling in Rajasthan's Alwar district on the night of July 20. Junaid, who boarded the Mathura-bound train from Delhi, was stabbed to death when he, along with his brothers and cousins, was returning home to Khandawali village after shopping for Eid. His body was later dumped near Asaoti village in Haryana's Faridabad district.

Both the incidents had led to national debate over the incidents of brutal attacks by gau rakshaks (cow protectors/vigilant groups) against minorities on the issue of cow protection and others.

To curb incidents of mob lynching, a spokesman of Haryana Government on Monday said that irresponsible and explosive messages, videos and other material on social media which have the tendency to incite mob violence and

lynching of any kind are strictly prohibited.

Under relevant provisions of law, stringent action for registration of criminal case would be taken against such persons, he said.

He further said that departmental action would be taken against those officers of law enforcement agencies who fail to prevent such incidents despite having prior knowledge. The general public is requested to maintain peace and harmony and report the matter about any suspected event to the nearest police authorities and desist from taking law in their hands, he added.

Besides this, certain areas have been identified as sensitive areas and efforts are being made to eradicate hostile environment in these areas. Moreover, law enforcement agencies have been instructed to exercise their powers for prevention of such incidents and police patrolling is being carried out in the sensitive areas, the spokesman added.

# No end to AAP imbroglio in Punjab

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Even as the efforts are being made by the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) high command to win over its disgruntled and sacked leaders in the wake of prevailing turmoil the party is facing in Punjab, its 'rebel' faction on Tuesday declared that none of them have been approached "so far".

In fact, it has decided to take the initiative, and resolve the issue but on its own terms. The rebel faction, comprising eight out of total 20 MLAs led by Sukhpal Singh Khaira, has set up a five-member committee to resolve the internal differences within AAP's Punjab unit.

"Despite announcements in the media, none of the seven MLAs with me have been approached so far," said Khaira.

Making an announcement to this effect, Khaira said that the five committee members — including Kanwar Sandhu, Nazir Singh Mansahia, Baldev Singh, Jagdev Singh (all MLAs) and

Suresh Sharma — will hold discussions with other members to resolve the differences over autonomy for the state unit and other matters.

At the same time, it has been made amply clear that the basis of talks, if any, with AAP leadership will be "on the basis of six resolutions passed at the AAP's Volunteers' Convention at Bathinda on August 2".

AAP 'rebel' faction came into being soon after Khaira was unceremoniously removed from the post of the Leader of Opposition in Vidhan Sabha, while replacing him with Dirba MLA Harpal Singh Cheema "without consulting all the party MLAs".

Khaira was backed by seven MLAs, and the group raised the demand for complete autonomy to party's state unit.

At Bathinda convention, convened by Khaira-led faction, six resolutions were passed including declaring AAP's Punjab unit free from Delhi bosses, dissolving current organizational structure in the state, and setting up a

new one for which it has set up an eight-member political affairs committee (PAC).

The divide between the two has become so apparent that the party is being run by two parallel power centres — one led by Khaira and other owing allegiance to Delhi Durbar.

Seeing AAP's declining graph in Punjab, AAP has chalked out a strategy to win over its displeased-cum-rebel leaders including the former state party convener Sucha Singh Chhotepur.

As a part of the same, the party has approached Chhotepur, who had floated his own party — Apna Punjab Party (APP) — ahead 2017 Punjab assembly elections after being expelled on corruption charges. During his meeting with Harpal Singh Cheema and AAP state co-president Dr Balbir Singh, Chhotepur lashed out at the Delhi leadership while also backing Khaira-led faction; demand for autonomy.

The party's senior leader Sanjay Singh had also met party's Patiala MP Dr Dharamvira Gandhi, who has

been under suspension since 2015 for "anti-party activities" but vigorously raising Punjab-related issues in the Parliament. However, Dr Gandhi too batted for autonomy for the state unit.

It was also announced that efforts would be made to win over its rebel MLA Sukhpal Singh Khaira and the seven legislators supporting him. But, Khaira's statement has put a question mark of AAP leadership's commitment to resolve prevailing infighting.

Party has total of four

MPs from Punjab, out of which two — Dr Gandhi and Harjinder Singh Khalsa — have been placed under suspension since 2015. Out of total of 20 MLAs in the Vidhan Sabha, eight have revolted against the party.

The division has created confusion among the party cadre as the rebel faction has set up its own political affairs committee, and an ad-hoc state executive headed by Khaira, besides undoing the decision of the state AAP unit and projecting itself as the "real AAP".

## AAP NRI CHAPTERS REVIVED

AAP's Kharar MLA Kanwar Sandhu on Tuesday said that they had decided to revive all 43 NRI Chapters of the party abroad. These chapters were disbanded by the party's Overseas Convener a few weeks ago, he said.

Sandhu said that the party's earlier decision of disbanding the Chapters was taken without consulting them. "Since NRIs from Punjab had contributed majorly to the party in the past, the PAC decided to revive them...Wherever such NRI Chapters don't exist, they would be constituted," he said.

"The PAC also decided to give three members of the NRIs representation in the PAC as Special Invitees. The NRI Chapters abroad will be requested to give us the three names," Sandhu added.

# Military literature fest, version 2, from Dec 7

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The second edition of Punjab's Military Literature Festival (MLF) will be held from December 7 to 9 with school and college students to be actively involved in the programme.

The decision was taken at a meeting chaired by senior advisor to Punjab Chief Minister Lt General (retired) TS Shergill on Tuesday.

Shergill underlined the need to involve students in all the proposed events to expose them to the sacrifices made by the armed forces besides encouraging them to join the forces.

"The festival is aimed at invoking patriotism amongst the youth, and give them exposure to the rich military history of Punjab," he said while pointing out that the Chief Minister Capt Amarinder

Singh, who himself is a military historian, had set the tone for the event by underlining the importance of focusing on youth.

Top military thinkers, authors, historians, curators, defense experts from various parts of the country were expected to participate in the unique event to make it a great success.

Giving details of the event, Shergill said that the main event

had been scheduled for December 7 to 9, to be preceded by many curtain raisers to be held in Chandigarh and Patiala to build the momentum for grand finale which would include a polo match, para-drop display, youth shooting and archery competition, to be held in Patiala from October 26-28.

Among other things, the pre-main festival events to be held in Chandigarh include Children Military

# Soon UT airport to be ready for wide-bodied aircraft

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Chandigarh International airport will soon be ready to handle wide-bodied aircraft, linking the city to far off international destinations in the US and Europe, Union Minister of State for Civil Aviation, Jayant Sinha said on Tuesday.

Addressing a conference on "Making India an Aviation Hub: Giving Wings to Aviation Sector in North", organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), here, he said Chandigarh airport will be made available for night operations as well by March 2019.

The operation of wide-bodied aircraft would provide the city direct air linkages to major international destinations, including those in the US, Europe, Canada and the UK. The airport would be suitable for big aircrafts such as Boeing 787, Boeing 777 and Airbus 330.

The existing Chandigarh airport runway can cater only to middle-body aircraft that could fly only to domestic destinations and a few closer destinations abroad including Dubai, Sharjah and Bangkok.

# Dry weather in Pb, Hry after 3-day of incessant rains

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

After three days of incessant rains in Punjab and Haryana, dry weather prevailed in the two states on Tuesday, the Meteorological Department here said.

Heavy rains in the region, that had hit normal life, are feared to have caused damage to kharif crops at some places in Punjab and Haryana.

A MeT department official said mainly dry weather prevailed at most places in Punjab and Haryana.

The weatherman has predicted dry weather over the next three days barring light rains at isolated places.

Chandigarh, the joint capital of the two states, is expected to witness overcast conditions over the next three days and mainly clear skies thereafter.

Meanwhile, the maximum temperatures hovered a few notches below normal limits at most places in the region on Tuesday.

Chandigarh recorded a high of 30.7 degrees Celsius.

## The weatherman has predicted dry weather over the next three days barring light rains at isolated places

In Haryana, Ambala recorded a high of 30.7 degrees Celsius, two notches below normal limits while Bhiwani's maximum temperature settled at 28 degrees Celsius, down five notches. Hisar's maximum temperature settled at 28.2 degrees Celsius, down seven degrees while Karnal's maximum temperature was recorded at 28 degrees Celsius, four below normal limits.

In Punjab, Amritsar recorded a high of 30.1 degrees Celsius, down three notches.

Ludhiana registered a maximum temperature of 30.2 degrees Celsius, down three degrees while Patiala recorded a high of 30.6 deg C, two notches below normal limits.

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# India ranks 158th in human capital index

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India stands just behind Sudan and ahead of Namibia when it comes to its investments in education and health-care mapped as a measurement of its commitment to economic growth in 2016, according to a study on human capital published in *The Lancet*, a global journal.

The study has noted that India is falling behind in terms of the health and education of its workforce, which could potentially have long-term negative impact on its economy. In contrast, Nepal, a country with significantly lower per capita income than India made the biggest improvement—increasing its functional health score by 28% over a 16-year period—followed by Bangladesh (22%), Sri Lanka (21%) and then India (18%). Pakistan and Bangladesh lagged behind though they fared better healthwise.

Human capital is defined as “the educational attainment, learning, and health status of the workforce that contribute to economic productivity.”

However, that India slightly improved human capital ranking from 162 in 1990 to 158 out of 195 countries in 2016 came as a big solace. The longitudinal study that spanned from 1990 to 2016 was conducted by the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME), an independent global health research centre at the University of Washington.

Finland topped the list, as per the study “Measuring human capital: A systematic analysis of 195 countries and territories, 1990 to 2016.”

Other interesting details from the study included the ranking of United States at 27, down from its earlier ranking at 6 in similar comparative studies in 1990, because of minimal progress, particularly in educational attainment, which declined from 13 years to 12.

Explaining India's ranking of 158th in 2016, an improvement from its 1990 ranking of 162, an IHME note said that it came from seven years of expected human capital, mea-



sured as the number of years a person can be expected to work in the years of peak productivity, taking into account life expectancy, functional health, years of schooling, and learning.

“Overall, India's residents had 39 out of a possible 45 years of life between the ages of 20 and 64; expected educational attainment of 10 years out of a possible of 18 years in school; and a learning score of 66 and a functional health score of 43, both out of 100.

“Learning is based on average student scores on internationally comparable tests. Components measured in the functional health score include stunting, wasting, anemia, cognitive impairments, hearing and vision loss, and infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis”, the note said.

The study looked at four main drivers of human capital: educational attainment levels, learning outcomes measured by test scores, health outcomes across seven key areas - including rates of anaemia, hearing loss and infectious diseases - and mortality rates.

The IHME scored countries on several components of human capital: the number of years workers spend in school, the quality of their learning, and their health status. These components directly correlate to how much a government prioritises and invests in the education and health of its people.

“Our findings show the association between investment in education and health and improved human capital and GDP — which policymakers ignore at their own

# BJP cries Vadra nexus in Rafale

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

BJP on Tuesday stepped up attack on the Congress on the Rafale deal controversy alleging a nexus between Congress president Rahul Gandhi's brother-in-law Robert Vadra and arms dealer and 'middleman' Sanjay Bhandari.

“Bhandari, who has close links with Vadra, formed a company named Offset India Solutions (OIS) in 2008 and he formed a joint venture with Rafaut, an aeronautics and armament company, as he tried to enter into an offset clause in the Rafale fighter jets deal through the back door,” BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra said here at a press conference.

The BJP leader alleged that the then UPA Government mounted pressure on the French firm Dassault Aviation to give works to Bhandari's company.

“But when Dassault verified the infrastructure of OIS, it found that they did not have the required criteria. It also found Bhandari's links with Vadra. So Dassault became adamant and they made it clear that they do not want to



enter into any kind of deal with the OIS,” he alleged. “And this was the reason why the Rafale deal was then scrapped after years of negotiations as Vadra was not getting the commission out of the deal,” he accused.

Patra also said that the Congress played with national security and the strength of the Indian Air Force.

He said Bhandari who has fled abroad was brought under investigation by the Modi Government. He said that Bhandari's company was also blacklisted by the Indian Government.

“When the BJP

Government came to power in 2014, investigations started against Bhandari. And during raids at 18 places in 2016 at the premises of Bhandari a lot of classified documents were recovered,” he said.

Alleging links between Vadra and Bhandari, the BJP leader said that during raids in 2016, the emails exchanged between Vadra, Bhandari, Vadra's close associate Manoj Arora and a relative of Bhandari named Sumit Chahdha, also came to the fore.

“In an email it was revealed that Bhandari's relative Chahdha paid ₹19 crore for a flat in London for Vadra,” Patra

alleged. He also alleged that Bhandari's firm also paid for the air travels of Vadra in 2012.

The BJP leader further alleged that the then Congress Government also rejected Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)-developed Hindustan Turbo Trainer-40 and went for the Swiss aircraft Pilatus in 2012.

“This deal was given to the Swiss company to bribe the Gandhi family and to pay commission on the deal to the Gandhi family,” he alleged.

Meanwhile, Union Law Minister Ravishankar Prasad hit out at Congress president for his “fun has just begun” remark over Rafale deal.

Prasad was quoted by the news agency ANI that nothing else could be expected from a leader whose entire family is involved in scams.

The Union Minister said “We can not expect anything better from a leader whose entire family is involved in scams be it Bofors or National Herald. It is a matter a shame that a man who is a big liar and irresponsible is their party president.”

# India, Morocco agree to boost defence ties

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India and Morocco discussed the entire range of bilateral ties and agreed to enhance co-operation in the field of defence and security during talks between visiting Minister Delegate to the Head of Government in charge of the National Defence Administration, Morocco, Abdelatif Loudiyi and Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman here on Tuesday.

The visiting dignitary is on a two-day official visit to India and this is the first ever visit by a Moroccan Defence Minister to India.

Giving details of the talks between the two Ministers, officials said the two sides identified fields of Hydrography, Peacekeeping, Telemedicine, Information Technology and Communications as well as Counter Terrorism and Counter Insurgency as potential areas for bilateral engagement.

# Armed forces must remain uncontaminated from sectarian appeal: Manmohan

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Tuesday said that India's armed forces are a splendid embodiment of the country's “secular project” and it is vitally important that they remain uncontaminated from any sectarian appeal.

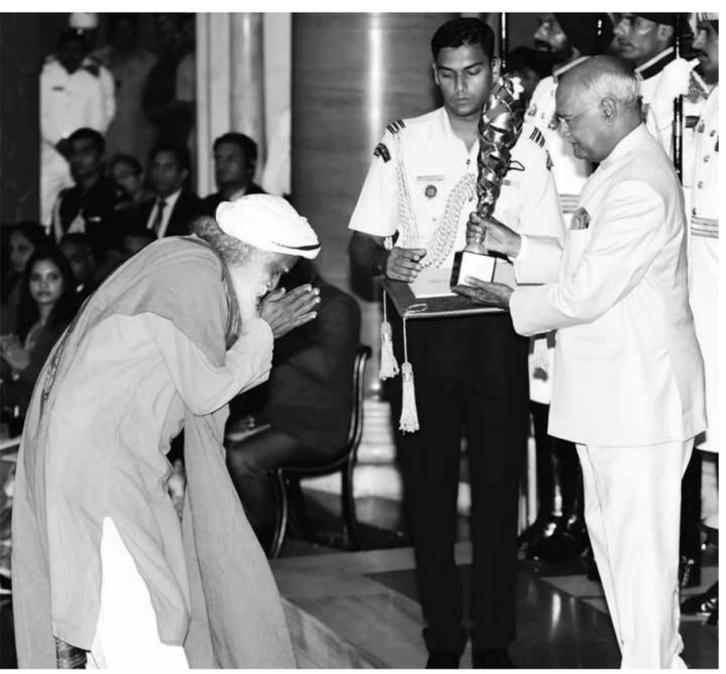
He also said that the judiciary, as an institution, should not lose sight of its primary duty to protect the secular spirit of the Constitution as this task has become much more demanding with political disputes and electoral battles becoming increasingly overlaid with religious overtones and prejudices.

“The judiciary needs to arrive at its own enlightened view of its custodianship of the Constitution — irrespective of

the irresponsible and selfish politicians who have no qualms in injecting communal virus in our body politic,” he said while delivering the second A B Bardhan memorial lecture here.

Singh also said it was important for the Election Commission to ensure that religion, religious sentiments and prejudices do not get worked into election discourse. “As the custodian of the integrity of the electoral process, it is incumbent upon the Election Commission to see to it that religion and religious sentiments and prejudices do not get worked into the election discourse,” he said.

“The Commission must be thinking of rolling back the easy acceptance of over-manipulation of religious imagery,” the senior Congress leader said.



President Ram Nath Kovind presents Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar to Isha Outreach, being received by Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev, at the National Sports and Adventure Award 2018 function at Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi on Tuesday. PTI

# Verdict on Aadhaar validity today

New Delhi: The Supreme Court is likely to pronounce its crucial verdict on Wednesday on a batch of pleas challenging the constitutional validity of Centre's flagship Aadhaar scheme and its enabling 2016 law.

A five-judge constitution bench headed by Chief Justice Dipak Misra had on May 10 reserved the verdict on the matter after a marathon hearing that went on for 38 days, spanning four-and-half months.

As many as 31 petitions, including one by former High Court judge K S Puttaswamy, have been filed in the matter.

When the judgement was reserved by the court, Attorney General K K Venugopal had told the bench, which also comprised Justices A K Sikri, A M Khanwilkar, D Y Chandrachud and Ashok Bhushan, that this matter had



become the “second longest” one in terms of days of hearing after the historic Kesavananda Bharati case of 1973.

The Kesavananda Bharati case, which was heard by a 13-judge bench, by a majority of 7:6 had pronounced the doctrine of the ‘Basic Structure and of the Constitution’. It had held that the amendments which may affect this structure were subject to judicial review.

Sinha, feminist researcher Kalyani Sen Menon, social activists Aruna Roy, Nikhil De, Nachiket Udapa and CPI leader Binoy Visman.

A key argument against the Aadhaar scheme was that it was violative of the nine-judge bench verdict that had held that Right to Privacy is a fundamental right under the Constitution.

The Centre, the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), the Governments of Maharashtra and Gujarat and the RBI had argued in favour of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 and were represented by the Attorney General, Additional Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, senior advocates Rakesh Dwivedi and Jayant Bhushan and lawyer Zoheb Hossain. PTI

# DISQUALIFICATION OF CANDIDATES WITH CRIMINAL RECORD Court can't make law, it's Parliament's job: SC

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday said it cannot “usurp the power” of law-making which is vested with the legislature, but was burdened with the duty of being the final arbiter of the Constitution and protector of the constitutional ethos.

Though criminalisation of politics is a “bitter manifest truth”, which is a “termitte” to the citadel of democracy, the court cannot make a law to check it, a five-judge constitution bench headed by Chief Justice Dipak Misra said.

The bench left it to Parliament to bring in a strong law by which it should be mandatory for political parties to revoke the membership of those against whom charges have been framed in heinous offences.

“In a multi-party democracy, where members are elected

on party lines and are subject to party discipline, we recommend to Parliament to bring out a strong law whereby it is mandatory for the political parties to revoke membership of persons against whom charges are framed in heinous and grievous offences and not to set up such persons in elections, both for Parliament and the state assemblies.

“This, in our attentive and plausible view, would go a long way in achieving decriminalisation of politics and usher in an era of immaculate, spotless, unsullied and virtuous constitutional democracy,” the bench also comprising Justices R F Nariman, A M Khanwilkar, D Y Chandrachud and Indu Malhotra.

In its verdict, the bench noted the submission of Attorney General K K Venugopal that the court should

not cross the “lakshman rekha” vis-a-vis the separation of powers. The top court said going by the constitutional framework, it would be inappropriate for the court to take recourse to the other method as it cannot legislate but only recommend bringing in of a law.

While referring to the constitutional provisions, the bench said that according to the laws laid down earlier, it was clear that regarding disqualification of lawmakers, “the law has to be made by Parliament.”

“It would not be appropriate to take recourse to any other method for the simon-pure (completely genuine) reason that what cannot be done directly, should not be done indirectly,” the bench said.

The bench said the legislature has very clearly enumerated the grounds for disqualification and the language of the

provision under the Representation of the People Act leaves no room for any new ground to be added or introduced. “Any attempt to the contrary will be a colourable exercise of judicial power for it is axiomatic that — what cannot be done directly ought not to be done indirectly — which is a well-accepted principle in the Indian judiciary,” it said.

“A candidate bereft of party symbol is, in a way, disqualified from contesting under the banner of a political party. It is contended that the person concerned can contest the election as an independent candidate but, as we perceive, the impact would be the same. That apart, without a legislation, it may be difficult to proscribe the same. Additionally, democracy that is based on multi-party system is likely to be dented,” the bench said. PTI

# Lt Gen MM Naravane appointed new Eastern Army Commander

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In top level appointments in the Army, Lt General MM Naravane has been appointed the next Eastern Army Commander while Air Marshal Anil Khosla will be the next Vice Chief of Air Force after incumbent S B Deo retires next month. These are among several postings in the Army and Indian Air Force (IAF) notified on Tuesday.

Naravane, commissioned into the Sikh Light Infantry, is currently heading the Army Training Command, ARTRAC. He will replace Lt General Abhay Krishna who has been appointed as the Central Army Commander. Naravane will be the senior most Army

# Disorder in women! Let them not bleed any further

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

Although hemophilia is a well-known bleeding disorder in men, not many doctors know that women carriers of hemophilia too have higher risk of bleeding and that the symptoms may be frequent and severe. Also, females with most common inherited bleeding disorders like von Willebrand disease (VWD) too fail to get timely and proper treatment as they remain misdiagnosed.

“In fact, many times even the family of the affected woman or she herself is not aware of her medical condition. As a result, they are under-diagnosed or misdiagnosed. However, if left untreated, bleeding disorders risk serious complications during menstruation, pregnancy, labor and delivery,” cautions Dr Nita Radhakrishnan, Assistant Professor at Department of

Pediatric Hematology Oncology, Super Speciality Pediatric Hospital & Post Graduate Teaching Institute and Post Graduate Teaching Institute, Noida.

She explains: “A significant number of females too have clotting factor levels that would classify them as having mild, moderate and even severe haemophilia.”

With such risks, women carriers of hemophilia or having family history should ensure a proper diagnosis and treatment from a specialist, called a hematologist. Also, women carriers should share their health status to their doctors to ensure correct treatment.

Dr Renu Saxena, Head of the Hematologist Department in AIIMS stressed on carrier detection and prenatal diagnosis of the pregnant women particularly those with bleeding disorders and carriers of

hemophilia. “If the family has a history of blood disorder then pregnant woman should come for pre-natal test within 16 weeks of pregnancy, so that they have option to abort the fetus.” Preimplantation genetic diagnosis and non-invasive prenatal testing are among the latest methods of prenatal diagnosis available to couples.

The first step in doing prenatal diagnosis of hemophilia is to determine the sex of the fetus, since only male fetuses are at risk of having hemophilia. Thus, subsequent testing may not need to be done if the fetus is found to be a female.

If the woman is found to be a carrier, then with each male pregnancy there is a 50 per cent chance that the infant will have hemophilia. The type and severity will be the same as that of other affected members of the family, Dr Saxena explained. To reach out to the sector,

the Union Health Ministry has recently come out with a draft policy for “Prevention and Control of Hemoglobinopathies — Thalassemia, Sickle Cell Disease and variant Hemoglobins In India,” focusing on screening of pregnant women and neo-natals to detect such disorders.

Vinita Srivastava, National Consultant, Blood Cell (NHM), Union Health Ministry said that. “We want to establish hemoglobinopathy/hemophilia units at district level and above, operating in a hierarchical manner to carry out the treatment and to monitor for complications by necessary laboratory and imaging studies among others as envisaged in our policy.”

Dr Chandra Mansukhani, senior gynecologist at Sir Gangaram Hospital added that the risk of transmitting haemophilia and bleeding

complications during pregnancy and at time of the delivery represent major implications for haemophilia carriers.

To address the psychological issues of women with bleeding disorders, hemophilia carriers and men with hemophilia, Empowering Minds Society for Research and Development, an NGO has been frequently holding workshops and interaction with the community. “Lots of ignorance, taboos and stigma surrounds the bleeding disorders particularly when it comes to women. Diagnosis can have significant impact on women's physical and emotional quality of life. We try to equip them better to deal with it,” said Richa Mohan, head of the Empowering Minds.

“Self-medication, tattoos, body piercing are strictly no no for the community. Delayed diagnosis can lead to psychological problems. Loss of vir-

ginity should be considered very carefully,” she added.

# Time to see a doctor in case of:

Heavy menstrual periods; Flooding or gushing of blood; Passing clots that are bigger than a quarter; Changing tampon and/or pad every 2 hours or less on heaviest day; Bleeding symptoms and someone in the family has a bleeding disorder, such as von Willebrand disease, or a clotting factor deficiency, such as hemophilia; heavy bleeding from dental surgery, other surgery, or childbirth and/or have other additional bleeding symptoms such as frequent prolonged nose bleeds, prolonged bleeding from cuts or easy bruising.

**'WOMEN MAOISTS WAYLAID TDP LEADERS'**

**AP police achieve major breakthrough in probe**

OMER FAROOQ ■ HYDERABAD

Visakhapatnam police has achieved a major breakthrough in its investigation into the killing of two Telugu Desam Party leaders, including MLA Kadiri Sarveshwara Rao, on Sunday. The probe teams have managed to secure the footage of the women Naxals had stopped the car of the MLA and his associate, former MLA Siveri Soma, and after killing them how they went into the jungle.

Through fringe footage police could identify at least two squad members - Jalamuri Shrini Babu alias Rhino of East Godavari and Kameshwari alias Sindri of West Godavari.

"This has helped us in intensifying the search for the killers", said a police official.

Already six teams of police were combing the forest area on AP-Odisha border.

From the footage police have gathered that on the road to Livittiputtu a group of women stopped the car of Sarveshwara Rao and he stopped the vehicle under the

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impression that they had come to air some grievances.

But when he realised that some of them were armed he asked the driver to drive away. But the armed women came in the way and stopped the vehicle dragging the occupants.

Visakhapatnam Rural SP Rahul Dev Sharma said that one of the women was Aruna, area committee leader who carried a reward of ₹5 lakh on her head in the group.

What has caught the attention of the probe team was that in the footage one Maoist was seen talking on a gadget with an antenna raising a suspicion that the Maoists might have used satellite phone as there was no cellular signal in the area.

Police officials believe that a network of informers and human intelligence was used by the ultras to monitor the movement of the MLA through the forest area.

Police officials and the people in the area suspect that with the anniversary of the formation of outlawed CPI Maoist party and the elections approaching the Maoists will step up their attacks.

The search and combing operation has picked up the par with the State Intelligence chief AB Venkateshwara Rao. He personally went to the spot where the MLA was killed in forest area.

Meanwhile, the State Government will be paying a compensation of ₹42 lakh to the family of slain MLA Sarveshwara Rao. Under the norms of the State Government a family member holding graduation or higher degree will be given a Government job equivalent to the deputy collector's post.

Officials said that the family of former MLA Soma will get a compensation of ₹12 lakh on the lines of the families of any other victims of Maoist violence.

**RAJKUMAR ABDUCTION CASE**

**All acquitted as prosecution fails to furnish proof**

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

A court in Erode district of Tamil Nadu on Tuesday acquitted all the nine accused in the abduction of Kannada superstar Rajkumar by forest brigand Veerappan in 2000.

K Mani, judge of the Third Additional District Court in Gobichettipalayam in Erode district, came down on the prosecution for its failure in presenting a fool-proof case. Both Rajkumar and Veerappan breathed their last in 2006 and 2004, respectively. Veerappan, who had terrorised south west Tamil Nadu was shot dead by the Special Task Force led by K Vijayakumar and constituted by the then Jayalalithaa Government.

Judge Mani criticised Rajkumar's family for not coming forward to file a complaint against the people who abducted the Kannada actor. He said the prosecution failed to provide even an iota of evidence to prove that the accused were connected to Veerappan and his aide Sethukuzhi Govindan.

The Kannada film actor along with three of his associates were kidnapped by Veerappan from his farm house at Dhodda Gajanur Village in Talavadi on July 30, 2000. Rajkumar and his wife Parvathamma had gone to the farm house for a house warming ceremony when the incident occurred. While one of the victims escaped from Veerappan's captivity in September 2000, the rest including the actor were released by the brigand after 108 days in November 2000. The interim period saw the then Karunanidhi Government in Tamil Nadu deputed the editor of a Tamil weekly as interlocutor. What transpired in the discussions with Veerappan that took place deep inside the reserve forests of Gobichettipalayam was never released.

It transpired that the abduction had to do something with the quarry business owned by the sons of the actor and the protection money they owed to Veerappan. The incident had become an international news as Tamil chauvinist organisations too pitched into the negotiations.

**Sterlite, locals take stand-off to Chennai**

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

The case of May 2018 riots against the Sterlite Copper plant at Thoothukudi which claimed 13 lives took a new turn in the last two days with the pro-Sterlite brigade submitting petition demanding opening and the opposing group demanding closure of the copper smelter unit. Both the public hearings held at Thoothukudi and Chennai on Sunday and Monday by the National Green Tribunal-appointed committee saw tense moments with petitioners resorting to fisticuffs and assaults.

The committee of experts consisting of Tarun Agrawal, former Chief Justice of Meghalaya High Court, Satish C Garkoti, scientist, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change and HD Varalaxmi, senior environmental engineer, Central Pollution Control Board, examined the factory premises at Thoothukudi and surrounding areas and also held a public hearing on Sunday.

Though hundreds of people had gathered at Thoothukudi Polytechnic College to submit their submissions, groups which were behind the riots against Sterlite drove them away from the venue on Sunday.

The company management has succeeded in spreading the word through selective leak

in the media that all is well at Thoothukudi.

Muthukumar and Ganeshan, two farmers from Udangudi village were man-handled by the agitators and had to be escorted out of the premises by the police. "We wanted to tell the authorities from New Delhi that there are no environmental or ecological issues here," said Muthukumar.

Agrawal told reporters that majority of the persons who had assembled for the public hearing were for the closure of the factory. As the crowd became uncontrollable, the committee told the people supporting the factory to attend Monday's public hearing at Chennai.

"I was assaulted by unidentified persons and the police did nothing to stop them. When it became clear that I cannot withstand further blows, the police took me out and sent me away," said S Thyagarajan, a 62-year-old contractor who also said that the anti-Sterlite agitation was yet another attempt by radical and chauvinist elements to get the factory closed.

Thyagarajan made it to Chennai on Monday and submitted a memorandum to the committee stating that the locals and workers of the factory were unanimous in their demand that the factory should be opened.

"The rioting was a pre-

planned move and the local people do not have any role in it. But the people who fell to the bullets were innocent while the rioters escaped without any trace," said Thyagarajan.

Though the NGT appointed committee had announced that they would meet on Monday only those people who want the factory to be opened, many anti-Sterlite people had assembled in Chennai too. Vaiko, the MDMK leader alleged that he company management had paid money to mobilise supporters while the locals were left high and dry. According to the MDMK leader, all submissions by the Sterlite employees were lies.

Shanmugasundaram, a lawyer monitoring the operations of Sterlite pointed out that the riots had all the elements of the agitation undertaken by the Peoples Movement Against Nuclear Energy, the outfit which had campaigned against the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant. "The agitation here is sponsored by Left Wing Extremists, Tamil chauvinists and of course the Church," alleged Shanmugasundaram.

A mission constituted by Chennai based Vedic Science Research Centre had submitted a memorandum to Union Home Minister alleging that the anti-Sterlite riots were fomented and led by anti-national organisations.

**TMC determined to foil today's saffron bandh**

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

With the BJP in its desperation to grow beyond its size in the State by making Wednesday's dawn-to-dusk Bengal bandh a success, the ruling Trinamool Congress leadership on Tuesday made it clear that "no bandh will be tolerated" directing all the Government concerns to ensure hundred percent attendance and cancelling all leaves for the day.

"All the Government staff are hereby directed to join work on Wednesday failing which a day's salary will be deducted," State Education Minister Partho Chatterjee who was handling the affairs in absence of Banerjee, presently in Milan attending a business meet said while senior secretariat officials also warned absence from office on Wednesday could also cause a breakage in service.

"We will take the bandh as seriously as the ones earlier called by the CPI(M) only to be



ABVP students shout slogans during a protest rally against the recent killing of two students in Islampur in Kolkata on Tuesday. The students were killed after sustaining bullet injuries in an agitation. PTI

foiled by a determined approach of the Chief Minister," another senior Minister Firhad Hakim said even as the police on Tuesday lathi-charged the ABVP supporters who were trying to blockade road at busy Esplanade crossing.

Twelve ABVP supporters were arrested following a brief jostling with the police and a

would be held responsible for any untoward incidence happening on Wednesday because "it is TMC's arrogance that they are trying to foil a natural bandh," Ghosh maintained.

The BJP earlier called a 12-hour bandh to protest against the death of two students in an alleged police firing at an Islampur school in North Dinajpur district of North Bengal.

Agitating students of Darbhith High School had allegedly clashed with the police when they were stopped from engaging in a brickbating while they were protesting the appointment of Urdu and Sanskrit teachers instead of Bengali, History, Maths and other teachers required. Subsequently two students received gunshots and were killed.

The locals and the BJP claim the police fired at the students while the Government have denied the allegation.

"Our workers will be on the streets alongside the police so that no disturbance takes place," Hakim said adding "our boys can smash the BJP workers like ants but we won't do that as Mamata Banerjee believes in deep-rooted democracy."

The Chief Minister had already told from Milan that the BJP was trying to provide a communal twist to the whole affair and asked the people to "remain alert about their dirty tactic."

Chatterjee said all the offices, educational institutions will remain open on Wednesday. Transport Minister Suvendu Adhikary said public transport would function normally and ensured ₹75,000 insurance for partly damaged vehicles and ₹5 lakh for fully damaged vehicles in the bandh.

Each Minister had been given the charge of ensuring normalcy in one's constituency before joining a Cabinet meeting late in the noon to take stock of the situation, sources said.

**RIISING CRIME IN BIHAR**

**Govt 'appeals' to criminals not to indulge in criminal activities during Pitrapaksh**

FAIZAN AHMAD ■ PATNA

Amid the sudden spurt in crime and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's claim that crime rate has come down, the law and order has become a hot topic in Bihar these days with the Opposition slamming the Government and Deputy CM Sushil Kumar Modi even urging the criminals to hold their activities at least during 'Pitrapaksh' in Bodh Gaya.

Nitish himself put a question mark on the governance saying there was lack of coordination in the bureaucracy and particularly between IAS and IPS officials. The administration was not up to the mark due to poor coordination between the DM and SP in the districts. "The incidents of murders were mainly due to land disputes," the CM said and expressed suspicion of the involvement of the officials in such disputes.

Addressing a police function here on Tuesday, the CM asked the DGP, Chief Secretary and home secretary to look into this issue and ensure coordination between the IAS and IPS officers and ask them to hold meeting twice a month.

The CM stressed on maintaining social balance in the posting of police in the police stations because the maintenance of law and order started from police stations level. Addressing another function Nitish said, "Nobody can stop mar-kat (violence and killings). Some people have interest only in violence and bloodshed. But this is a small part of entire picture still only this picture is blown up and there is no mention of the good works done by o u r

Government for the people."

The political circles were talking about the speech of Deputy CM Modi at Bodh Gaya on Monday when he "appealed" the criminals not to indulge in crime for 15 days during Pitrapaksh. "During this period people from outside and abroad come to Gaya for pind-dan and the criminals should not do anything which bring bad name to Bihar. The police is alert and make all preventive care still crimes are committed. I with folded hands appeal to criminals not to commit crime at least during this period," Modi said while inaugurating the fair.

Modi's appeal to the criminals triggered a barrage of attack on the Government. "After folding hands, Modi should also hold their feet," reacted leader of opposition Tejashwi Prasad Yadav. RJD supremo Lalu Prasad who is in jail hospital, tweeted, "You are folding hands and holding and washing feet of criminals. You should feel ashamed. Government is not run by making requests to criminals and seeking mercy but with might strict actions. You have grabbed power through back door so you have no courage."

Modi retaliated, "After being convicted in four cases Lalu could neither contest elections nor issue statements from jail. The CBI and judiciary should take notice of his political statement through tweets and stop him from playing politics."

**Three more Gir lions die, death toll rises to 14**

NAYAN DAVE ■ GANDHINAGAR

It seems the situation is going from bad to worse at the only abode of Asiatic Lions - Gir Forest National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary - and surrounding areas as the death toll rose to 14 with three more lions dying.

All these casualties of this endangered species belonging to the cat family occurred within a span of a fortnight. Sources in the State Forest Department confirmed that two lionesses aging four and nine as well as a six-month-old cub succumbed to illness.

"Forest beat guards found carcasses of lioness in Dalkhanian range of Gir Sanctuary. The cub which was found ill was brought to a rescue centre, but died during treatment," said an official. Interestingly, two more deaths of lions registered despite the fact the State forest department has formed 64 teams to screen and shift sick lions to rescue centre to prevent further casualties of lions.

Talking to *The Pioneer* Chief Conservator of Forest, wildlife circle DT Vasavada prima facie the cause of deaths of two big cats seemed to be infection and some disease, but the exact reason of death would be known only after the post-mortem report.

From the first death of lion on September 12, 2018, the State forest officials are maintaining that the cause of death was infighting and territorial war amongst the lions and there wasn't any human interference in the death of the big cats.

Around a decade ago in the year 2007, poaching of eight Asiatic Lions created lots of hue and cry over the conservation of the endangered species. The then Narendra Modi led Gujarat Government had allocated special funding to protect the lions in the Gir area.

In fact it was because of Modi's effort to hard sell Asiatic Lions through a tourism campaign in which Amitabh Bachchan was the brand ambassador, tourists from all across the globe are pouring during winter season to see the majestic animal. The deaths would definitely impact tourism activities in the area.

**KVIC distributes bee boxes to South Gujarat farmers as part of Honey Mission**



**GANDHINAGAR:** In lines with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision to double the income of farmers, the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) distributed bee boxes to farmers in South Gujarat as part of the 'Honey Mission'.

The KVIC gave 1750 bee boxes among 175 tribal people in the remotest Soldhara, Famaswada, Motaponda, Vaghai, Nisrana and Kagsala villages in Valsad district of Gujarat. While distributing the bee-boxes, KVIC Chairman Vinai Kumar Saxena said that besides production of 30,000 kilograms of high-quality honey from these bee boxes in the area having abundant flora and fauna, bee-keeping would open many job avenues for the unemployed youths and aspiring young entrepreneurs.

"Being the nodal agency of Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), the KVIC would provide loans for setting up units of processing, packaging, labelling and marketing for the honey," said Saxena, adding that the development initiatives taken by KVIC in Valsad have given a ray of hope for tribal people and they are willing to

be the part of development process. The bee-keeping will also enhance the rich flora and fauna of the Valsad area through cross-pollination, he added.

KVIC had decided to distribute at least 7,000 bee-boxes among the farmers in Gujarat by the end of this year. So far nearly 3,000 bee-boxes have been distributed among the SC/ST villagers of Valsad, Navasari, Tapi, Dahod and Narmada districts. More such bee-boxes will be distributed among the villagers in Banaskantha, Patan and Bhuj/Kutch districts, under our 'Honey Mission' project in Gujarat.

Following Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's call for 'Sweet Revolution' at a function of Banas Dairy a couple of years ago, the KVIC came into an action mode with its enthusiastic 'Honey Mission' with a target of distributing 1,30,000 bee boxes before November 2018 across the nation - right from Narmada valley area of Gujarat to Kaziranga forest in Assam and hilly region of Jammu & Kashmir to dense forests of Mysore. So far KVIC has distributed 29,000 bee boxes to farmers and entrepreneurs in the country. PNS

**Shah, TRS in Telugu Twitter war over health insurance scheme**

OMER FAROOQ ■ HYDERABAD

The Twitter war between the ruling Telangana Rashtra Samiti and the BJP has taken a new turn with the BJP national president Amit Shah's handle tweeting in Telugu to take the fight into the rival camp.

In his first tweet in Telugu, Amit Shah strongly objected to the Telangana Government keeping itself out of the "Ayushman Bharat" nationwide health insurance scheme and it evoked an immediate response from the State's Information Technology Minister K Taraka Rama Rao.

While Amit Shah said that TRS was being selfish by refusing to implement the Ayushman Bharat scheme, Rama Rao pointed out that the State was already implementing

health an insurance scheme, Aarogya Sri.

Amit Shah said in his tweet in Telugu that it was saddening to see that the people of Telangana were not able to benefit from the scheme because of the selfish thought of TRS, KTR shot back on Twitter, "you are clearly misinformed @amithshah ji. The successful Arogya Sri program of Telangana is far superior in terms of coverage (80 lakh families) in comparison to Ayushmann Bharat (only 25 lakh families in Telangana). We are a role model state in universal health coverage".

While Ayushmann Bharat scheme provides a coverage of ₹5 lakh per family per annum Arogya Sri provides an annual coverage of ₹2 lakh per below poverty line family and it can be extended to ₹13 lakh

on cases to case basis.

State Health Minister C Lakshma Reddy also joined the war of words pointing out that the 8 million families in the State were benefiting from the free of cost medical treatment under the Arogya Sri scheme. He argued that if the Central Government scheme was implemented it will create complications as identifying only 25 lakh beneficiaries out of 80 lakh and leaving out 55 lakh families will be difficult.

Amit Shah said that the TRS Government should explain to the people why it had not implemented the scheme and deprived the poor people of the benefit. Amit Shah's handle tweeting in Telugu was being seen as an indication of the BJP's strategy to put the IT tools and the social media to the full use in the run-up to the Assembly elections.



Devotees walk across muddy banks of river Ganga after taking a holy dip, in Allahabad on Tuesday. PTI

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# 400 more companies of Central forces for J&K local polls

KHURSHED WANI ■ SRINAGAR

Notwithstanding the ground hostilities to the conduct of local polls in Jammu & Kashmir, the Governor's administration on Tuesday elaborated a comprehensive plan to hold the polls by bringing in 400 extra companies of Central security forces and ensuring safety of the contestants. The Government would also pay a month's extra salary to the employees involved in the conduct of the polls while the enhancement in remuneration of special police officers would be announced shortly. The administration emphasised that the elections were necessitated to prevent loss of a whopping ₹4,335 cr for grassroots level development that is channelled through urban local bodies and panchayats. Addressing a press conference here, Chief Secretary BVR Subramanyam said that the elections would be held according to the schedule issued by the Chief Electoral Officer and adequate security plan has been devised to ensure safety



and security of candidates. He said the candidates can be provided secure hotel rooms in capital Srinagar, Anantnag and Baramulla should they require any protection. He said a whopping amount of ₹4,335 crore will be devolved to the Urban and Rural Local Bodies for developmental activities immediately after the conclusion of the poll process. "This huge chunk of funds allocated to the State under the 14th Finance Commission award has been withheld as no elected Urban and Rural Local Bodies are in place in the State," he said. He said the Government is initiating some far-reaching changes in J&K Panchayat Raj Act to make the rural elected bodies more powerful decision-making entities with extended reach. He said there are 4,490 panchayats in the state and as many Sarpanches are to be elected. The total number of Panchs in the State will be 35,000. "There will be around 39,500 elected representatives in these Panchayats," he said adding 79 urban local bodies and about 1200 wards — 600 each in Jammu & Kashmir region would get representatives through the elections. He said that adequate security arrangements have been put

## National Conference spokesman Junaid Mattu resigns from party, to contest urban local body polls

Srinagar: A prominent face of the National Conference, its State spokesman Junaid Mattu, on Tuesday announced resignation from the party to contest urban local body polls. The NC has decided to stay away from the polls in protest against linking them with a bunch of litigations in the Supreme Court on Article 35A that guarantees special privileges to the residents of J&K. The NC was the first regional party to announce boycott of the polls. The PDP and CPM followed suit citing the ground situation and also issues related to Article 35A as the reasons for their boycott. "Based on my humble disagreement with the party's decision to boycott the upcoming ULB and panchayat polls, I have just sent my resignation from the party to the JKNC General Secretary," Mattu wrote on Twitter. "I strongly believe that leaving our grassroots democratic institutions open to misrepresentation would inflict serious harm on the State and also wreak havoc with our social fabric and cultural legacy," he wrote. "I will announce my candidature for the ULB elections from Srinagar tomorrow Insha Allah and I will remain committed to serving my people and helping the city I grew up in meeting the challenges it's faced with. I won't be addressing the media or taking any questions today," he said. The NC in a tweet said that the Mattu's resignation from the basic membership of the party was accepted. PNS

companies of paramilitaries are reaching Kashmir for election related security arrangements. Subramanyam said there was no link between the timing of holding panchayat elections in the State and deferment of hearing of the PIL challenging Article 35-A before the Supreme Court. "There have been multiple postponements of the hearings of Article 35-A in the Supreme Court before and after the panchayat elections were announced," the Chief Secretary said. "It is just accidental that the case is listed in January and the panchayat elections are to be completed before that." He said the Governor's administration is going to be consistent in its stand before the apex court that an elected State Government should fight the case. "The stand of the governor's administration is going to be consistent in the Supreme Court that there are many serious complex issues which have to be discussed as far as Article 35-A is concerned and these should not be discussed when Governor's rule is in place," he asserted. He was responding to the question seeking an answer about why Governor's administration is not discovering a new reason for hearing in the PIL other than 35A. "These should be discussed when an elected Government is in place, which will take a solid position in the Supreme Court. So, there is absolute clarity that Governor's rule is not about deciding Article 35-A," he said. The Chief Secretary said the employees who will perform poll duty will get an additional one month salary. He said this is unprecedented and has not been done anywhere across India, so far. Besides, the Chief Secretary said the Government is considering a hike in the wages of Special Police officers working in Jammu & Kashmir in next few days. Offering details of the security situation in which some SPOs were recently killed, the Chief Secretary said: "The resignations compared to total number of SPOs who are above 30,000 is negligible." He said all the SPOs have been instructed about their security. Subramanyam said that problems of security restricted to only certain areas in South Kashmir and in the north and central Kashmir situation are not worrying. Asked about the post-election security plan for the candidates, Subramanyam said, "We have even plans for those who win as they will be at a higher risk." Asked about the voters' security, the Chief Secretary said: "That is being handled on the law and order front. There are threats... we are confident that we can handle it." Asked if holding polls was prudent in view of the boycott by two major political parties in the valley, he said there was no question of trusting the elections on the people. "There is a lot of enthusiasm on the ground. Two national parties (the BJP and the Congress) are participating. If you go to Jammu, you will see the street-level campaigning," he added. Subramanyam said more than 700 forms have been taken by prospective candidates for the first phase of urban local bodies, which will be held on October 8. The last date for filing nomination for the first phase is Tuesday.

## AIMIM MLA Waris Pathan apologises for his 'Ganpati Bappa Morya' chant



TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

**A controversy had broken out within the AIMIM after he chanted "Ganpati Bappa Morya" and prayed to the elephant-headed God to remove obstacles of all people**

After he came in for severe flak from his party leadership for hailing Lord Ganesh, All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) MLA Waris Pathan on Tuesday apologised for his "Ganpati Bappa Morya" chant at a Ganesh Mandal event in his constituency during the weekend and said he would never utter such a praise on a Hindu God in future. In a video message uploaded on his Twitter handle, Pathan said: "A few days ago I inadvertently uttered a chant (of Lord Ganesh). I bow before Allah and say that I made a mistake, God willing, I will not make such a mistake in future. After all I am also a human being. Every human being commits mistakes. I am admitting my mistake. I urge Allah to forgive me for my mistake. I urge everyone to pray for me." A controversy had broken out within the AIMIM after he

chanted "Ganpati Bappa Morya" and prayed to the elephant-headed God to remove obstacles of all people, at an event organised on Sunday in his home constituency of Byaculla to celebrate Ganeshotsav, an act his party had not taken kindly to - So much so that his party leaders and workers seeing disrepute to his party through his chant hailing Lord Ganesh. Meanwhile, the ruling Shiv Sena came to Phatan's defence for his "Ganpati Bappa Morya" chant. "What wrong has Pathan done? Was it a crime on his part to chant Ganpati Bappa Morya? Why has he apologised for his chant hailing Lord Ganesh? Hindus go to Masjid. The Hindus even go to Ajmer. That being the case, should we draw any inference that those Hindus will switch to Muslim religion. I am surprised as to why Pathan chose to apologise. His apology was unwarranted," Shiv Sena MP Arvind Sawant said.

## Taj Mahal protection: SC gives UP time till November 15 for vision document

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday extended till November 15 the time for Uttar Pradesh Government to come out with a vision document on protecting the Taj Mahal, and asked it to consider declaring a portion of the area surrounding the monument as 'heritage'. A bench of Justices Madan B Lokur, S Abdul Nazeer and Deepak Gupta was informed by the State Government that Delhi-based School of Planning and Architecture, which is preparing the vision document, has sought extension of time till November 15 to finalise it. Additional Solicitor General (ASG) Tushar Mehta, who was appearing for the State Government, told the court that "in-principle" there cannot be any objection in declaring entire Agra as a heritage city but that would have several ramifications. He said it would be difficult to declare entire Agra a heritage city but some portion of it could be brought within its ambit covering sites like Taj Mahal, Fatehpur Sikri and Agra Fort. "If it is difficult for entire city of Agra then some area surrounding the Taj Mahal can be declared as heritage," the bench told Mehta. The ASG said the State Government has sought the assistance of Ahmedabad-based Centre for Environmental Planning and Technology on this issue and asked it to prepare a report on it. PTI

## Deep Deepawali to be a mega event, says Rita

Lucknow: Aiming to catapult Deep Deepawali festival in Ayodhya to a global platform, the UP Government has planned to make it a mega event this year and was even attempting a Guinness Record by lighting over 3 lakh diyas at ghats during the three-day function to be attended by a delegation from Korea that could have senior Ministers. Deep Deepawali will be held on November 11 this year. Tourism Minister Rita Bahuguna Joshi told *The Pioneer* on Tuesday that the function was organised at a micro scale last year but this year the Government wanted to take it to a mega level. "Last year, 1.67 lakh diyas were lighted at one time at Ram Ki Pauri ghat at Ayodhya and this year, over 3 lakh diyas will be lighted. Last year, the event was a one-day affair, while this time round, it will be a three-day event. We have invited Guinness Book of World Record officials to record it" Joshi said. The Tourism Minister said that last year the facade lighting was for a day while there would be permanent lighting this time so that the entire building adjoining Ram Ki Pauri and both bridges at Ayodhya could be seen. "Not only lighting, the government has plans to organise elaborate culture programmes this year too. Last year, Ram Lila was staged but this year at least four troupes from across the country particularly from South India will perform. This time dignitaries will come from Korea. Some ministers and senior functionaries from the Government will also attend the function," Joshi said. About Ayodhya, the Tourism Minister said that the government had already earmarked ₹200 crore to improve infrastructure there. "The Saryu ghat and Ram Ki Pauri will be spruced up and work will be completed before Deep Deepawali. Besides, tableaux and Rath Yatra will be taken out around the city and cultural programmes will be on show all three days," Joshi said. Last year, Deep Deepawali festival was organised in style at Ayodhya with Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath being the chief guest. PNS

## Yogi pays tribute to Upadhyay

Lucknow: Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath paid his tribute to party's ideologue Deen Dayal Upadhyay on his 102 birth anniversary on Tuesday. "The Modi Govt at the Centre and the BJP Government in UP have fulfilled the dream of Deen Dayal Upadhyay on his concept of Antyodaya by launching pro-poor schemes like Jan Dhan Yojana, PM Awas Yojana, Swachh Bharat Scheme, Saubhagya, Ujjawala and Ayushman Bharat schemes aiming to reach to the last person in the society," Yogi said. Talking to media persons in Lucknow after the Cabinet meeting, the CM said that toeing the line of the great thinker, the BJP had raised the slogan of saabka saath, saabka vikaas without discriminating on the lines of religion & caste. PNS

## 2 terrorists killed in encounter in Sopore

PNS ■ SRINAGAR  
Two terrorists were killed during an encounter in Tujjer area of north Kashmir's Sopore town on Tuesday. Official sources said that the encounter started after a joint team of the Army's 22 Rashtriya Rifles, Special Operations Group (SOG) and CRPF cordoned off the area. The two terrorists were shot dead during the encounter. The authorities snapped the internet services in the area for "security reasons." A police spokesperson in a statement said that during the searches, hiding terrorists fired on the search party, which was retaliated leading to the encounter. "In the ensuing encounter, two terrorists were eliminated. The identity of the killed militants is being ascertained," the spokesman said. The spokesman said that some arms, ammunition and incriminating material has been recovered from the site of encounter. Police has registered a case in this regard and the investigation has been initiated in the instant matter. The encounter took place a day after five infiltrators and an army soldier were killed in a fierce gun-battle in Tangdhar sector of north Kashmir's Kupwara district in the State.

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Area falling under South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) generates about 4000 TPD of Solid Waste requiring collection, transport and scientific disposal. SDMC is desirous of appointing consultants with proven track record of consulting in Waste Management especially making ULB (Urban Local Body) achieving landmark position in ranking in Survekshan 2017 and Survekshan 2018, assisting the ULB with developing/establishing state of the Art methodologies of Segregation at Source, Street Sweeping, Primary and Secondary Collection and Transportation, developing environmental friendly end disposal facilities, including bio-remediation etc.  
The SDMC invites Technical Financial Proposals from globally established and eligible bidders to carry out "GAP ANALYSIS STUDY, PREPARATION OF IMPLEMENTATION PLAN ALONG WITH SUPERVISION AND MONITORING"  
For detailed scope of work and tender conditions, prospective bidders may refer to RFP which can be downloaded from the mcd website. Tender Documents can also be downloaded from the web portal <http://www.mcdonline.gov.in> & <http://www.mcdtenders.com> The RFP document has to be submitted along with the cost of Rs. 5000 and the EMD at the time of submission of this RFP documents.  
Last Date and Time of Receipt of Tender: 08.10.2018 till 3.00 pm  
For further Information, Please Contact  
Rajesh Arora  
Executive Engineer  
South Delhi Municipal Corporation  
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E-mail: eenajfargarm2@gmail.com Executive Engineer EMS/M-II  
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**"e" Procurement Notice**  
Office of the Executive Engineer (Galogi Complex), Ganga Bhawan, Dehradun invites e-tenders as detailed below:  
1 NIT No. 04/EE (GC)/2018-19  
2 Name of Work: - Lighting work along approach road of Galogi SHP  
3 Estimated Cost: Rs. 1,36,86,178 + GST Extra  
4 Tender Fee: Rs. 11800/- (Including Taxes)  
5 Earnest Money: Rs. 3,42,155/- only  
6 Period of Completion: 180 days  
7 Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal: 25/09/2018 at 16:00 Hrs  
8 Last Date/Time for receipt of bid documents hard copies: 22/10/2018 upto 16:00 Hrs.  
9 Last Date/Time for submission of documents hard copies: 25/10/2018 till 11:00 Hrs  
10 Date of opening of bid on the website: 25/10/2018 at 11:30 Hrs.  
Further details, subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation etc. may be seen at e-procurement portal <http://uktenders.gov.in>  
पत्रांक संख्या: 591/ दि: 25.09.2018  
Executive Engineer (Galogi Complex), Ganga Bhawan, Dehradun  
"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON**  
See Section 82 Cr. PC  
Whereas complaint has been made before me that 1. Nikhil S/o Sh. Ramesh R/o: H. No. 665, Dakshinpuri, New Delhi 2. Vicky S/o sh. Hansraj R/o: H. No. F-287, Ground Floor Dakshinpuri, New Delhi has committed (or are suspected to have committed) offence case FIR No. 107/18 U/s 302/307/120B/201/34 IPC has been registered at P.S. Mehrauli, South Distt., New Delhi punishable and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person Nikhil & Vicky cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person Nikhil & Vicky absconded (or are concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant).  
Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Nikhil & Vicky of case FIR No. 107/18 U/s 302/307/120B/201/34 IPC, at P.S. Mehrauli are required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before 27.10.2018.  
By Order  
Mr. Vaibhav Mehta,  
Metropolitan Magistrate-05 South,  
Room No. 210,  
Saket Court Complex, New Delhi  
DP/4979/SD/18

**SEARCH FOR MISSING**  
General Public is hereby informed that a female **Name:** Budain Naik, **W/o** Late Shri Manche Naik, **R/o** : House No. 105, Peer Baba Mandir Village Jonapur, New Delhi, **Age:** 73 Years, **Height:** 4'0", **Built:** Thin, **Complexion:** Black, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** White & Blue colour Saree and **BUDAIN NAIK** White Colour Slipper in feet, has been missing, since 02.08.2018 from the her house. In this regard **DD No. 17-A**, dated on 03.08.2018, has been lodged at P.S. Fatepur Beri, New Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing female but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing female please inform undersigned.  
**E-Mail ID:** [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) **SHO**  
**Fax:** 011-24368639 **PS, Fatepur Beri, New Delhi**  
**DP/4915/SD/18** **Ph.:** 011-26659511, 26659611

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Information is given to general public at large that I Mr. Vikas Adlakha & Smt. Prem Lata (Property owner) have lost Original Sale Deed duly registered as Document No. 9273 on 11-06-2011 Delhi in favour of smt. Sadhna Gupta in respect of property bearing No./X/881, pertaining to Kharsa No. 406/360/47/1 & 406/360/47/2 situated at Multani Mohalla, Gandhi Nagar, Prem Gali No. 2-B, Delhi-110031. If any person(s) find it please contact with DCB Bank within 15 days from the date of this notice on the Contact Number and E-mail address mentioned herein below, falling which DCB Bank Ltd., shall not be held responsible in any manner whatsoever. Contact Name: Arjit Singh, Contact No. 9999318259, Email Address: arjitkumar.singh@dcbbank.com

**APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION**  
General public is hereby informed that dead bodies of two persons (depicted in the photos) **1. Name : Unknown S/o Unknown R/o Unknown Age : about 30-35 years, Height : 5'6", Complexion : Shallow, Built : Thin, Face : Oval, Bearded, Wearing : Badami Colour Lining Shirt and Black colour half pant and**  
**2. Name : Unknown S/o Unknown R/o Unknown Age : about 30-35 years, Height : 5'7", Complexion : Shallow, Built : Thin, Face : Oval, Bearded, Wearing : Bangni colour T-Shirt and white colour pant, Black dhaga in foot. Both persons have been found dead at right side patri of Zakir Husain College, Kamla Market, Delhi on 16.09.2018. In this regard a DD No. : 35A, dated 16.09.2018 has been lodged at P.S. Kamla Market Delhi. The dead bodies has been preserved in MAMC Mourtuary for 72 Hours for identification.  
Any person having any information or clue about this found dead bodies may kindly inform to the following:-  
**SHO**  
**P.S Kamla Market,**  
**Central Delhi Distt., New Delhi**  
**Ph. No. 011-23230623, 2323743**  
DP/5760/CD/18**

**APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION**  
General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Age:** About 45 years, **Height:** 5'6", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Thin, **Face:** Round, **ID Mark:** Dispensary Slip of Name Chhote Lal found in his pocket, **Wearing:** Red & blue coloured checked shirt and black coloured lower, was found dead on 23.09.2018 in front of Shop No. 1432, Bazar Guliyana, Jama Masjid, Delhi. Dead body has been preserved in the mortuary of MAMC for 72 hours for identification purpose. In this regard a **FIR/DD No. 7-A** dated 23.09.2018 has been lodged at P.S. Jama Masjid, Delhi.  
If any one having any clue about the deceased male may kindly inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers.  
**SHO**  
**P.S. Jama Masjid, Delhi**  
**Ph.No.:** 011-23269777, 23261625  
**Mob.:** 8750870422  
DP/5761/CD/18

**BSES** BSES Rajdhani Power Limited, New Delhi  
**CORRIGENDUM NOTICE** Date: 26.09.2018  
Corrigendum : Estimated cost of the scheme has been revised as under due to changes in BOQ qty

NIT No.	Brief Item Description	Estimated Cost (₹)	Cost of EMD (₹)	Due Date & Time of Submission	Date & Time of Opening
CMC/BR/18-19/FK/PG/709	Corrigendum : SUPPLY, ERECTION, TESTING & COMMISSIONING OF 4 NOS. 66KV 3CX300 SQMM CABLE i.e. DOUBLE CIRCUIT FROM DTL PPK-3 TO G-2 GRID INCLUDING 2 NOS 66KV BAYS AT G-2 GRID (ROUTE LENGTH -7000M) ON TURNKEY BASIS.	12,00,000/- Crs.	12,00,000/-	08.10.2018 & 1500 HRS.	08.10.2018 & 1530 HRS.

Cost of each Tender Document: ₹ 1180/-  
For details in respect of Equipment/BOM/Services, Qualifying requirements, Terms & conditions, purchase/submission of tender documents etc. please visit our website [www.bsesdelhi.com](http://www.bsesdelhi.com) **Head (Contracts & Materials)**  
Regd. Off. : BSES Rajdhani Power Limited, BSES Bhawan, New Delhi-110019 | Corporate Identification No. U40109DL2001PL11527  
Telephone No. +91 11 3999 9444 | E-mail : [trpl\\_eaucton@relancada.com](mailto:trpl_eaucton@relancada.com) | Website : [www.bsesdelhi.com](http://www.bsesdelhi.com)



# State of flux

### Congress core committee meets to decide on alliances for the States due for Assembly elections

S o, Congress worthies have finally found the time to sit down and discuss the possibilities of alliances and/or seat adjustments with other political parties in the States headed for Assembly elections and the 2019 Lok Sabha poll. The AICC committee on alliances, also known as the core group and comprising old war horses AK Antony, Ghulam Nabi Azad, Ashok Gehlot and Ahmed Patel, met on Monday and Tuesday in the Capital, a week after the party with which an alliance for the Congress would have proven most beneficial had already bolted, as it were. Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) chief Mayawati who was said to be in discussions with Congress leaders for an alliance in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh for the forthcoming Assembly polls has already announced a tie-up with Aijit Jogi's regional outfit in Chhattisgarh and issued a list of 22 candidates for seats in the 230-member Madhya Pradesh Assembly concentrated in the Bundelkhand, Vindhya, Mahakoshal and, crucially, Gwalior-Chambal areas which is considered the stronghold of Congress campaign committee chief for the State, Jyotiraditya Scindia. Chhattisgarh looks like a lost cause for the Congress in terms of an alliance. Indeed, the party would be better advised to fight the election on its own in the State, focussing on increasing its vote share, strengthening the organisation and entering into local tactical understandings with the BSP-Jogi alliance where feasible in taking on the formidable Raman Singh. In Madhya Pradesh, however, Congress leaders led by the redoubtable Kamal Nath, who is also the State PCC president, are still thought to be in talks with the BSP for a pre-poll alliance, on the assumption that Mayawati's unilateral declaration of 20-odd candidates is just the opening salvo for the negotiations. This may well be the key alliance which the Congress has to forge if it is serious about denying Shriya Singh Chouhan another term. The Chief Minister has of late made overtures to the so-called upper castes on the issue of misuse of the Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities Act) and has thus opened the possibility of an SC-ST-Muslim-disgruntled with BJP social coalition coalescing behind a united Opposition. Allied to the outcome of this potential alliance is a Congress-BJP deal in Rajasthan where the latter, though not as strong as it is in Madhya Pradesh albeit in pockets, may tip the balance in what is turning out to be a close contest despite initial expectations of a BJP rout. Garnering support of caste-based organisations and not necessarily political parties is where the game is in these parties. The fourth State headed for polls is Telangana where Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao has dissolved the Assembly early. While the Congress has already worked out the contours of a deal with the TDP, Communists and smaller regional parties in the State, it is not thought to be in a position to dislodge KCR who anyway has made it clear that once he has won the State as he expects to, his party will fight the Lok Sabha polls on its own steam and look post-poll support to a non-Congress, non-BJP front as its first choice.

What the Congress can learn from regional parties in its dalliance with alliances is: Forget Lutyen's Delhi talk of an impractical one-on-one fight against the BJP, put your party's interest first and seal alliances in different States based on specific conditions prevailing there rather than searching for ideological affinity.

**50 WORDS** Immersed in preservation

While it is important for national life that Ganesh Chaturthi, Durga Puja and all other Indian festivals are celebrated with pomp, gaiety and devotion, leaders of the Hindu community which has since antiquity had a symbiotic and symbolic relationship with nature should begin the process of encouraging our revered idols to be made of eco-friendly, natural materials. Immersion of idols in our sacred rivers is a beautiful and significant religious-cultural practice which must continue but we must take care to preserve our waterways.

**Saving Tomy**

The dramatic rescue of Commander Tomy was quite a feat but should it raise questions about long-distance sailing expeditions?

It was quite a dramatic rescue on the high seas, with his boat Thuriya dismantled, and Commander Abhilash Tomy himself temporarily crippled, the fact that a small boat in the middle of the southern Indian Ocean, considered the wildest part of seas in the world, was located and Tomy rescued is a tremendous achievement. We wish the Commander a speedy recovery and hope that he is able to get back on a boat, maybe a much larger Indian Navy warship sooner rather than later. But this unfortunate incident, and that of a fellow Irish sailor competing in the same Golden Globe Race, a solo round-the-world sailing event, should raise some concerns about these long-distance sailing races. These events are undoubtedly a tremendous test of human endurance, but the risks involved are immense. Participants like Commander Tomy are very aware of the risks involved and he himself will be aware of the risks. Rescue on the high seas, particularly on a solo expedition, are difficult and thanks to the tremendous multinational effort which involved the Indian Navy's highly capable naval reconnaissance, the Boeing P-8I as well as Australian and French naval and Civilian ships alongside the INS Satpura, that Commander Tomy will live to see another day. This raises a very important question, that is, are these events too dangerous?

One of the things that makes human species is our constant need to push our physical and mental and in some cases technological boundaries. Solo sailing expeditions, ultra-marathons through the Sahara desert, going to the bottom of the deepest parts of the Ocean and now the race to send a man to Mars within the next decade. But pushing the boundaries carries huge risks and in the past decade, increasingly many of us are becoming reluctant to take risks. Technology has reached a level where playing it safe is very easy, so is questioning those who undertake such massive risks upon themselves. Are the costs of rescuing one man from the middle of the high seas worth it, given that the money spent could have been used somewhere else? In our opinion, it is worth it because mankind should always keep pushing themselves to achieve more. Human achievement must not stall because we want to play it safe. It is only because we keep pushing the boundaries that we have achieved what we already have as a species. And there is another thing, Commander Tomy's boat was found in the middle of nowhere, a spot not so far from where a Malaysian Airlines Boeing 777 once disappeared. Which reminds us, everyone has still not been found, something that remains a mystery and one of humanity's greatest failures.

# COMMENT & ANALYSIS

## Seeking the plane truth about Rafale deal

### Amidst a political slugfest over the Rafale deal, coming clean should lead to a truce that is urgently required for the IAF to breathe normally and to prevent further damage to India's emerging power reputation



ASHOK MEHTA

Rafale will stick to the Government like the Sikkim leech, especially after Former French President François Hollande's Anil Ambani bombshell which France and Dassault have rejected for fear of losing the Rafale contract a second time. The Congress will make Rafale the Modi Government's Bofors. Both are excellent weapons. No one has questioned the calibre of the equipment but its cost, the alleged scam (₹1,000 crore) including offsets. The Government is relying on Modi's corruption-free image, his credibility and the *am aadmi's* confidence in him. The Congress after voter-data analysis has discovered that the highest level of curiosity item is Rafale. The Congress will launch nation-wide protests covering every State, district and block, and submit petitions seeking a probe. It has already sought a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) and urged the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, Central Vigilance Commission (CAG/CVC) for an early

report. A PIL for an independent probe into procedural irregularities is to be heard in the Supreme Court on October 10. Innovative protests, like paper aircraft and balloons representing Rafale, will go up in the air. A team of elders, former BJP stalwarts and lawyers are quizzing the Government with embarrassing regularity, accusing Prime Minister Modi of 'gross misuse of office in personally orchestrating purchase of 36 Rafale while scuttling a deal for 126 aircraft...and his storm-troopers issuing lie after lie'.

The following conversations are recalled: Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar said to *Doordarshan*: "Modiji took the decision, I backed it up" he said three days after Modi's surprise announcement in Paris on April 10, 2015. Foreign Secretary, S Jaishankar briefed the media on April 8 and said, "Prime Minister does not get involved in ongoing defence contracts." The fourth Defence Minister, new to her job, Nirmla Sitharaman in November 2017 asked Defence Secretary Sanjay Mitra during a media conference to spell out the cost details, which he did not or could not do, whereas comprehensive of the record briefings on cost had already been done by MoD officials in 2016 after signing of the contract and later, spelt out by both Ministers in Parliament.



**IN A SWACHH BHARAT, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE OPPOSITION WASHING THEIR DIRTY LINEN IN PUBLIC DOES NO GOOD TO NATIONAL SECURITY, ESPECIALLY FOR A GOVERNMENT WHICH ADVOCATES SABKA SATH SABKA VIKAS**

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and Make in India; sidelining of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL); and awarding offsets to Anil Ambani. The first allegation can only be resolved by CAG/CVC. The key issue is enhancing the combat capability of the Indian Air Force (IAF). If the Government had secured a cost-effective deal, why did it order only two and not three or four Rafale squadrons, the Congress is asking? According to NDTV, letters were exchanged between two Defence Ministers about ordering additional Rafales, like was done for Mirage 2000.

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Indian offset partner but the Defence Ministry has to vet the choice. The most tragic part of the ongoing debate is the Government's politicisation of the IAF — this after the Army's surgical strikes were being used as vote-catcher. Senior IAF officers were unsubtly used during a seminar on IAF: Force structures 2035 to defend the Government's stand on Rafale with journalists from Prime and electronic media outnumbering analysts. But questions on Rafale by the media were stonewalled. Journalists whispered that the IAF was not happy being goaded by the MoD into speaking up on Rafale.

In a *Swachh Bharat*, the Government and the Opposition washing their dirty linen in public does no good to national security, especially for a Government which advocates *Sabka Sath Sabka Vikas*. But sadly, modernisation and other grievances of the military were sidelined. The interecne campaign of Press conferences must stop by the Government agreeing to a JPC. Sitharaman, while rejecting the JPC, wanted a probe as to why 126 aircraft could not be consumed during the UPA era, suggesting middlemen's involvement.

Insulting the workforce at HAL, insinuating counter scams by injecting the AgustaWestland appear to be diversionary tactics obscuring procedural deviations as if there was something to be hidden. The CAG/CVC court has ruled out fraud and bribes in the AgustaWestland case.

Instead of 126 Make in India, 36 Rafale will be made in France, surrendering vital ToT. In order to fast track numbers of combat squadrons, the shortfall from the cancelled 126 aircraft contract in July 2015, the Government has had to renege the MMRCA 2007 tender process in April 2018 for 110 multi-role fighters incurring time and cost escalation. What the UPA was unable to do, the NDA should have done — the last mile in the marathon. But instead Modi allegedly short-circuited established procedures for emergency purchase of 36 Rafale. In the political slugfest, the IAF is left high and dry. It is intriguing how Dassault chief Eric Trappier having said on March 14, 2015, days before Prime Minister Modi's Paris announcement, that he expected the contract to be signed shortly with HAL collaboration, changed his mind.

After the Hollande Rafale revelation, it seems either a former French President or an incumbent Indian Prime Minister (who is still silent) is being economical with the truth. Introducing foreign hand is a fatigued ploy. Coming clean on Rafale should lead to a truce which is urgently required for the IAF to resume breathing normally and India's emerging power reputation not being dented any further.

*(The writer is a retired Major General of the Indian Army and founder member of the Defence Planning Staff, currently the revamped Integrated Defence Staff)*

**POINT COUNTERPOINT**

The fun has just begun and in the coming months Congress will expose how every initiative under the Modi Government has been an act of theft.

—Congress president RAHUL GANDHI

Nothing can be expected from a leader (Rahul Gandhi) whose entire family is involved in scams. Be it Bofors or National Herald.

—Union Minister RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD

## Mayawati's growing clout

### The execution of a grand alliance against the Bharatiya Janata Party for the 2019 Lok Sabha poll looks tough



KALYANI SHANKAR

Who says Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) supremo Mayawati does not dream big? After losing three back-to-back Assembly and Lok Sabha polls in Uttar Pradesh, after getting zero seats in the current Lok Sabha, she still has not given up her ambition of becoming the first Dalit Prime Minister of this country. It may be premature to talk about this, but nursing this ambition for long, Mayawati herself thundered in 2012 during an election rally: "I hold the master key to power". In 2014, the BSP declared her as its prime ministerial candidate.



HIMA BINDU KOTA

According to the World Investment Report 2018, foreign direct investment (FDI) flows worldwide were 23 per cent lower at \$1.43 billion in 2017, as compared to 2016, and with the end of 2018 nearing, it is forecasted that these numbers would show but a slight improvement. Last year saw a significant decline in the value of cross-border mergers and acquisitions as well as greenfield investment announcements — an indicator of future trends. However, going forward, the future looks bright with an optimistic global economic outlook which is better than previous years. At the regional level, economic prospects in the Asia Pacific, Europe and Eurasia, and the Americas are bright, although outlook of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region is mixed.

The importance of FDI to a country, whether developed or developing, cannot be undermined as it contributes to the economy in several ways, like transfer of financial resources, technology, and innovative and improved management techniques along with raising productivity. Developing countries like India need substantial foreign inflows to achieve the required investment to accelerate economic growth and development. Further, it helps speed up economic activity and brings with it other scarce productive factors such as technical knowhow and managerial experience, which are equally essential for economic development.

It is interesting to know that according to the AT Kearney FDI Confidence Index 2018, India slipped three notches to 11th rank in 2018, from eighth rank in 2017. This is for the first time it has fallen out of top 10 since 2015. FDI Confidence Index is an annual analysis of how political, economic and regulatory changes will likely affect FDI inflows into countries. It is constructed using primary data by surveying senior executives of the world's leading corporations having annual revenues of \$500 million or more. Worldwide, the US again tops the FDI Confidence Index for the sixth year in a row.

## Driving India's FDI inflow

### Despite global companies having the intention to invest, India failed to hold on to its top-10 position in the AT Kearney FDI Confidence Index 2018. Strong economic performance and the sheer size of the market can help us in the FDI confidence index

The continued attractiveness of the US to foreign investors is a result of its large domestic market, improving economic performance and new lower corporate tax rate. Companies are also moving in and investing in US to circumvent the Government's protectionist rhetoric and gain market access. Globally, there has also been significant shifts among the leading destinations for FDI. The top five countries on the index have not changed in the past three years, but their relative positions have shifted. Most notably, Canada rose to the second place this year, its highest-ever ranking in the index, and China fell to the fifth position, its lowest-ever ranking in the index. Germany also fell one spot to the third rank and the UK held steady at fourth. While the top 10 likely destinations for FDI were the same in 2016 and 2017, there is a change in the composition of the list this year — Switzerland and Italy entered the top 10 for the first time in more than a decade, edging out India and Singapore.

Europe made a significant comeback as investors are finding the markets attractive. Three newcomers to the 2018 index are all European markets: Denmark at 20th position, Portugal at 22nd, and Norway at 23rd. This widespread intention to invest in Europe may be related to the region's economic upswing after several years of subpar economic performance. In addition, as in last year's index, the looming reality of Brexit may be motivating some FDI interest in the rest of the European Union (EU) member economies as companies seek to maintain their preferential access to the EU market.

Overall, large global companies are attracted to developed markets as preferred FDI destinations across all regions, including Europe, North America, Asia and Australia, due to stronger economic performance across developed market economies, their competitive advantages in technological innovation and the regulatory and competitive pressures to localise operations in core markets. What would be the key drivers for FDI investments in the coming times? The possibility of an increase in geo-political tensions tops the list for investors' decision to invest in a country. The perception of a political crisis in an emerging market is contributing to the fact that fewer emerging markets made it to this year's index. Governance factors have taken precedence when choosing where to invest, particularly regulations, transparency, corruption, tax rates, ease of doing business and a general secure environment. Given the high-profile corruption scandals in major emerging markets, such as South Africa, Brazil and Malaysia, these factors have become quite important. International business strategy is witnessing a sea-change. Rather than adopting a one-size-fits-all model of globalising company operations and products, companies are now pursuing localisation strategies, which are the practices of shifting a company's management, operations, production, or marketing to local markets.

Factors that influence companies' decisions to localise are diverse and they include both regulatory, like Government localisation requirements to gain market access, and economic pressures, like lower costs and competitive pressures from domestic firms. This rise of localisation as a leading business strategy is likely to generate greater FDI flows and will make FDI a core business strategy for investors, which has a significant impact on corporate profitability and competitiveness. Any renegotiations or disruptions of regional trade zones or agreements can lead to shifts in FDI. For instance, any major changes or termination of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)



THE IMF PROJECTS THAT INDIA'S ECONOMY WILL GROW BY 7.4 PER CENT IN 2018 — THE FASTEST GROWTH RATE OF ANY MAJOR ECONOMY. INWARD FDI FLOWS INCREASED TO AN ESTIMATED \$45 BILLION IN 2017, A RECORD HIGH

would have a profound effect on FDI flows and the broader global business environment. In fact, FDI inflows would increase to North America if NAFTA were to be terminated and the major beneficiary would be Canada because of the country's business-friendly regulations, stable security environment and continued pursuit of global economic integration through agreements such as the Canada-EU — Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement and the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP).

Among market asset factors, the cost of labour is the most important determinant of FDI flows and many big businesses consider labour costs to be one of the top two factors for a decision to invest in any other country. This is due to the fact that the global labour force has stopped growing as a share of the total population because of aging population and declining workforce participation rates, and the labour market is less globalised than in the past due to rising restrictions on immigration. These forces are likely to push up labour costs in a variety of markets. For example, more restrictive US immigration policies and a tightening US labour market — companies

based in the US are paying more attention to labour costs when making FDI decisions. In spite of global companies based in the developed countries having the intention to invest in India mainly due to present Government's 'Make in India' initiative, India failed to hold on to its position in the top 10 countries in the index. Also, as a result of Government steps to improve the investment environment, India surged 30 spots to rank 100th on the World Bank's Doing Business 2018, and in the first time, broke into the top 100 for the first time ever. Notable reforms which have contributed to this transformation of Indian business include the elimination of the Foreign Investment Promotion Board, a Government agency responsible for reviewing all potential foreign investment and the liberalisation of foreign investment thresholds for retail, aviation and biomedical industries.

These bold FDI reforms, where more than 90 per cent of the FDI approvals have been put on the automatic approval route, have made the investment environment positive in India. The 2017 nationwide GST, for example, has faced implementation challenges, and the 2016 demonetisation initiative disrupted business activity and weighed on economic growth, but have shown the world the intention of India to weed out corruption. Above all, strong economic performance and the growing Indian market are big attraction for global investors.

The IMF projects that India's economy will grow by 7.4 per cent in 2018, the fastest growth rate of any major economy. Inward FDI flows have already increased to an estimated \$45 billion in 2017, a record high. Japan, the US, the UK and Singapore consistently score as large sources of FDI for India. All these economic reforms will surely put India back higher on the FDI confidence index in future.

Worldwide, broad-based economic expansion provides opportunities for global investors to deepen their presence in key growth markets through FDI. Although, geopolitical tensions and domestic policy risks stemming from rising populism and protectionism could disrupt this synchronic global economic upswing, at the same time, these political risks create the imperative for companies to establish a local presence in important markets to maintain access, thereby, driving up FDI flows.

*(The writer is Assistant Professor, Amity University)*

## Killing two birds with one stone

India's water crisis calls for immediate action. Situation analysis of the manufacturing of antimicrobials (AMR) and strict implementation of existing policies is the way forward

AMR is the Government's think-tank, Niti Aayog, titled, 'Composite Water Management Index: A Tool for Water Management', released in June this year, warned that India is facing its "worst" water crisis in history. Further, it states that by 2030, water demand in the country is projected to be twice the available water supply unless comprehensive steps are taken to reverse the current scenario. Substantiating the positive relationship between water stress and economic growth, the report highlights that water scarcity will lead to a six per cent GDP loss to the country. The issue of sustainable management of our water resources is an essential need today, especially in view of its limited availability and rising demand.

Other than inefficient usage and over consumption, one key factor leading to water crisis is industrial pollution. Water bodies stand endangered due to unbridled dumping of toxic industrial wastes. Recent reports around pollutants causing methane fires in Bengaluru's Bellandur lake, release of untreated industrial effluents into Yamuna and Musi rivers, Maharashtra's Ambazari lake as well as the choking of Hyderabad's Patacheru lake by the bulk drug industry, are testament to this. As a result, no city is able to provide clean drinking water due to water contamination and inadequate wastewater treatment. This unabated crisis can severely hamper India's industrial, environmental and economic health.

A crucial but often ignored consequence of water pollution is a rise in antimicrobial resistance (AMR). Multiple studies conducted (by Nordea, IIT Hyderabad etc.) around pharmaceutical industries near Hyderabad, Bhiwadi and Vizag, have shown that copious amounts of antibiotics are being released as wastewater into the surrounding water bodies. These serve as 'hotspots' for the development of resistant superbugs that do not respond to antibiotic treatment, causing untreatable infections and diseases. The proliferation of antibiotic residues in the environment, due to inadequate regulation of wastewater, leads to contamination of water sources and groundwater. Moreover, a plethora of bacterial infections or diseases, caused by a lack of access to clean water and sanitation or poor Wash standards, gives rise to increased antibiotic consumption, which is compounded by inappropriate self-medication.

As per a 2016 World Bank report, 'Drug Resistant Infections: A Threat to our Economic Future', inability to treat infections will not only cost human lives, but will also result in GDP losses of over five per cent in low-income countries and push 28 million people in developing countries into poverty by 2050, thereby causing a crisis potentially worse than the 2008 economic meltdown. Global health care costs may increase to \$300 billion to one trillion dollar, annually. The regulation of wastewater treatment can be a cost-effective means to prevent AMR as well as alleviate the water crisis, provided efforts are made to ensure that both sets of measures are sufficiently interlinked. In the Indian context, more research needs to be done to obtain actionable information and understand the complex linkages between the environment, AMR and Wash standards.

There have been some policy interventions related to the overuse or misuse of antibiotics in human and animal consumption. Overall waste management by industries must be monitored by the State pollution control boards. However, existing regulations need effective enforcement. Moreover, sufficient attention is not given to irresponsible manufacturing of antibiotics and uncontrolled release of active antibiotics via wastewater. Existing environmental regulations account for the presence of heavy metals in water but there are no minimum standards for the levels of APIs (active pharmaceutical ingredients) in the discharged industrial effluents. Thus, pharmaceutical industries are not mandated to treat the antibiotic content in the wastewater released during the manufacturing processes.

In order to strengthen the policy focus on the AMR challenge in India, and establish it as a State-level priority, the health ministry launched the National Action Programme on the Containment of Antimicrobial Resistance (NAP-AMR) in April 2017. The scheme recognises the need to mandate environmental standards for antibiotic residues in pharmaceutical and hospital effluents. The NGT has ordered a status report to determine the AMR levels in water bodies as an impact of the pharmaceutical industry but this has been delayed due to lack of funds. In adherence to the NAP-AMR, this dual AMR and water crisis in India demands immediate action towards a situation analysis of the manufacturing of antimicrobials as well as increased surveillance standards, alongside strict policy advocacy and implementation. The development of specific antibiotic policies, supported by sensitisation and awareness workshops can drive home the magnitude of this dual challenge. Such interventions can help shape frameworks for participation by other relevant stakeholders. Any gaps in adequate policy responses vis-à-vis regulations, monitoring and implementation will result in severe economic and environmental impacts as well as loss of human lives.

*(The writer is independent consultant for development issues)*

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**HIMALAYAN FEAT**

Sir — It is encouraging that India's 100th functional airport was inaugurated at Pakyong, Sikkim. It is, however, ironic that it took so long for the State to get a full-fledged airport ever since 1975, when Sikkim obtained its Statehood and joined the Indian Union.

The opening of a new airport at Pakyong will certainly boost tourism and other industries as well. With this, Sikkim must now prepare itself to witness massive infrastructural development and the Government must leave no stone unturned to aid the State's development.

Further, as the Pakyong airport is landlocked and surrounded by international borders, aligning with Nepal, Tibet, Bhutan and China, the airport should gradually be upgraded to an international status. This will enhance connectivity with neighbouring South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc) countries.

Varun Bengaluru

**BLAME-GAME ON RAFALE**

Sir — This refers to the report, "Cong moves CVC for probe into Rafale deal" (September 25). It appears that in their respective handling of the Rafale affair, while the Congress is getting despatched, the NDA is getting awkward day by day.

While the misconceived strategy of the Congress in dumping all its 'election-oriented' eggs in just the Rafale basket could be a liability if it ultimately proves to be a damp squib so close to the elections, the BJP is not helping its own case either by prevaricating or seeming to be not completely forthright or assertive in its approach. One would wish that the air on this is cleared sooner.

N S Rajan Kolkata

**India's drinking habit does not bode well**

According to the World Health Organisation, per capita alcohol consumption in India has more than doubled from 2005 to 2016. The increase in alcohol intake from 2.4 litres in 2005 to 5.7 litres in 2016 has pointed to the fact that we have become more bacchanalian. This year it may become worse.

In fact, the quantity of alcohol consumed cannot be estimated with precision, as much of the drinking goes unrecorded. Long queues outside liquor outlets and bars announce the 'popular craving for alcohol.

The surge in drinking levels must be viewed seriously since the cost of drinking in terms of diseases and deaths is too high. It is peculiar that people drink on both joyous and sad occasions. People are drawn to the bottle for the 'kick' it gives cutting them off from the real world. People turn to alcoholic drinks to escape poverty, debt, strained relationships, irreparable losses and boredom for at least as long as its intoxication effect lasts.

But alcoholism reduces productivity, consumption of cheap illicit concoctions sometimes results in instantaneous deaths known as 'hoohch tragedies'. The Government should attach greater importance to health than revenues from alcohol taxation. Combating liquor consumption should become a priority to ensure that the hard brew does not lay lives waste.

G David Milton Murthancode

**WELCOME HEALTHCARE REFORM**

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Healthier India" (September 25). The Modi Government's Ayushman Bharat initiative is one of the largest healthcare initiatives, globally, which is non-paralled in terms of scale and extent.

It is undoubtedly a historical step that will give access to specialised treatment to more than 10 crore people. Studies have shown that huge expenditure on medical treatment has pushed many families below the poverty line. With the launch of this healthcare scheme, the Government has

**Ramesh G Jethwani Bengaluru**

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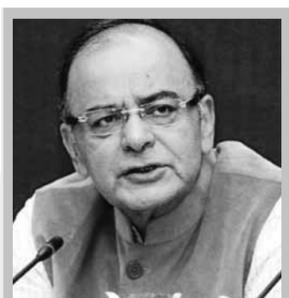
**We will accept bids which are reasonable. If we come across bids which we consider to be excessive, we will cancel them. We had commissioned a study. They have said the reverse bidding system would be totally transparent and good for the sector. We have established a capacity of 37GW in last four years. We are going to expand it**

**RK Singh, Union Renewable Energy Minister**

# BUZZ FROM GOVT

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**Arun Jaitley, Union Finance Minister**



## Bad debts on decline, bank loan recovery up: Jaitley

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

Finance Minister Arun Jaitley on Tuesday said bad debts or NPAs in the banking system are on the decline as recoveries of unpaid loans have picked up.

Speaking to reporters after the annual review meet with top PSU bankers, he said last several years had been challenging for public sector banks as a large amount of lending was held up in NPAs.

But after the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) came into force, which calls for an auction of assets of loan defaulting entities, recoveries have picked up. Recoveries are better, the lending ability of banks is much better and to top it all credit growth has significantly moved upwards, he said.

"We are passing through a phase of good growth as far as the economy is concerned. Consumption has moved up, and therefore the banking activity is bound to pick up", he said. Financial Services Secretary Rajeev Kumar said banks expect to recover ₹1.8 lakh crore through IBC and other routes during the current fiscal.

The review meeting Tuesday discussed credit

**JAITLEY ASKS PSU BANKS TO TAKE EFFECTIVE ACTION AGAINST FRAUDS, WILFUL DEFAULTS**

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

Finance Minister Arun Jaitley Tuesday asked public sector banks (PSBs) to take "effective action" in cases of fraud and wilful loan defaults, as he exuded confidence of achieving sustained economic growth rate of 8 per cent.

The growing economy will also help banks grow in strength, he said at the annual review meeting of PSBs here.

Conversely, as the lifeline of the economy, banks would need to build their strength to support the lending needs of a growing economy, he added, according to an official release.

"At the same time", he exhorted the banks "to ensure all steps at their end to ensure clean lending and effective action in cases of fraud and wilful default, to justify the trust reposed in banks. Banks must strive to be seen always as institutions of clean and prudent lending".

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

Banks have stepped up efforts as far as recovery of bad loans is concerned.

Lenders have made recovery of ₹36,551 crore in the first quarter of the current fiscal. This is 49 per cent higher than the same quarter of the last fiscal. During 2017-18, banks recovered ₹74,562 crore.

Jaitley said the formalisation of the economy through the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), GST, demonetisation and digital payments have enabled better assessment of financial capacity and risks, and coupled with inclusive growth through massive financial inclusion, has unlocked purchasing power which will drive India's growth.

The finance minister said that "this should help India sustain a growth rate of around 8 per cent".

growth and asset quality, he said.

The focus should now be on arresting fresh slippages, he

## Cabinet may change GSTN into a Govt entity today

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

The Union Cabinet is likely to consider on Wednesday the proposal to convert GST Network (GSTN) into a Government-owned company.

The GST Council, chaired by Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley and comprising state finance ministers, had in May agreed to a proposal to make GSTN a Government company, with Centre owning 50 per cent stake and states together holding the remaining 50 per cent.

"Converting GSTN to a government company may be considered by the Cabinet tomorrow," a source said.

Currently, the Centre and states together hold 49 per cent stake in GST Network, the company that provides IT backbone to the new indirect tax regime. The remaining 51 per cent is held by five private financial institutions — HDFC Ltd, HDFC Bank Ltd, ICICI Bank Ltd, NSE Strategic Investment Co and LIC Housing Finance Ltd.

Jaitley had in April asked Finance Secretary Hasmukh Adhia to "examine the possibility" of converting GSTN into a majority Government company or a 100 per cent Government company.

Following this, the proposal

## Govt finances show improvement in August

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

Government's finances have shown improvement in August with fiscal deficit at 94.7 per cent of the Budget Estimate (BE), mainly on account of better expenditure management, as per an official data.

The deficit was at 96.1 per cent of BE at August-end of the last financial year.

In actual terms, the fiscal deficit or gap between the total expenditure and receipts was ₹5.91 lakh crore in the first five months period of 2018-19 financial year.

The Government has budgeted to cut fiscal deficit to 3.3 per cent of GDP in 2018-19 from 3.53 per cent in the previous year.

The fiscal deficit target for 2018-19 is ₹6.24 lakh crore.

As per the data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA), the tax collection (net) at end-August was ₹3.66 lakh crore or 24.7 per cent of BE.

The total receipts of the Government during April-August 2018 were ₹4.79 lakh crore or 26.4 per cent of BE. In the similar period of 2017-18, the collection was 26.6 per cent of BE.

## Business Corner

**CH SS MALLIKARJUNA RAO JOINS ALLAHABAD BANK AS MD & CEO**

CH SS Mallikarjuna Rao has joined on September 19, 2018 as Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of Allahabad Bank, one of the premier Nationalised Banks of the country with 154 years of service to the nation.

Prior to joining the Bank, he served as Executive Director of Syndicate Bank. He has been a professional banker for over 33 years having held position as General Manager & CFO in Oriental Bank of Commerce and also as Assistant Vice President in erstwhile Global Trust Bank. He started his career in 1985 as a Probationary Officer in Bank of Maharashtra and headed various positions thereafter. After joining Oriental Bank of Commerce he served as Regional Head & also as General Manager in charge of various departments of the Bank. He has vast exposure in Credit, Recovery, Treasury, Risk Management, Information Technology, Management Information System, Retail Banking, Marketing, Publicity & Alternative Delivery Channels.



## TATA POWER-DDL INSTALL RO WATER PLANT IN SCHOOL

Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited (Tata Power-DDL) has installed its 36th RO Water plant at Government Boys Senior Secondary School No. 1 at Shakti Nagar as part of its initiative to provide clean drinking water in Delhi Government Schools across its area of operation in North Delhi.

The plant was inaugurated on the occasion of the school's Alumni Meet by Deputy Chief Minister and Education Minister of Delhi, Manish Sisodia and Sanjay Banga, CEO, TATA Power-DDL, in the presence of Akhilesh Pati Tipathi, MLA (Model Town), Delhi and other dignitaries, along with the officials of TATA Power DDL, Principals, Teachers, students and hundreds of alumni members of the School. The RO plant has a capacity to purify and dispense 500 litres of water every hour and would provide potable water to around 5000 students, teachers and non-teaching staff every day. The students are encouraged to carry drinking water of RO Plant for their family/house hold use also.



## Proceeds from Tata Steel deal to be used to repay debt: Usha Martin

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

Debt-ridden Usha Martin said on Tuesday that the proceeds from the proposed deal with Tata Steel will be used for repaying existing debt, a day after its promoters questioned the end-use of funds.

The founders of Usha Martin Monday had sought details from

the board of Usha Martin regarding utilisation of proceeds from the proposed sale of the company's steel business to Tata Steel.

The company also said that it is clarified that UML will use the entire consideration (net of transaction costs and taxes, if any received from this sale to discharge liabilities to lenders.

## Samsung launches first Triple Camera Smartphone Galaxy A7

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

Samsung on Tuesday launched Galaxy A7 — a first rear triple camera phone in the Indian market.

Galaxy A7 comes with 24MP main, 5MP Live Focus & 8MP Ultra-Wide cameras.

It has been developed based on the consumer insight that nearly half of the Indian millennials use their smartphone cameras daily and their rear camera twice as much as the front camera. In the new triple camera set up, there is an additional 8MP 120° Ultra-Wide Lens, which has the same viewing angle as the human



eye. This allows users to capture unrestricted wide-angle photos exactly like what one can see.

The 24MP primary and selfie cameras also feature a new technology — Pixel Binning that allows the device

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**PTI ■ MUMBAI**

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## RBI needs to cut CRR to improve liquidity: Official

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

The RBI should consider lowering Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) in addition to buying Government bonds to ensure adequate liquidity, an official said on Tuesday.

Concerned over volatility in the stock markets, the Reserve Bank and markets regulator Sebi had on Sunday said they were closely monitoring the developments in the financial sector and were ready to take appropriate actions.

"The RBI has tools like OMO (Open Market Operations) to manage liquidity. Also a CRR cut would ensure immediate liquidity in the market," the Government official told reporters.

The focus should now be on ensuring adequate liquidity in the system and "not jammung" the credit flow, he added.

CRR, the percentage of deposits that banks have to park with the RBI in cash, currently stands at 4 per cent.

The central bank has kept the CRR unchanged since September 2013.

## SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a woman namely **Rehana**, W/O Mohd. Nadeem @ Najar Mohammad, R/O A 7 Bapu Park, Kotla Mubarak Pur, New Delhi. The woman has been missing since 21/07/2018 (5.00pm) from the area of PS Kotla Mubarak Pur, New Delhi.

In this regard **DD No. 20 -A, dated 22/07/2018** has been lodged at PS Kotla Mubarakpur, New Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing woman but no clue has come to light so far.

The description of the missing woman is as under:  
**Name:** Rehana, **Age:** 25 Years, **Height:** 5'4", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Red Colour Suit and Salwar, and Sandal with Heels in her Feet.

If anyone has any information regarding this missing woman, kindly inform SHO/PS Kotla Mubarakpur, New Delhi.

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## SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one Girl **Namely Anjali D/o Kiran Pal R/o H.No. 19/208 Kalyan Puri, Delhi** has been missing since 06.09.2018 from the area of P.S. Kalyan Puri Delhi. In this regard, a **DD. No.456/18 u/s 363 IPC dated 8.09.2018 has been registered at P.S. Kalyan Puri, Delhi.** The description of the missing Girl is as under:

**Age:** 16 Years, **Complexion:** Fair, **Height:** 4'6" cm, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Fat, **Wearing:** Yellow Colour Kurta & Black Payjama, Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out her but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing Girl then please inform P.S. Kalyan Puri Delhi, at following Tel No. / e-mail: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) and Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>

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**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR**  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION CONST. DIV. NO. II, JAMMU**

**SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDERS**  
E-NIT No. 91 of 2018-19/Div-2 Dated 20-09-2018

For and on behalf of the Governor, J&K State e-tenders are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works :-

**S.No. 1. Name of Work :-** Providing and laying of 50mm thick BM and 25mm thick open graded premix carpet on internal roads of Sidhra (Tawi Vihar & allied links). Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs) :- 99.96, Cost of T/Doc. (Rs. In Lacs) :- 1000/-, Earnest Money/ Bid Security (Rs. In Lacs) :- 2% of the estimated cost, Time of completion :- 01 month, Time & Date of Opening of tender (Technical Bid) :- 28-09-2018 1400 hrs, Class of Contractor :- Hot Mix Plant Holder/"A" Class.

**S.No. 2. Name of Work :-** Providing and laying of 50mm thick BM, 25mm thick open graded premix carpet and Wet Mix Macadam on Nandani Tara link road Km 8th RD 0-1000 to Km 13th RD 0-400 under NABARD, Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs) :- 138.53, Cost of T/Doc. (Rs. In Lacs) :- 6000/-, Earnest Money/ Bid Security (Rs. In Lacs) :- 2% of the estimated cost, Time of completion :- 01 month, Time & Date of Opening of tender (Technical Bid) :- 28-09-2018 1400 hrs, Class of Contractor :- Hot Mix Plant Holder/"A" Class.

Major Head of Account = Re-surfacing  
Position of AAA = U/Process  
Position of funds = Demanded

1. The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website <http://jktenders.gov.in> as per below schedule:

1. Date of Issue of Tender Notice :- 20-09-2018  
2. Period of downloading of bidding documents :- From 20-09-2018 to 27-09-2018, 6.00 P.M  
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4. On-line Bid submission Start Date :- 20-09-2018  
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(Sd/- (Fr. Rajan Mengi)  
Executive Engineer  
PWD (R&B) Const. Div. No. II Jammu

No. DIP/J-2940-P/2018  
Dated:- 24.09.2018

**OLA GUARDIAN, A REAL-TIME CUSTOMER RIDE MONITORING SYSTEM LAUNCHED**

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

Ola on Tuesday launched project 'Guardian', a real-time monitoring system to further strengthen ride safety of its customers on the platform. Launched as a pilot in Bangalore, Mumbai and Pune, the project is part of Ola's national programme on safety, 'Street Safe', and is also a first for the ride-sharing industry. Guardian will go live in Delhi and Kolkata by the end of next month and will be rolled out in other cities by the end of the year.

As part of project Guardian, all on-going trips will be tracked by analysing ride indicators that include route deviations, unexpected and midway stops, amongst others. Based on the indicators and time of travel, safety triggers will be created which will be attended to immediately by Ola's Safety Response Team (SRT).

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSONS**

**See Section 82 Cr.P.C.**

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused 1. **Sanjay @ Rahul S/o Lal Chand R/o U-231, Mangol Puri, Delhi** and 2. **Kuldeep S/o Naresh R/o C-213, Pooth Kalan, Delhi** have committed (or are suspected to have committed) the offence FIR No. 465/13 u/s 356/379/411/34 IPC P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said 1. **Sanjay @ Rahul** and 2. **Kuldeep** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said 1. **Sanjay @ Rahul** and 2. **Kuldeep** absconded (or are concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said 1. **Sanjay @ Rahul** and 2. **Kuldeep** accused of FIR No. 465/13 u/s 356/379/411/34 IPC are required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **01.11.2018**.

**By Order:**  
**Sh. Anurag Thakur**  
Metropolitan Magistrate (North-West)-02,  
Room No. 113, 1st Floor,  
Rohini Court, Delhi

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**Instagram co-founders resigning: report**

**AFF ■ SAN FRANCISCO**

Instagram co-founders Kevin Systrom and Mike Krieger are leaving the smartphone photo-sharing service bought by Facebook six years ago for a billion dollars, the *New York Times* reported late on Monday citing unnamed sources.

Systrom and Krieger have resigned from their posts as chief executive and chief technology officer respectively, not giving reasons and saying they planned to take time off, according to the *Times*.

Facebook did not respond to a request for comment.

Instagram in June announced it passed a billion active users, and unveiled a new long-form video feature in a bid to attract "creators" like those on YouTube.

## Rupee losses widen, down 6 paise at 72.69 against USD

**PTI ■ MUMBAI**

The rupee on Tuesday weakened further by 6 paise to close at 72.69 to the US dollar on sustained demand for the American currency amid soaring crude prices.

It was a highly volatile day on the forex market as wide swings in the currency value kept investors on edge and precluded the emergence of a clear trend.

A further sharp spike in international crude oil prices due to a combination of factors and bullish dollar overseas trend ahead of Federal Reserve's two-day policy meet kept trading sentiment little shaky.

The Indian currency dangerously slipped to a low of 72.96 in early trade — within striking distance of its life-time low of 72.99 hit last week but managed to pare some losses on likely intervention from the central bank.

It briefly touched a high of 72.57 in mid-afternoon deals. The rupee has lost 49 paise in last two days.

Heavy dollar selling by banks and exporters along with greenbank's weakness against some currencies overseas largely supplemented the recovery momentum.

A spectacular bull back rally in domestic bourses after five straight-day pounding on the back of value buying in beaten-down key stocks and hectic short-covering ahead of expiry also helped in propping up the currency.

The currency markets worldwide are rattled with over-lapping geopolitical factors rubbing shoulder against each other and also underpinned by the divergent monetary policy outlooks against major global central banks, a forex dealer commented.

The US Fed is likely to stay on course and hike interest rates by 25 basis points (bps) tomorrow.

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Reports of successful fundraising by Indiabulls Housing Finance also bolstered the market sentiment, analysts said. "After a volatile trade,

market bounced back towards closing backed by renewed buying in financial & pharma stocks. Continued weakness in rupee invited investors' attention towards export-oriented sectors and at the same time keeping fiscal path on edge. Domestic fund flow continued to add liquidity in the market due to value buying opportunity after the recent correction," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services commented.

Mixed Asian cues and a firming trend in European markets largely on the back of strong earnings accelerated buying activity towards the day-end.

The session was marked by volatility and stock-specific action, even as the overall sentiment remains weak as a fresh round of US-China tariffs and a surge in oil prices to near four-year highs added to worries about risks to global growth, brokers said.

The rupee also pared initial losses to trade 5 paise higher at 72.58 against the dollar (intra-day).

Covering-up of short positions by speculators ahead of September month expiry in the derivatives segment on Thursday also helped the market stage a smart rally. Domestic investors made

purchases worth ₹2,284.26 crore while foreign investors sold equities worth ₹1,231.70 crore on a net basis, provisional market data showed.

Axis Bank was the biggest gainer in the Sensex pack, surging 2.96 per cent, followed by HDFC at 2.95 per cent.

Other gainers were Kotak Bank 2.88 per cent, HUL 2.72 per cent, Maruti Suzuki 2.66 per cent, Sun Pharma 2.58 per cent, SBI 2.15 per cent, Asian Paint 1.91 per cent, HDFC Bank 1.32 per cent, Infosys 1.28 per cent, Bajaj Auto 1.15 per cent, IndusInd Bank 1.10 per cent, NTPC 1.07 per cent, ITC Ltd 1.06 per cent, ONGC 1.05 per cent, Bharti Airtel 0.73 per cent, Vedanta 0.46 per cent, ICICI Bank 0.45 per cent and Tata Motors 0.27 per cent.

In contrast, Yes Bank remained distinctly weak by crashing 2.83 per cent ahead of the board meeting to be held later in the day to decide the future course of action after the RBI curtailed the term of its MD and CEO Rana Kapoor.

Also, PowerGrid suffered the most by falling 3.07 per cent, Coal India 1.94 per cent, Adani Ports 1.65 per cent, Tata Steel 1.10 per cent, Wipro 0.93 per cent, TCS 0.71 per cent, M&M 0.22 per cent, Hero MotoCorp 0.14 per cent and RIL 0.14 per cent.

# FDI in food processing touches USD 1-billion mark: Badal

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

The foreign direct investment (FDI) in the food processing sector has already touched the USD 1-billion mark so far this year, Food Processing Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal said Tuesday. "When we took over the government in 2014, FDI in the food processing sector used to be USD 500 million every year. This year, we touched USD 1-billion mark."

This is a tip of the iceberg, we have to go a long way," Badal said addressing the CII event on post harvest and logistics. According to official data, FDI in the food processing sector was USD 904.9 million in the 2017-18 fiscal, while it stood at USD 727.22 million, USD 505.88 million and USD 515.86 million in 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15, respectively.

The FDI in multi-brand retail was allowed keeping in mind the need to boost food processing level and provide an alternative market to farmers to sell their produce, she said.

The focus was to see retailers directly procure farm produce from farmers. "I am happy to see companies like Metro and Walmart are keen to tie up directly with farmers."

About USD 14 billion that was committed during the World Food India 2017 for next few years, the minister said. "I am happy to share that 70 per cent of the projects have already started the grounding."

This will help grow the processing levels and reduce food wastage which is estimated to be ₹1 lakh crore per year, she said.

Talking about domestic investment, National Rainfed Area Authority (NREA) CEO Ashok Dalwai said, "We have seen that the captive investment in agriculture,

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which is pre-requisite for any kind of accelerated growth, has not really happened through the corporate sector."

While the private investments have largely been through farmers themselves, the corporate sector which should have played a greater role has not really done so, he said.

Dalwai said the corporate sector cannot be blamed as the government -- which should have been the trigger in bringing the investment in the private sector -- has not tailored the policy that suits its requirement.

Also, there has been captive investment in industry and services sector since liberalisation in 1991.

"Agriculture, which is the primary economic activity and in a way it is the economic sector which generates the demand for services and industry sectors, was not subjected to the liberalisation. But in the last four years, the emphasis has been on bringing in reforms in the sector and make it a private sector enterprise," Dalwai said. The government has been focusing on post harvest management and logistics, he added.

## BUSINESS CORNER

### DUCATI DRIVES IN 959 PANIGALE CORSE AT ₹15.2 LAKH

**New Delhi:** Italian super bike maker Ducati Tuesday launched the 959 Panigale Corse in India priced at ₹15.2 lakh (ex-showroom). The model coming to India is a special edition, sporting a dedicated livery inspired by the Ducati Corse MotoGP colours, the company said in a statement. "The 959 Panigale embodies absolute excellence through the advanced electronics package that inspires confidence and allows riders to explore the limit," Ducati India Managing Director Sergi Canovas said. The bike comes with a 955-cc engine which generates a power of 157 HP of power. It comes with an electronics package, including latest ABS from Bosch, Ducati traction control (DTC), Ducati quick shift (DQS), engine brake control (EBC) and ride-by-wire (RbW). It also features three riding modes -- Race, Sport and Wet.

### TRIUMPH PLANS NETWORK EXPANSION IN INDIA

**New Delhi:** British superbike brand Triumph Motorcycles plans to introduce in India around six products, a mix of new models and upgrades of current bikes, by June next year, a top company official said Tuesday. The company, which sells superbikes priced between ₹7.7-22 lakh in the country, also aims to expand its sales network from the current 16 dealerships to 25 over the next 3-4 years with an aim to reach smaller towns as well. "Before June 2019, we plan to launch six products. It would be a mix of new and facelifts of the current models," Triumph Motorcycles (India) General Manager Shoaib Farooq told PTI. Triumph Motorcycles (India), which follows July-June financial year, sells 13 models, including variants, in the Indian market. It gets 65-70 per cent of its sales from top 20 cities of the country although its customer footprint spreads across 400 cities and towns across India. Among the new launches, Triumph plans to drive in 1,200 cc Triumph Scrambler, which will make global debut in October, into the Indian market in January next year. Elaborating on the sales growth target during the current fiscal, Farooq said the company expects to grow in the range of 10-12 per cent. "In the last five years, the premium motorcycle segment (500 cc and upwards) has been growing at a CAGR of 20 per cent as compared to around 6-7 per cent for the normal two-wheelers. For Triumph, the growth has been at 47 per cent in the last five years," he added. The premium segment industry is around 7,500 units a year and Triumph had about 20 per cent market share last fiscal. Bullish on the growth prospects, Farooq said in the next four to five years, the industry is expected to grow at 10-15 per cent touching a size of around 13,000 units a year. "We (Triumph) should be doing not less than 2,000 units per year," he added. On the potential for growth from smaller cities and towns, he said: "Today, Triumph has customer footprints in 400 cities and towns across India but around 60 per cent of the sales comes from the top 20 cities."

SCRIP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
KOTAKBANK	1,146.00	1,191.10	1,120.15	1,186.10	37.4
HDFC	1,728.80	1,784.00	1,713.80	1,773.35	54.65
SBIN	264	272.95	260.8	272.5	8.15
HINDUNILVR	1,600.00	1,640.00	1,577.05	1,638.00	47.55
LUPIN	860.7	887.75	857.5	886.15	25.4
AXISBANK	598.8	619.8	589.55	614	16.65
SUNPHARMA	624.1	645	624.05	640.75	16.75
MARUTI	7,750.00	8,018.25	7,680.00	8,001.00	207.95
CIPLA	644	665.8	643	661.35	15.75
DREDDY	2,570.60	2,619.25	2,550.25	2,616.25	62.3
BAJAJFINSV	6,060.00	6,250.00	5,932.05	6,190.00	122.35
GRASIM	1,023.00	1,043.40	1,008.00	1,039.95	20.5
HCLTECH	1,102.00	1,125.00	1,094.30	1,118.00	21.7
HDFCBANK	1,925.00	1,962.00	1,915.00	1,961.70	36
HINDALCO	240.05	244.8	234.8	244	4.1
BAJFINANCE	2,235.00	2,330.35	2,180.60	2,297.75	36.95
UPL	651.3	664.9	639.95	661.15	9.75
ASIANPAINT	1,271.80	1,304.85	1,257.15	1,290.00	18.05
ULTRACEMCO	3,970.00	4,049.00	3,950.00	4,026.55	51.65
NTPC	169.15	170.5	164.4	170	2.1
INFY	718.25	736	717	726	7.75
ITC	299.9	302.35	292.35	301.15	3.2
BHARTIARTL	356.29	363.65	344	359.9	3.7
BAJAJ-AUTO	2,727.10	2,801.85	2,727.10	2,788.00	28.7
INDUSINDBK	1,675.10	1,717.55	1,649.00	1,691.05	16.85
TECHM	751.45	772.7	745.1	759	7.55
ONGC	181.95	184.65	179.4	182.05	1.45
ICICIBANK	307	313.5	300.05	310.95	2.2
TITAN	791	814.3	778.15	794.95	3.85
ZEEL	444	453.45	437	450	1.95
LT	1,316.00	1,332.70	1,308.00	1,324.00	5.65
TATAMOTORS	241	243.5	235.45	241.1	0.9
HEROMOTOCO	3,121.95	3,125.00	3,082.00	3,112.60	2.4
IOC	152.4	155.85	151	155	0.05
VEDL	230.2	232.9	226.7	229.95	0.05
M&M	896	900	865.25	896	-0.05
RELIANCE	1,235.50	1,245.00	1,195.00	1,229.75	-2.3
EICHERMOT	25,860.00	25,990.00	25,035.25	25,682.00	-170.8
TCS	2,204.90	2,251.00	2,153.80	2,183.10	-15.35
BPCL	358	365.45	355.1	364	-3.4
TATASTEEL	609	609	575	601.75	-5.9
WIPRO	333	334.9	326.25	327.5	-5.2
ADANIAPORTS	345.1	349.45	324	339.95	-5.9
HINDPETRO	245.9	245.9	239	243.8	-4.35
COALINDIA	281.15	285.95	273.15	275.45	-5.7
POWERGRID	197	198.6	191.65	192.6	-5
YESBANK	230	238.85	197.25	220.5	-5.9
GAIL	380.5	380.5	363.55	370.95	-9.95
INFRADEL	277	280	268.05	270	-7.85
IBULHSGFIN	984	984	786	927	-54.95

## BSE 500

Script Traded	Last Price	Abs Change	Change %	CGPOWER	49.45	0.35	0.71
3MINDIA	22950.55	-180.35	-0.78	CHAMBLFERT	154.6	-5.25	-3.28
8MILKES	224.2	-11.75	-4.98	CHEMNPETRO	279.25	7.45	2.74
AARTIND	860.7	-14.65	-1.19	CHOLAFIN	1232.2	52.35	4.44
ABB	1424.6	37.9	2.73	CIPLA	660.2	14.1	2.18
ABBOTINDIA	8127.95	23.35	0.29	COALINDIA	275.2	-6.25	-2.22
ABCAPITAL	119.8	2.45	2.09	COCHINSHIP	412.35	-1.5	-0.36
ABFRL	181.5	1.8	1.1	COFFEEEDAY	297.05	-5.95	-1.96
ACC	1565.35	40.3	2.64	COLPAL	1097.4	2.8	0.26
ADANIAPORTS	338.7	-7.05	-2.04	CONCOR	614.3	-9.5	-1.52
ADANIPOWER	24.9	0.25	1.01	CORRMANDEL	396.9	-1.65	-0.41
ADANTRANS	171.8	-6.85	-3.83	CORPBANK	25.9	-0.3	-1.15
ADVENSIGYMS	199.35	-0.1	-0.05	COX&KINGS	193.95	4.95	2.62
AEGISLNG	202.75	-3.85	-1.86	CROBANK	1744.15	4.6	0.26
AJAEANG	1740.25	4.9	0.28	CROMPTON	219.75	-0.25	-0.11
AJANTPHARM	1105.8	16.75	1.54	CUB	178.85	-1.25	-0.69
AKZINDIA	1638.1	12.15	0.75	CUMMINSIND	692.55	-0.4	-0.06
ALBK	37.85	0.95	2.57	CYIENT	714	1.85	0.26
ALKEM	2048.3	14.4	0.71	DABUR	438.3	5.3	1.22
ALLCARGO	108.05	2.9	2.76	DALMIBABHA	2415.15	12.05	0.5
AMARAJABAT	770.1	11.05	1.46	DBL	681.2	-30.05	-4.22
AMBUJACEM	225.55	7.1	3.25	DCBBANK	150.25	-3.65	-2.37
ANDHRABANK	30.6	1.6	5.52	DECSHIRAM	458.35	11.15	2.49
APAR	589.25	-23.45	-3.83	DEEPAKERT	207.85	-5.25	-2.46
APLAPOLLO	1458.3	-34.5	-2.31	DEEPAKNI	280.8	9.5	3.5
APLTD	646.15	5.65	0.88	DELTAACORP	216.75	0.45	0.21
APOLLOHOSP	1046.65	25.55	2.91	DENABANK	16.85	0.4	2.43
APOLLOTYRE	230.05	4.5	2	DHANUKA	452.35	-1.3	-0.29
ARVIND	344.85	-14.8	-4.12	DHFL	307.7	-92.3	-23.49
ASAHINDIA	323.25	-4.1	-1.25	DISHTV	59.15	0.15	0.25
ASHOKA	116.1	2.25	1.98	DIVISLAB	1388.15	27.9	2.05
ASHOKLEY	121.9	1.55	1.29	DLF	177.65	-7.15	-3.87
ASIANPAINT	1290.95	25.1	1.98	DMART	1422.2	-27.6	-1.9
ASTRAL	1011.25	-8.15	-0.81	DREDDY	2607.2	54.9	2.15
ATUL	3152.75	-15.15	-0.48	ECLERX	1101.8	8.55	0.78
AUNBANK	617.3	0.05	0.01	EDELWEISS	218.2	1.5	0.69
AUROPHARMA	760.35	29.9	4.09	EIDERMOT	25613.65	-337.7	-1.3
AVANTI	409.15	-3.9	-0.94	EIDEPARRY	221.25	5.85	2.72
AXISBANK	615.25	17.7	2.96	EIHOTEL	152.9	-1.1	-0.71
BAJAJ-AUTO	2787.95	31.6	1.15	ELGIEQUIP	265	-5.8	-2.14
BAJAJCORP	443.5	-14.5	-3.17	EMAMILTD	509	-9.65	-1.86

### BSE: GAINERS

Current (Chng %)	BSE: GAINERS
82.30 (6.88)	BALRAMCHIN
415.50 (6.06)	M&MFIN
702.25 (5.56)	BIOCON
30.60 (5.52)	ANDHRABANK
390.05 (5.46)	HDFCLIFE

### NSE: GAINERS

Current (Chng %)	NSE: GAINERS
1,186.10 (3.26)	KOTAKBANK
1,773.35 (3.18)	HDFC
272.50 (3.08)	SBIN
1,638.00 (2.99)	HINDUNILVR
886.15 (2.95)	LUPIN

### NIFTY NEXT 50

SCRIP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
ICICIPRULI	330.05	353.75	325.65	351.95	17.5
ABB	1,416.00	1,450.00	1,345.00	1,448.00	59.65
MOTHERSUMI	257	266	253.35	265	10.75
SRTRANSFIN	1,120.00	1,202.00	1,104.75	1,182.30	47.05
AUROPHARMA	735.05	770.95	732.55	760.9	29.55
BOSCHLTD	19,520.50	20,550.00	19,520.50	20,500.00	794.4
MRF	64,677.00	67,100.00	63,125.00	67,100.00	2,532.00
SIEMENS	920	953.4	910.55	953.4	33.75
BRIITANIA	5,625.00	5,811.30	5,482.05	5,800.00	198
AMBUJACEM	218	227.4	215.9	225.35	6.7
RECLTD	97.8	101.8	96.2	101	2.95
ACC	1,516.00	1,570.80	1,501.00	1,570.00	42.55
SAIL	73.5	75.4	72.3	75.2	1.9
HINDZINC	295.2	305.8	292.15	305.05	7.7
PFC	79.1	81.5	78.05	81.1	2.05
CADILAH	386.7	396.1	382.05	395	9.95
LICHSGFIN	421	441.4	416.85	436.6	10.1
MCDOWELL-N	520	535			

# Give enabling condition, stick to FTA: China tells Maldives

**BEIJING**  
A wary China on Tuesday hoped that the Maldives' new Government will provide an "enabling environment" to Chinese companies and stick to the controversial Free Trade Agreement (FTA) Beijing had signed with the now outgoing President Abdulla Yameen.

China congratulated the Maldives for holding successful elections in which Ibrahim Mohamed Solih of the Maldivian Democratic Party (MDP) defeated incumbent Yameen, perceived to be close to Beijing.

The MDP was critical of increased Chinese investment and the FTA which was rushed through the country's Parliament without debate last year.

"China congratulates the Maldives on its successful Presidential election and as

well as Solih's victory. We respect Maldives people's choice and we hope the country can maintain stability and development," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Geng Shuang said.

"As to the FTA signed between China and the Maldives, we believe we have always encouraged the Chinese to invest and operate in accordance with the market-based rules and the regulations.

"And we hope the Maldives will maintain consistency and stability of their policy and create an enabling environment and atmosphere for the Chinese operation there," Geng added.

"China and Maldives signed an FTA. China will work with the Maldives to ensure the sound implementation of FTA and expand trade and investment cooperation between both the sides for

greater benefit and development of people of both the nations," Geng said.

The Chinese Ministry later clarified that the FTA was yet to come into effect.

Geng was responding to a question on whether China was worried over the election of the new government which might renegotiate deals signed by Yameen's government.

The Maldives sits on one of the world's busiest shipping lanes in the Indian Ocean where both India and China vie for influence.

The Maldives has always been a traditional ally of India. But under Yameen's presidency, the country moved closer to China, worrying New Delhi.

China, which didn't even have an embassy in Male until 2011, has stepped up its engagement in the country by building bridges, airport and high-end housing complexes.

# Iran video threatens missile strikes on UAE, Saudi Arabia

**TEHRAN**  
An Iranian media outlet close to the country's hard-line Revolutionary Guard published a video Tuesday threatening the Capitals of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates with missile attacks, further raising regional tensions after a weekend militant attack on a military parade in Iran.

The video tweeted and later deleted by the semi-official Fars news agency comes as Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei blamed Riyadh and Abu Dhabi for the attack in the city of Ahvaz on Saturday that killed at least 25 people and wounded over 60.

The threat amplifies the unease felt across the greater Persian Gulf, which is seeing Iran's economy upended in the wake of America's withdrawal from Tehran's nuclear deal with

world powers and Saudi and Emirati forces bogged down in their yearslong war in Yemen.

The video shows film footage of previous ballistic missile attacks launched by the Guard, then a graphic of a sniper rifle scope homing in on Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates and Riyadh in Saudi Arabia. The video also threatened Israel.

"The era of the hit-and-run has expired," Khamenei's voice is heard in the video, the segment taken from an April speech by the supreme leader.

"A heavy punishment is underway," Iran has fired its ballistic missiles twice in anger in recent years. In 2017, responding to an Islamic State attack on Tehran, the Guard fired missiles striking targets in Syria. Then, earlier this month, it launched a strike on a meeting of Iranian Kurdish separatists in northern Iraq.

The Guard, a paramilitary

force answerable only to Khamenei, has sole control over Iran's ballistic missile program.

Under Khamenei's orders, Iran now limits its ballistic missiles to a range of 2,000 kilometers, which gives Tehran the range to strike Israel, Gulf countries like Saudi Arabia and the UAE, as well as regional American military bases.

Saturday's attack targeted one of many parades in Iran marking the start of the country's long 1980s war with Iraq, part of a commemoration known as "Sacred Defense Week."

Militants disguised as soldiers opened fire as rows of troops marched past officials in Ahvaz.

Arab separatists in the region claimed the attack and Iranian officials have blamed them for the assault. The separatists accuse Iran's Persian-dominated government of discriminating against its ethnic Arab minority.

# Israel to keep fighting Iran in Syria, coordinating with Russia: Netanyahu

**Jerusalem**: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu pledged Tuesday to continue combatting Iranian "entrenchment" in Syria and coordinating with Russia after the downing of one of Moscow's planes.

"We will continue to act to prevent the Iranian military entrenchment in Syria, and continue the security coordination between the Israel Defence Forces and Russian army," Netanyahu told reporters.

On September 17, Syrian air defences mistakenly shot down a Russian military plane following an Israeli raid in Syria, killing 15 people. Moscow has blamed the friendly fire incident on Israeli pilots using the larger Russian plane as "cover."

Israel disputes the Russian findings and says its jets were back in Israeli airspace when the plane was downed.

Russia announced new security measures to protect its military in Syria, including supplying the Syrian army with an S-300 air defence system and jamming radars of nearby warplanes.

Those moves prompted Netanyahu on Monday to warn Putin against "transferring advanced weapons systems into irresponsible hands." Speaking at the airport before travelling to New York for the United Nations General Assembly, Netanyahu stressed Israel's "great success" in preventing Iranian military entrenchment in Syria and the transfer of advanced arms to Hezbollah in Lebanon over the past three years.

# GLOBE TROTTER

**AFGHAN 'CLERIC' FACES STONING DEATH OVER SEX TAPES SCANDAL**  
Afghanistan: A self-proclaimed cleric in Afghanistan, who allegedly filmed himself having sex with women, is on the run after the videos went viral on social media, prompting religious leaders to order his death by stoning. Mullah Rasool, a traditional healer who wrote amulets for clients in a village in the northwestern province of Faryab, is accused of sexually exploiting and raping several women who had gone to him for help.

**TRUMP SAYS US WILL ONLY GIVE AID 'TO OUR FRIENDS'**  
United Nations: President Donald Trump said Tuesday that the United States would only give aid to countries that it regarded as allies. "We will examine what is working, what is not working, and whether the countries who receive our dollars and our protection also have our interests at heart," Trump said in a speech at the United Nations General Assembly.

**US IMPOSES SANCTIONS ON VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT'S WIFE**  
Washington: The US Treasury Department announced Tuesday that it is imposing sanctions on the wife, vice president and other close associates of Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro's inner circle. Treasury named Cilija Adela Flores de Maduro, a former attorney general and the president's wife, as one of the figures who has helped Maduro retain his grip on power, along with Vice President Delcy Rodriguez.

# Kavanaugh denies sexual misconduct allegations, says never assaulted anyone

**WASHINGTON**  
US President Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee Judge Brett Kavanaugh has said that he "never sexually assaulted anyone" and always treated women with dignity and respect, as he sought a fair process to defend his "integrity" over the mounting sexual misconduct allegations that have put his confirmation into jeopardy.

Two women - Christine Blasey Ford and Deborah Ramirez - have come out publicly in the last 10 days, alleging that they were sexually assaulted by Kavanaugh 36 and 25 years ago respectively.

"I have never sexually assaulted anyone, not in high school, not ever. I have always treated women with dignity and respect," Kavanaugh said on Monday as he broke his long silence on the issue.

"Listen to the people who have known me best through my whole life, the women who have known me since high school, the 65 who overnight signed a letter from high school, saying I always treated them with dignity and respect..." he told Fox News as he gave his first interview along with his wife.

"I am looking for a fair process, a process where I can defend my integrity and clear my name. And all I am asking for is fairness and that I'd be heard in this process," Kavanaugh, 53, said.

Kavanaugh and his first accuser 51-year-old Ford, a professor at Palo Alto University, are scheduled to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday.

The Democrats are asking for an FBI investigation into the incident, which so far has been stonewalled by the Republicans and President Trump.

# Pakistan unlikely to change its behaviour over terrorism: Haqqani

**WASHINGTON**: The Pakistani leadership defines terrorism differently than the US Government and is unlikely to act against all terrorist groups as demanded by Washington, Pakistan's former Ambassador to America Husain Haqqani has said.

In an article in the journal 'American Interest', Haqqani said that Pakistani leaders' view of their country's interests in Afghanistan, differ vastly from those of the US and that limits the prospects of cooperation in ending the Afghan war.

"Pakistan's leadership defines terrorism differently than the US government and thus is unlikely to act against all terrorist groups, as (Secretary of State) Mike Pompeo demanded," Haqqani, who is now the Director for South and Central Asia at Washington-based Hudson Institute, said.

Pakistan's Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi is scheduled to meet Pompeo on October 2 to further discussions.

# Trump says he wants to hold second summit with Kim

**WASHINGTON**: US President Donald Trump has said he expects to hold a second summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong-un "in the not too distant future" over the progress in the denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula and praised him for being "very open and terrific".

The two leaders held their first historic meeting in Singapore in June but the details of their agreement over disarmament were vague, with no timeline or indication on how the steps towards denuclearisation would be achieved.

"I am going to be meeting with Chairman Kim in the not-too-distant future. The location is being worked on, the time is being worked on, and we will be announcing it," Trump told reporters during a meeting with his South Korean counterpart Moon Jae-In in New York on the sidelines of the annual UN General Assembly.

# US documents systematic violence against Myanmar Rohingya

**UNITED NATIONS**: The US said Monday it had found evidence of systematic violence by Myanmar's military against the Rohingya minority, including widespread killings and rape.

The State Department released the report just as the US announced USD 185 million in new funding for Rohingya refugees during a meeting at the United Nations on Myanmar.

The State Department study, based on interviews in April with 1,024 Rohingya adults who have taken refuge in neighbouring Bangladesh, provided accounts consistent with reports from human rights groups but kept largely to dispassionate descriptions of events.

The report notably did not use the terms genocide or ethnic cleansing to describe the mass killings of the Rohingya, a mostly Muslim group concentrated in Rakhine state that is despised by many in Buddhist-majority Myanmar and who are not considered citizens.

# First Sikh guardsman tests positive for cocaine, could be expelled from UK Army

**LONDON**: A 22-year-old Sikh soldier, who created history by becoming the first to wear a turban during an annual parade to mark British Queen Elizabeth II's birthday ceremony, could be kicked out from his post after he was tested positive for cocaine, according to a media report.

Charanpreet Singh Lall made headlines across the world for wearing the turban during the Trooping the Colour in June.

However, last week he failed a random drugs test at his barracks, with insiders claiming he registered "high levels" of cocaine, *The Sun* reported.

"Guardsman Lall has been discussing it openly in the barracks. The Guards carry out public duties at the Palace, it's disgraceful behaviour," a source was quoted as saying by the report. "It is for his commanding officer to decide if he gets the boot - but anyone caught taking Class A drugs can expect to be dismissed."

# Nearly 170 activists charged with forming 'Bahrain Hezbollah'

**DUBAI**: Bahrain's attorney general charged nearly 170 activists on Tuesday with forming a Shia "terrorist organisation" named after Lebanon's famed Islamist movement Hezbollah.

The small but strategic Gulf Arab kingdom has been dogged by persistent low-level violence since 2011 when its Sunni minority rulers bloodily suppressed Shia-led peaceful protests for a constitutional monarchy with an elected Prime Minister.

The authorities have repeatedly accused Islamic Republic of Iran and its allies, including Hezbollah, of fomenting the unrest. Iran denies the charge.

Attorney General Ahmad al-Hamadi said 169 people, 111 of whom are in custody, will be tried for "forming a terrorist organisation... Under the name Bahrain Hezbollah" in collaboration with the

Iranian intelligence services. Hamadi did not specify when the trial would open or when the defendants had been arrested. But he said some of them were accused of travelling abroad to receive training in weapons and explosives from Iran and its regional allies.

Analysts have expressed scepticism about previous Bahraini allegations of Iranian and Hezbollah involvement. Hezbollah is one of the best trained and equipped militant groups in the world, while most of the Bahrain violence has consisted of throwing stones and petrol bombs at police patrols or planting crude pipe bombs.

The authorities have closed most peaceful avenues for protest, banning the main Shia Islamist movement Al-Wefaq, which was the largest bloc in parliament, and throwing dozens of its leaders behind bars.

**MUNICIPAL CORPORATION GURUGRAM**  
DETAIL NOTICE INVITING TENDER  
No. EE-WSS-IMCG/2018 Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Tender is invited for purchase of below mentioned items in single stage two cover system i.e. Request for Pre-Qualification/Technical Bid (online Bid under PQQ/Technical Envelope) and Request for Financial Bid (comprising of price bid Proposal under online available Commercial Envelope):-

Sr. No.	T. No.	Description of work / Items	DNIT Amount	EMD to be deposited by Bidder	Tender Document Fee & e-Service Fee (Rs.)	Tender document Download and Bid Preparation / Submission	Start Date	Expiry Date
1	99740	Laying of Distribution pipe line 100mm on the Gali No. 9,10,11 & 13 -15 in Shivaji Park under MCG.	605429/-	12150/-	1000+1000 = 2000/-	22-09-2018 17:00 PM	08-10-2018 12:00 PM	
2	99741	Raising of slab portion on existing manhole in Hari Nagar, Ward No. 23, Zone -I, Gurugram & all other works contingent thereto.	885561/-	17750/-	1000+1000 = 2000/-	22-09-2018 17:00 PM	08-10-2018 12:00 PM	
3	99746	Laying of Distribution water supply pipe line 100mm in 8 Maria (around park and near House of Kumar Studio) Ward No.20, Zone -I, under MCG.	626702/-	12550/-	1000+1000 = 2000/-	22-09-2018 17:00 PM	08-10-2018 12:00 PM	
4	99763	Providing internal sewerage system in the various streets of Gandhi Nagar, Gali No.12, Gurugram, Ward No.22 Laying of S.W. pipe sewer of size 250mm I/d construction of manhole & all other works contingent thereto.	808257/-	16200/-	1000+1000 = 2000/-	22-09-2018 17:00 PM	08-10-2018 12:00 PM	
5	99767	Miscellaneous work (i.e. laying of S.W. pipe, casting of slab, Replace & Raising of M.H. cover with frame, construction of new M.H. and replacement of damage sewer line at various location in Ward No. 21, 22, 23, 24 and 27 under Zone -I Gurugram).	588775/-	11800/-	1000+1000 = 2000/-	22-09-2018 17:00 PM	08-10-2018 12:00 PM	
6	99770	Repair of Suction-cum- Jetting Machine in Zone-I under MCG.	513066/-	10300/-	1000+1000 = 2000/-	22-09-2018 17:00 PM	08-10-2018 12:00 PM	

1. Tender will be opened as per K.G. dates.  
2. The detail tender notice and Tender Document can be seen on website: <https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in> and download online from the Portal: <https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in> by the firms/individual registered on the Portal.  
3. Possession of Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) and registration of the contractors on the portal i.e. <http://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in> is a prerequisite for e-tendering.  
4. For any other queries please contact Executive Engineer-WSS, Municipal Corporation Gurugram. No. 9621395204.  
5. As the Bids are to be submitted online and are required to be encrypted and digitally signed, the Bidders are advised to obtain Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) at the earliest. For Further details, the Bidders should follow "Instruction to the Bidder", given in DNIT on the above said portal.

For & on behalf of Commissioner  
Executive Engineer-WSS-I,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Gurugram

RO No. 72111 Dt. 25-09-2018

**SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE**  
**ICICI Bank**  
ICICI Bank Limited

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

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

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Kapil Bajwa / Shoe World Bajwa Exports / Kunal Bajwa / Joginder Pal Bajwa / Karan Bajwa / LBAGR0001994367	Prop No. SCG- 044, Tower-G, The Sky Court Sector- 86, Gurgaon-122004 / September 19, 2018	September 11, 2015 Rs. 45,82,542/-	Delhi/ Ncr
2.	Sudip Roy / Aarti Roy / Rekha Roy / LBDEL00001987440	Appartment No. PMA322 And Its Parking In The Primus, Dlf Garden City, Sector 82 A, Gurgaon And / Or Appartment No. A322, 32nd Floor, Block A, Dlf Garden City, Sector 82 A, Gurgaon-122004 / September 19, 2018	May 29, 2018 Rs. 92,91,539/-	Delhi/ Ncr
3.	Udaypreet Bajaj / Mahendra Pal Singh / LBGUR0003087317	Flat No 102 Tower 16 1st Floor Pyramid Urban Homes Village Palra Sector 70a Gurgaon 122001 / September 19, 2018	February 28, 2018 / Rs. 9,14,088/-	Delhi/ Ncr

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

Sd/-  
Authorized Officer  
ICICI Bank Limited

Date: 26-Sep-2018  
Place: Delhi/ NCR

**HDFC BANK** Department for Special Operations, 11nd floor, Indian Express Building, 9-10, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110002

**POSSESSION NOTICE**

Whereas the Authorised Officer of HDFC Bank Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice calling upon the following guarantors/mortgagor to repay the amount mentioned in the demand notice being within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The guarantors/mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the guarantors/mortgagors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act, 2002 read with rule 8 of the said rules for and on behalf of HDFC Bank Ltd. 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 guarantors/mortgagors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of HDFC Bank Ltd for an amount of dues outstanding together with interest thereon with costs and charges.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/Guarantor	Description of Mortgaged Properties	Date of demand Notice/ date of possession / amount Due
1.	Borrower- Mrs. Savemex Wholesale Club Private Limited (earlier known as M/s Golden India Expotrade Private Limited) (under insolvency vide order dated 28.03.2018 passed by NCLT, Delhi)	Property measuring 1.765 Hectare (4.36.13 Acres), comprised in Khata No. 286, Khasra No. 573 (1.267 Hectare) and Khata No. 289, Khata No. 572 (0.4980 Hectare), situated in future interest thereon @18 % PA Village Dalpatpur, Pargana & District Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh mortgaged by Mr. Gian Chand Aggarwal	Demand notice dated: 23-May-2018 Date of Possession: 20-Sep-2018 Amount Due to HDFC Bank Ltd.- Rs.48,23,60,442.07 (Rupees Forty Eight Crore Twenty Three Lakh Sixty and Four Hundred Forty Two Thousand Four Hundred Forty Two and Paise Seven Only) along with future interest thereon @18 % PA from 24-May-2018 and incidental expenses, cost, as per the sanction terms till the date of payment

Date - 20-Sep-2018 Place: Moradabad Authorised Officer, HDFC Bank Ltd

**MAHARASHTRA STATE Social Justice and Special Assistance Department**  
Tel No- 020-24456336 E MAIL- [spldswop@gmail.com](mailto:spldswop@gmail.com)

**NOTICE FOR E-TENDER**

**SUPPLY OF MEAL/FOOD FOR STUDENTS IN GOVERNMENT RESIDENCIAL SCHOOL**

Assistance Commissioner, social Welfare, Pune Government of Maharashtra invites proposals from reputed and experienced food providers to participate in the competitive bidding process to supply of meal/food for students in Government Residencial School in Pune district, Maharashtra State.

For the detailed Tender document, interested bidders should visit.  
<http://mahatenders.gov.in>

Tender Submission would be online and the deadline to submit the proposals is dt.24.9.2018 toll.00 A.M. up to 15.10.2018 to 16.00 P.M.

Sd/-  
Assistant commissioner  
Social Welfare, Pune.

Place:- Pune  
Date:-19.09.2018  
DGIPR/2018/2019/3150

**HARYANA SHAHRI VIKAS PRADHIKARAN**

DETAIL NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS  
SINGLE PERCENTAGE/ ITEM RATE ONLINE TENDER

On behalf of Haryana Shahri Vikas Pradhikaran Online E-Tenders on the website: <https://etenders.hry.nic.in> are hereby invited from the eligible contractors/firms enlisted with HSPV, PWD B&R, PHED, MES, CPWD & other central / State Govt. & other Govt. Department and undertaking of central & State Govt. in appropriate class/category for the works as mentioned below:-

Name of Work	Approximate value of works (Rs.)	Bid Doc. Cost	EMD (Rs.)	Download tender document and online bid submission	Tender to be opened on	Time limit for completion of work
Job No. 31/2018 Cleaning Desilting of Storm Water Drains on dividing road of Sec-38/39, 39/40, 40/41, 41/44, 40/45, 39/46, 38/47, 44/45, 45/466, 46/47 with high power Super Sucker Machine 250 HP to 400 HP in Urban Estate, Gurugram. "Cleaning/ Desilting of box drain size 9"x6" with high power Super Sucker Machine high power jetting 250 HP & water discharge of 440 LPM and jetting pressure 3000 PSI and high power suction with minimum 5500 air handing capacity and all other works contingent thereto". Including blockage free running mtc. for one year free of cost. (On risk & cost of M/ s Rubicon Inspection System Pvt. Ltd.).	Item Rate	1000/-	65900/-	21-09-2018 to 03-10-2018 upto 5:00 PM (Manual submission on 04-10-2018 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	05-10-2018	02 Months

Full details all terms & conditions for eligibility including the tender documents are available on the web site: <https://etenders.hry.nic.in> besides being available for reference at the office of the undersigned.

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF HSPV  
Executive Engineer,  
HSPV, Division No. VI, Gurugram.  
E-Mail:- [xenhdaggm@gmail.com](mailto:xenhdaggm@gmail.com)  
Office:-0124-4805697

RO No. 72095 Dt. 25-09-2018

**TENDER NOTICE**

**Notice Inviting Proposal for hiring of outsource agency for providing manpower**

Name of work: Empanelment of outsource agency for various needs.  
Scope of work: Approx. 50 to 100 engagements may be increased/decreased substantially.  
Earnest Money Deposit: 25,000/- in the form of DD favouring "Deputy Commissioner, Bhiwani".  
Terms & Conditions: The Eligibility criteria and other details can be downloaded from <http://bhiwani.gov.in>.  
Last Date: Interested agencies may submit their proposal at O/o City Magistrate, Bhiwani by 03:00PM on 04/10/2018 with complete documents as mentioned in terms & conditions.  
The bids will be opened on the same day at 04:00 P.M. at same place.

City Magistrate  
For Deputy Commissioner,  
Bhiwani.

RO No. 72090 Dt. 25-09-2018

# BE AN ENTREPRENEUR

Courses like BVoc in Entrepreneurship Skills empower aspiring entrepreneurs to be job creators rather than jobseekers. These courses mentor them to start and run a business, says **DR RAJENDRA KUMAR JOSHI**

**QUOTE OF THE DAY**  
**If a child can't learn the way we teach, maybe we should teach the way they learn**  
— Ignacio Nacho Estrada

## MSC AEROSPACE MATERIALS

The University of Sheffield, UK, is inviting applications for MSc Aerospace Materials course starting in September 2019.

Sheffield is in the heartland of the UK aerospace industry, meaning many international aerospace companies look to the Department to discover ways to improve both materials and processes for use in their products. Students will develop knowledge of the manufacturing, processing and properties of the metals and composite materials used in airframes and aero engines. Students will also be trained in the fundamentals of thermodynamics, structure and mechanical behaviour.

Fully accredited by the IOM3, graduates will have the underpinning knowledge for later professional registration as a Chartered Engineer (CEng). Students will be assessed by formal examinations, coursework assignments and a dissertation.

**Eligibility:** A good honours degree in materials, metallurgy, a physical science (chemistry or physics) or a related engineering subject. Overall IELTS grade of 6.5 with a minimum of 6.0 in each component, or equivalent.

**Fee:** The annual fee for overseas students starting in 2019 is yet to be confirmed. For 2018, it was £21,450. For more information, log on to <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/materials/masters/aerospace>.

## MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

The Talentedge, in collaboration with Mudra Institute of Communications (MICA), has launched a new one-year course with a comprehensive curriculum. This one-year online course is useful for the mid-career media and entertainment industry professionals and enthusiasts who want to update



themselves with the latest in the sector and enhance their relevance and performance. Live & interactive online sessions will be delivered by eminent MICA faculty and industry experts. Each topic will be taught with the help of case studies, live corporate examples and general discussions.

Enrolled students will also be provided access to the cloud campus through which students may access other learning aids, reference materials and assessments, case studies, projects and assignments as appropriate. Throughout the duration of the course, students will have the flexibility to reach out to the professors, real time during the class or offline via the cloud campus to raise questions and clear their doubts.

**Eligibility:** For Indian participants, Graduates or diploma holders (10+2+3) from a recognised university in any discipline. For International participants, graduation or equivalent degree from any recognised University in their respective country. Proficiency in English, spoken and written is mandatory.

**Fee structure:** For Indian residents, the fee is ₹125,000 plus GST and for international students, it is 2500 USD.

**How to apply:** Interested candidates can enroll by filling the online application form. For further information, visit <https://talentedge.in/mica/1-year-pg-certificate-program-media-entertainment-management-mica/>

**Important dates:** The last date to apply is October 5, 2018. The course will commence from February 6, 2019.

Ajay, a middle-class boy from Jaipur, was clear while choosing a skill university with a goal to master the skills needed to start his own establishment. But, he was confused as about the skill he should consider and also how to start his enterprise.

Many of us have the same dreams, but to follow them, we follow a lengthy approach which is to first graduate and then do an MBA. After academics, start exploring the shortlisted ideas, gather information, make feasibility reports, research and analyse the market in every possible way; everything by ourselves. After doing everything, there's still hesitation as it is his first venture. That's the story most students aspiring to become entrepreneurs.

There is a myth that skills' courses are meant for those who want to join jobs in their chosen skill sets. Aspirants ignore the bigger picture of enterprise development which academia, universities and the Government are trying to address by introducing courses like Bachelor of Vocational Education (BVoc) in entrepreneurship.

The Government has realised the value of start-ups and new entrepreneurial ventures as this is the only way to outperform on the global stage. India is home to 3,100 start-ups per year, ranking behind the US, the UK and Israel, according to a 2015 NASSCOM report. It is anticipated that India will be home to the 112 million working population in the age group of 20-24 as compared to 94 million in China. So many young brains at work will surely help the entrepreneurship ecosystem to prosper in the nation.

## ROAD AHEAD

The sector is expected to grow faster with the Government's thrust to support entrepreneurship in the country. New ideas and employment opportunities with good career growth is on offer to those who join this course.

The Government has introduced more than 50 new start-up schemes. A good number of institutions like National Institute of Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development, National Institute for Micro Small Medium Enterprises, Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship and Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India, Centre for Entrepreneurship Development

and Institute of Entrepreneurship development have been conducting short and long duration entrepreneurship development programmes.

Many States have come up with State Skill Development Corporations (SSDCs). The SSDCs and several other institutes are conducting programmes funded by Ministry of Skill and Entrepreneurship Development as per the qualification packs and national occupational standards.

Establishment of skill universities by many States has signalled the transformation of India's higher education with a strong tilt towards skills education to generate employment and to facilitate better industry-academia interface.



**BVOC IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP SKILLS WILL INCULCATE THE POSITIVE ATTITUDE, BUSINESS CULTURE & EMPOWER STUDENTS TO START MICRO ENTERPRISE**

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued instructions for offering BVoc, MVoc and PhD in Entrepreneurship Skills in the list of degrees that can be awarded by the universities under Section 22 of the UGC Act. However, over 800 universities in the country are still offering conventional degrees.

All skill universities, namely, Haryana Vishwakarma Skill University (HVSU), Institute of Leadership Development (ILD), Symbiosis Skills and Open University (SSOU), Team Lease Skills University (TLSU), Centurion University, Seacom Skills

University and Bhartiya Skill Development University have come together and formed an association of Indian Skills Universities. The objective is to convert the job seekers into job generators. This course will inculcate the positive attitude, business culture and empower the students to start their micro enterprise.

## SKILLS

A focused vocational skill development programme like BVoc in Entrepreneurship Skills will:

- Motivate students towards self-employment through positive Attitude.
- Equip the students with entrepreneurial skills and knowledge.
- Enable students to assess the commercial viability of new/existing business opportunities.
- Encourage students to start a micro enterprise.
- Enable the students to create an entrepreneurial environment by providing jobs.
- Enable the students to secure gainful wage employment if required.
- Permit the students to take up competitive exams of all nature at the Centre and State services like any other graduate.

The role of skill development universities doesn't end by just equipping students with the necessary skills. They also provide mentoring and support after completion of the course. Many institutes have established incubation centres to nurture the business ideas of the aspirant entrepreneurs, extend guidance, mentorship, proper handholding to start and run the business. Skill universities across the nation have tie-ups with their State skill ministry and allied Government bodies to help students in every possible way.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIRED

The eligibility for the programme is Class XII (10+2) passed with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics (PCM). Or Industrial Training Institutes (ITI) after Class X or Polytechnic diploma will be considered as equivalent to 10+2. Looking at the increasing demand, the UGC has now given BVoc courses a status equivalent to a graduation degree and the students after completing BVoc courses can definitely compete for Government jobs. Admission will be through an entrance exam or based on the merit of the qualifying the exam. One of the specialties of the BVoc courses is that they are modular in nature with multiple entry and exit points at certificate (after six months), diploma (after one-year), advanced diploma (after two-years) and BVoc (after three years).

It is a matter of importance for students to select the right avenue at the right time to make a successful professional career.

The writer is the founder, Bhartiya Skill Development University, Jaipur



## Training new managers

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Knolskape, an end-to-end learning and assessment platform for accelerated employee development, has partnered with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) to launch the First Time Manager Programme to train fresh managers. It aims to help high potential employees to take on leadership roles, address challenges and worries during the transition, and preparing new managers for a smooth passage into their new role, helping them get off to a good start.

The four-month-long programme, has been designed and delivered by Knolskape, is a combination of simulation-driven classroom sessions to be held in Kolkata and MCQ-based assessments addressing eight competencies:

- Master class 1: Influencing and Collaboration.
- Master class 2: People Acumen, managing performance and coaching.
- Master class 3: Managerial Communication and contextual leadership.
- Master class 4: Building trust and relationship.

Knolskape will deploy its AktivLearn gamified learning and assessment platform for this certificate programme. It will culminate in a graduation ceremony where learners will be awarded certificates to mark their readiness as managers.

Commenting on their partnership with Knolskape, Indrani Kar, head, CII-Suresh Neotia Centre of Excellence for Leadership (CII-SNCEL), said: "The purpose is to serve as a facilitator for development of leadership skills, attributes and business processes within organisation and the ecosystem through education, training, knowledge creation/dissemination. This programme will support managerial capability building by focusing on skills necessary to graduate from an individual contributor to a team leader towards driving high performance. It will equip debutant managers with skills necessary for managing the newage fluid team structures."

The pilot batch of the programme was launched on September 6, 2018 at CII-SNCEL, Kolkata with 20 participants from organisations such as PACCAR Industries, Narayana Hrudalaya, Voith Paper Technology (India) Private Limited, and Imerys Steelcasting India Pvt Ltd.

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The NIIT Limited, a global leader in skills and talent development, has launched Career Quest in Delhi-NCR to help youth find their dream careers. Career Quest is a platform where youth can explore and learn about newage careers programmes in Digital marketing, Data Analytics, IT, banking and Finance & Accounting and Business Analytics through NIIT career counselling.

The ongoing career coun-

## NIIT launches Career Quest

selling will take place across Delhi colleges till September 29, 2018.

The aim is to engage with the youth and counsel them on newage career options through activities and games. NIIT's expert counsellor will interact with students and help them to find a career best suited for them based on their aspirations and aptitude. Post the completion of the activities the students

will be given career guides to help them identify and explore various career options.

A tool — Career Navigator — has been designed to explore an individual's career aspirations and advise them on the best career path for their future. Any student aspiring to opt for aspirational career programmes at NIIT will have to undergo the navigator process.

Earlier this year, NIIT also

launched aspirational career programmes matching the future-ready talent requirements of the industry with ambitions of the generation next. These programmes include Advanced Programmes in Digital Marketing and Branding; Data Analytics and Predictive Modelling; Full Stack Software Engineering; Banking and Finance and Accounting and Business Analytics.

## Hunt for eligible engineers

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With an aim to identify the brightest, most talented engineers for multi-skilled, multi-functional roles, the Tata Consultancy Services recently conducted National Qualifier Test (NQT). It is an all-inclusive online campus hiring initiative on its digital platform TCS iON open to graduates and post graduates engineering students of the 2019 batch.

The NQT conducted on September 2-3, 2018, witnessed a massive response from students with over 2.8 lakh registrations across 100 cities in 24 States.

This year, TCS saw a 175 per cent increase in test applications compared to last year. The 90-minute NQT included questions on English language, Quantitative

Aptitude, Programming Concepts, and Coding. In order to support the students taking the test, TCS offered a mock test ahead of the exam and deep analytics on their preparedness.

Ajoyendra Mukherjee, EVP & Head, Global Human Resources, TCS, said: "TCS, through its NQT, followed an unprecedented democratic process in IT recruitment — giving all students, regardless of their institute and location, an equal opportunity to prove their passion for technology. At the same time, we worked closely with premium institutions and were successful in selecting the best talent. Besides a career in next-generation technologies, top performers in the NQT also qualify for a differentiated, entry-level hiring process called TCS Digital, with an even more attractive compensation package."

## Impact Week

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The Impact Week, a non-profit programme by Lufthansa Airlines which unites people to develop sustainable business models using Design Thinking, will be held at Shaheed Sukhdev College of Business Studies, University of Delhi from October 8 to 11, 2018. The programme helps the company employees into Design Thinking Coaches, equipping them with innovative ways of problem-solving. This six-day programme helps participants find, test and develop business ideas through a series of training workshops. The training is conducted in groups, where participating students form a team of five to seven people each with a total of 24 to 25 teams compete against each other. The training begins with a simple learning of principles of Design Thinking which is a proven innovation method by national and international coaches to tackle challenges in a variety of fields. This is followed by building of prototypes for the identified potential customers and their problems. The last day is meant for awards basis the three-minute pitch that the teams make in front of an international jury. In the end the jury announces five winning teams that receive prize money of 50,000 Euro and get access to the incubator. The programme also prepares and motivates students to engage in entrepreneurship and gives them platform to start their own business and find their role in the society.

## Empower women with cyber education

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Underlining the need to bolster the cyber-security ecosystem in the country, Microsoft India and the Data Security Council of India have launched CyberShiksha, a three-year programme to create a robust pool of skilled women professionals in the country. Supported by the Ministry of Information Technology's Information Security Education and Awareness, the programme recognises the growing potential of cybersecurity as a sunrise segment and the need for a large base of diverse industry ready talent.

The curriculum will comprise an interactive, four-month training course with a combination of theory, case studies and practical

hands on projects managed by a group of training partners led by Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC).

It will also include mentoring sessions and workshops with industry leaders; soft skills training and technical sessions by Microsoft employee volunteers. Campus interviews will be organised for students on successful completion of the course.

Around 1,000 women from underserved communities will be trained in ten locations across the country and offered employment opportunities. The course is open to women science graduates between the age of 20-27 years.

The first phase of the programme will be rolled out across Noida, Patna, Hyderabad and Mohali.

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On the occasion of the upcoming anniversary of Make In India initiative, monster.com has released the *Monster Salary Index (MSI)* report for the Manufacturing sector. At ₹230.9 per hour, Manufacturing is the only sector amongst the eight captured in MSI to see a notable increase (nine per cent) in median gross hourly salary. What's also interesting to note is that the median gross salary in the manufacturing sector in 2017 at ₹230.9 per hour is 5.2 per cent more than the overall median gross salary of India which is ₹219.4 per hour.

In 2017, manufacturing has also been the second highest-earning sector in India and with the exception of the IT sector, manufacturing also remains the

## Boost to manufacturing sector

only other sector that paid a median gross salary of above ₹200 per hour threshold.

The report observes that IT sector paid median wage at ₹317.6 per hour, the highest among all monitored sectors, but 17.8 per cent less than the last year. This is one of the reasons why more than half (51 per cent) weren't satisfied with their jobs. Some other aspects contributing to job dissatisfaction are commuting time, work-life balance, and working hours. Interestingly, employees in the IT sector are most satisfied with their relationships at work.

Sharing his views, Abhijeet Mukherjee, CEO, Monster.com, APAC and Gulf, said: "As Industry 4.0 contin-

ues to gain wider acceptance and reshapes the manufacturing industry, India is well positioned to become one of the largest manufacturing economies in the world. The momentum is mirrored by the increased median gross hourly wage recorded for the manufacturing sector in the Monster Salary Index. There are already clear signs of green shoots sprouting in pockets of local manufacturing in sectors as diverse as steel, auto, chemicals and energy and this is also reflected in the 60 per cent year-over-year growth in online hiring in the production and manufacturing sector till July 2018, as reported by Monster Employment Index."

Mukherjee added, "The advent of automation and AI has brought about some uncertainty, but job creation is expected to continue with an impetus on upskilling and re-skilling the current workforce. The IT and BFSI sectors have shown a correction in wages and it isn't surprising that pay satisfaction is low with only over 40 per cent of employees satisfied with their salaries. While these sectors have shown an upward trend in hiring activity as per Monster Employment Index, companies could consider relooking at salaries in these sectors to boost employee satisfaction."

Talking about the report, Prof Biju Varkkey of IIM-Ahmedabad said, "Given the reinvention jobs are undergoing, insights from MSI equips both employers and employees to anticipate changes in the job and salary scenario better."

## AWARD FOR INNOVATION



Bhupesh Daheria, CEO Aegis School of Business, Data Science, Cyber Security & Telecom

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India is portrayed as a conspicuous innovative hub for rising brilliance and virtuosity. However, we often questioned the panache and endowment of our countrymen for being at power to innovate. The Aegis School of Data Science, Cyber Security and Telecom, key innovators and veterans of the industry, realised that it is important to recognise that the Indian innovators and their innovations are changing the lives of millions.

This year, Aegis will be encouraging innovations in Telecom and Mobile Categories from September 24 to 28, 2018 in Delhi and "Focus and Tech Categories" from November 12 to 16, 2018 in Mumbai who will compete for the prestigious Aegis Graham Bell Award and the winners will be facilitated at Aegis Graham Bell Award Ceremony on January 18, 2019.

Innovations will be presented in front of the ninth edition of Aegis Graham Bell Awards first jury round. The jury members are Dr Abhijit Gangopadhyay, founding Dean, IIM Indore & dean, Aegis School of Business, Data Science, Cyber Security and Telecom; Ved Prakash Chandan, director, Aegis School of Business, Data Science, Cyber Security & Telecom; Sudhir Gupta, former secretary, TRAI; Vimal Wakhlu, former CMD, TCIL; Cmde Dr J Jena, deputy DG, Cellular Operators Association of India; Tilak Raj Dua, director general, Tower and Infrastructure Providers Association; Rakesh Kumar Upadhyay, former CMD, BSNL; Pawan Garg, former chairman, ITU APT Foundation; Satya Gupta, Next Generation Network Guru amongst others.

Bhupesh Daheria, CEO,

The advent of new technology and Internet penetration is changing the way students want to learn today. It is time we modify our approach to teaching so that it becomes a win-win for all concerned, says VARUN SAXENA

# THE EDUCATION SHIFT

Traditional education has taken a back seat. As we move towards 2022 where online education is expected to cross \$40 billion market potential in India, classroom education in itself will not suffice the career-oriented educational needs. The advent of new technology has even led to traditional educators modify their psychology and approach to teaching and make suitable for the current generation's needs.

Demand for customised education has led to better and more innovative teaching methods and the access to the Internet with pull-based content creation approach has created a philosophical shift in teaching methods and completely remodeled the traditional classroom. Every student has a different ability to learn. With easy access to the Internet and free educational materials, it becomes important that educators capitalise the need for customised learning.

With schools getting more involved in developing the overall character of their students and works in MNCs becoming more time consuming, students at all levels have actually lost the will and time to sit in classrooms or to follow a fixed timetable for every little thing. Even food gets delivered at the doorstep at any point of the day, so it is only fair that students expect the same in education.

The penetration of the Internet,

laptops and smartphones is a blessing for educators in this regard.

The ability to design online learning platforms which offer smooth experience to students even at low Internet speeds has been an icing on the cake. There are some learning platforms that benefit students from the remote areas of Kashmir, Alleppey, Manali and Nagaland to name a few. Such courses and opportunities have been encouraging for youth who has carved out a new way to learn and grow.

## CUSTOMER ENGAGEMENT

The traditional education method was largely focused on making the students learn everything to make them skilled workers but now this has shifted to ensure that the students are taught to learn basis what they want to learn.

This shift in the ultimate aim of education is the result of increased customer engagement on a one to one basis with the educator. Now, students can interact on a one to one basis with their trainers and educators like never before.

The rise of Google Plus, YouTube and other free sources of learning on the Internet are an enabler for the students in this, learning on their own process. Once you teach a student how he can teach himself without assistance, he or she can train himself



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with any skill required.

The increasing demand for skill up courses in professional, through online methods, where they use self-paced, non-classroom methods to train themselves in industry-relevant skills is a huge testament to this fact.

## EDUCATORS ARE THE LINK

The increasing importance of technology does not in any way mean that the role of teachers or educators has become obsolete. Rather, it has now become even more important. Technology acts as a better enabler which caters to the shift in the consumer behaviour in the education sector, but the key decision-making element is still the content. The availability of free access to content is just an indication that the teachers/educators now need to work harder and create user-specific and up-to-date content.

Although Artificial Intelligence (AI) is also being used to act as instructors in some areas, for example, the US Navy has used AI programmes to educate its entry-level IT Professionals. But even if AI develops as a medium of instruction, even it will need skilled educators to program them, so the role of educators with this philosophical shift has become all the more pivotal and crucial.

## A WIN-WIN FOR ALL

It is not that the need for personalisation or increased customer engagement is a pain to the educators. Rather, this philosophical shift kicked in by technology, is a boon even for the educators.

For starters, the cost of course creation and distribution has reduced drastically. It is usually a one-time cost with changes kick-

ing in only when the content needs to be updated. The only place where the cost or where the attention, from the educator's end, has improved, is the need to maintain interpersonal relationships, bringing more skilled and thoughtful educators and better technological interface. But, even then the ROI of educators is now on a rise. Even working professionals and industry experts, with a knack for teaching, are now designing courses and hosting them on these new education portals. They are now fulfilling their longtime dream of contributing to the field of education, without giving up the comforts of their jobs, earning additional revenue and in turn imparting valuable industry knowledge to the students.

Students also reap the benefits as more and more self-paced courses on industry-based skills have come up and owing to the lower costs the course fees have seen a major reduction.

## ROLE OF INDUSTRY

No education system in a country like India can survive without the endorsement of industry, which further translates into job opportunities and better living standards. It is encouraging to see how the Indian Industry has recognised this paradigm philosophical shift in learning. Not only has industry started to partner with Online Learning Platforms to create and deliver content but has also started to collaborate and partner with platforms to absorb the learners on these platforms for fulfilling their requirement for upskilled professionals for the high growth career paths.

Technology is bringing in a philosophical shift, true but it is not the silver bullet. Its role in the field of education can't be ignored and will yield long-term returns only when it is coupled with the needs of the customer, strengthened with valuable customer relationships and meaningful customer engagement.

The writer is founder-CEO, Career Anna

# How to deal with bullying

Preparedness, prevention and early intervention are factors that can help youth, says DR ZIRAK MARKER

Nothing is strong as gentleness, and nothing is as gentle as real strength — RALPH SOCKMAN

Mental health concerns in our youth are on the rise. No matter what the age or grade of a child, all our children are vulnerable and as parents, we need to be cognizant of our child's emotional and psychological needs at all times. With a high increase in stress levels, substance abuse, adolescent suicides, exposure to social media and other factors that jeopardise their well being — preparedness, prevention and early intervention — are the key factors to equip us to save a life or just simply preserve our youth.

Fitting in and not standing out is an integral part of our Youth today in discovering who they are and amalgamating their identity.

Around 30-70 percent of school-going children experience bullying or peer pressure in some form or the other. However, only less than half of them report it. Whether it's emotional, verbal, physical, sexual or cyberbullying - it usually slips the parental radar because of the guilt, fear and shame that ride high in the victims.

Most children and adolescents never share as they feel embarrassed or threatened that it will get worse if reported. They go through extreme feelings of rejection and isolation.

Low self-confidence, anxiety and depression; lack of loss of interest and motivation; inability to focus or concentrate; disturbed appetite and sleep patterns and psychosomatic symptoms.

Bullies too, are perhaps victims themselves. They may come from dysfunctional homes/environments or just have behavioural patterns based on their narcissistic personality traits.

They force conformity and assert power so as to enhance control in a group setting. They wear a mask of dominance to hide or deflect their own complexes, insecurities or weaknesses. Being per-



Dr Zirak Marker, Medical Director Child & adolescent psychiatrist, Mpower

ceived as different themselves they usually target children they see as different or weaker.

What should We Do? From a very early age instill values and morals in our children to be more accepting and tolerant of various people and situations around us.

To be devoid of discrimination and bias — based on gender, religion, caste, disability, socio-economic background, skin colour or sexual orientation.

Instill the ability to step into the shoes of another person, aiming to understand their feelings and perspectives, and to use that understanding to guide our actions

Inculcate the concept of collective responsibility in schools and society — to stand up and not be a bystander especially when it is wrongdoing that's been witnessed.

Astringent disciplinary policies and counselling must be adopted in all educational institutes.

Let children know that someone else's behaviour is not a reflection of their weakness or their fault. The bully, victim and bystander need psychological assistance.

All need to feel safe, secure and accepted.

Decision making is an integral process of each day of our life. We take 100s of decision in a day — few within fraction of seconds, few take months; few in impulse, few after a lot of thinking and reasoning; few personal, few professional.

This is not in reference to this learning — the decision taken in seconds or in impulse, but the later part which takes lot of thinking, reasoning.

Over the time if one learns the art of thinking strategy referred as integrative thinking, one will naturally use the same in every decision he makes.

In process of making a decision we often don't know what to do. Our first

impulse is usually to determine which is right by the process of elimination, which is wrong. Nothing is wrong in the process, but today what appears right could be leading to eliminating a right by stating it wrong.

Let us see, where are probable possibilities in stages of decision-making where we tend to eliminate wrong which could be a brighter right.

There are four stages when it comes to decision-making. These are:

**Determining Possibilities:** The first step is figuring out which factors to take into account when considering an issue. Often one tends to discard as many as possible or

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not even consider some of them in the first place when considering an issue, considering it will help to narrow down to most possible solution as well reduce time involved, very importantly assuming it will make things easy. Remember complexity should be kept at bay.

**Analysing causality:** After defining possibilities, one applies a filter of relationship with each possibility, based on assumptions, past references and experience. One might not be aware of the

terminology called linear regression but we use it often while analysing possibilities.

**Envisioning the decision:** Every decision is a result of combination of events, actions, decisions. One often breaks down a problem into independent pieces and work on them separately or in a certain order.

**Achieving resolution:** All the above three, leads to an alternative which one accepts assuming it as the best possible alternative, even if one might not be cent percent satisfied. It is accepting between

either and or.

The complete decision-making process can be seen in a different light:

■ **Determining Possibilities:** Considering all possibilities and multiple opportunities even if it involves complexity and time.

■ **Analysing causality:** Looking at the glass not only as half filled or half empty, but thinking out of the box - encouraging innovation, new ideas, challenging status quo.

■ **Envisioning the decision:** Seeing the entire jigsaw puzzle — how the various parts

of it fit together, how one decision will affect another.

■ **Achieving resolution:** Thinking beyond of either and or. Starting back the entire thought process again even if it takes more time, delay in decision making and adding efforts.

There are opportunities to explore at every juncture — why miss it by seeing things through the same lens. Explore the world of possibilities — use the integrative thinking. There are various tools to facilitate integrative thinking.

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## STUDY CENTRES

With the increase in the number of high-rise buildings and malls in India, there are plenty of opportunities in lift technology or elevator technology. The technicians are trained professionals who can handle all the issues connected with the lift/ elevator the equipment in commercial, residential and industrial buildings. There are many ITI's run by the Government and ITC's run privately that conduct courses in Lift technology. Those who have successfully completed the course can work as lift engineers, supervisors and technicians. Depending on the experience and responsibilities, the remuneration varies between ₹25,000-₹50,000 per month.

The National Institute of Lift Technology is one of the major institutes in the private sector offering lift technology course. Other institutes where one can study are: **Jaju Industrial Training Centre (JAJU ITC), Ajmer. Course:** Lift Mechanic **NS Industrial Training Centre, Ernakulam. Course:** Lift Mechanic **St Xavier Industrial Training Centre, Thrissur. Course:** Lift Mechanic **Arulmigu Kalasalingam Industrial Training Institute, Krishnankoil, Tamil Nadu. Course:** Lift Mechanic

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**QUERY: My name is Jyotsna Vats. My date of birth is April 8, 1996. Please suggest the right career options for me, so that I can be successful in my life.**

**BHATT:** People born under Aries are born leaders. Eager, spontaneous, enthusiastic, you are downright fearless in facing any situation. You have a rebellious streak and like to do things in your own way.

You always remain at the forefront. The true Fire element in you raises its head whenever you are confronted with a challenge or pressure. Ultra competitive, you have all the energy and enthusiasm to take on the world, but because you are undisciplined, you tend to lose out on lucrative opportunities. Channelising the energy in the right direction is an art and you should learn it.

The biggest problem with you is lack of patience. You get frustrated when you have to wait. Your impatience becomes a major hurdle in your professional growth. Needing a constant change in life, you would do well as a doctor, dentist, lawyer, stock broker, or even a professional athlete.

**Business:** Having ambitious nature and eagerness to tackle new challenges, you would do very well as an entrepreneur. Hence, starting your own business is a good option for you.

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**Fitness trainer:** Anything having to do with competition or physicality is right up your alley. You can be a good fitness and personal trainer.

Most important quality that you need to learn or cultivate as you go along the career paths, is the ability to think through. We all know that hasty actions don't bear sweet fruit in business and in professional decisions. If you imbibe this learning, you can avoid taking regrettable career decisions or moves. Another vital lesson you have to learn is to finish whatever task you begin. However, whatever path you will choose to follow, it will lead to success.

## IN BRIEF

### SCHOOL SUPER LEAGUE

More than 800 schools from Delhi will compete with each other to win the city's top honour and a place in the nationals of India's biggest ever integrated school quiz show — Discovery School Super League by BYJU'S. Conceptualised at a never-before scale, the quiz show will reach out to 13,000-plus schools across India hosting the initial on-ground round, targeting 25 lakh students in the age-group of 8 to 14 years. After a strict funneling process, the top teams from across States will qualify for the 6-episode TV quiz show which will premiere on Discovery channel and Discovery Kids starting February 2019. The winners will get a special prize of an all-expense paid trip to NASA.

Mrinal Mohit, COO, BYJU'S, said, "We are excited with the response the quiz has generated. It is becoming bigger with each passing day. I wish all the students from Delhi all the very best."

### PROGRAMME ON AI/ML

The IIIT-Hyderabad Machine Learning Lab and TalentSprint have entered into an agreement with NASSCOM's Centre of Excellence for Data Science & Artificial Intelligence (CoE-DSAI) based in Bengaluru as an ecosystem knowledge partner. This association will support NASSCOM's initiative of creating AI/ML expertise among Indian IT Professionals.

As traditional, IT roles vanish, companies are betting big on AI and other deep tech areas to further growth. By 2021, approximately 75% of enterprise applications will use AI according to a report by IDC. Currently only 1% of the IT workforce has AI expertise.

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# Shahzad lifts Afghans spirit

Mohammad's brilliant century, Nabi's quick fifty steer Afghanistan to a competitive total



## Pak, B'desh lock horns in virtual semis

PTI ■ ABU DHABI

Smarting from back-to-back losses at the hands of arch-rivals India, Pakistan will have their task cut out when they lock horns with a tricky Bangladesh in a virtual semi-final of the Asia Cup here on Wednesday.

One of the two teams will be heading home after their final Super Four game at the Sheikh Zayed Cricket Stadium here and given the backlash they received after the reverses against India, former world and Asian champions Pakistan will be eager to raise their game.

While their batting has shown signs of improvement days after being bowled out for 160-odd runs, more needs to be done if they are to make the title clash, where India await.

The struggling batsmen would do well to take a cue from the seasoned Shoaib Malik, who has been one of the few impressive performers from the side in the continental tournament, which they have won two times.

However, Pakistan's biggest concern is the poor form of pace spearhead Mohammed Amir, who seems to have lost sting and is struggling to take wickets, which is his primary job, and which was reiterated by his skipper Sarfraz Ahmed on the eve of the group game against India.

Sarfraz's words did not have the desired effect as Amir and Co failed to deliver.

Pakistan will hope the team gets the job done against Bangladesh and regain confidence.

After their nine-wicket humiliation at the hands of India, coach Mickey Arthur said Pakistan

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have a huge task at hand.

"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.

Bangladesh managed to scrape past a spirited Afghanistan in a last-over finish to keep their hopes alive, and having produced decent performances, save the loss against India, they will fancy their chances against Pakistan.

### SQUADS

Pakistan: Fakhar Zaman, Imam-ul-Haq, Babar Azam, Sarfraz Ahmed, Shoaib Malik, Haris Sohail, Shadab Khan, Mohammad Nawaz, Faheem Ashraf, Hasan Ali, Junaid Khan, Usman Khan, Shaheen Afridi, Asif Ali, Mohammad Amir.

Bangladesh: Masrafe Mortaza, Shakib Al Hasan, Tamim Iqbal, Mohammad Mithun, Litton Kumar Das, Mushfiqur Rahim, Ariful Haque, Mahmudullah, Mosaddek Hossain Saikat, Nazmul Hossain Shanto, Mehidy Hasan Miraz, Nazmul Islam Apu, Rubel Hossain.

### PAK-B'DESH IN ODI

	Played	Pak won	Bang won
Total :	35	31	4
In Asia Cup	12	12	-
Last five matches	5	2	3

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MOST MATCHES AS SKIPPER IN ODI						
Player	M	W	L	T	N/R	Success%
Ricky Ponting (Aus)	230	165	51	2	12	74.78
Stephen Fleming (NZ)	218	98	106	1	13	48.16
MS Dhoni (India)	200	110	74	4	11	59.04
Arjuna Ranatunga (SL)	193	89	95	1	8	48.44
Allan Border (Aus)	178	107	67	1	3	61.23

Faisal Features

PTI ■ DUBAI

Mohammad Shahzad slammed the most significant hundred of his career to take Afghanistan to 252 for eight against India, lightening up the dead 'Super Four' rubber of the Asia Cup here on Tuesday.

While the other batsmen struggled, it seemed the unconventional Shahzad was batting on a different surface, hammering 11 fours and as many as seven sixes.

Later, the experienced Mohammad Nabi produced a handy knock, 64 off 56 balls, to ensure that Afghanistan put up a competitive total.

The undisputed star of the evening was wicket-keeper batsman Shahzad, who was no short of inspiration in the middle with his role model M S Dhoni standing behind the stumps.

While his opening partner Javed Ahmadi was even struggling to get a single, Shahzad thoroughly entertained the crowd with a barrage of big hits. He was ruthless especially against the rookie Indian pacers Khaleel Ahmed, Siddharth Kaul and debutant Deepak Chahar, who were played in place of the rested Jasprit Bumrah, Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Yuzvendar Chahal.

Chahal had a forgettable debut even though he picked up a wicket.

The other Indian players rested for the game were captain Rohit Sharma and his opening partner Shikhar Dhawan. Lokesh Rahul and Manish Pandey replaced them in the eleven and as fate would have it, Dhoni stepped on the field to captain India for the 200th time.

The pacers were guilty of bowling too full or too full and Shahzad made them pay.

## Eves sweep T20 series 4-0

PTI ■ KATUNAYAKE

Indian women ended their tour of Sri Lanka in style with a comprehensive 51-run win against the hosts in the fifth and final T20 International here on Tuesday.

India thus clinched the series 4-0 with the second match being abandoned due to rain.

Batting first, India scored a commendable 156 in 18.3 overs with skipper Harmanpreet Kaur smashing her way to 63 off 38 balls. Her innings comprised three fours and five huge sixes.

Jemimah Rodrigues, who had a dream series, contributed 46 off 31 balls with six boundaries and a six.

Sri Lanka were all out for 105 in 17.4 overs with leg spinner Poonam Yadav being the pick of the bowlers with 3/18 in 4 overs. Off-spinner Deepti Sharma and left-arm spinner Radha Yadav also chipped in with two wickets apiece.

The T20 series has all about Jemimah's coming of age performance for the senior side. Her sequence of scores in the T20 series is — 36, 57, 52 not out and 46.

During this match, along with her skipper, she added 75 runs in 7.1 over before a batting collapse hit India. Save the duo and ODI captain Mithali Raj (12), none of the others could reach double figures.

Off-spinners Shashikala Siriwardene



Jemimah Rodrigues celebrates after fifty

(3/19) and Priyadarshini Fernando (3/24) were the wreckers in chief. However, Harmanpreet's power hitting got India past 150-run mark.

Sri Lanka were never in the chase and their end came swiftly with last five wickets falling for only 11 runs.

From 94 for five, they were all out for 105 as most of their players went for need-less shots under pressure.

**Brief Scores:** India 156 all out in 18.3 overs (Harmanpreet Kaur 63, Jemimah Rodrigues 46, Shashikala Siriwardene 3/19, Priyadarshini Fernando 3/19)

Sri Lanka 105 in 17.4 overs (Poonam Yadav 3/18, Radha Yadav 2/14). India won by 51 runs.

India win five-match series 4-0.



Kuldeep Yadav, third left, celebrates with teammates after dismissing Afghanistan's captain Asghar Afghan for golden duck on Tuesday

for their mistakes. Most of his lofty shots were crossed-batted as he cleared his front foot to hit the huge sixes over deep mid-wicket.

He even had his luck on his side as he was dropped at mid-off on way to completing a half century. He surprisingly experienced the nervous 90s before finally reaching the three figures for the fifth time in ODIs, with a flick off Chahar towards the fine-leg boundary.

It was not a full-strength Indian bowling attack but that takes nothing away from Shahzad's sensational effort. His other ODI hundreds had come against Canada, Zimbabwe, Scotland and Netherlands.

Afghanistan would have been in deep trouble if it was not for Shahzad, who was running out of partners at one stage with his team reeling at 82 for four from 65 for no loss after Indian spinners Kuldeep Yadav (2/38) and Ravindra Jadeja (3/46) came into play. The chinaman was even on a hat-trick.

Shahzad was then joined by Gulbadin Naib (15 off 46) and the two shared a 50-run stand for the fifth wicket. After his dismissal, Nabi started plundering the bowlers, hitting four sixes and three boundaries to take help the team cross 250.

## YESTERDAY ONCE MORE: DHONI LEADS INDIA FOR 200TH TIME

PTI ■ DUBAI

Mahendra Singh Dhoni on Tuesday had a date with destiny as he got to lead India for the 200th time in ODIs, nearly two years after giving up captaincy on his own terms.

With skipper Rohit Sharma and his deputy Shikhar Dhawan being rested after four matches in six days, it was nothing but sheer destiny that India's most successful captain walked out alongside match referee Andy Pycroft and Afghanistan skipper Asghar Afghan for the toss in their Asia Cup game.

Dhoni has never bothered about milestones and that is why he remained unfazed while calling time on his Test career with 10 short of 100 matches, a benchmark for any cricketer worth his salt.

It didn't matter to Dhoni one bit even though he had no competition.

No wonder when the decision to quit ODI captaincy was announced in early January 2017, his fans were less surprised. It didn't matter that he had a chance to captain India in 200 ODIs.

But then if destiny had made an elaborate plan, it was not in Dhoni's hands to change the script.

"I was not really sure of where I am standing. I have captained in 199 ODIs, so this gives me an opportunity to make it 200. It's all destiny and I always believed in that," Dhoni said with a poker face when Russell Arnold posed the question at the toss.

Since numbers didn't matter during his halcyon days, it was all the more expected that it would matter even less when he is in the twilight of his illustrious career.

"It's not in my control, once I left captainship," he said when asked if he ever thought that he would be able to complete 200 ODIs as captain.

Then came the usual Dhoni answer.

"Good to complete 200, but I don't think it really matters," he sounded business as usual.

But people who were used to see him lead for 10 years were happy.

"He is hundred percent the most popular Indian captain," Sunil Gavaskar made the most telling statement.

## Indrajith's knock in vain as TN lose

PTI ■ CHENNAI

Skipper Baba Indrajith's superb knock of 101 went in vain as Tamil Nadu went to Jharkhand by eight runs in the Vijay Hazare Trophy Elite 'C' league here on Tuesday.

In another match, Services notched up its second straight win, humbling Bengal by eight wickets.

In the third match of the day, Gujarat outplayed Rajasthan by eight wickets, with spinner Hardik Patel's five wicket haul and Priyank Panchal knock of 84 coming to the fore.

In the Tamil Nadu-Jharkhand match, the latter chose to bat after skipper Ishan Kishan won the toss.

The talented Southpaw continued his hot form from Monday and gave the team a rollicking start.

Kishan made 85 off 87 balls (8x4, 3x6) and added 83 for the opening wicket with Anand Singh (52) and 104 with Virat Singh (48).

The experienced Saurabh Tiwary weighed in with a half century to power Jharkhand past the 300 mark.

Chasing 308 for a win, Tamil Nadu didn't have the best of starts as the aggressive N Jagadeesan was dismissed early.

Abhinav Mukund carved out a classy 63, but the loss of wickets pegged



Baba Indrajith bats during Vijay Hazare match

the hosts back.

Skipper Indrajith led a wonderful rearguard and kept Tamil Nadu in the hunt with his scintillating stroke-making, but could not carry the team over the line.

A minute's silence was observed before the start of the Bengal Vs Services match as a mark of respect to former BCCI president Biswanath Dutt, who passed away in Kolkata on Monday.

### BRIEF SCORES

**Bengal** 129 in 38 overs (Abhimanyu Easwaran 34, Anustup Majumdar 33, Varun Choudhary three for 23, Arjun Sharma three for 30 lost to Services 130 for two in 22 overs G Rahul Singh (lhb) 53 not out (50b, 5x4, 1x6), Rajat Paliwal (skipper) 58 not out (55b, 8x4, 1x6).  
Points: Services: 4; Bengal: 0.

**Rajasthan** 179 for nine in 50 overs; (Anand Bist 44, Chandrapal Singh 82 not out (95b, 3x4, 5x6), Hardik Patel (las) five for 22 (10-22-5) lost to Gujarat 180 for two in 40 overs Priyank Panchal 84 (112b, 9x4, 1x6) Kshitij Patel 89 not out, (110b, 9x4, 1x6).  
Points: Gujarat: 4; Team Rajasthan: 0.

**Jharkhand** 307 for eight in 50 overs (Anand Singh 52 (75b, 9x4) (No.2/wk/skipper) Ishan Kishan 85 (87b, 8x4, 3x6), Virat Singh 48, Saurabh Tiwary 54 (43b, 2x4, 4x6), C V Varun three for 61) beat Tamil Nadu 299 in 49.5 overs (Abhinav Mukund 63 (68b, 7x4, 1x6), B Aparajith 38, B Indrajith 101 (90b, 7x4, 1x6), B Anirudh Sitaram 46, Varun Aaron three for 63, Anukul Roy three for 55).  
Points: Jharkhand 4; Tamil Nadu 0.

# KOHLI, MIRABAI BASK IN KHEL RATNA GLORY

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

ace cricketer Virat Kohli sent the shut-bugs into a clicking frenzy as he received the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award, sharing the country's highest sporting honour with diminutive world champion weightlifter Mirabai Chanu at the Rashtrapati Bhawan here on Tuesday.

Star javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra, who won Gold medals in the Commonwealth and Asian Games this year, and junior world champion sprinter Hima Das were among the 20 sports persons, who received the Arjuna Award from President Ram Nath Kovind here.

The ceremony, which is traditionally held on August 29 to commemorate the birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand, was pushed to September 25 this year to avoid a clash of dates with the 18th Asian Games in Jakarta and

Palembang, which concluded on September 2.

Kohli was accompanied by his actor wife Anushka Sharma, his mother Saroj Kohli and his elder brother Vikas at the ceremony.

Kohli is the third cricketer to be honoured with the Khel Ratna after batting legend Sachin Tendulkar (1997-1998) and former captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni (2007).

The world's No 1 Test batsman as per the ICC rankings, has been in stupendous form in the past three years though he missed out of the top award despite nominations in 2016 and 2017.

Kohli received the Arjuna award in 2013 and the Padma Shri last year.

Sharing the top honours with him was Chanu, who had received the Padma Shri earlier this year, was chosen for the Khel Ratna following her Gold medal in 48kg category at the World Weightlifting



President Ram Nath Kovind confers Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award to Indian skipper Virat Kohli

Championships last year.

She also bagged the yellow metal in this year's Commonwealth Games but didn't compete at the Asian Games due to injury.

"It was a huge honour for me. I never expected I will receive the award so early in my career. It is one of the happiest moment



Mirabai Chanu receives Khel Ratna award from Prez

of my life," Chanu said.

Chanu, who missed the Asian Games due to a back injury, said she has started training again but will return to the international arena only in April next year.

"It's been a week that I have started training again. The doctors have advised me to go slow so I will miss the World Championships in November. I am expecting to return at the Asian Championships in next April," she said.

While the Khel Ratna award carries a prize purse of ₹ 7.5 lakh, the Arjuna awardees are given ₹ 5 lakh each along with a citation.

Besides the Khel Ratna and Arjuna awards, the President also gave away Dronacharya and Dhyan Chand awards to coaches, the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure awards, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy and Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar.

The awards, like every year, copped a fair share of controversies after wrestler Bajrang Punia's threat to move court over Khel Ratna snub being the most prominent one. He eventually backed down after meeting Sports Minister Rajyavardhan Rathore.

The Dronacharya Award was presented to eight coaches this year, including cricket mentor Tarak Sinha and 39-year-old boxing coach C A Kuttappa, who was credited by Vijender Singh for his historic Olympic Bronze in 2008.

The Dhyan Chand Award for lifetime sporting achievement was given to four former athletes.

Among the notable absentees was cricketer Smriti Mandhana and tennis player Rohan Bopanna, both of whom were to receive the Arjuna award. Mandhana is currently with the Indian women's team on its tour of Sri Lanka while Bopanna is playing an ATP event in Chengdu, China.

# Modric The Best

Croatian midfielder beats Cristiano and Salah to break Messi, Ronaldo's decade-long grip to win FIFA's best player year award

AP ■ LONDON

Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi were far from the auditorium by the River Thames when Luka Modric broke their decade-long grip on FIFA's award for the world's best player.

Football's biggest individual accolade was handed to the 33-year-old playmaker on Monday night in recognition of a year when he led Croatia to its first World Cup final and won a fourth Champions League title in five seasons with Real Madrid.

"It is very important, because for such a small country to win the best player award, it's something amazing and that shows other small countries that everything is possible," Modric said. "You just need to believe and to work for it. And that all dreams could come true."

It required voters to be more imaginative and not just make the predictable picks of Ronaldo and Messi, who split the previous 10 awards. Messi voted for Modric, while Ronaldo and Modric each voted for Real Madrid's Raphael Varane.



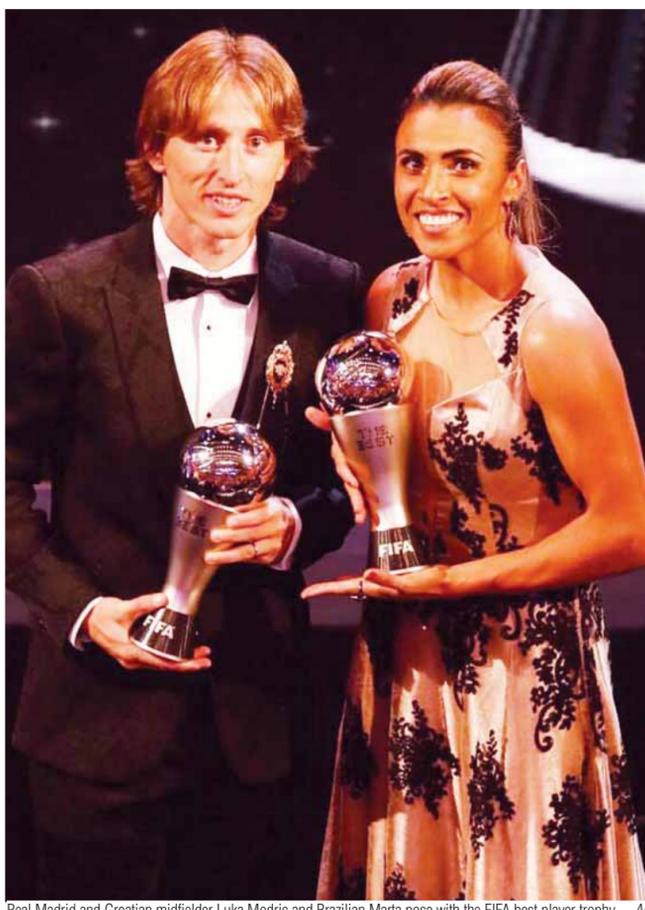
France's Didier Deschamps receives the Best FIFA Men's Coach award from Arsene Wenger

Brazil's Marta did become a six-time winner, earning the women's honor for the first time since 2010.

Another Brazilian, Kaka, had been the last player other than Messi or Ronaldo to claim the men's prize from FIFA, at the 2007 gala.

"We knew we were surrounded by two aliens that were just sharing these awards," Real Madrid and Spain defender Sergio Ramos said. "But I think it is also very positive to recognize the work, the career and the season of players that are not just strikers. I am really happy for Luka Modric."

Modric has had to accept playing in Ronaldo's shadow during six years at Madrid even as the 1.72 meters (5-foot-8)



Real Madrid and Croatian midfielder Luka Modric and Brazilian Marta pose with the FIFA best player trophy

technically-gifted Croatian's ingenuity on the ball and passing range made him as a key component in the team's European dominance.

Modric and Ronaldo on a third successive Champions League in May before achieving something far more unexpected: captaining Croatia to its first World Cup final.

"I would change all my individual trophies for that trophy of World Cup champion," Modric said, reflecting on the 4-2 loss to France in the final in July.

Modric, who joined Madrid from Tottenham in 2012, received 29 percent of votes from the coaches and captains of national teams, reporters and fans.

Ronaldo, who left Madrid in the off-



Host Idris Elba, center, poses with the 11 players of the top team with players David De Gea, Dani Alves, Marcelo, Sergio Ramos, Raphael Varane, Eden Hazard, N'Golo Kante, Luka Modric, Cristiano Ronaldo, Kylian Mbappe and Lionel Messi during the ceremony of the Best FIFA Football Awards in London on Monday

season to join Italian champion Juventus, was second with 19 percent. He captained European Portugal to a round-of-16 exit at the World Cup.

Mohamed Salah was third with 11 percent after scoring a record 32 goals in a 38-game English Premier League season for Liverpool, which reached its first Champions League final in 11 years.

France forward Kylian Mbappe was fourth and Messi fifth with just under 10 percent of the vote. Messi scored 45 goals for Barcelona, which won the Spanish title, but only netted once at the World Cup as Argentina was eliminated in the round of 16.

Messi and Ronaldo skipped the ceremony at London's Royal Festival Hall and sent no messages of congratulations to Modric on their social media accounts, which have hundreds of millions of followers.

"Two guys we don't know," actor Idris Elba, who hosted the show, said after highlighting the absence of Messi and Ronaldo. Former Croatia captain Zvonimir Boban, now a FIFA deputy secretary general, cried after being lauded by Modric from the stage.

"At this particular moment, I would like to mention my footballing idol and captain of Croatia generation 1998," Modric said, referring to the team that finished third in the nation's first World Cup appearance 20 years ago. "He was my big inspiration and that team gave us belief that we could achieve something great in Russia. Hopefully we can be the same for next generations."

## WOMEN'S AWARD

Marta won after leading Brazil to Copa America Femenina glory. The 32-year-old also scored 13 goals as Orlando Pride reached the NWSL playoffs.

"It was worth all the sacrifices," the striker said.

## COACHES

No French player was among the finalists but Didier Deschamps was voted manager of the year after becoming only the third man to win the World Cup as a player and coach.

Reynald Pedros, the Frenchman who led Lyon to French league and Champions League glory, became the first club coach to win the women's game award, previously exclusive to national-team managers.

## GOAL

Salah didn't leave empty-handed, earning the Puskas Award for his goal in the Merseyside derby last December. Salah's goal in Liverpool's 1-1 draw against Everton was a mixture of strength and footwork. Receiving a pass from right back Joe Gomez, Salah shrugged off Cuca Martina, twisted inside Idrissa Gueye and curled a left-footed shot around Ashley Williams and into the top corner.

## GOALKEEPER

Thibaut Courtois added the FIFA goalkeeper award to the Golden Glove he collected in Russia for helping Belgium to third place with three clean sheets. Courtois left Chelsea for Madrid after the tournament.



Juventus players pose for photo during training session

## Ronaldo turns to Juve challenge after FIFA snub

AFP ■ MILAN

Cristiano Ronaldo turns his focus back to Juventus's quest for a treble this season on Wednesday after losing out in the FIFA's best player of the year award.

He had been nominated for his superb overhead bicycle kick for Real Madrid against Juventus in last season's Champions League quarter-final, which even drew a standing ovation from Juventus supporters in Turin.

Juventus coach Massimiliano Allegri had backed Ronaldo — who has scored three goals in his last two league games — for the award, as he led the way in the Champions League with 15 goals to help Real to a third straight title.

"With no offence to Luka Modric, I'd give the Ballon d'Or to Ronaldo for what he did last season. I think he deserves it," said Allegri.

The Italian champions face a heavy week in Turin with three games in their Allianz Stadium in the space of seven days.

After Wednesday's game against 18th-placed Bologna, who shocked Roma 2-0 at the weekend, Juventus play Carlo Ancelotti's Napoli in a top-of-the-table clash on Saturday.

Juventus have had a perfect start to the season with five wins and 15 points — three points ahead of Napoli.

Allegri's side also play Swiss club Young Boys in the Champions League a week on Tuesday, a game which Ronaldo will miss after his controversial sending off against Valencia in Spain.

## ROMA CRISIS

Napoli host promoted Parma, before their trip to Turin, with an eye on their Champions League game against Liverpool in Naples.

"We won there (Juventus) last season and still finished second," said Napoli striker Lorenzo Insigne.

"If we don't win the midweek game with Parma, then the result with Juve is irrelevant, so we have to take it one at a time."

Under-pressure Roma host promoted Frosinone looking for a boost after slipping to 14th with their weekend defeat in Bologna.

Coach Eusebio Di Francesco has reportedly been given a week to save his job, starting against the newcomers from outside Rome, before the city derby against Lazio at the weekend.

Frosinone are second from the bottom of the table with 12 goals conceded, including two to Juventus last weekend.

Roma then host Czech club Viktoria Plzen in the Champions League next week, having lost their opener to holders Real Madrid.

## We have got better as tournament progressed: Bibiano

PTI ■ KUALA LUMPUR

Goalkeeper Niraj Kumar, who turned out to be the hero in India's goalless draw against formidable Iran in the AFC U-16 Championship, said Tuesday he was "confident" of saving the penalty.

Niraj, who saved a spot kick in the 76th minute, said that it was a "big challenge" to play Iran.

"I was confident that I would save the penalty," Niraj said.

"We were playing at a rhythm in the match and I had that confidence and the team support behind me.

"It is always a challenge to face Iran and we had to be on our toes defensively to put up with their swift forwards."

Head coach Bibiano Fernandes said the team has got better as the tournament progressed.

"We have got better and better as the tournament has progressed. The mistakes I had identified defensively in the game against Vietnam were not there against Iran," Bibiano stated.

The coach smiled when reminded that it was in 1984 when India had last held Iran to a goal-



less draw, in the Asia Cup Finals in Singapore.

As things stand now, India need a draw against current table toppers Indonesia to advance to the quarterfinals. Even a loss will earn them a quarter-final ticket if the other match between Iran and Vietnam, which kicks off at the same time, ends in a draw.

"We performed to the best of our abilities and though it would have been special if we would have

won, we are happy with a point and aim on our next opponents," Bibiano said, reflecting on India's three missed chances in the last five minutes.

"We had aimed for a win, but I am very pleased and happy with a point and a draw. As long as chances are created, goals would come. It would have been a worry if chances were not created," the coach added.

Defender Bikash Yumnam said

"it won't be easy against Indonesia".

"We were very compact defensively against Iran. We know we had to play together as a unit. Iran are very strong in attack but we devised a plan to counter that," he said.

"It won't be easy against Indonesia. They have very swift forwards. We will stick to our strategy against them. We will give our best."

Bibiano has been successful in developing a bunch of raw talent-

## INDIA'S YOUTH TEAMS ARE GOING TO ACHIEVE BIGGER THINGS: CHHETRI

NEW DELHI: Indian football captain Sunil Chhetri is highly impressed with the country's U-16 and U-20 sides, who have punched above their weight in recent times, and said they are capable of achieving bigger things in the future.

While the U-16 team shocked Iraq, the U-20 squad caused one of Indian football's biggest upsets by stunning the sport's superpower Argentina in a tournament in Spain.

Asked about the players representing the youth teams, Chhetri said, "U-16 team in totality, of course the U-19 teams is also doing well, great result against Argentina, something they should be really proud of."

"But the U-16 team is amazing, you should watch them play. We

watched some videos of them, some game plans and they are amazing. Bibiano is doing a great job with those kids and I just hope, they can keep improving from what they are. I am pretty sure they are going to achieve bigger things in the coming years.

India's all-time highest scorer, who is also among the top five in international football, said they are looking forward to the 2019 AFC Asian Cup.

"The aim is 2019 Asian Cup and before that we have got a couple of matches which we will try our best to win and improve and eventually to the Asian Cup. The players are going to give everything they have got when the tournament comes," the 34-year-old striker said.

Each and every player is giving his cent percent in training and are playing as a single unit. We have the capacity to give our cent percent in each and this team has shown

what dedication and hard work can do in football," Bibiano said.

"It was difficult for us against Iran. Iran are one of the strongest teams to face in youth matches and we almost had a win against them."

## Indian Open to begin from Oct 18

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's premier women's golf event — the Hero Indian Open — will be contested over 72 holes for the first time when it tees off at the DLF Golf and Country Club here from October 18-21, the organisers announced on Tuesday.

The event will see as many as 120 players from over 30 countries vying for the coveted trophy.

The tournament will witness the defending champion Camille Chevalier of France trying to extend her hold over the trophy from a strong field of international and Indian players.

The tournament, co-sponsored by Castrol, will set a host of new landmarks — starting with the prize money that touches a record \$ half a million for the first time, making it the second richest golf tournament in the country after the men's Indian Open.

The prize money gets a 25 per cent increase over 2017 and a five-fold increase from its inaugural edition in 2007.



Golfers Gaurika Bishnoi, Vani Kapoor and Amandeep Drall pose for photos with the trophy of Hero Women's Indian Open event

For the first time, the tournament will be contested over 72 holes and will be telecast live over all four days, a significant landmark for Indian women's golf. Vani Kapoor, who finished a career-best tied-sixth in the previous edition, will be leading the

Indian challenge.

Among other top Indians is the current Pro Golf Tour Order of Merit leader - Tvesa Malik, along with Amandeep Drall, and Gursimar Badwal among others.

The international players include Camille, former champion Swedish Caroline Hedwall, Beth Allen - the 2016 LET Order of Merit winner, Thailand's Kanyalak Preedasuttit - winner of the Thailand Ladies Open, and Celine Boutier - winner of the Australian Ladies Classic.

Currently, 11 of the top-20 players on the LET OOM have entered the tournament, which is already higher than previous years. There are nine tournament winners in the field, which includes the 2016 winner of the LET OOM.

"As a long-term sponsor of Golf across the world, it gives me great joy and satisfaction to see this sport take giant strides in India. Tournaments such as these inspire young girls to take up the sport as a career," CEO, Hero MotoCorp, Pawan Munjal, said.

## Ind start with win in Chess Olympiad

PTI ■ BATUMI

The Indian men and women's teams made winning starts to their campaign in the 43rd Chess Olympiad here on Tuesday.

The women team blanked New Zealand 4-0 with only Tania Sachdev facing some real troubles while the trio of Koneru Humpy, Eesha Karavade and Padmini Rout recorded easy victories.

On a day when Viswanathan Anand was rested, Krishnan Sasikiran dropped a half point on the fourth board but that was only after P Harikrishna, Vidit Gujrathi and B Adhiban had secured victories on the



Players compete during the Chess Olympiad

top three boards to ensure a win for the team.

The Indian teams got two match points following the victory as the day produced some individual upsets but the higher ranked teams prevailed.

For the Indian men, Harikrishna routed Ernesto Giron in quick time and Adhiban had little troubles to win as white against Daniel Arias.

Gujrathi showcased his skills at the expense of Ricardo Ernesto Chavez but Sasikiran faced some troubles and had to split the point with Carlos Burgos Figueroa.

Sasikiran with black faced initial difficulties despite a huge rating difference and sacrificed a pawn to reach what looked like a promising endgame optically.

With some precise defense from his opponent, the Indian decided to take the draw as the team had won anyway.

Koneru Humpy played her first competitive game in two years and it did not look like she had been away for a long time. With some clinical precision, the Indian GM nailed Helen Milligan with black pieces.

Jasmir Haomo Zhang proved no match for Karavade despite showing some early promise while Qin Nicole Shu Yu lost to Padmini Rout in another one sided duel on the fourth board.

Tania Sachdev came back from the jaws of defeat and even scored a win after Vyanna Punsalan went haywire by first missing out on a chance to create a big upset and then blundering away what was an easy half point in the rook and pawns endgame.

## Wozniacki, Kerber sizzle at Wuhan



Petra Kvitová celebrates after win

AFP ■ WUHAN

World number two Caroline Wozniacki and Wimbledon champion Angelique Kerber eased through their opening matches at the Wuhan Open in China on Tuesday.

Australian Open champion Wozniacki, who received a first-round bye, was barely troubled by the 61st-ranked Swede Rebecca Peterson, winning 6-4, 6-1 to set up a third-round clash with Olympic champion Monica Puig, who romped past Aliaksandra Sasnovich 6-2, 6-2.

Peterson offered some resistance in the first set, breaking Wozniacki's serve at 5-2, but faded as the Dane — who lost her first match at Japan's Pan Pacific Open last week — quickly regained control as she looks for a good run in Wuhan to secure a



Angelique Kerber returns a shot

return to the WTA Finals, which she won last year.

"It's great to get a good start, obviously. Every match counts," Wozniacki said.

World number three Kerber has already qualified for next month's Finals which will be held in Singapore and advanced after a knee injury forced her American opponent Madison Keys to retire.

The German looked set for a big win over the 2017 US Open semi-finalist and was leading 6-0, 4-1 when Keys could not continue.

"I was feeling good. I played the first set really well," Kerber said. "It's nice to be in the next round."

Kerber, who could return to world number one ranking with a successful end to the season, earlier said that she was not concerned about rankings.

"For me it's the most important thing, that I go on court, play my best, have fun out there, enjoying every single moment. We will see what's happening at the end of the year," she said on Monday.