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Both UPA, NDA led to NPAs: Rajan

Says gave PMO list of loan frauds, no action was taken; Cong, BJP lock horns over bad loans

PNS ■ NEW DELHI
Former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Raghuram Rajan has blamed 'suspect' allocation of coal mines and slowdown in decision making by the Congress-led UPA as also the lack of urgency shown by the incumbent NDA dispensation accountable for the rising Non-Performing Assets (NPA) of the banks.

In his report to a Parliamentary panel, Rajan also disclosed he sent a list of high-profile fraud cases to the Prime Minister's Office but was "not aware of any progress" on it.

"The RBI set up a fraud monitoring cell when I was the Governor to coordinate the early

reporting of fraud cases to the probe agencies. I also sent a list of high-profile cases to the PMO urging that we coordinate action to bring in at least one or two to book. I am not aware of progress on this front.

This is a matter that should be addressed with urgency," said Rajan in his report.

Unfortunately, he said, the system had been "singularly ineffective" in bringing even a single high-profile fraudster to book. "As a result, fraud is not discouraged," Rajan said.

It is not clear as to which regime Rajan addressed his list of high-profile cases of frauds.

The bad loan problem mainly surfaced due to slowdown in the Government's decision making and economic growth seeing a dip along with over-optimistic bankers, he said.

"A variety of governance problems such as the suspect allocation of coal mines coupled with the fear of investigation slowed down Government decision making in Delhi, both in the UPA and the subsequent NDA Governments," Rajan said in his note submitted to the Parliament's Committee on Estimates headed by BJP leader Murlidhar Manohar Joshi.

Rajan is currently the Katherine Dusak Miller Distinguished Service Professor of Finance at Chicago Booth School of Business. He served in the capacity of the RBI Governor for three years till September 2016.

The comments of the former RBI Governor, who exited after completing his tenure (not given a second term) during the Modi Government, triggered a war of words between the BJP and the

Congress.

The Congress hit back on the bad loans issue saying that the Narendra Modi Government is accountable for the NPA mess. Party spokesperson Randeep Surjewala said when the UPA had left office in 2014, total (NPA)s were ₹2.83 lakh crore and this has jumped to ₹12 lakh crore under the NDA rule.

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Falling ₹, rising fuel price make economy tumble

Global trade war tension leads to mayhem in stock market, poses serious concern

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Indian Rupee continued to make a fresh low on daily basis against the backdrop of rising fuel prices, capital outflow and global trade war tension leading to mayhem in the stock market and posing serious concern for the fundamental of the economy. After opening in positive territory on Tuesday morning and touching of 72.25 versus the dollar, the Rupee plummeted 24 paise to end at a new record low of 72.74. However, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) intervention led to some recovery.

Petrol and diesel prices hit fresh highs on Tuesday. A 14 paise per litre hike in petrol and diesel prices each took the rates to an all-time high. While some States have marginally reduced VAT to provide symbolic relief to consumers, but it is too little to make any difference in view of the massive rise over the last few days in fuel prices.

Petrol price in Delhi climbed to ₹80.87 per litre, while in Mumbai it inched up to ₹88.26. A litre of diesel in the national Capital was priced at ₹72.97 and ₹77.47 in Mumbai. Delhi has the cheapest fuel



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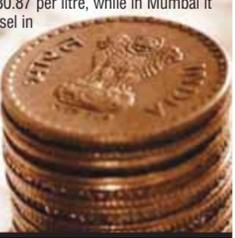


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The crash of Rupee also led to a collapse at the stock market with benchmark sensex losing 509 points to close at more than one-month low of 37,413.13 due to heavy selling in FMCG, metal, auto and financial stocks



among all metros and most State capitals because of lower taxes. Mumbai has the highest sales tax or VAT. Petrol in Chennai costs ₹84.07 per litre and ₹83.75 in Kolkata. Diesel is priced at ₹77.15 per litre in Chennai and ₹75.82 in Kolkata.

While the Government has ruled out any excise duty cut to contain the rise of fuel prices, it may be forced to come out with NRI bond, as was done in 2013, to deal with the falling Rupee.

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ing of the US dollar on the back of a strong jobs report and expectations of a rate hike from the Federal Reserve this month.

The Rupee has also come under pressure from huge portfolio liquidation pressure from foreign investors.

The political uncertainty about 2019 general elections have also been acting as a dampener on forex market sentiments. Foreign investors withdrew close to ₹2,300 crore from the capital markets since Monday.

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Kerala nun wants Vatican to step in, do justice

Kottayam/Kochi/Kannur: A nun who has accused a Roman Catholic Bishop of raping her has petitioned the Vatican representative in India alleging that the clergyman was using "political and money power" to bury the case even as the Kerala Government on Tuesday assured "justice will be done".

Making a fervent plea for urgent intervention, the nun in a scathing letter to Giambattista Diacquattro, Vatican's Apostolic Nuncio (a diplomatic mission, also sought to explain her silence before coming out against the bishop and said she had "tremendous fear and shame" and wondered why the church was "closing its eyes towards the truth".

Detailed report on P6

Cong gives 'proof', alleges complicity of Modi Govt in Nirav, Choksi escape

As Mehul denies all charges of defrauding PNB in video message

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

After the fugitive diamond merchant Mehul Choksi released a video message denying all charges of defrauding the PNB, the Congress on Tuesday released documents to allege complicity of Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and the Finance Ministry in the escape of Nirav Modi and Choksi from the country.

Accusing the Modi Government of inaction, the



this year, after Choksi fled, PM Modi met the Antiguan President in the UK but he didn't utter a word to send back Choksi.

This is not my words, it has been said by the Antiguan President in an interview on July 27. The Indian Government never approached them on this issue."

The Congress also shared some documents on Twitter to claim how PMO, MEA, CBI, SEBI etc., gave a clean chit to the fraudsters and facilitated their escape from the country.

The fresh attack on the Government from the Congress came hours after fugitive Mehul Choksi released a video message denying allegations of wrongdoings by him.

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55 killed as overcrowded bus falls into gorge in T

OMER FAROOQ ■ HYDERABAD

In a horrifying accident, at least 55 people were killed and 33 others were injured when an overcrowded bus overturned and fell into a gorge in Jagtial district of Telangana, 190 kms north of Hyderabad,

on Tuesday morning. The bus belonged to the Telangana Road Transport Corporation.

There were 88 people in the bus at the time of the accident against the capacity of 40.

Most of the passengers were from the surrounding villages and belonged to the

poorer sections. There were 32 women and at least four children among the dead. Twenty-three deceased women were in the age group of 50 to 75.

State Transport Minister P Mahender Reddy has immediately suspended the Jagtial Depot Manager Hanumanta Rao. "The bus was carrying more passengers than allowed and the brake failure appears to be cause of the accident", the Minister said explaining why the action was taken against the official.

Revenue Divisional Officer Narendar said the accident occurred when the bus was coming down from a hilltop temple at Kondagattu and the driver lost control while negotiating a sharp turn and crossing a speed breaker.

"A probe has been ordered into the cause of the accident", he said.

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Rescuers pull out passengers from a bus that fell into a gorge in Jagtial district of Telangana on Tuesday

CAPSULE

DOORSTEP DELIVERY: CM ISSUES STRICT ORDERS

New Delhi: A day after launching doorstep delivery scheme, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday issued orders for the strict implementation to all Ministers of Delhi Government. The CM instructed no case submitted by the mobile Sahayaks to any of the departments be rejected by the department without the approval of the Minister-in-charge. P3

2 TERRORISTS KILLED IN KUPWARA GUNFIGHT

Srinagar: Two Lashkare-Tayyeba (LeT) terrorists were killed in an encounter with security forces in Kupwara district of Jammu & Kashmir on Tuesday. P7

NAWAZ SHARIF'S AILING WIFE KULSOOM DIES

London/Islamabad: Begum Kulsoom Nawaz, wife of Pakistan's jailed former PM Nawaz Sharif, died on Tuesday in London after a protracted battle with throat cancer. Kulsoom, who was under treatment at London's Harley Street Clinic since June 2014, was placed on life support earlier on Tuesday after her health deteriorated. P12

Cong, TDP, CPI form alliance to take on TRS

OMER FAROOQ ■ HYDERABAD

The Congress, the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and the CPI on Tuesday reached an agreement to form a broad-based alliance to defeat the ruling TRS in the year-end Assembly polls.

The contours of a "Grand Alliance" in Telangana emerged with the top State leaders of the three parties holding a crucial meet in Hyderabad on Tuesday.

The development could find echo in Andhra Pradesh as well, where the three parties could come together to contest the next Lok Sabha polls.

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Thieves eat from Nizam's tiffin box; caught in 5-star hotel

OMER FAROOQ ■ HYDERABAD

Hyderabad city police cracked the case of theft of priceless antique from Nizam's Museum with the arrest of two burglars and recovered the stolen gold tiffin box and tea cup along with spoon from them.

Hyderabad city Police Commissioner Anjali Kumar said the two burglars Mohammed Ghouse Pasha, alias Khooni Ghouse and Mohammed Mubeen were arrested in a joint operation by the South Zone Police and Commissioner's task force.

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Police Commissioner Anjali Kumar, along with a senior police officer, shows to the media the three-tier golden tiffin box and a golden cup after their recovery, in Hyderabad on Tuesday

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Road rage SUV man attacks school bus

STAFF REPORTER ■ GURUGRAM

A school bus belonging to AKR Mangalam World School, located at upscale South City Phase-1, was attacked by an aggressive car owner after a minor collision with his SUV. The incident occurred in sector-15 on Monday afternoon. Petrified children covered below their seats to save themselves from being injured. Some children did receive injuries as the accused broke the wind shield of the bus.



A school teacher, Rita, was also present inside the bus. When the bus reached the sector-15 stretch, it had a

minor collision with a Maruti Brezza car driven by a senior citizen.

Later the accused overtook the bus, stepped out from his car and broke the windshield as well as side window glasses of the bus.

"When the helper Rinku tried to stop him, he beat him up and also hurled abuses on the teacher when she tried to intervene. The accused, however fled the spot," the police said.

"The children inside the bus were shocked after the incident and some of them suffered minor injuries. We have received a complaint from the school Principal. They have provided us the car number. We have identified the owner of the car and police teams have been put on the job to bring the accused to justice" said Praveen Kumar the investigation officer (IO) of the case.

The accused managed to flee the spot and is yet to be arrested. The police have managed to establish his identity and a hunt has been launched, a senior police official of Gurugram Police said.

According to the police, route number - 21 school bus of the K R Mangalam School was carrying around 35 children and was moving towards Sector-15. The bus was driven by Suren Mandal while Rinku was the helper.

Rosary Public School sexual assault case After protests, case transferred to crime branch

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

After protests by the parents and the public over the alleged sexual assault of a three-year-old nursery student last week in Mukherjee Nagar's Rosary Public School, the Delhi Police Commissioner on Tuesday transferred the case to the crime branch. The parents are demanding action against the school authorities.

According to police, the alleged incident had occurred last Tuesday in the National Capital's Mukherjee Nagar and the next day, a case was registered by the district police under relevant sections of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

"I was changing her school uniform when I noticed blood stains on her clothes. I took her to Hindu Rao hospital where after examination the doctor said that she had been molested," said the mother of the victim.



For the last two months we noticed a change of behavior in our daughter. She used to remain frightened all the time. Even sometimes we noticed marks on her cheeks and neck. Sometimes her inner clothes were also missing. We had complained to the school authorities but no action was taken by them and the negligence by the authorities had led to this rape on September 4," said the father of the victim.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) North west district, Aslam Khan said that the case has been transferred to the Crime Branch and the medical report also stated that the girl was "touched" inappropriately. "We have collected CCTV footage from the school and the case is being investigated from all angles. We are not ruling out the role of the school authority or any family member or neighbor. Further investigation is going on," said a senior police official. The school authorities said that the incident didn't occur in the campus and they have also launched an internal enquiry on the issue.

2 held with 500 kg of ganja

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Police on Tuesday arrested two men for allegedly smuggling in 500 kg of ganja in the national Capital. The duo had procured the narcotic from Odisha to sell in the Delhi-NCR.



As Devender (37), resident of Mathura (Uttar Pradesh), and Yogesh (24), resident of Agra. We have received inputs regarding the supply of huge consignment of ganja in a truck near Geeta Colony fly-over following which a trap was laid by the narcotics team and two men were apprehended at the instance of an informer on Monday evening. On checking the truck the team found ganja

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Man stabs wife to death for coming in son's defence

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Following a scuffle in the family, a 40-year old woman was brutally murdered by her husband on Monday night. The Delhi Police on Tuesday arrested the accused and have recovered three knives from the crime spot.

"The accused, identified as Rajesh Sharma (42), at about 7.30 pm on Monday came to his home and allegedly entered into a quarrel with his son Siddhant. His wife Poonam Sharma came in defence of her son. An enraged Rajesh picked up a kitchen knife and stabbed his wife and fled from the spot," said Devendra Arya, Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), South-West district.

"We received a call in Police Control Room (PCR) on Monday night around 8.30 pm following which a team rushed

Drug menace: STF soon to set up anti-narcotics unit at Hisar

PARVESH SHARMA ■ GURUGRAM

Having nailed several notorious gangs and their kingpins, the Special Task Force (STF) of the Haryana Police is now focusing on curbing trafficking of illegal drugs and nabbing wanted drug peddlers in the region. To prevent drug trafficking the STF will soon set up a dedicated anti-narcotics unit at Hisar range to prevent illegal consumption of drugs and keep an eye on drug cartels across the State. According to the STF, Hisar district has the highest consumption of drugs in the entire State.

Recently, Chief Ministers of Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand met in Chandigarh to formulate a common strategy to deal with illegal smuggling and supply of drugs in these States.

After the high-level meeting, it came to fore that the multiple State agencies will work out a joint strategy to start the biggest ever crack-down on illegal consumption of drugs. The problem of drug abuse and trafficking has assumed an alarming proportion. The reason behind setting up of an anti-narcotic unit in the State is to nab the drug cartels. Drug peddlers are increas-



ingly making links with people, the north Indian States will now join hands to curtail the burgeoning drug trade in the region," Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) of STF, Satish Balan, said.

As of now, Gurugram Police have arrested 72 people under the Narcotics, Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act and 62 cases have been registered under the NDPS Act till August 20.

According to the data compiled by the Gurugram Police, 545 kilograms of cannabis (ganja) and 460 kilograms of Sulfa have also been recovered by the police during the same duration. The STF suspects that most of these drugs are coming from Afghanistan, Pakistan, South Africa, America in India areas of Jammu and Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, and Rajasthan.

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Interested participant/s are requested to participate for physical auction on Oct 01, 2018 or call Court Auctioneer: Mr. Shankar Kapoor, Contact no. 9650139259.

AIIMS team bags 3rd spot in Malaysia varsity quiz

SUGANDHA ■ NEW DELHI

For the first time in 10 years, a team of students representing the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, secured third position in the Inter-Medical School Physiology Quiz (IMSPQ) annually held by the University of Malaya, Malaysia.

The team consisted of first year MBBS students (now in second year) Aman Tilak, Sankeerth Sadananda, Vanshika Arora, Aditi Rao and Nipun Chandra.

"The competition consists of questions related to physiology. In first year at AIIMS, we have this subject, so only first year students can participate in the quiz," said Aman Tilak, a participant.

AIIMS has been participating in the competition since 2009 but it is the first time that it has been able to secure a position hence proving its mettle, said a senior official from AIIMS.

The competition was held on August 15 and 16. This year, more than 100 teams from over 24 countries participated in the competition. While Thailand stood first, China was able to secure the second position.

Apart from them, Australia, Singapore and Russia also participated in the competition. IMSPQ is an international physiology quiz competition conducted every year in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia where medical students from across the world participate.

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This is to inform all concerned that Sh. Dayanand Mishra S/O Late L.N. Mishra, R/O Village-Gijhore, Sector-53, Noida, Distt. G.B. Nagar, U.P., was the original allottee of Residential Plot No.A-240, Sector-47, Noida, Distt. G.B. Nagar, U.P. area measuring 112.50 sq.mtrs. had executed a WILL in favour of Sh. Manish Gupta S/O Late Bal Kishan Gupta, R/O H.No.4/1884, Gali No.4, Rama Block, Bholu Nath Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032 and the said WILL is registered in the office of Sub-Registrar-I, Noida, in Book No.III, Volume No.724, on pages 1 to 18, as Document No.281 dt. 07.02.2018 and Sh. Dayanand Mishra has expired on 22.04.2018.

So it is informed to all concerned that the above mentioned Plot No.A-240, Sector-47, Noida, is going to be mutated/ transferred in favour of Sh. Manish Gupta S/O Late Bal Kishan Gupta, R/O H.No.4/1884, Gali No.4, Rama Block, Bholu Nath Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032. If anyone has/have any objection, he/she may file his/her objection along with sufficient proof in the office of Residential (Plot) Department of Noida Authority within 30 days from publication of this notice.

MANISH GUPTA

No delay will be tolerated: CM, a day after launching doorstep services delivery

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Day after launching the doorstep delivery scheme, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday issued orders to all Ministers of the Delhi Government for its strict implementation.

The Chief Minister instructed that no case submitted by the mobile sahayaks to any of the departments be rejected by the department without the approval of the Minister-in-charge. During his interaction with his Cabinet colleagues, Kejriwal said that no delay in delivery of services will be tolerated and any tactics for taking bribe, instances of delaying applications would not be



File photo

spared. "I will seek daily report on all the applications delayed at any level," Kejriwal said.

Delhi Government in its official statement stated, "If any of the request or application is delayed under this scheme, it would be taken as an attempt to sabotage the pro-people scheme to further one's

corrupt practices".

The violation of time limits prescribed in the scheme will be taken very seriously and a disciplinary proceeding will be started against the guilty officer. The head of the department would also be held responsible in such cases, Kejriwal asserted.

Directing his Cabinet Ministers, the Chief Minister said, "Rejection of an application should have the approval of the Minister-in-charge concerned and that the approval must be taken within 24 hours of such decision".

On Monday, the Chief Minister had launched the scheme under which Delhiites can avail 40 services, including driving licence, ration card, caste and marriage registration certificates, at their doorstep.

"The Chief Minister also directed that time limits prescribed for the delivery of the services under the scheme must be adhered to in totality and strictly. He has made it clear that no violation of time limits

would be tolerated at any cost," according to the statement.

It stated that the heads of all departments have been directed to personally monitor and ensure strict adherence of the time limits in delivery of services.

The chief minister also directed that a report of all such cases delayed must be reported to him on a daily basis.

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) had announced about the doorstep delivery of services earlier this year and had also accused Lieutenant Governor Anil Bajjal for obstructing in implementing it.

However, a five-judge Constitution Bench had on July 4 laid down broad parameters for the governance of

the national capital, paving the way for the Government to proceed with the scheme.

Announcing the scheme, Kejriwal had also said that the proposed doorstep delivery of ration scheme will become a reality soon. "I hope we will be able to overcome all hurdles and soon home delivery of ration will also become a reality," Kejriwal had tweeted.

The Government has hired a private company VFS Global Services through which its services will be provided at the doorstep of the citizens.

After police verification, 66 mobile sahayaks (facilitators) have so far been hired through the company to set up a call centre.

On 2nd day: 13,783 calls received, 4,758 answered

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

On the second day of the doorstep delivery services, Delhi Government received 13,783. Out of these 4,758 calls were answered by the executive handling the call centre. Rest of the calls were on waiting line and are being called back. SMSs were sent to 8101 callers whose calls were not answered and are

in process of being called back. The total number of appointments fixed for different services to be availed by the citizens of Delhi was 624 till 5 pm on September 11. The doorstep delivery team had visited 74 households in Delhi till 5 pm on September 11.

This data is of the total calls from the time of launch of the scheme on Monday 10 am till 5 pm on Tuesday.

₹571-cr outgo for installation of CCTVs in city



STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

After rolling out its ambitious 'Doorstep Delivery Services', the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Government has approved an outgo of ₹571 crore for the installation of CCTV cameras across the national capital to enable the much-delayed pet project of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal get going. Installation of CCTV cameras across the national capital was one of the main agenda of the AAP during the 2015 Delhi Assembly polls and Chief Minister Kejriwal.

According to an official of the Delhi Government, the Public Works Department (PWD) in an approval note issued last week has said no cost escalation would be considered for the project.

The Deputy Secretary PWD in the official note issued on September 5 last, had said that the department has given administrative approval and expenditure sanctions of ₹571.40 crore, of which ₹320.96 crore is the capital cost and ₹250.44 crore is for five years for supplying, installation, testing and commissioning of CCTV cameras and other

allied infrastructure at various places in Delhi".

The note also said all the payments to contractors should be made through electronic fund transfer only. The PWD also demanded a quarterly monitoring report and annual performance report.

The project to install the CCTV cameras got the government's approval last month -- three years after the cabinet gave an in-principle approval to it. Approximately 2,000 cameras will be installed in every assembly constituency. Delhi has 70 constituencies.

Installation of CCTV cameras in Delhi was one of the key points in the manifesto of the Aam Aadmi Party to improve the security and safety of the citizens.

It may be noted that AAP government had minced no words in accusing Lieutenant Governor Anil Bajjal for installing the implementation of the CCTV project. During the nine day long sit in of chief minister inside Rajniwas along with his deputy Manish Sisodia, ministers Satyender Jain and Gopal Rai, asking Bajjal to sign the file of CCTV project, was one of the key demands.

Sewer deaths take a political turn, AAP says area falls under BJP-held civic body

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

The tragic death of five people inside a private housing colony in Moti Nagar area of West district has taken a political turn after Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA and Vice Chairman of Delhi Jal Board (DJB) alleged that the STP plant where the accident occurred comes under the jurisdiction of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-controlled municipal corporation. The five unfortunate labourers died after they inhaled poisonous gases while trying to clean the sewerage of the residential complex.

"When a private entity develop a society or mall, they take permissions from concerned authorities to set up an STP under building by-laws. In this particular case was by the North MCD," said Mohaniya. The incident happened on Sunday inside DLF Green

Apartments in west Delhi's Moti Nagar area, in which Sarfaraz, Pankaj, Raja and Umesh and Vishal aged between 22 and 30 years had died. Two of them died on the spot; others were declared dead by doctors at a hospital.

Clarifying the jurisdictions, Mohania added that I want to clear that in this case this sewer line and STP both are owned by DLF. "It is a solo responsibility of DLF, why DLF is not taking responsibility," Moreover, MCD gave permission them for the STP," the AAP leader said.

Meanwhile, BJP leader and in opposition, Vjinder Gupta said, "AAP's response on the behalf of DJB is irresponsible," DJB is solely responsible for the set up of Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) anywhere in Delhi. This is applicable everywhere, the party is playing politics on the death of five persons.. every

month people are dying.. where are the equipments they(DJB) bought earlier, who will issue guidelines and where were the engineers, Gupta asked.

It is pertinent to mention here that in June month, Delhi government had decided to prepare a list of manual scavengers.

The government in its official statement had then said that they would be hiring 200 sewer cleaning machines, each of which would apparently provide jobs to four persons and thus create 800 jobs.

The purchase of the machines would be funded by the State Bank of India, the National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC) and the Delhi State SC, ST, OBC Finance Development Corporation (DSFDC).

On Monday, the Delhi government ordered a probe into the

incident. Labour Minister Gopal Rai has directed the labour commissioner to submit a probe

report within three days. Ajay Chaudhary, an engineer with JLL company - tasked with the main-

tenance of the septic tank - was arrested by Delhi Police on Monday for negligence.

DJB announces ₹10L each for families of deceased

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Vice Chairman of Delhi Jal Board (DJB) Dinesh Mohania has announced a financial support of ₹10 lakh each to the families of the five workers who died after inhaling toxic fumes while cleaning the septic tank at DLF Green Apartments in west Delhi's Moti Nagar area on

Sunday. The victims - Sarfaraz, Pankaj, Raja and Umesh and Vishal - were aged between 22 and 30 years.

Two of them died on the spot; others were declared dead by doctors at a hospital. Police said they have found that the labourers were not provided adequate safety gear and were only given masks.

However, refuting the charges, a senior corporation official said that it is our work to approve the building constructions which fulfill all the required norms.

He further added that maintaining the sewage treatment plant is not the responsibility of the municipal corporations and only the owner of the property is responsible to maintain it.

Cong to intensify stir against illegal sealing of non-polluting units

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Congress will intensify its agitation against the AAP and the BJP over alleged illegal sealing of non-polluting household industries in the national Capital, saying the drive has threatened the livelihood of nearly three lakh people in the city.

The party also announced third phase of "Nyay Yudh" campaign under which it will organise a 'Vyapar Bachao-Mazdoor Bachao' rally in Karol Bagh on Friday, said convener of the campaign Mukesh Sharma said.

"We will also announced direct action against AAP and BJP, who are responsible for endangering livelihood of nearly three lakh labourers and traders by not taking steps to stop the sealing drive," he said.

Over 200 big and small corner meetings will be held in the next three days for the protest rally at Karol Bagh

Sharma alleged that BJP-ruled municipal corporations have realised nearly Rs 20,000 crore as penalty and conversion charges against the rules, from people affected by the sealing exercise.

He said a large number of small traders and labourers hit by the sealing drive will attend the rally at Karol Bagh. Delhi Congress president Ajay Maken will lead the rally.

Sharma also said that during the Congress rule, a notification was issued to make

2538 roads for mixed land use and commercial and it was then decided that after paying conversion charges for eight years no more conversion charges needed to be paid but the BJP-led municipal corporations collecting conversion charges with 54 per cent penalty forcefully.

He said that over 200 big and small corner meetings will be held in the next three days for the preparation of the protest rally at Karol Bagh.

It may be noted that according to the Master Plan 2021, Para 7.3 residential areas and villages (abadi) A+AI has been allowed to run household units. A list of 121 items have been included in the list of household industries which are non-polluting and having legal cover to be functional but these units are also being sealed, he said.

DCW notice to Jagjivan Ram hosp over lack of maternity facilities

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) has issued a notice to Babu Jagjivan Ram Hospital on media reports of women allegedly experiencing difficulties post-delivery due to lack of proper facilities in the hospital. The commission has asked them to submit a reply by September 18, Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) spokesperson stated.

DCW chairperson Swati Maliwal said, "It is very unfortunate that these ladies are forced to sleep on floor after giving birth. Poor ladies are being deprived of proper facilities by the hospital. The Commission has instituted the inquiry in the matter and we are seeking clarification from the hospital in the matter."

It has been reported in media that women are made to sleep on floors and dealt with in an inhumane manner. Also, it was reported that women whose infants are admitted in Intensive Care Units shortly after caesarean delivery are made to sleep on hospital floors.

It was also reported that the lifts in the hospital are non functional, due to which women have to face many problems, DCW spokesperson stated.

According to the notice issued by DCW, the hospital is asked to provide with its factual position on the media reports, detailed reasons for the lapses, details of action taken on erring officials and steps to rectify on the lapses mentioned in the reports.

However, a senior doctor from the hospital told The

Pioneer, "We have no information regarding the notice, however, if a notice has been issued, we will answer the notice."

Declining the claims made by DCW and the alleged media reports, she said, "The floor beds are there for nursing mothers. We provide this facility to the mothers whose children are admitted in the hospital so that they can feed their children."

The hospital in its defence said that due to the population of patients, sometimes there are two or three patients on one bed but there are no patients on floor.

"We cannot deny patients of the treatment. The patients are more and the beds are less. Even if we bring more beds, there is no space to keep them. Where will we keep them?" she said.

Most of first-aid boxes in DTC buses empty

GAYATHRI MANI ■ NEW DELHI

Having first-aid box is mandatory in all public transports including buses, but sadly, the buses run by the Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) either have empty first-aid boxes or the medicines and bandages kept in these boxes are often expired. An RTI disclosed that DTC bus depots have not purchased medicines since last three years and the first-aid boxes installed in its large fleet of 3882 buses are for only name-sake.

According to the data shared by the DTC to an RTI query filed by the activist Zeeshan Haider, out of 39 DTC depots only 10 depots have timely purchased medicines for first-aid kits. Around 16-17 depot is there which have not purchased medicines since last three years. Moreover, there are some 10 depots such as both Raj Ghat-I and II, Kalkaji depot, BBM-I, Bawana and other remaining depots which have not purchased medicines since 2012.

Interestingly the Raj Ghat depot-II was launched in the year 2015 as a smart depot. "The depot was set up in 2015 and the depot has not purchased medicines for the first-aid kit installed in the buses that run and maintained by the depot," the RTI reply stated.

As a matter of fact, emergency medicines such as burn heal; Dettol, Soframycin, cot-



ton, tape roll, bandage and anti-septics are kept in the first aid boxes installed in the DTC buses.

When contacted, a senior DTC official said, "As per the motor vehicle act, it is mandatory to install first aid box in the buses and to purchase respective medicines every year. Also, the corporation provides special training to the conductors on the use of first-aid box. So, there must be some negligence or lapse behind the reason because whenever a depot request for medicines, the Regional manager sanction fund as per the need. However, the department will take serious cog-

nizance of this matter and action will be taken."

The bus depots in the National Capital are divided on the basis of region such as South, North, West and East and every region has one head of depot which takes care of the remaining depots that come under the head. Such Vasant Vihar is head depot of South region, Mayapuri for west and Nand Nagri in East and Wazirpur depot in the North region.

"Secondly, the first aid is installed only just because it is mandatory, otherwise no one will keep it. Yes, it is a precaution step but most of the time, it is not used and go waste.

Either the conductor or the driver takes it to their home. Also, some depots purchase medicine in March and some in September as per their requirement. And most of the time depot managers forget to renew the package if they have the medicines pending with them. Moreover, the 50 percent of the medicines which are purchased to be kept in the box do not have an expiry date or have a long expiry date such as scissor, rolled banded, cotton and others such as savlon, dettol liquid and soframycin or betadine tube have one or two years expiry time," added the official.

As per the Motor Vehicle act, one first aid box should have sterilized finger dressing, hand or food dressing, sterilized large or body dressing, one extra large, two large and three small sterilized burn dressings, two 15 grams packets of sterilized cotton wool, a bottle of 2 per cent, tincture iodine, a bottle of Sal Volatile, empty bottle fitted with eye drops and 55 grams of Medicine glass and other article/medicine prescribed as considers to be necessary for providing first-aid facilities.

"The buses do have a first aid box but these are seldom used because in DTC or clustered buses, whenever a mishap happens, passengers consult us even if we offer them help. Also conductors keep medicines but are hardly used" said a DTC bus driver, pleading anonymity.

DUSU polls Parties slug it out on social media

ABHINAV SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

While major political players (NSUI and ABVP) in the Delhi University Students' Union (DUSU) elections rely on both the social media and ground campaigning, lesser known parties or alliances like AISA-CYSS, who are struggling to find a footing, rely more on social media for their campaign. Their modus-operandi lies in widely circulating short videos related to some incident of violence allegedly unleashed by the members of ABVP or NSUI on the social media platforms.

In the run-up to the high-voltage student's union elections, social media is playing a pivotal role in garnering support, with none of the student organisations ready to take risk of ignoring the social platforms. While platforms like Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp etc are used by Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) and National Students' Union of India (NSUI) mainly for advertising their candidates, the All India Students Association (AISA) - Chhatra Yuva Sangharsh Samiti (CYSS) alliance is using it optimally for targeting adversaries.

Latest being the unequivocal targeting of ABVP's Vice-Presidential candidate Shakti Singh by the members of left wing (AISA) on social media



after a "ruckus" was created by few "miscreants" at DU's Zakir Husain College when Singh went there for campaigning on Monday. AISA members widely circulated the video that shows few "anti-social" elements with cane in their hands moving ahead of the ABVP leader over whom he seems to have no control. The ruckus went on while the ABVP vice-presidential candidate was helpless in controlling them.

ABVP has clarified that the whole episode is purportedly planned by NSUI and left student organizations to malign the image of ABVP. The party has categorically denied involvement of its vice-presidential candidate Shakti Singh but AISA-CYSS seems to leave no stone unturned to take maximum mileage out of the "untoward" incident by circu-

lating it on social media and holding ABVP leader responsible for it. A day ahead of the elections both NSUI and AISA, have demanded the cancellation of the candidature of ABVP's vice-presidential candidate Shakti Singh.

According to a senior DU teacher the newly formed AISA-CYSS alliance is mainly eyeing on vote bank that constitutes of students who reside in hostels and paying guest accommodations. These students are mainly from outside states and particularly from regions like eastern Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West-Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand etc.

"Realizing that ABVP has pitched a popular face hailing from the eastern UP for contesting DUSU vice-president post, who may possibly draw a large chunk of the votes AISA-CYSS is eyeing upon towards

ABVP, the alliance will miss no opportunity to tarnish his image and making a mountain out of a mole," he said, on anonymity. While another professor said that it is not the ABVP but rather NSUI's vote-bank that AISA-CYSS will dent if the voting percentage in favor of the coalition increases. DUSU elections are on 12 September.

"In the campaign for the student's union election these days, propaganda on social media platforms are seemingly more effective in garnering support as compared to the traditional methods of campaigning," said a student. Candidates in poll fray and their supporters have posted short videos on facebook, twitter etc. in which common students can be seen appealing others to vote in their favor.

2+2 DIALOGUE: CHINA'S RISING INFLUENCE IN INDO-PACIFIC India, US mull working with Oz, Japan, ASEAN to secure region

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

With China increasingly asserting its presence in the Indo-Pacific, India and the US in their first 2+2 dialogue have discussed engagement with Japan, Australia and ASEAN nations to secure the seas and the skies in the region, a senior Trump administration official has said.

External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman held the crucial talks with US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Defence Secretary James Mattis in New Delhi on September 6.

While China claims almost all of the resource-rich South China Sea, Vietnam, the Philippines, Malaysia, Brunei and Taiwan have counter claims over the area.

China recently deployed anti-airship cruise missiles and surface-to-surface missile systems in the disputed South China Sea amid frequent forays by US naval and surveillance aircraft over the region to assert the freedom of navigation.

In a conference call with reporters on Monday, Alice Wells, the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asia, said during the discussion, China's reference came up "most in the context of the vision the



two nations (India and US) have for the Indo-Pacific region, which excludes no nation."

The US has about \$1.4 billion in trade with the Indo-Pacific, over \$850 billion in foreign direct investment.

"So the conversations between the two countries during the 2+2 Dialogue were how they can bilaterally, tri-laterally with Japan and quadrilaterally with Australia and with the ASEAN can we work to promote economic security and good governance and security of the seas and the skies," Wells said.

"We discussed the Indo-Pacific as an opportunity for the US and India to be able to offer countries alternatives for development, alternatives for how they're going to pursue significant infrastructure pro-

jects and how they're going to work to be able to create a free and open trading system that has advanced all the countries of the world since post World War-II," she said.

Wells said the US and India welcome contributions by China to regional development as long as it adhere to high standards where there's transparency, rule of law and sustainable financing.

"But instead what we see is an opportunity to use private sectors to contribute meaningfully to development of the region," she said.

Responding to a question on the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue, Wells said, "We have been talking about principles for the supportive infrastructure development and having our experts at all levels engaged."

Piyush Goyal launches web portal 'Rail Sahyog'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Railway Minister Piyush Goyal Tuesday launched a web portal wherein private and public sector undertakings can contribute their corporate social responsibility (CSR) funds to develop amenities at railway stations. The companies wanting to contribute can register their requests on the portal — Rail Sahyog — and choose the amenity they want to promote.

The railways has identified five activities in which such contributions will be allowed — toilets in circulating areas, providing free Wi-Fi with kiosks for e-services for citizens at stations, plastic bottle crushing machines, steel benches and dustbins.

"We want the process of using CSR funds to be simple and transparent. All we are desirous of is that a certain quality standard is maintained. The company which does contribute will have their names, logos or even company names on the initiatives. We have no problems with that," Goyal said.

The portal also gives a cost estimation for each activity — ₹22 lakh to ₹30 lakh per station for toilets, with provision for low-cost sanitary pad vending machines, incinerator in female toilets and condom vending machines in male toilets, and initial one year maintenance.

The cost for providing free Wi-Fi at stations through setting up hotspots has been set at ₹10.30 lakh



to ₹12.30 lakh. Similar provisions have been fixed for benches (₹17,500 to ₹47,500 per set), bottle crushing machines (₹3.5 lakh to ₹4.5 lakh per machine) and dustbins (₹4,500 for two).

A change in the company law in April 2014 mandated that businesses with annual revenues of more than ₹10 billion give away two per cent of their net profit to charity. To encourage participation of private companies and public sector undertakings in identified works/activities to be done under CSR in the railways, a policy framework had been put in place by the national transporter in 2016.

It details the works/activities executable under CSR in the field of environment sustainability, sanitation and cleanliness such as rainwater harvesting, water recycling plants, solar panels, construction of toilets, provision for solid waste management and supply of filtered drinking water.

"I want to encourage everyone to come forward and contribute, not just because it is mandatory to do so," the railway Minister added.

Cong, TDP, CPI form alliance to...

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The Tuesday meeting attended by State Congress president N Uttam Kumar Reddy, State TDP chief L Ramanna and CPI State secretary Chada Venkat Reddy took place against the backdrop of efforts to bring all anti-Telangana Rashtra Samiti (TRS) forces together in the forthcoming elections.

Uttam Kumar Reddy said the Congress was ready to work with all the likeminded parties, mass organisations and employees unions and organisations of the unemployed youth. "We have to put an end to this misrule of K Chandrasekhar Rao Government," he said.

"We are all united in our purpose of putting an end to the dictatorial rule of K Chandrasekhar Rao," L Ramanna told the media after the meeting.

Chada Venkat Reddy charged KCR with trampling over the democratic rights of the people and misusing power to encourage defections from other parties.

When asked about the formation of the Grand Alliance the leaders said it was only the first meeting and the talks will continue among the parties.

According to sources, the discussions focused on identifying the constituencies where their respective parties had a strong position and points to be included in their manifestos.

The meeting was also attended by the other senior leaders of TDP, including former MP N Nama Nageshwara Rao and former Minister E Peddi Reddy and R Prakash Reddy.

The meeting came close on the heel of TDP national President and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu authorising Telangana State leadership to take the process of forming alliance with other parties forward.

Ramanna had already held separate talks with the leaders of CPI and Telangana Jana Samiti of Prof Kodandaram over the last couple of days and all parties agreed upon the need to form a grand alliance.

After the meeting, the delegation of the three parties called on the Governor ESL Narasimhan at Raj Bhavan and demanded removal of acting Chief Minister KCR and ensuring that the democratic process runs smoothly in the State.

Falling ₹, rising fuel..

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There are concerns that Rupee could come under fresh pressure on Wednesday as the Brent crude was trading at 78.60 dollar a barrel at the time of writing this report late in the evening. The previous closing was 77.12 dollar per barrel. The fate of Rupee will also depend on the upcoming release of industrial production data along with CPI and WPI inflation numbers.

The crude prices are surging as the US sanctions has squeezed Iranian crude exports, resulting in tighter global supply despite efforts by Washington to get other producers to increase output.

At the forex market, the rupee resumed higher at 72.30 from overnight finish of 72.45 on the back of adequate dollar liquidity. After scaling a high of 72.25 in early trade, it quickly reversed the knee-jerk gains and tumbled to a historic low of 72.74, triggering central bank intervention.

The crash of Rupee also led to a collapse at the stock market with benchmark sensx losing 509 points to close at more than one-month low of 37,413.13 due to heavy selling in FMCG, metal, auto and financial stocks. The 30-share index tanked more than 1 per cent for the second day, shedding around 1,000 point in just two days.

This is the weakest closing of

Sensex since August 2 when it had ended at 37,165.16. It had lost 467.65 points in the previous day. The 50-share NSE Nifty cracked below the 11,300-mark by falling 150.60 points or 1.32 per cent at 11,287.50. Intra-day, it shuttled between 11,479.40 and 11,274.

Of the Sensex constituents, Tata Steel recorded the biggest fall of 3.46 per cent, followed by PowerGrid at 3.21 per cent. FMCG stocks also took a hit owing to weak market sentiment and stretched valuation. ITC dropped 2.92 per cent while Hindustan Unilever fell 1.19 per cent.

Auto stocks were also down as Hero MotoCorp and Tata Motors dropped more than 3 per cent. Maruti fell 1.56 per cent and Bajaj Auto by 1.24 per cent. HDFC Bank also suffered losses with HDFC Bank losing more than 2 per cent and HDFC by 0.68 per cent.

Bharti Airtel, Yes Bank, ICICI Bank, Adani Ports, Kotak Bank, TCS, Vedanta Ltd, RL, Sun Pharma, SBI, L&T, ONGC, Wipro, IndusInd Bank and Axis Bank fell up to 3 per cent.

Index may have lost just around 4.5 per cent during the last ten days, but several blue chips stocks have fallen by as much as 20 per cent. Bank Nifty has taken the biggest hit by losing a massive 1,600 points from its peak to close at 26,807 points.

Both UPA, NDA led to NPAs: Rajan

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"This Government informed in Parliament that NPAs have gone up to Rs 10.3 lakh crore till March 2018 and it is now at Rs 12 lakh crore. So, simple mathematics tells us that Rs 9.17 lakh crore of NPAs were in 56 months of Modi Government," he said.

He added that even if what Rajan said about bad loans originating in 2006 was considered true, they still only were 2.83 lakh crore till the UPA demitted office and this amount was manageable.

"Hold the UPA accountable for the Rs 2.83 lakh crore but will you hold the Modi Government responsible for the Rs 9.17 lakh crore?" he asked.

In his note Rajan said over-optimistic bankers and a slowdown in Government decision making, which had popularly been dubbed as "policy paralysis" before the 2014 elections were behind the mounting bad loan mess.

Stating that the economy in the period 2006-2008 was strong, Rajan said that "banks make mistakes" at such times.

"They extrapolate past growth

and performance to the future. So they are willing to accept higher leverage in projects, and less promoter equity. Sometimes bank sign up to lend based on project reports by the promoter's investment bank, without doing their own due diligence," according to Rajan.

Citing an example, the former RBI Governor said, "One promoter told me about how he was pursued by banks waving cheque books, asking him to name the amount he wanted." This was a historic phenomenon of irrational exuberance, common across countries at such a phase in the cycle, he added.

Unfortunately, he said, growth does not always take place as expected and years of strong growth before the global financial crisis was followed by a slowdown, which extended even to India, showing how much more integrated the country had become with the world. Strong demand projections for various projects were shown to be increasingly unrealistic as domestic demand slowed down, he added.

He also pointed to loss of promoter and banker interest for rise in NPAs. Over malfeasance and corruption in the NPA problem, he said, "Undoubtedly, there was some, but it was hard to tell banker exuberance, incompetence, and corruption apart."

The Parliament's Committee on Estimates had invited Rajan to brief it on the matter after former Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) Arvind Subramanian praised him for identifying the NPA crisis and trying to resolve it.

55 killed...

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The victims include 25 women and seven children. 25 died on the spot and others succumbed in Jagatiyal Government hospital. Seven critically injured were shifted to hospitals in Hyderabad and Karimnagar while 17 were being treated in local hospital.

The bus no. AP 28 Z 2319 belonging to Jagatiyal depot was coming from Shanivarpet to Jagatiyal via Kondagutta. As there was a huge rush of pilgrims at the Hanuman temple atop the hill and fewer buses available more than 70 passengers boarded the bus against the capacity of 40.

According to the police the accident occurred at around 11:30 am when the bus was about to come out of the difficult Ghat section of the road. "The bus was very close to come onto the highway and was crossing

over the last speed breaker when the driver lost control and the bus turned on one side and then fell into the gorge", said one of the survivors.

Jagtiyal Superintendent of Police Sindhu Sharma, who rushed with the police force for the rescue operation said the real cause of the accident will be known only after thorough probe.

But the eyewitnesses and local people said a combination of factors including the driver's error and the negligence by the administration led to the tragedy.

They said that the Ghat Road was not the main route between the Kondagutta and Jagatiyal and there was an alternate bypass road. "The Ghat Road was closed for the buses and other heavy vehicles after 20 people died in earlier accident involving a lorry", another local person said. "But the road was again opened for buses three months ago as by pass

road was 5 kms longer".

The other reason was the driver Srinivas was new to the route and failed to apply the brakes while crossing the speed breaker which did not have any mark. When the bus hit the speed breaker with full speed some of the passengers staking close to him fell on the driver and he lost control over the bus veering sharply on one side.

Most of the passengers died under the weight of others. The driver lost both his legs.

As soon as the bus fell into gorge the other passerby and the local people rushed to rescue the injured.

The police and the revenue department officials joined the efforts later on.

With the heaps of dead body at the scene of accident there were heart rending scenes at the site of the accident as a large number of people crowded the place. The screams and cries of the near and

dear ones of the dead echoed in Jagatiyal hospital where all the bodies were shifted later.

Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao has expressed deep shock and grief over the loss of life and announced an ex gratia of Rs 5 lakh to the kin of the victims.

In a message CM expressed deep condolences on the loss of lives and injuries to others. He further directed the officials concerned to provide immediate medical assistance to the injured.

State Minister for industries K Taraka Rama Rao and the local MP K Kavita were among the senior leaders who have reached Jagatiyal to supervise the relief measures.

District Collector A Sharat, Superintendent of Police Sindhu Sharma and the Karimnagar city Police Commissioner Kamalashan Reddy were also involved in the rescue and relief measures.

Cong gives...

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According to the Congress, first a complaint on May 7, 2015, was filed to Ministry of Corporate Affairs by one Vaibhav Khuraniya and RM Green Solution Private Limited and copies of it were to PMO, ED and Serious Fraud Investigation Office.

The PMO acknowledged the complaint on May 26. A couple of years later on May 3, 2017, Khuraniya also emailed the complaint to SEBI.

Thereafter, a similar complaint was filed to Deputy Commissioner of Police, Mumbai. Then another person named Digvijaysinh Jadeja filed an FIR in Ahmedabad Economic Offences Wing, Gujarat against Choksi and others for defrauding them.

"The matter went to Gujarat High Court, where Government of Gujarat was a party. Jadeja also filed an affidavit on July 20, 2016, specifically pointing out that Mehul Choksi and others owed a debt of Rs 9,872 crore to banks and are likely to escape from India," Surjewala said sharing copies of the complaints and affidavits.

A complaint dated July 26, 2016, was also filed by one Hariprasad to PMO which has already been placed in public domain earlier, he said.

Surjewala pointed out that in a reply to a Parliament question dated July 24, 2018, PMO admitted that the first report of action against Nirav and Choksi was given to the PMO by Finance Department on March 1, 2018. Ironically, Nirav had already escaped on January 1, 2018, followed by Choksi three days later.

The Congress questioned as how the Ministry of External Affairs provided the 'Clean Chit' certificate for Mehul Choksi's citizenship of Antigua in May 2017, as clearance certified that there was 'no adverse information' against Choksi. Antigua's Citizenship Investment Unit (CIU) also states that SEBI gave 'clean chit certificate' to Mehul Choksi.

"Were there an active warrant for Choksi at the time his citizenship application was being processed, this information should have already been made available to Interpol, a notification of which would have been readily accessible by the CIU and its due diligence partners. Further, the warrant should have formed a part of the criminal records database in India and therefore declared in the police clearance cer-

tificate issued by MEA. It is now clear that Interpol gave clearance to Mehul Choksi, as CBI/ED failed to get a warrant issued against him or provide the requisite evidence to Interpol," Surjewala said.

Congress alleged that Modi met Antigua and Barbuda Prime Minister Gaston Browne on April 20, 2018 on the sidelines of Commonwealth Heads of Govt Meeting in United Kingdom. It is thus clear that even Modi never raised the issue of Mehul Choksi during that meeting, he said.

"It is intriguing that the Modi Government permitted the Indian passport of Mehul Choksi to remain live until Feb 16, 2018, helping him escape in January 2018," the Congress alleged.

"All the allegations labelled by the Enforcement Directorate are

false and baseless. They have attached my properties illegally without there being any basis of the same," Choksi said in the video. "The passport authority revoked my passport altogether in view of which I was immobilized. I received an email from the passport office which said that my passport has been suspended due to reasons of security threat to India.

"I sent an email to the regional passport office Mumbai requesting them to revoke the suspension of my passport. However, I did not receive any reply from them. They did not even give me any explanation to why my passport has been suspended," he added. Choksi is one of the prime accused in the Rs 13,500-crore Punjab National Bank fraud. He was last traced to Antigua, where he has been granted citizenship.

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अधिसूचना
एतद्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि चौधरी चरण सिंह विश्वविद्यालय, मेरठ का 30वाँ दीक्षांत समारोह सोमवार, दिनांक 24 सितम्बर 2018 को होना सुनिश्चित हुआ है। दीक्षांत समारोह की अध्यक्षता माननीय कुलाधिपति एवं श्री राज्यपाल श्री राम नाईक जी करेंगे तथा समारोह के मुख्य अतिथि प्रो. एसआरओ भट्ट, अध्यक्ष भारतीय दार्शनिक अनुसंधान परिषद, नई दिल्ली होंगे। दीक्षांत समारोह में कार्यक्रमानुसार विश्वविद्यालय के विभिन्न संकायों में सर्वोच्च स्थान प्राप्तकर्ता विद्यार्थियों को पदक, प्रायोजित पदक, शोध छात्रों की सुवर्ण, विशिष्ट योग्यता प्रमाण पत्र व पदक, लाला लाजपत राय मेडिकल कॉलेज, मेरठ से एमबीबीडीएस एवं एमडीओ उपाधि तथा विश्वविद्यालय परिसर से एमपीए, एमएडएससी, एमएफिलो एवं अन्य पाठ्यक्रमों के उपाधि धारकों को उपाधि प्रदान की जायेगी। उपाधियों का वितरण दीक्षांत समारोह के दिन प्रातः 7:30 बजे से 09:30 बजे तक विश्वविद्यालय परिसर के गोपनीय विभाग के काउन्टर से किया जायेगा।
कार्यक्रम
(दिनांक 24.09.2018 प्रातः 10:10 बजे से)
वर्ष 2018 में प्रदत्त किये जाने वाले पदकों से अर्ह विद्यार्थियों का अलंकरण, किसान ट्रस्ट, नई दिल्ली के पुरस्कारों से अर्ह विद्यार्थियों का अलंकरण, प्रायोजित पदक, विशिष्ट योग्यता प्रमाण पत्र तथा विश्वविद्यालय द्वारा पूर्व परम्पानुसार दीक्षांत समारोह में प्रदान की जाने वाली उपाधियों से विमुक्ति किया जाना एवं दीक्षोपदेश नेताजी सुभाषचन्द्र बोस स्मृति, विश्वविद्यालय परिसर में सम्पन्न होगा।
समस्त पदक एवं प्रमाण पत्र प्राप्त करने वाले विद्यार्थी दिनांक 22.09.2018 को पूर्वान्व 11:00 बजे विश्वविद्यालय परिसर स्थित नेताजी सुभाष चन्द्र बोस स्मृति में पहुँचकर अपनी उपस्थिति दर्ज कराते हुए वांछित पत्रजातों को उपलब्ध करायेंगे। दीक्षांत समारोह का कार्यक्रम, उपाधि वितरण का कार्यक्रम, सभी पदक व उपाधि धारकों की सुवर्ण, विशिष्ट योग्यता प्रमाण पत्र व विश्वविद्यालय, मेरठ की वेबसाईट www.ccsuniversity.ac.in पर उपलब्ध रहेगी। अर्ह विद्यार्थियों से अपेक्षित है कि विश्वविद्यालय वेबसाईट पर उपलब्ध वितरण व कार्यक्रमानुसार निर्धारित प्रारूप में पदक प्राप्त किये जाने की समस्त औपचारितायें पूर्ण कर अपनी उपाधि तथा पदक ग्रहण करने के लिये उपस्थित होंगे।
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नोट : दीक्षांत समारोह में प्रवेश निर्धारित समय तक ही निमन्त्रण-पत्र एवं फोटोयुक्त परिचय-पत्र के द्वारा ही होगा, इनके अभाव में प्रवेश वर्जित होगा।

Thieves eat from Nizam's...

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The duo had entered the Museum at Purani Haveli palace in the old city in the wee hours of September 3

and stole the two artifacts belonging to the last Nizam Mir Osman Ali Khan valued at Rs 50 crore in the international market. After stealing the tiffin box one of them used it for eating food during last one week when they stayed at a five star hotel in Mumbai, Anajni Kumar said.

"After committing the theft they had escaped to Mumbai and stayed in a five star hotel. They unsuccessfully tried to sell the goods but could not succeed. Our teams traced them to Mumbai and arrested them", the Commissioner said.

The police produced the two alleged offenders before the media.

The tiffin box made of gold and studded with dia-

monds and gems along with the tea cup and spoons were also shown to the media at the crowded press conference.

"The two had under taken reconnaissance of the museum for forty days and visited the place many times before committing the theft in a well planned manner", Anjani Kumar said.

While Ghouse Pasha was a habitual offender and was involved in 25 cases of theft Mubeen worked in Gulf for some time and also underwent imprisonment in connection with an offence, he added.

Police Commissioner also revealed that the duo had also tried to take away an antique Quran from the museum. But as they heard the calls for the morning prayers (Fajar Namaz) from nearby mosque they dropped the idea and came out to flee the place.

After the sensational theft came to light the Commissioner had formed 20 special teams to nab the culprits. In the absence of sufficient clues, the teams worked painstakingly and

succeeded in cracking the case, he said pointing out that the police had only 15 second blurry footage of CCTV camera of a mosque outside the museum.

In the footage the two youth were seen coming out of the museum lane and boarding a motor cycle. Based on the images the detectives worked and traced the two offenders, the Commissioner added.

The burglars had entered the museum from the adjacent building and broke into the first floor gallery through ventilator. They used a rope to scale down from ventilator and after breaking the show case they took away only two most expensive items while leaving other items untouched. They had also turned away the CCTV camera from the show case to avoid detection. Three private security guards on duty during the night remained oblivious to the crime as the doors were shut from outside.

Commissioner said that the offenders resorted to many tricks to mislead the

people. "In the CCTV footage we could see one of them was acting as if he was talking on mobile phone when he was in fact holding a battery torch close to his ears. This forced the police to go through the record of thousands of calls made from the area wasting precious time", the Commissioner said.

The two artifacts were among the 450 odd gifts presented to the Nizam Mir Osman Ali Khan by his subjects in 1937 on the occasion of the silver jubilee celebrations of sitting on the throne of Hyderabad. The priceless collection was on display at the Nizam's Museum of HEH Nizam Silver Jubilee Pavilion Trust since year 2000.

The fact that the thieves celebrated their success by enjoying meals in the gold tiffin has become a rage on the social media with many creating memes and commenting, "Whether the King and his family enjoyed the food in the gold tiffin box or not, thieves has definitely enjoyed it", one of them said.

पश्चिमांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि
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अवोहरासतकर्ता द्वारा निम्नलिखित कार्य कराने हेतु अनुमोदी टेकेदारों विनका आवक वस्तु एवं सेवाकर (जीएसटी) में पंजीकृत तथा सम्बन्धी ई-निविदा वेबसाइट पर दर्ज अर्हता को पूर्ण करते हो के द्वारा ई-निविदा के माध्यम से दो भागों में आमंत्रित की जाती है। जो दिनांक 27.09.2018 को 14:00 बजे तक ई-निविदा वेब पोर्टल पर www.etender.up.nic.in पर भरी जा सकती है तथा उसी दिन 16:00 बजे के बाद ऑन लाईन खोली जायेगी। यदि उस दिन अवकाश हुआ तो वे निविदायें अगले कार्य दिवस में खोली जायेगी। ई-निविदा शुल्क एवं घोरेर राशि एम्आईएफटी/आरटीजीपीएस, के माध्यम से पंजाब नेशनल बैंक EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, ELECTRICITY, DISTRIBUTION DIVISION-III, LONI EXECUTIVE NO. 98400210000705 IFS CODE- PUNB0984000 BRANCHI-TILLA MORE, LONI GHAZIABAD के खाते में जमा कराकर बैंक जमा का साक्ष्य यथा योग्य युओजीआरड सं 0 पे-इन-रिलय की प्रति अन्य आवश्यक प्रपत्रों के साथ निविदा के प्रथम भाग में अपलोड किया जाना आवश्यक है तथा निविदा के द्वितीय भाग में सिर्फ दर्द नरी जायेगी। निविदा प्रपत्रों की विक्री केवल जीएसटी) में पंजीकृत फर्मों की ही स्वीकार की जायेगी।
अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा 01/कार्य/विशेषीकृत-तृतीय/लोनी/2018-19 विद्युत वितरण सख-तृतीय लोनी के अर्थात 333/11 केबीवी इन्टरप्रयक्ष लोनी के 11 केबीवी राहुल गार्डन के विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में अधिक एटीओ एण्ड सीओ हानियों वाले उक्त क्षेत्रों में खुली एलटीओ लाईन को एपीसीओ डाउनक बन्दे जाने, लाईनों को सुदृढीकरण किये जाने एवं इन क्षेत्रों में परिसर के बाहर मुख्यद्वार के निकट पोल पर नीदर स्थापित किये जाने के कार्य आवश्यक हैं। उक्त सम्बन्धी समस्त कार्य बाह्य एजेन्सी के माध्यम से टर्नकी आधार पर कराया जाना प्रस्तावित है। जिसका मुगतान अतिरिक्त बिजनेस प्लान 2018-19 मद से किया जायेगा। जिसकी घोरेर राशि ₹ 98,000.00 व निविदा मूल्य ₹ 5,900.00+1% (18 जीएसटी) सहित।
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15th SEPTEMBER – 2nd OCTOBER, 2018

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'Swachhata Hi Seva 2018' will be launched nationwide on 15th September at 9.30 a.m. Millions of Indians will be participating through Swachhata Shramdaan. The Prime Minister too will do Shramdaan. Let us all join this Swachhata movement.

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- Garbage collection drives
- House-to-house meetings
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- Cleaning of filled toilet pits for collecting compost

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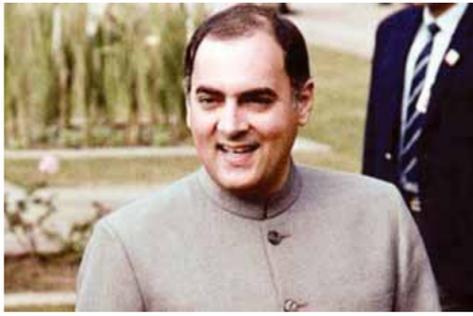


RAJIV GANDHI ASSASSINATION CASE

Chances of remission bleak for assassins

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

The Tamil Nadu Government's decision to write to Governor Banwarilal Purohit asking him to release the seven assassins of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi who are serving life term in a Chennai jail has not gone down well with the families of persons who perished or seriously injured in the May 21, 1991 bomb blast perpetrated by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) terrorists.



The Edappadi Palaniswamy Government had written to the Governor last Sunday asking him to release Nalini, Suthendraraja (Santhan), Sreeharan (Murugan), who is also the husband of Nalini), A G Perarivalan (Arivu), Robert Payas, S Jayakumar, and Ravichandran, the seven assassins accused of providing logistic and other help to the LTTE executioners Sivaraman, Dhanu and Suba.

Dhanu was the human bomb who herself got blew up during the assassination while Sivaraman and Suba committed suicide to escape from the Indian Army commandoes who were deputed to catch them from their hide out in Bangalore.

Perarivalan had approached the apex court with a plea that though he had submitted a mercy petition to the Governor in 2015 seeking remission from the life term the latter had not taken any decision. The apex court had on September 6 asked the Governor to consider the mercy petition of Perarivalan though it has not directed him to set the assassin free.

Political parties in Tamil Nadu barring the BJP and the

Congress welcomed the Supreme Court directive which led to the State Cabinet writing to the Governor invoking Article 161 of the Constitution.

All the accused were sentenced to death by the trial court which was upheld by the High Court as well as the Supreme Court. But the death sentences were commuted to life sentences following the clemency petitions filed by the assassins. It was Sonia Gandhi who gave clemency to Nalini.

Legal experts state that the advice by the Council of Ministers is binding on the Governor. But no time limit has been prescribed in the Constitution.

The Governor can also seek the opinion of the Centre with regard to the Tamil Nadu Government's advice.

The Congress in Tamil Nadu is of the view that the assassins had been given clemency in the past and they were saved from the gallows. "But the demand to release them from prison is unreasonable and unjustifiable," said Vijayadharini, Congress MLA whose mother Bagavathy Padmanabhan suffered serious injuries in the May 21, 1991 blast at Sriperumbudur which

killed Gandhi.

While the Dravidian fringe groups and pro-LTTE elements have gone gung-ho over the Supreme Court directive, the general public are reluctant to come out against the move lest they earn the wrath of extremist groups. "What should the nation think of a wife and two children who forgive killers who join with anti Indian foreign terrorist organisation to brutally blow up Rajiv Gandhi and kill him in cold blood merely for following national interests as Prime Minister?," asked Subramanian Swamy, MP.

There is a fear among the people in the State that the same modus operandi could be employed in future to set free Sasikala, Ilavarasi, and Sudhakaran serving imprisonment in the disproportionate asset case. "Many Islamist organisations have asked the Government to release convicts in murder cases who have completed 20 years of sentence. This is not a good precedence," said a legal expert who did not want his name to be quoted. He said that action of the AIADMK in writing to the governor was with an eye on the vote bank.

Nun writes scathing letter to Vatican against Bishop, seeks justice

PTI ■ KOTTAYAM/KOCHI/KANNUR/JALANDHAR

The nun, who has accused a Roman Catholic Bishop of raping her, has petitioned the Vatican representative in India to sack the clergyman, claiming he was using "political and money power" to "bury" the case even as the Kerala Government Tuesday plea for "justice will be done".

Making a fervent plea for urgent intervention, the nun, in a scathing letter, also sought to explain her silence before coming out against the bishop, saying she had "tremendous fear and shame" and wondered why the church was "closing its eyes towards the truth".

As the issue snowballed with continued protests seeking action against him, Bishop Franco Mulakkal of Jalandhar diocese in Punjab rejected the charges as "baseless and concocted" and said he was open for probe.

"If I am found guilty, which I am not, I am likely to be punished...I will appear before police if I am summoned. I am a law abiding citizen," he told television channels in Jalandhar.

Accusing the nun of 'blackmailing' him, the Kerala priest also hit out at those protesting against him.

Senior Kerala Minister E P Jayarajan rejected allegations of attempts to sabotage the probe and asserted it was proceeding in the "right direction."

"A very strong investigation is being carried out in the case. It is proceeding in the right direction. No accused would be allowed to escape the clutches of the law," he told reporters in Kannur.

The Minister also said there was no pressure on the government to act against the bishop.

The day also saw "Missionaries of Jesus", the congregation to which the nun belongs, coming out against the

nun and five fellow nuns, protesting in Kochi seeking justice, accusing them of "spreading blatant lies" against the Bishop.

The protesting nuns rejected the charge and said they will continue their agitation till justice was done.

In the lengthy letter to Giambattista Diqattro, Vatican's Apostolic Nuncio (a diplomatic mission), the nun, who has accused Bishop Franco of rape and having unnatural sex with her multiple times between 2014 and 2016, said she has turned to the Church authorities for justice.

She demanded removal of the Jalandhar Bishop, alleging that while continuing in the position, Franco and his close associates "are using the wealth of the diocese to divert" the course of investigation.

"Seeking your urgent intervention in this case as the Holy See in India," the nun said, knocking at the Vatican's door.

In the September 8 letter, a copy of which was available with the media Tuesday, she alleged that the Bishop and his associates were "luring" people to take a stand supportive of the clergyman by promising them properties and other forms of wealth.

"They are arranging people to attack us and Bishop Franco is using his political power and money to get higher authorities of the investigation and the Government to bury legal proceedings that I have filed against him," she alleged.

Noting that she had filed the complaint against the Bishop two months ago, the nun claimed even though the Special Investigation Team probing it was convinced of the proof, it was not able to arrest him because of his political and economic clout.

"I beg the church authorities to kindly make a speedy enquiry about this case and

remove Bishop Franco from his responsibilities as the spiritual leader of the diocese," the nun said.

Noting that she felt the Catholic church was still doubting her over the argument as to why she allowed him to sexually abuse her multiple times, the nun said she had tremendous "fear and shame" to bring the matter out into the open. She also feared 'threats' her family.

The nun wondered why the Church was closing its eyes to the "truth when I have mustered courage..."

"Your highness, I would like to ask: Will the Church authority -who stand to protect Bishop Franco and safeguard the dignity of the Church by hiding his wickedness- be able to give back what I have lost?" she asked in the letter.

Copies of the letter were sent to 21 others, including the Catholic Bishops Conference of India (CBCI) president Cardinal Oswald Gracias and Delhi Metropolitan Archbishop Anil Couto. The letter surfaced as the protest by various Catholic reform organisations in Kochi seeking justice for the nun entered the fourth day Tuesday.

Workers of various organisations continued to visit the protest venue to lend their support.

The protesters, including five fellow nuns of the rape survivor, said they would continue their agitation till action was taken against the Bishop.

They have alleged that top police officials were trying to sabotage the probe.

The Missionaries of Jesus congregation Tuesday said it was planning to implead itself in a case being heard by the Kerala High Court.

In a statement, the congregation questioned the character of the nun and alleged she had an illicit relationship with one of her relatives.

Jalandhar diocese trashes allegations, says open for probe



PTI ■ JALANDHAR

Jalandhar diocese Bishop Franco Mulakkal, who has been accused of rape by a nun, Tuesday rejected the charges as "baseless and concocted" and said he was open for probe.

"If I am found guilty, which I am not, I am likely to be punished...I will appear before police if I am summoned. I am a law abiding citizen," he told television channels here.

The Kerala priest said he like everybody else had the right to take legal recourse.

He has been accused of rape and unnatural sex with the complainant multiple times between 2014 and 2016.

Termining the allegations against him as "serious", the bishop said only three persons knew the truth.

"The complainant's sister, myself and God (know the truth)," he said.

The bishop also accused the nun of "blackmailing" him.

"In the first letter she (nun) wrote to Mother Superior, she made some demands...She wanted Bihar (church) to be treated as a separate region and that she be re-instated as Superior of the House...It is a clear case of blackmailing," he asserted.

The priest also hit out at those protesting against him. "Many derogatory state-

ments are being made against me... Is anyone bothered? I am an individual and also a citizen...Though I am an accused, but that does not give anyone the licence to tarnish my character," he said.

Reposing his faith in the probe, Bishop Franco Mulakkal said let the enquiry report come up.

"At this moment, whatever is going on is not justifiable. I suffered it silently. This is a time of crisis...I am going through painful agony...I tell everyone to pray to God...Let the truth prevail," he said.

Meanwhile, the complainant nun has petitioned the Vatican representative in India alleging that the clergyman was using "political and money power" to bury the case and sought his removal from the post.

In a letter to Giambattista Diqattro, Vatican's Apostolic Nuncio (a diplomatic mission), the nun said she has turned to the Church authorities for justice. "Seeking your urgent intervention in this case as the representative of the Holy See in India," she said.

She alleged that by continuing in the position of Jalandhar diocese, Bishop Franco Mulakkal and his close associates "are using the wealth of the diocese to divert" the course of the police investigation.

RJD leadership sidelines Tej Pratap

Tej not invited in party meet?

PNS ■ PATNA

The family feud in the family of RJD supremo Lalu Prasad came to fore once again on Tuesday when his younger son and heir apparent Tejashwi Prasad Yadav practically side-

lined his elder brother Tej Pratap Yadav.

While all the leaders of the party huddled together at Lalu's official residence to attend an important meeting, Tej was missing from the scene. It is not that he was not available or out of town; he was very much present at the house where the meeting was being held.

Not only that the former Health Minister was denied



space, Tejashwi refused to associate with elder brother's scheduled programme on Tuesday. Tej had organised a padyatra from Patna to Sitabdiara by students wing of the party and former Deputy CM was supposed to flag off the event.

Students continued waiting or Tejashwi for hours outside the Circular Road house but he didn't come out. Finally Tej flagged off his much publicised programme. No other leader worth name was present there to support Tej.

This family feud escalated at a time when family patriarch Lalu is struggling with his depression and high sugar level at RIMS in Ranchi while serv-

ing his jail term.

Furthermore, the RJD meeting chaired by Tejashwi with all the senior leaders, including Rabri Devi and Misa Bharti, in attendance out rightly rejected demand for reservation to poor among upper castes. Only a couple of days back Tej had supported this demand and wanted the party to back it to gain support of upper castes.

The meeting demanded from the Centre to make public the data of caste census. Tejashwi said that BJP and RSS didn't want to bring the figures in public domain. Lalu too had been demanding publication of these data. Tejashwi told newsmen that his party would continue supporting dalits rights and not tolerate any amendment in SC/ST Act. "The Narendra Modi Government has an agenda to gradually finish reservation policy. It is also contemplating to make drastic changes in the constitution and we will oppose it tooth and nail and may start a big agitation, if needed," he declared.

Election preparation gains pace, AIMIM re-nominates all its 7 MLAs in Telangana

OMER FAROOQ ■ HYDERABAD

All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen has re-nominated all its seven sitting MLAs for the forthcoming Assembly elections.

The first list issued by the party has only one change. Syed Ahmad Pasha Quadri, party veteran who represented Charminar constituency till now will swap the place with Mumtaz Ahmad Khan who was elected from Yakutpura in last five elections.

Others re-nominated include Akbaruddin Owaisi from the traditional constituency Chandrayangutta, Ahmad Balala from Malakpet, Kausar Mohiuddin from Karwan, Mohammad Moazzam Khan from Bahadurpura and Jafar Hussain Meraj from Nampally.

They were all elected from the stronghold of the party in old parts of Hyderabad. The first list was released by the party president Asaduddin Owaisi last

night. Party sources at least two more lists will be released as party was in the process of finalising their names. Party was also eyeing Assembly seats of Rajender Nagar, Jubilee Hills and Amberpet in Hyderabad and a few other seats in the districts.

Meanwhile the preparation for the Assembly elections has picked up the pace with the arrival of the team of Election Commission officials in Hyderabad to assess the situation. The team was led by the Deputy Election Commissioner Umesh Sinha. Team members will visit different parts of the State and hold discussions with the respective district collectors.

Chief Electoral Officer Rajath Kumar has also released the draft revised electoral rolls and they were kept in all the polling stations for the voters to verify their names. According to the draft rolls the total number of voters in the state was 2,61,36,776. It was 2.89 crore in 2014.



Devotees participate in a 'Tirupati Kudari' rally which started from Chennai ahead of Brahmotsavam on Tuesday

PTI

Karnataka to reduce tax on petroleum products

KESTUR VASUKI ■ BENGALURU

As the spiralling petroleum prices has become a major political issue, the JD(S) - Congress coalition Government in Karnataka led by Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy to follow Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh to reduce taxes on petrol and diesel. Addressing a press conference in Bengaluru on Tuesday Chief Minister said he would be talking to officials to cut the tax on petroleum products. This decision followed by Bharath Bandh called by Congress President Rahul Gandhi which politically attacked ruling BJP Government at the Centre led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Kumaraswamy made this statement after he returned from Delhi where he met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and sought Central aid to take up rehabilitation and reconstruction of flood ravaged Kodagu in Karnataka.

"I will discuss the pros and cons on how we can bring down the State levies on the motor fuel. Anyway the Union Government has ruled out bringing the central taxes on motor fuel. BJP leader BS Yeddyurappa has also given me the advise to bring down the



state taxes. I should respect his feelings even if the Union Government is not responding. Soon I will take a decision," Kumaraswamy who also holds the Finance Portfolio, said.

Chief Minister said he had met Modi and apprised him of the devastation in Kodagu and coastal districts due to heavy rains, floods and landslides that caused huge losses to the state. "The Prime Minister has responded to send a central assessment team and the team is arriving tonight. We have asked for a Central grant of ₹2,000 Crores to take up relief measures. Let us see how the centre responds," he added.

To a question about banks sending notices to farmers who are unable to return the farm loans despite the State Government announcing loan waiver scheme, he said the

Assam to replace bhut bhtuis with double engine ferries

ANUP SHARMA ■ GUWAHATI

The mechanised boats in Assam will soon become a thing of the past.

Stung by the recent boat capsizing incident that claimed four lives in Assam and the criticism that followed, the Assam Government has not only decided to suspend the running of mechanised boats from the entire river system of the State but also to convert all the existing single engine ferries to double engine ones with reversible gear.

The decision was taken after the Assam Transport Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary held a review meeting with the top brass of the Inland Water Transport Directorate here.

"As per the safety norms, there must be one life jacket for each passenger in the vessel and it will be mandatory for each passenger to put on the life jacket while boarding the vessel," said Patowary on Tuesday. He also instructed that the Deputy Commissioners shall conduct safety audit of the ferry vessels within their respective districts.

At least four people died on September 5 this year after a mechanised boat capsized in Brahmaputra river near Assam capital town Guwahati. Hundreds of mechanised boats known as bhut bhtuis are an integral part of the river transport system in Assam. Thousands of people in Assam use the bhut bhtuis every day to commute to one place from another as well as to transport goods as part of their business. The lackadaisical attitude of the Inland Water Transport Directorate towards ensuring safety measures have, however, led to many capsizing and other tragedies in the past.

The Minister also directed that capacity building of IWT staff and other stakeholders must be enhanced on a war-footing. The Minister routed the fact that adequate attention on fleet modernisation was not given in the past for which vessels operating both under IWT and private operators turned old.

The ITW officials informed that during the last two years, work for 15 steel vessels and 3 wooden vessels has been undertaken.

Sanjiv Bhatt sent to 10 days remand by Guj HC

PNS ■ GANDHINAGAR

Dismissed IPS officer Sanjiv Bhatt sent for 10 days remand by Gujarat High Court's order on Tuesday in connection with two decades old abduction case.

Bhatt's 14 days remand plea moved by Gujarat CID crime department was rejected by a local court of Palanpur town of Banaskantha district on Monday. Subsequently, Gujarat police approached High Court with the same 14 days remand request to interrogate former cop, but the High Court gave 10 days remand.

The 1988 batch IPS officer was arrested on September 5 by a Special Investigation Team (SIT) formed by Gujarat CID crime from his residence in Ahmedabad on the charges of abduction and framing a Rajasthan based lawyer in crime related to narcotics.

In 1996 a Rajasthan base lawyer Sumer Singh Rajpurohit



was allegedly abducted and framed in a narcotics (opium) case on the instruction of Bhatt (when he was Banaskantha SP) from a hotel in North Gujarat town Palanpur. Subsequently Rajpurohit filed a case against Bhatt and several others in Pali, Rajasthan.

Following Gujarat High Court had ordered to form a Special Investigation Team (SIT). During investigation SIT found that Bhatt had framed Rajpurohit by filing false case. The Rajasthan lawyer in his complaint claimed that he was abducted by police in civil

dress in order to oblige then sitting judge of Gujarat High Court justice RR Jain.

Rajpurohit alleged that the false case was filed against him to force his family to evict a rented commercial property belonging to Justice Jain's sister in Pali town of Rajasthan. He went on to say that he was not only abducted by implicated in a false Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) case after Gujarat police found nearly 1 kg opium from a hotel in Palanpur. According to him, he never booked a hotel room in Palanpur and when the police raided the hotel, he was in Pali.

Rajpurohit further alleged that after abducting him, Bhatt and his juniors pressurised him to vacate the rented property and threatened him to frame under NDPS Act. According to him, he had no other option but to vacate the property at that point of time.

'Hinduism liberal mother of all religions, not dogma'

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee once again attacked the "fundamentalist forces" for trying to usurp Hinduism and vitiate its charitable tenets by reinterpreting it in their own dogmatic way.

Stopping short of naming BJP and RSS for upholding an "intolerant ideology" in the name of Hinduism "which it is not" she said "today when someone tries to determine what others should eat and where they should live," in the name of Hindu religion "I feel ashamed," because tolerance is the essence of the Hindu religion which is the mother of all religions of the world.

Banerjee was delivering a lecture at Belur Math, the headquarters of the Ramakrishna Mission order on the 125th anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's famous speech in the world conference of religions at Chicago.

Expressing her "great pain" because "some unholy clique conspired against me and created pressure on the



but that does not give you the license to demean me. You may recite from the Vedas with authority but I can stitch the shoes with equal proficiency," and added "a true leader is one who is dedicated to the service of the nation and not triggers division among the people."

Attacking the powers that be for trying to usurp all the seats of spiritual liberalism including the Ramakrishna Mission Banerjee said, "I have been told that once Belur Math managed the affairs at the Vivekananda Rocks at Kanyakumari where Swamiji used meditate but today the

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Didi cuts petrol price by ₹1

PNS ■ KOLKATA

The Bengal Government on Monday slashed petroleum prices by ₹1 in order to "provide some respite the people of the State."

Announcing the decision Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said the Centre had on nine occasions increased excise duty on petroleum, causing the price to go up by ₹11. "We have done our bit by reducing price by ₹1. Now let them do theirs,"

place has been usurped by a particular group. I have also been told that they are trying to threaten the Ramakrishna Mission into submission in order to usurp this order too. But we will not allow that to happen."

Referring to Vivekananda who had "once puffed from a

WE HAVE DONE OUR BIT BY REDUCING PRICE BY ₹1. NOW LET THEM DO THEIRS, MAMATA SAID

Banerjee said. The State Government's decision comes a day after the all-India strike called by the opposition parties. Though the Trinamool Congress opposed the bandh the TMC leaders led a massive rally in Kolkata to register their protest against the continuing oil price hike.

hookah of a Muslim person to check whether that triggers a fall from the caste," her brand of Hinduism did not depend on the one preached by some handful of bigots. "My analysis of Hinduism will depend upon what Ramakrishna and Swami Vivekananda and not what some fundamentalists propagate."

2 LeT terrorists killed in Kashmir

KHURSHED WANI ■ SRINAGAR

Security forces shot dead two terrorists in north Kashmir on Tuesday claiming one of them was involved in killing of a separatist activist.

A police spokesman said that two terrorists belonging to Lashkar-e-Tayyeba outfit were killed in Galoora village of Langate in north Kashmir's Kupwara district. He said one terrorist was involved in the murder of senior Hurriyat activist Hakeem-ur-Rehman

Sultani of Sopore in Baramulla district. Sultani was killed by unknown gunmen in point blank range at Bomai area in Sopore on September 8.

The spokesman said that slain Liyaqat Lone alias Sahaba Umar Khalid along with other LeT terrorists Gani Khawaja and Majid Mir, was involved in the murder of Hakeem-ur-Rehman Sultani, a resident of Bomai on September 8, 2018. However, there is no word from the separatist Hurriyat Conference on Police statement.

IN ANOTHER INCIDENT, SUSPECTED TERRORISTS ATTACKED AN ARMY BUNKER BY HURLING A GRENADE IN SOPORE AREA OF BARAMULLA DISTRICT

Meanwhile, protests broke out in north Kashmir's Langate area of Kupwara district against the killing of two terrorists.

The authorities suspended class work in Degree College Handwara and all higher secondary schools under Mawar and Langate educational zones as a precautionary measure following the killing of militants. The authorities also suspended the mobile internet service in parts of Handwara.

The counter terrorist operation was launched on the basis of specific information about presence of terrorist group in the area. After joint forces reached the suspected spot the hiding terrorists opened fire indiscriminately triggering gunfire. It culminated into the killing of two armed terrorists. There was no report of fatal or non fatal casualties on forces.

In another incident, suspected terrorists attacked an Army bunker by hurling a grenade in Sopore area of Baramulla district.

Security sources said that the terrorists lobbed a hand grenade towards army bunker near Degree College missing the target.

They said there was no loss of life or injury reported in the



2 Lashkar-e-Taiba militants were killed in an encounter with security forces in Galoora area of Handwara in the north Kashmir's Kupwara district

Senior citizen dies immediately after fall

She tried to prevent drunk son-in-law from assaulting her deaf, mute, daughter

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In a shocking incident, a 32-year-old inebriated man has been arrested for allegedly killing his mother-in-law by flinging her out of the window of a flat in a building at Thane

after she tried to prevent him assaulting her daughter. Paramjit died instantly after she was allegedly thrown by her son-in-law from of the first floor flat where the newly married couple stayed.

The accused son-in-law Ankush Dhiraj Bhatti, who was arrested immediately after the incident, has been charged with murder. "We produced the accused before a local court today and he has remanded to police custody till September 15," Investigating Officer Pradeep N. Ugale of Kasarwadavali Police Station said.

A resident of Jammu in Jammu & Kashmir, Bhatti runs a logistics company. He had recently married deaf-mute Tarvinder, who is six years older to him. Kaur's used to live with Bhatti at Hiranandani Estates. However, Bhatti, who is an alcoholic, moved out to the nearby Rumah Bali Society as he needed privacy.

Man throws mother-in-law out of flat window, held

SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY			
CORRIGENDUM No.1 dated 11-09-2018 to Tender Notice No.C/SG/C/36/5/356 Dt:27-08-2018			
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Other things remain unaltered. Visit our website www.irps.gov.in. Dy. Chief Signal & Telecom. Engineer, (Projects), Secunderabad

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section U/S 82 Cr. P.C. Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Vipin, S/o Avdesh, R/o H.No. 430, Devil Village, New Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 151/17, dt. 29.03.2017 U/S 325/341/34 IPC, P.S. Neb Sarai, New Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Vipin cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Vipin has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Vipin of FIR No. 151/17, dt. 29.03.2017 U/S 325/341/34 IPC, P.S. Neb Sarai, New Delhi are required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 15.10.2018.

By Order
Sh. Anuj Kumar Singh,
Metropolitan Magistrate South,
Room No. 212, Saket Court,
New Delhi

DP/4945/SD/18(Court Matter)

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY

General Public is hereby informed that one person namely Unknown S/o Unknown R/o Unknown age: 50 yrs was found dead on Footpath in front of Main Gate, Kucha Chalan, Lahori Gate, Delhi on 08.09.2018. In this regard a DD No. 08-A dated 08.09.2018 has been lodged at P. S. Lahori Gate, Delhi. The description of the dead person is as under:- Age: 50 yrs., Sex: Male, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: Blue Colour Shirt, White and Black Colour Pant. If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned.

SHO
P.S. Lahori Gate, Delhi
DP/9139/N/18 Ph.: 011-23953776, 8750870122

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY

General public is hereby informed that an unknown male person was found dead at Bus Stand Near Nigambodh Ghat, Yamuna Bazar, Kashmere Gate, Delhi on Dated 24.08.2018. In this regard a DD No. 27-A Dated 24.08.2018 has been lodged at P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi. The description of the dead body is given as under Name: Unknown S/o Unknown R/o Unknown Age: 40 years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Sallow, Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the dead person but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned.

SHO
P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi
Ph.: 011-23967889
DP/9142/N/18 8750870123

SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one boy (depicted in the photo), Namely: Shiv Shankar S/o Bhaiya Lal R/o H.No. N-15, Shri Ram Gali, Maujpur, Delhi has been kidnapped from his house. In this regard a case FIR No. 403/18 dated 19.06.2018 u/s 363 IPC has been registered at PS Jafrabad, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

SHIV SHANKAR
Age: about 17 Years, Height: 5', Complexion: Shallow, Face: Long, Built: Thin, Wearing: Black colour lower, white colour shirt and red colour chappal in feet.
Any person is having any information/clue about this kidnapped boy, may inform SHO, Jafrabad, Delhi at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in or website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
SHO
Phone: 011-24368638, 24368641 P.S. Jafrabad, Delhi
Fax No. 011-24368639 North-East Distt., Delhi
DP/6400/NE/18 Ph. No. 011-22560191, 22560192

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a girl namely Payal D/o Ram Singh, R/o H.No. B-555, Gali No. 1, Meet Nagar, Delhi, Age: 17 yrs., Height: 4'11", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Built: Strong, Wearing: Green Colour Suit-Salwar and Chappal in Feet, has been missing / kidnapped since 24.02.2018 from her house. In this regard a case FIR No. 75/18 dated 24.02.2018 u/s 363 IPC has been registered at PS. Jyoti Nagar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local Police to trace out the missing / kidnapped girl but no clue has come to light so far.

Payal
If anyone have any information about this missing / kidnapped girl please inform undersigned
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in, Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641, Fax: 011-24368639
SHO
PS. Jyoti Nagar, Delhi
DP/6164/NE/18 Ph. No. 011-22110187, 8750870731

SEARCH FOR MISSING MALE

General Public is hereby informed that one man (depicted in the photo) namely Shahid Qureshi S/o Achchan Qureshi R/o H. No. C-304, Gali No. 4, Chauhan Banger, Jafrabad, Delhi Aged - about 35 Years has been reported missing since 14.07.2018 vide DD No. 14-A dated 15.07.2018 lodged at Police Station Jafrabad, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

Complexion: Fair, Height: 5'7", Face: Round, Built: Medium, Clothing: White coloured payjama and kathai coloured sandal in feet.
Any person having any information/Clue about this missing man, may inform SHO, Jafrabad, Delhi at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in or website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
Sd/-
Tele No.: 11-24368638 or 24368641 SHO, Jafrabad, Delhi.
FAX No.: 11-24368639 Tel.: 011-22560191, 22560192
DP/6464/NE/18 Mob.: 8750870723

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BM-PK Division, Civil Engineering Department
ROOM No. 1615, 16th Floor, Palika Kendra, New Delhi
e-Procurement Tender Notice

e-TENDERING NOTICE

1. Name of work : Improvement to school in BM-PK Division.
Sub Head : Construction of Rainwater Harvesting Pits in Navyug School, Jor Bagh and N.P. Co. Ed. Day Boarding School at Hanuman Road.
Estimated Cost : Rs. 10,35,803/-
Tender I.D. No. : 2018_NDMC_158295_1

2. Name of work : Improvement works at Palika Kendra Building.
Sub Head : Renovation of livery store room at basement, Palika Kendra Building.
Estimated Cost : Rs. 11,51,479/-
Tender I.D. No. : 2018_NDMC_158297_1
Date of release of tenders through e-procurement solution : 11.09.2018
Date & time for pre-bid meeting is : N.A.
Last date/time for receipt of tenders through e-procurement solution : 20.09.2018 upto 04:00 P.M.
Further details can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in/nicgcp> and www.ndmc.gov.in (e Tendering System Government of NCT of Delhi)
Note :- To participate in e-tender in NDMC, registration with e-tendering system, Government of NCT of Delhi is mandatory.
The tender shall be received only through e-Procurement procedure and this supersedes all conditions of NIT for issue/receipt of tender in normal tendering process for the purpose. Sd/-
Executive Engineer (BM-PK)

Life means life

Tamil Nadu Governor must proceed with great caution on the issue of releasing the murderers of Rajiv Gandhi

It is astonishing and says a lot about the level of ethnic politics in India that the Tamil Nadu Government is hell-bent on seeking a premature release of seven convicts who are currently serving a life term for the assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. Four years after the State Government first tried — and failed, given the UPA-led Centre's objections — to secure the premature release of convicts when the Supreme Court commuted their death penalty to life imprisonment, given the Presidential delay in deciding on their mercy petitions, the ruling AIADMK is at it again. Quoting Article 161 of the Constitution that gives emergency powers to the Governor to take a call on the issue, the State Government acting through the Cabinet has now recommended that the Governor immediately release the convicts. Given that the NDA-led Centre has been consistent in opposing any such move and the Congress too has made its stand clear that it does not support the early release of those convicted of killing the former Prime Minister, while both the Dravidian parties in Tamil Nadu are in favour of an early release, the perception is the latter is playing the worst kind of ethnic politics on the issue. Life ought to mean life for those involved in such a heinous crime regardless of the ethnic origin of the convicts. The Congress has done well to draw a distinction between Sonia, Priyanka and Rahul Gandhi having decided at a personal level as a family to forgive the convicts and the stand of the party which is that there can be no mercy for the killers. The Governor is bound by the advice of the Cabinet in normal circumstances. It, however, must be remembered that he is the representative of the President of India, i.e. the Centre, in the State and is duty-bound on such a sensitive issue to apply his mind before deciding on whether to accept or reject the recommendation of the Tamil Nadu Cabinet in the present instance. There is a clear case for the Governor to refer the matter to the Centre for its views too; not only due to the sensitivity of the matter and the unhealthy precedent it may set if the convicts are released but also because the prosecuting agency in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case was the CBI, a central investigative agency. To put things in perspective, when the apex court commuted the death sentences of all seven convicts to life imprisonment in 2014, the then J Jayalalithaa Government in Tamil Nadu showed unseemly haste, with Assembly elections approaching, to seek the release of the convicts the very next day after the Supreme Court's decision. On the objection of the then Congress-led UPA Government, the top court referred the matter to a Constitution Bench which weighed the scales and ruled that the decision to remit or not should solely rest with the Centre or the investigative agency. This time around, however, the State has rolled the ball down to the Governor's court. Governor Banwarilal Purohit must do the right thing.

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50 WORD EDIT Wrong boss

When you get to select who your boss will or will not be, it is a recipe for disaster. Despite his redemption with the bat on the tour of England, Indian cricket captain Virat Kohli, who couldn't get along with Anil Kumble when the latter was the coach so pushed for and got Ravi Shastri with whom he hits it off as his boss instead, most discerning observers could see what was coming. Kumble, a cricketing legend, pushed the team but the fragile egos of our overpaid and underperforming cricketers couldn't take it.

Valley of fear

Kashmiri regional parties' boycott of J&K civic and panchayat polls on the issue of Article 35(A) exposes their loyalties

Who would have been entirely sympathetic, even supportive, of the National Conference (NC) and the People's Democratic Party (PDP) decision not to contest the urban bodies polls due in the first week of October and panchayat polls scheduled to be held over November-December due a month later in the terrorist-infested State of Jammu & Kashmir had they cited the very valid security concerns which would have made it suicidal for their cadres and candidates to campaign in a meaningful way. Indeed, we would have been the first to criticise both the State administration under the Governor and the Centre for failing in its primary duty of providing security to and assuring the safety of Indian citizens participating in the democratic process. That, however, is not the case. Instead, both the premier regional parties active in the State, the NC and the PDP, have announced a 'boycott' of the elections because of a legal challenge to Article 35 A, which gives male residents of the State special land rights, before the Supreme Court of India. The parties want an 'assurance' from the Government of India which incidentally did not move the petition challenging Article 35 A, that the provision will not be repealed and that the Centre will stand for continuance of the prima facie discriminatory Article before the apex court before they can be persuaded to change their mind about contesting the urban local bodies and panchayat polls.

While both parties are fully within their rights to not participate in the polls for the reason proffered by them, and we should respect their honesty of articulation, it devolves upon the rest of us to call them out for what they are coming off as: Soft separatists and misogynists to boot. National parties including the BJP and Congress won't do so because they are interested primarily in the pursuit of power and feel they will need the support of the regional parties with some support base in the Kashmir Valley at some stage. As usual, they are behind the curve. For, the law of diminishing returns has already been in vis-a-vis the relevance of regional parties in Jammu & Kashmir which have traditionally been portrayed as a bridge between the people (mainly Muslim residents of the Valley, to be precise) and state — whether at the local or national level. The vicious Islamist insurgency has made the Valley a hotbed of terrorism and softening the edges of a narrative of separateness, as it were, works neither with an increasingly radicalised population nor has any traction with the unitary impulse of the rest of India. Unfortunately, there's no Kemal Ataturk-like figure on the horizon who can persuade, cajole and if needed drag the Kashmiri people into the mainstream of an Indic narrative and a modern state premised on equal rights for all citizens.

COMMENT & ANALYSIS In remembrance of a versatile General

In the passing away of Rohan Daluwatte, Sri Lanka lost a dynamic thinking General who miraculously transformed the Army and brought honour to the country. Personally, I lost a dear friend who will be missed



For me, remembering Rohan Daluwatte (Dalu), Sri Lanka's first Chief of Defence Staff was a poignant occasion recently in Colombo. He died three days before the Sri Lanka Army's (SLA) eighth annual defence seminar to which I am a privileged invitee since its inception in 2011. The event commemorates the Sri Lankan Security Forces' fantastic victory over the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) in May 2009 when its supreme Prabhakaran was killed in the last outpost on the northern bank of the Nandikadal lagoon by 53 Infantry Division. This military triumph is a turning point in the history of insurgency in the 21st century and it was made possible by military commanders of Daluwatte's ilk, who miraculously transformed the Army, mostly on the run into a war-winning machine.

The war in Sri Lanka had been one of snakes and ladders, mostly snakes, morphing into the ladder to conquest. I recall the present CDS, Admiral Ravindra Wijegunaratne, writing modestly to me in 2009, after subduing LTTE: "The work that was started by you (Indian Peace Keeping Forces) has been completed by us." My presence at the defence seminar ensured by the present Army Commander, Lt Gen Mahesh Senanayake, who spent three years training in Pune, reflects the special bonding between the two militaries. In May this year, Army Chief Gen Bipin Rawat visited Sri Lanka, laid a wreath at the Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF) memorial in Colombo, which recognises the sacrifices of 2,500 Indian martyrs of the first out-of-area peace enforcement mission. Rawat kept his promise to bring Sri Lankan soldiers, sailors and airmen for a Buddhist pilgrimage to Bodhi Gaya by sending a Globemaster to ferry the troops. Next time, the Globemaster, instead of flying empty, will carry Indian soldiers to Colombo and return with Lankan soldiers in a religious and cultural exchange. Such are the enduring traditions of kinship and camaraderie passed on by commanders like Daluwatte.



SIX FEET TWO INCHES TALL AND BAPTISED IN THE ARMOURD CORPS, SANDHURST-TRAINED BRIG ROHAN DALUWATTE PROVED EXTREMELY CONFIDENT AND PROFESSIONAL. HE WAS AN ICONIC FIGURE IN ALL THE DEFENCE SEMINARS AND THIS YEAR HE WAS CONSPICUOUSLY MISSING, HAVING BREATHED HIS LAST THREE DAYS BEFORE

The Daluwatte connection goes back to 1988 when as General Officer Commanding IPKF South in Batticaloa, the land of singing fish, I first met my Sri Lanka Army (SLA) counterpart located in neighbouring Ampara in my headquarters at Manresa, the airy and leafy Jesuit retreat perched on the Batticaloa lagoon, not far from the LTTE commander Karunas' hideout near Kiran. Six feet two inches tall and baptised in the Armoured Corps, Sandhurst-trained Brig Daluwatte proved extremely confident and professional. He became my intellectual and cultural guide, familiarising me with all I should know of the area of operations. Jayanthi Daluwatte reminded me when I went to condole her earlier this month, about an Indian naval helicopter pilot Rufus, who would fly me to Ampara and while returning to base, perform breathtaking aerial aerobics over Ampara. For all the rules he broke, he was recalled overruling my praise for his courage and bravery in combat operations. Just before the IPKF was to be inducted from Sri Lanka, after Prime Minister VP Singh chose to withdraw the force following the ultimatum from Sri Lankan President Premadasa to evict IPKF, thinning out of troops started. The areas vacated were occupied by a hastily assembled ragtag force called the Tamil National Army (TNA), which was later decimated by the LTTE. Daluwatte, somewhere near Kalmunai along with his security detail, was ambushed by TNA — pinned down with heavy mortar and small arms fire. Fortunately, he managed to contact me. I ensured no harm came to him or his soldiers after contacting Chief Minister of North East Province of Sri Lanka, Varadaraja Perumal to order the TNA to cease firing. Daluwatte and his escort were able to drive out of the ambush unharmed. Dalu will be remembered for his gallant leadership, as overall commander of Operation Riviresa retaking Jaffna in 1995. On December 5, Daluwatte, at a ceremony in Jaffna to celebrate what was deemed unachievable, reported to Deputy Defence Minister and an uncle of President Chandrika Kumaratunga, Col Anuruddha Ratwath of the SLA Volunteer Force: "Sir, Jaffna is liberated." In his book, Road to Nandikadal: True story of defeating Tamil Tigers, Maj Gen Kamal Kumaratunga, Gov 53 Infantry Division, which took out Prabhakaran, notes "under the great leadership of Maj Gen Daluwatte, Jaffna was recaptured." Soon he assumed command of the SLA and is remembered for

reforms like banning the consumption of beef in the Army and starting the Army Command and Staff College. The story not known to many is of an operational briefing that almost never happened at Welioya. Senior military and police commanders were scheduled to discuss an operation with Ratwath on December 7, 1996. Two helicopters were to rendezvous secretly, one carrying Army Commander Daluwatte, Ratwath and their aides. The second helicopter with other commanders landed at Welioya. The one carrying Ratwath and Daluwatte lost its bearings and reached Pooneyri in a bad weather. By the time the pilot recovered his coordinates, he had run out of fuel and decided to fly back to Vavuniya but fell shy of it by 40 km force, landing in a jungle vegetable patch infested with the LTTE. The helicopter was disabled and soon blown up by the LTTE. Daluwatte decided the only salvation was to walk and run to Vavuniya as the LTTE was on the chase. As the portly Ratwath, with an injury to one leg, could not keep up, the athletic Daluwatte did a running fireman's lift till miraculously communication was established and helicopters with commandoes plucked them to safety. In the operations room in

Colombo, Chandrika Kumaratunga was crying with happiness. But when he was captured, she might have accepted any deal with the LTTE for their release. But Daluwatte, with his presence of mind and broad shoulders, saved the day facilitating the rescue mission. And the meeting was held at Welioya. Daluwatte was an iconic figure in all the defence seminars and this year he was conspicuously missing, having breathed his last three days before it. The Army issued a special order of the day and performed his last rites at a solemn funeral at Borella cemetery, befitting a four star General. In the one hour I spent with Jayanthi, she recounted the time we spent together, bringing out albums, mementos and memories. It turned out that my driver, Lance Corporal Basanta, who brought me to the Sri Bahana-blessed abode of the Daluwattes, was from the Armoured Corps, and was on his security staff when he was CDS. He filled in the gaps along with my LO, Col Anura Dissanayake. Sri Lanka has lost a dynamic thinker General, and I, a great friend.

(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)

POINTCOUNTERPOINT



Rajan's statement proves that it is the Congress which is responsible for the increase in non-performing assets.

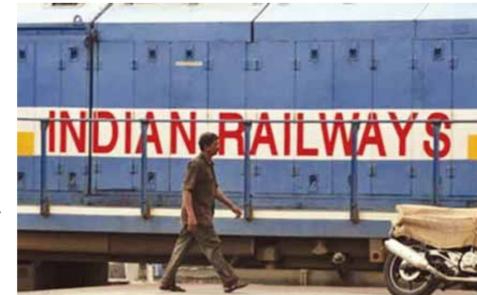
Hold UPA accountable for ₹2.83 lakh crore NPLs but will you hold Modi Government responsible for the ₹3.17 lakh crore?

High-speed reform in railways

Vamana, or the 'dwarf', one of the latest initiative of Indian Railways, could be a game-changer in capturing high-end traffic it lost to the road sector



Running double stack containers under 25 KV Over Head Electrification (OHE) is easier said than done. But this is exactly what Nareesh Kumar, a young mechanical engineer, who left his job with the Indian Railways to try his luck in the private sector, has been able to do with his revolutionary idea of Vamana, or the 'dwarf' container, that makes optimum use of the envelope available under the OHE. He is currently Rewari-Pipavay/Mundra, which have been running almost for a decade now. Leaving his job with the railways in 2010, he set up his own company, Kaliyanti Cast Tech, and set his history.



ISO containers. Double stacked ISO containers on either side. The electrified section has been a runaway success, and the 'dwarf' could prove to be a winner too, and this time right under the OHE. New 'dwarf' containers are lower in height by 662-mm (26 inches) and wider by 162-mm (6.3 inches) than the standard containers. Inside space has been maximised by adopting FRP (fibreglass reinforced plastic) flooring—only 9-mm thick, as against ISO's 28-mm thick hardwood flooring. The dwarf container is provided with an elongated corner castings so that the standard locking arrangement on container flat wagons could be used, even when the container is wider. Though the moving dimension permits 3,250 millimetres and 3,135 millimetres in case of double-decker coaches, the Motor Vehicle Act permits only 2,600 millimetres width on road. Hence, the 'dwarf' was designed with this limitation. Special dispensation by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways for 3,250 millimetres wide dwarf containers will enable full use of the potential of the Indian Railways' BG tracks. The existing BLC flat wagons, designed for 2,438 millimetres wide ISO containers, is only 2,100 millimetres wide and part of the ISO container overhangs by 169 millimetres on either side. With 3,250 millimetres wide dwarf container,

this overhang would increase to 575 millimetres on either side. Perhaps, new wider BLCs could be designed and manufactured especially for these containers for domestic traffic; or existing ones can be modified with additional set of locks that can be fit to carry both ISO as well as dwarf containers. The first consignment of polypropylene granules in 82 double-stacked containers was moved from Reliance Industries' (RIL) own siding in Kanulur near Rajkot in Gujarat to Rewari in Haryana, carrying the Railways ₹31.4 lakh for the round trip. The second train carrying 90 dwarf containers left on August 14 from RIL's siding near Jamnagar and reached its siding near Ludhiana in three days. This 'green' initiative also helps to keep thousands of trucks spewing noxious fumes off the road. Additional routes have already been cleared for running these double-stack containers. The Jamnagar-Pune-Bangalore route via Jalgaon-Manmad-Daund-Guntakal has immense potential for freight from RIL and other auto and FMCG units located in Gujarat destined to southern States. 'Dwarf' offers fast, cheap and timely deliveries, which could bring about a paradigm shift from road to rail in not distant a future. (The writer is a former Member, Railway Board)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SERVING THE PUBLIC

Sir — Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal deserves all compliments for giftifying the people of Delhi a unique home delivery of public services that began from September 10. It is a revolutionary initiative not only in India but the entire world. Covering just 40 services in the beginning it will later be increased to a total of 100 services. The services will commence with a nominal fee of ₹50 in all convenient hours from 8 am till 10 pm so that people can take advantage even after

returning from work. The service will not only save huge man-hours, but also allow public-dealing offices of the Delhi Government to work more efficiently avoiding direct dealing with members of the public. Services will be a great advantage to illiterate people where service-providing team members will even be filling required forms. It is good that the Delhi Government has taken sufficient safeguards to avoid corruption. It has established a call centre to register feedback calls. Service providing agency, having been given the contract, should ensure

the success of the scheme to procure such contracts from other States as well. Officers of the Delhi Government also deserves compliments for making the dream come true. It is welcome that Chief Secretary of Delhi also shared a seat on the dais at the Flushing Meadows case to a disastrous end. As a sensation, who has reigned supreme in the world of Tennis, American tennis player suffering a meltdown after being handed a code violation, was an epitome of crass indiscipline from a sportserson of her standing. However, the controversy threatened to take the sheen out of

SC Agrawal Delhi

Serena Williams set a bad example at US Open 2018

Lately deals on the spirit of sportsmanship was dumped by the wayside as Serena Williams' quest to equal Margaret Court's record of 23 major titles at the Flushing Meadows came to a disastrous end. As a sensation, who has reigned supreme in the world of Tennis, American tennis player suffering a meltdown after being handed a code violation, was an epitome of crass indiscipline from a sportserson of her standing. However, the controversy threatened to take the sheen out of



Naomi Osaka's performance in the US Open finals where she was crowned the winner. With clashes of ego and personal rivalries dampening the professionalism, winning at any cost has taken precedence over all other considerations in the modern era of sports. Although throwing of tantrums has been generally associated with stars and celebrities, the unfortunate trend seems to have tainted the world of sports as well. Referees and umpires as adjudicators of any sporting contest deliv-

er their unbiased verdict on fouls and infringements in keeping with the rules of the game. Challenging of decision could well be done in a civilised manner. Serena Williams has now joined the august' company of McEnroe, Zidane and Tyson in catalogue of famous sporting meltdowns. As role models, the onus is on the sports stars to maintain a dignified demeanour on and off the sporting arenas. Pachu Menon Margao

ONE FOR A TOSS

Sir — The belated revelation that the 1976 Booker prize winner to author David Storey was decided by the toss of a coin comes as a big surprise. It was stated that the selection panel comprised of three judges. Since one of them, a woman, decided not to take part in the process as the nominated novel had contained heavy dose of sex in them, the responsibility fell flat on the other two judges. The differing views of the other two judges had led to the spin of the

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Shaping future of women leaders

In order to facilitate more women participation in higher management, organisations must develop a strong internal pipeline and make sure it is not choked. This can be ensured by elevating strong individuals to key leadership positions



Recently, I came across a beautiful advertisement by Mahindra on education for a girl child — Laadhi haathi se nikal jayegi. It is an inspiring take on how education can empower girls. But all this joint effort of the Government and corporates would be futile if we do not create a path for retention and growth for women in workplace, and elevate strong individuals to key leadership positions. It is a well-researched fact that having more women in workforce has a direct impact on GDP growth. For example, in the US, since 1970, as much as 26 per cent of growth in GDP has been directly attributed to an increase of women in workforce. According to another study, teams with mixed gender are 15 per cent more productive and creative. In fact, economists found that simply moving from an all-male or all-female office to one that was evenly split could possibly increase revenue by 41 per cent. This is because greater social diversity implies a greater spread of experience, which add to the collective knowledge of a group of workers and make the unit perform more effectively.

What steps should companies take to improve more women participation in higher management? The first step is to develop the internal pipeline and make sure that it is not choked. Leveraging existing HR information and data analytics can generate important insights about the workforce and help identify high potential women as leadership candidates. Developing the internal pipeline is not solely about the talent process. Workplace programmes and efforts such as work-life integration and pay equity are also important factors to consider in strategies to develop the talent pipeline in the industry. Opportunities for individual coaching, affinity-based leadership development, executive sponsorship and mentoring are also essential components of the leadership development continuum — particularly for women who may lack access to training and advancement options. Stretch assignments are also effective interventions to develop new skills and perspectives, and including diverse high potential employees in networking events with company and industry leaders is another strategy to build competencies and forge new relationships.



To hire right women talents, organisations should determine the critical roles and future needs. The identification and analysis of critical roles is the first step in developing the pool of next generation leaders and critical talents. Companies should assess the talent pool and characterise necessary skills and competencies needed for success in those roles. Also, companies should determine the mix for filling gaps and the cultural importance of hiring from within for critical roles. An important aspect is to define the pool of internal candidates. Steps are needed to track promotion and turnover rates, and lower-than-expected promotion rates may indicate that development programmes need to be revisited and refined. Similarly, higher-than-expected turnover rates should drive changes in how the organisation approaches building pipelines for critical positions. Also, define the pool of existing external candidates, bearing in mind the skills needed, competencies, and talent profiles, mine information on past candidates in the organisation's candidate database to identify matches and assess the potential of external hires to fill critical roles. Also define and execute campaigns to engage candidates. Identify conferences, industry associations, and social networks that match the critical role profile. Moreover, work with hiring managers and employees for relationship building. In addition, assess and refine current sourcing strategies and analyse sources that have been successful in

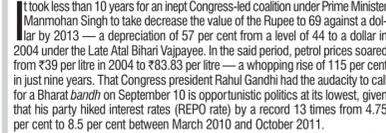
THE PROPORTION OF WOMEN IN SENIORMOST MANAGEMENT ROLES FALLS TO 18 PER CENT AT THE ENTRY LEVEL. WOMEN STILL EARN ONLY 73 PER CENT OF WHAT MEN EARN FOR THE SAME JOB

the past to develop a targeted sourcing strategy for external candidates based on ideal candidate profiles and historical trends. Companies should implement and monitor sourcing strategies to seek talent that can fill critical roles, and capture information about those people's knowledge, skills and experience in addition to contact information for ongoing communications. Finally, it is crucial to track the overall size and quality of internal and external pools. Once potential women leaders are identified, organisations should establish a development framework to nurture them. Organisations should actively engage potential leaders by identifying and investing in high performing women with the capacity and inclination to lead, and give them the skills, training and confidence to do so. They should treat leadership as a tangible skill and provide training opportunities and confidence building for women who wish to hone their skills. Networking is the most important skill and organisations should help potential women leaders to establish relationships and networks. They should actively connect junior-level employees with senior female leader mentors and create networking opportunities regardless of level. Organisations should also con-

sistently enhance the visibility of role models and highlight female senior leaders. Companies should articulate the steps for career development, starting with employees in their twenties or earliest stages of their careers and combine 'soft' and 'hard' rewards. It is necessary to reinforce and validate women's performance with clear and consistent personal feedback, together with the more conventional rewards of raises and promotions. Several companies have identified the importance of developing women leaders. For example, Sanofi's ELEVATE initiative was launched as an accelerated, six-month development programme to prepare potential women in the organisation for leadership roles. Participants were nominated based on the existing talent review process, with a target cohort size of 20-25 women. Women were identified from the senior director and AVP level, the natural feeder pool for the leadership level where Sanofi saw the largest gender gap. Participants represented all lines of business at Sanofi, including STEM fields, commercial roles, staff roles and manufacturing. They were split into small teams that worked on projects outside their current business entity. Each team was assigned a senior level sponsor and executive coach. The six-month action-learning project provided experiences for participants to develop senior-level leadership skills, while identifying new growth opportunities and building new capabilities for Sanofi. Leadership competencies developed included cross-functional collaboration, managing stakeholders, negotiation and exercising influence, navigating and influencing gender dynamics, communicating with vision, leading strategic change, and creating a culture of innovation and growth. Of all the women who went through the programme, about 60 per cent had been promoted or had made developmental moves that expanded their knowledge. Organisations and policy-makers have a responsibility towards the nation to develop strong internal pipelines, which identify and nurture women employees and develop them into strong leaders. This will ensure that the efforts of every girl child to become empowered will have a clear roadmap to succeed in the corporate world. (The writer is Assistant Professor, Amity University)

Fuel economy and Modinomics

Fuel inflation should not be looked at in isolation. While the Modi Government is doing its best to control the situation, civil society needs to chip in too



It took less than 10 years for an inept Congress-led coalition under Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to take decrease the value of the Rupee to 69 against a dollar by 2013 — a depreciation of 57 per cent from a level of 44 to a dollar in 2004 under the Late Atal Bihari Vajpayee. In the said period, petrol prices soared from ₹39 per litre in 2004 to ₹83.83 per litre — a whopping rise of 115 per cent in just nine years. That Congress president Rahul Gandhi had the audacity to call for a Bharat bandh on September 10 is opportunistic politics at its lowest, given that his party hiked interest rates (REPO rate) by a record 13 times from 4.75 per cent to 8.5 per cent between March 2010 and October 2011. Speaking of the recent fuel price surge, the Narendra Modi-led dispensation has done an outstanding job. Fuel prices rose by a mere seven per cent in the last four odd years, between 2014 and 2018, despite multiple global headwinds, including rising global protectionism, currency and trade wars. It will become more clear if the Indian scenario is tallied with the following global economic woes: Renegotiation of NAFTA that led to 18 per cent fall in Mexican peso in June 2018 alone, free fall in the Turkish Lira that is down more than 85 per cent in the last 18 months, free fall in the Argentine peso that is down roughly 52 per cent in last one year, with interest rates at 60 per cent, persistent problems in Brazil that emerged out of the worst recession since 1936 only recently, grinding slowdown of the Chinese economy with the Yuan at a 13 month low, and, of course, South Africa that was just officially entered into recession, with the Rand down more than 40 per cent in the last one year.

The dollar strength makes India's imports costlier as we import more than 80 per cent of our crude oil requirements. The Opposition would do well to know that while the Congress-led UPA had immense benefit of a very weak dollar in 2013, with the dollar index (DXY) trading at levels of 78 in 2013, the DXY has risen by 23 per cent to almost 96 levels currently. Despite the surge in DXY and despite having to pay off oil bond dues of two lakh crore rupees and FCNR(B) deposits of \$34 billion issued in September 2013 by the Congress, India stands tall today with the IMF lauding India for having done well on the macro front. While fuel taxes will eventually come under the ambit of GST, that alone cannot be the solution to curtail fuel price rise. The price of a commodity is about demand-supply dynamics and fuel prices in India have risen because we are a fuel-guzzling economy, consuming more than three million cars and 20 million two-wheelers every year. We need to make greater use of public transport and anyone who asks what the Government will do with ₹12.13 lakh odd crores, it will collect via GST in FY 2018-19, needs to be told that India needs at least ₹50 lakh crore annually speaking, if not more over the next four years till 2022, as per a report by CRISIL, in ensuring sustainable world class infrastructure for citizens. Reducing excise duties to bring down fuel prices is ill-advised as it would raise the Government's subsidy burden. Reducing capital expenditure will impede growth. Raising dollar loans via overseas bonds will eventually hurt India's external debt profile and credit rating. Faced with a Hobson's choice, it is to the credit of the Modi dispensation that it has brilliantly renegotiated terms with Iran, accounting for 10 per cent of our crude oil imports. And, this, despite the strain on the balance of the looming sanctions on Iran by the US that will kick in from November 4, 2018. Iran will handover the Chabahar port to India in the next one month for operation and maintenance. This, along with Iran agreeing to an enhanced insurance cover, longer repayment period and a freight discount of 80 per cent, will ensure that it is only a matter of time before local fuel prices in India start falling. Again, comparisons with FY 2012-2013 are odious and ill-founded. Retail inflation touched a high of 12 per cent in 2013, with both fiscal and current account deficit above 4.5 per cent, while in 2018, average CPI was 3.6 per cent with fiscal and current account deficit at 3.5 per cent and 1.9 per cent. The middle-class today is far better off after the implementation of the 7th Pay Commission recommendations, which raised dearness allowance from five per cent to seven per cent. Reduction in income tax rate from 10 per cent to five per cent in the ₹2.5-5 lakh bracket helped more than 75 lakh taxpayers. Interest rate of 8.55 per cent under the Atal Pension Yojana for senior citizens and 8.1 per cent under the Sukanya Samridhi Yojana for girl child have transformed lives of millions. The Modi Government's fuel inflation cannot be looked at in isolation. The Modi Government has taken unique measures to financially empower the middle-class in last four years. If fuel has become costlier, eating out has become far cheaper, with GST at just five per cent. Home loan rates came down from 11 per cent plus in 2013 to an average of 8.35 per cent in last four years. Life cover of two lakh rupees to the marginalised for an annual premium of just ₹300, has benefited more than 5.4 crore Indians. Initiating IITs like 1.77 lakh kilometres of roads built in the last four years, bringing Tirupura under the broadband gateway for the first time after it became a State in 1972, launch of India's first semi-high-speed train in 70 years, the Gatimaan Express, 14-lane Delhi-Meerut Expressway and India's first ever solar panel-powered Eastern Peripheral Expressway, are just a few examples of how every penny we pay as taxes, go towards building a more empowered Bharat. The Modi Government is doing more than its fair share. The civil society needs to chip in too. (The writer is an economist and chief spokesperson for BJP, Mumbai)

DISCREPANCIES IN ELECTORAL FUNDING STATEMENT EC issues notice to AAP

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Issuing a show-cause notice to the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) after finding discrepancies in its 2014-15 electoral funding statement, the Election Commission (EC) on Tuesday said it may be forced to initiate action against the party for "prima facie failing" to follow its transparency guidelines. The EC claimed that transactions through hawala operators were "wrongly disclosed as voluntary donations".



was received by it on September 30, 2015. The party later submitted a revised report on March 20, 2017.

It directed the AAP to explain as to why action should not be taken against it for failure to follow EC's directions and instructions. "Your representation should reach the office of the commission within 20 days (by October 1) from the date of receipt of the notice, failing which the matter will be decided on merits based on information available on record," the notice read.

The notice said the AAP had submitted the original contribution report for Financial Year 2014-15, which

appeal is pending," the AAP said in its statement.

Citing the CBDT report, the EC said that the original report contains a list of 2,696 donors with the total donations amounting to ₹37,45,44,618 and the revised contribution report shows the total amount as ₹37,60,62,631 received from 8,264 donors. Referring to concealment of donations, the EC notice said the bank account of the AAP recorded total credits of ₹67.67 crore, including ₹64.44 crore from donations in excess of ₹20,001.

"However, the party has disclosed total income of ₹54.15 crore from donations in its audited accounts for the year. Therefore, it has been held by the assessing officer that ₹13.16 crore have not been accounted for by the party and these donations have been held to be from unknown sources," the notice read.

"A report was received from the office of the CBDT chairman in 2018 regarding 'concealment of donations received by the AAP' during Financial Year 2014-15," it said.

The notice also mentions transactions with hawala dealers, claiming that the party has taken "accommodation entries from hawala operators to the tune of ₹2 crore. These have also been wrongly disclosed as voluntary donations."

Referring to the CBDT report, the EC said the AAP made "wrong disclosures" on its official website and also furnished incorrect information to the poll panel under Section 29C of the Representation of the People Act. "It (CBDT letter to EC) details how the party has changed/revised its contribution report once the correctness of the same was questioned. In conclusion, it is stated that its disclosures to the Election Commission in the form of the contribution report are incorrect," the EC notice said.

Rule 16 A of the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order allows the EC to either suspend or withdraw recognition of a recognised political party. The AAP is a recognised state party in Delhi.

'Govt spinning a web of lies on Rafale deal to save PM'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Charging the NDA Government with "spinning a web of lies" on Rafale fighter jet deal, BJP rebels Arun Shourie and Yashwant Sinha, besides lawyer Prashant Bhushan, said here on Tuesday the recent statements by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley defending the deal were meant to protect only one person — Prime Minister Narendra Modi — who overturned established norms for the contract with France. The trio also alleged that Reliance was given "backdoor" entry into the offsets.

They claimed that the morale of the IAF was affected and claimed that the Government was forcing senior officers to defend the ₹59,000-crore Government-to-Government contract. This assertion came in the backdrop of Vice Chief SB Deo and Deputy Chief R Nambiar stating last week that Rafale was an excellent aircraft and will enhance the combat capabilities of the IAF. Bhushan said the officers were made to say the IAF was happy with 36 jets whereas the Service needed at least 126 jets.

Addressing a news conference, the second in recent times, Bhushan, Shourie and Sinha said the deal was "unilaterally struck" by Modi compromising national security and disregarding the IAF requirements. They charged that Modi was "directly cul-



Former Union Ministers Arun Shourie and Yashwant Sinha with lawyer Prashant Bhushan during a Press conference in New Delhi

tract was also overlooked. As regards the secrecy clause binding the deal, they said the Government itself in 2016 admitted in Parliament that the price of each Rafale was ₹670 crore. Claiming a whopping hike the price later on, they said the media releases of Dassault, manufacturer of Rafale, and Reliance, offset partner of Dassault, said the price was ₹1,660 crore per aircraft. They said the increase of ₹1,000 crore per plane on account of India-specific enhancements was an "outright lie."

Elaborating upon the alleged circumventing of procedures, they said the decision to buy 36 jets in fly away condition from France was taken without taking the IAF and Defence Ministry on board. They also charged that the Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP) which guides arms con-

No NOTA option for RS, Legislative council polls: EC

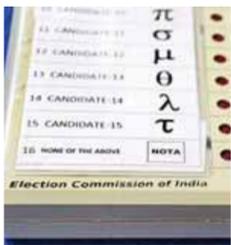
PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Following a Supreme Court's directive, the Election Commission has told all States/Union Territories that 'NOTA' option should not be printed in the ballot papers for elections to the council of States and State legislative councils.

"In pursuance of the judgement of the Supreme court, the NOTA option will no longer be applicable in Rajya Sabha elections and Legislative Council election," the EC said in its order.

The EC further directed returning officers for elections to the council of States and State legislative councils with instructions that column for "NOTA" should not be printed on the ballot papers for these elections.

In August, the Supreme Court struck down the provision of NOTA in the Rajya Sabha polls. "The introduction of NOTA in indirect elections may on first glance tempt the



intellect but on keen scrutiny, it falls to the ground, for it completely ignores the role of an elector in such an election and destroys democratic values," ruled a bench of Chief Justice Dipak Misra and Justices A M Khanwilkar and D Y Chandrachud.

The EC had introduced NOTA option in Rajya Sabha polls in 2014, a year after the SC had ordered the commission to give the option to voters in direct polls to register their protest that none of the candidates in the fray were suitable to represent them in Lok Sabha or Assemblies.

Make Smart City blueprint disabled-friendly: Centre

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

For the first time since the launch of the Smart City Mission four years ago, the Centre has stressed on making a blueprint on how a smart city should look like from a differently-abled person's point of view.

The Modi Government on Tuesday asked the States to ensure integrating disabled-friendly measures in various projects being implemented in the smart cities under the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's pet project.

Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs, reminded the project managers that integrating divyang-friendly measures in various projects being implemented in the Smart Cities in the country is required at the initial project planning stage to ensure that cities are accessible to all.

He was speaking at an interactive session on "Divyang Friendly Measures and Policy Recommendations for Smart Cities in India" here on Tuesday.



He said that in conjunction with the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), the Smart Cities Mission seeks to ensure that the most vulnerable sections of the society enjoy 'Ease of Living' in Indian cities.

The workshop, organised by the National Institute of Urban Affairs, had participation from the persons with disability sector from different walks of life and eminent citizens and experts, including several international sports personalities.

Addressing the participants, Puri said that the feedback emanating from such stakeholders' interactions will be sent to the CEOs and project managers of the Smart Cities to be incorporated in their plans. He said that these measures will

improve the "ease of living" for those who lacked accessibility to all facilities.

Lamenting that India particularly lacks data on disability, Puri said that "we will be looking at 25% of the population that will need universal accessibility in order to live independently and with dignity," and asserted that the Disability Act of 1995 also mandated accessibility for PwDs. He pointed out that the "Clause 40-48 of the VIIIth Chapter of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 also mandates making all buildings, services and products accessible giving definite timelines for implementation and retrofitting."

The Minister was categorical in saying that "the standards exist, legislation is in place, thus we now have no reason to ignore this very urgent issue of accessibility any longer." He outlined that according to the United Nations, a mere 1% additional cost is incurred for incorporating universal design and accessibility in the design and planning stage itself.

NATIONAL HERALD CASE INSHORT

Rahul, Sonia running away from taxmen: BJP

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A day after the Delhi High Court dismissed pleas filed by Congress president Rahul Gandhi and his mother Sonia against reopening tax assessment cases in relation to the National Herald newspaper, the BJP alleged that Rahul and his party were running away from the Tax department after committing a "National Hera-feri" of tax payers' money.

Rahul Gandhi needs to answer many questions, Union Textile Minister Smriti Irani said at a press conference here.

"Why is it that Rahul Gandhi, who is too quick to hug the Prime Minister, would run a mile when it comes to an Income Tax officer," Irani asked, referring to the Congress president hugging Modi in the Lok Sabha during the no-confidence debate in July.

She accused Rahul of setting up a not-for-profit company, Young Indians, which then bought a commercial company, Associated Journals Ltd, and its debts worth ₹90

crore for ₹50 lakh.

"Rahul Gandhi set up a company in 2011, professing it will not indulge in profit-loss business. Young Indian bought Associated Journals, which is commercial," she said, questioning the deal.

Associated Journals Ltd, founded by Jawaharlal Nehru, publishes three newspapers, including the National Herald.

After buying the loan of Associated Journals, Rahul Gandhi, his sister Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and Sonia Gandhi become owners of a company, Irani claimed.

The BJP alleged that the family used Congress funds to pay its debts even though the publisher has real estate assets worth thousands of crores.

She said Congress top leaders were indulging in fraud and national 'hera-feri' and consolidating their own finances. On the other hand, Irani said the Prime Minister is working to empower the poor anganwadi works by increasing their emoluments as the dynasty is busy "empowering" itself.

SC NOTICE ON MEDIA BAR IN SHELTER HOME CASE

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday issued notices to the Bihar Government and the CBI on a plea challenging a Patna High Court order restraining the media from reporting on the investigation into the Muzaffarpur shelter home case where several women were allegedly raped and sexually abused.

SC: WON'T INTERFERE WITH J&K'S DGP APPOINTMENT

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Tuesday refused to interfere with the Jammu & Kashmir government's appointing an acting director general of police (DGP) without following the process specified in an earlier order. A bench of Chief Justice Dipak Misra and Justices A M Khanwilkar and D Y Chandrachud issued notice to the Centre and sought its reply.

SC AGREES TO HEAR ARCELOR MITTAL'S PLEA

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Tuesday agreed to hear on Wednesday a plea of Arcelor Mittal seeking extension of time for payment of ₹7,000 crore as ordered by NCLAT last week for its bid to become eligible for Essar Steel. The apex court refused urgent hearing for ArcelorMittal's plea for payment of ₹7,000 crore by today for its second bid to become eligible.

'TN GUV HAS NO POWER TO RELEASE CONVICTS'

New Delhi: Tamil Nadu Governor Banwarilal Purohit has no power to release the seven convicts sentenced to life imprisonment in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case as recommended by the state government and will have to consult the Centre as per law, MHA officials said Tuesday.

HIV, AIDS ACT NOTIFIED FOR IMPLEMENTATION

New Delhi: The Union Health Ministry has announced the implementation of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) Act, 2017 with effect from September 10. Passed by Parliament last year on April 20, the Act prohibits discrimination against people with HIV in terms of treatment, employment and workplace.

SC TO GOVT: SCRAP LAWS DISCRIMINATING LEPROSY

New Delhi: The Supreme Court has asked the Centre to consider framing a law to repeal all State and local laws that discriminate against those suffering from leprosy. The court also granted six weeks to the Government for taking a decision on the suggestions given by Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy (VCLP), an NGO to eradicate leprosy and on issues like rehabilitation and curbing discrimination against those affected by the disease.

Agri Min appeals to farmers not to burn crop residue

New Delhi: Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh on Tuesday appealed to farmers not to burn crop residue and asked them to adopt new methods to manage it, including using the waste for biogas production. Highlighting the Government's support to the farmers for addressing the crop residue, he said a provision of ₹1,151.80 crore for two years has been made under a scheme for states like Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi-NCR.

"The Central Government is providing 50-80 per cent subsidy for crop residue management machineries, which help

farmers in mixing crop residue with soil to make it more productive," the Minister said while releasing a booklet titled 'N C D C - A s s i s t i n g Cooperatives. Always!' highlighting the role and activities assisted by National Cooperative Development Corporation in Krishi Bhawan.

Farmers groups are being provided financial assistance at 80 per cent of the project cost for establishing Farm Machinery Banks for custom hiring of crop residue management machinery. Under the sub mission on agricultural mechanisation, 40 per cent

subsidy is given on straw rake, straw baler, loader, etc. That apart, the Government's agri-research body ICAR's two centres, one at Ludhiana in Punjab and Anand in Gujarat, have developed and installed a plant for biogas production using paddy straw, he said.

According to the Minister, the management of crop residue in the field will help the soil become more fertile thereby resulting in the savings of ₹2,000 per hectare from the farmer's manure cost. By making palette from crop residue, the Minister said that it can be used for power generation.

Vivekananda showcased Indian culture, values to world: Modi

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday addressed the World Hindu Congress via video conference and said that he considers himself to be fortunate to be able to attend the 125th anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's speech in Chicago.

Addressing a valedictory function of the 125th anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's Chicago speech, PM Modi highlighted the Indian monk's role in showcasing the Indian culture, tradition, and values on the world stage. "The Philosophy of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat' is essence of Swami Vivekananda's

Chicago speech," he said.

"Swami Vivekananda ji firmly believes that the future of India depends on the youth and I'm happy to see that today Youth is marching ahead with a sense of mission," he added. "The scale of Swami Vivekananda's achievements look much greater if you remember the times in which he lived in," he added.

On 11 September 1893, Swami Vivekananda delivered his first speech in the Parliament of the World's Religions in Chicago. Swami Vivekananda is remembered as one of the key people who introduced philosophies such as Vedanta and Yoga to the West.

PM announces hike in incentives for anganwadi, health workers

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

There's good news for health workers like anganwadi workers and Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) and Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANM) working at the ground-level to improve the delivery of health and nutrition services in the society. Starting October, anganwadi workers receiving ₹3,000 so far would get ₹4,000. Similarly, those receiving ₹2,200 would get ₹3,500. The honorarium for anganwadi helpers has also been increased from ₹1,500 to ₹2,250.

This was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday while interacting with the health workers from across the nation via a live video conference. He said the revised incentive will come into effect from October and it will reflect in their salaries



PM Modi interacts with ASHA, anganwadi and ANM workers from all over the country through video-conferencing in New Delhi on Tuesday

from November onwards, which would be a Diwali gift for them.

Besides doubling of routine incentives given by the Union Government, ASHA workers and their helpers would be provided free insurance cover under the "Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana" and "Prime Minister Suraksha Bima Yojana".

Anganwadi workers and helpers using techniques such as Common Application Software (ICDS-CAS) would get additional incentives ranging from ₹250 to ₹500 which would be based on performance.

During the interaction, Modi said the Government had focussed on aspects relat-

ing to nutrition and quality healthcare. Vaccination efforts were progressing at a quick pace, helping women and children in particular. ASHAs are community health workers instituted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare as part of the National Rural Health Mission.

Anganwadi is a rural mother and child care centre under the Ministry of Women and Child Development. Asha and Anganwadi workers are playing a critical role in strengthening the foundation of the country, ensuring health and wellbeing of the newborn, ensuring nutritional standards and maintaining cleanliness, Modi said.

He said the Government's flagship health insurance programme Ayushman Bharat will be launched from Jharkhand on September 23, and the ben-

eficiaries have already been identified. Karishma, a newborn in Karnal district of Haryana, is the first beneficiary under this scheme, he said. During his interaction, the Prime Minister laid emphasis on redoubling efforts to reduce anaemia-related illness in the country by three times, the reduction rate of which currently stands at only one per cent.

September is being devoted to nutrition and "Poshan Maah" aims to reach every household in the country with the message of the importance of optimum nutrition. Modi appreciated their efforts to work together, to use innovative means and technology, to improve the delivery of health and nutrition services and achieve the goal of the 'POSHAN Abhiyan' (nutrition mission).



You need to try hands at growing crops other than sugarcane. Sugar makes people fall ill. Grow other crops. Delhi market is close by to sell your produce. Cane arrears have come down to around ₹10,000 crore. We have kept a target to bring the dues to zero before the start of the new season from October 20
Yogi Adityanath, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh

BUZZ FROM GOVT

Data indicates that 80-85 per cent of non-performing assets (NPAs) cases in the range of ₹10-20 lakh are fully secured. For their recovery, lenders can take action under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (SARFAESI Act)
Rajiv Kumar, Secretary, Department of Financial Services, GOI



SSAI TO AUDIT MEAT UNITS, SLAUGHTER HOUSES
New Delhi: The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India said Tuesday it will conduct audit of meat units and slaughter houses in 40 cities in the next three months via third-party auditing agencies. A mandatory food safety audit of the supply chain for e-commerce retail entities involved in retail will also be conducted, it added.

DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, DELHI 4TH FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI-110001
PROCLAMATION OF SALE NOTICE
The under mentioned Property will be sold through auction on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for recovery of dues, in the matter of ICICI BANK LTD vs HAMSHEERA R.C No. 225/2018 and O.A.No 58/2014.
1. Description of Property:
a) Make: EICHER 30.25
Reg No: HR38R9109
Manuf Yr: 2012
Reserve Price- Rs. 2,30,000/-
EMD - Rs. 23,000/-
b) Make: EICHER 30.25
Reg No: HR38R9108
Manuf Yr: 2012
Reserve Price- Rs. 60,000/-
EMD - Rs. 6,000/-
2. Date and Time of Auction: 05.10.2018 at 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM.
3. Venue: RIDHI GODHARA, Khewat no: 166/1, Near Atul Kataria chok, behind Gyan Devi School, Sec-17, SUKHRALI, GURGAON
4. Auctioneer Name: Mr. Shankar Kapoor, Contact no. 9650139259.
Terms of Sale
The particulars of the said asset specified herein above have been stated to the best of the information and knowledge of the undersigned, who shall however not be responsible for any error, misstatement or omission in the said particulars. The interested participant/s are therefore requested, in their own interest, to satisfy himself / themselves/ itself with regard to the said asset and other relevant details pertaining to it before submitting the bids.
Interested bidders shall be required to deposit an Earnest Amount mentioned above against the respective vehicle by way of pay order/ Demand Draft in favour of Recovery Officer-II, DRT-III, Delhi. Successful highest bidder shall have to deposit 25% of sale proceeds by way of pay order/Demand Draft in favour of Recovery Officer-II, DRT-III, Delhi, immediately at the fall of hammer. The balance 75% of sale price along with poundage fees @ 2% upto Rs. 1,000/- and @ 1% of the sale price exceeding Rs. 1,000/- to be paid on the next working day from date of sale of the property. The Poundage fees shall be deposited through demand draft payable in favour of the Registrar, DRT-III, Delhi.
In case of failure to deposit the amount as mentioned above, Earnest Money deposited shall be forfeited.
Interested participant/s are requested to participate for physical auction on Oct 05, 2018 or call Court Auctioneer: Mr. Shankar Kapoor, Contact no. 9650139259.

Sensex crashes 509 pts, Nifty below 11K mark

PTI ■ MUMBAI
Market benchmark BSE Sensex on Tuesday crashed 509 points to close at more than one-month low of 37,413.13 due to heavy selling in FMCG, metal, auto and financial stocks amid growing concerns over intensifying global trade war.
The 30-share index tanked more than 1 per cent for the second day in a row after the rupee slid to a new lifetime low of 72.73 in afternoon trade.
Stock markets had opened higher but bears regained the control soon to wipe out initial gains as crude oil prices rebounded in Asian trade.
The BSE barometer closed the day with a hefty fall of 509.04 points or 1.34 per cent at 37,413.13. This is the weakest closing since August 2 when it had ended at 37,165.16. It had lost 467.65 points in the previous day.
The 50-share NSE Nifty cracked below the 11,300-mark by falling 150.60 points or 1.32 per cent at 11,287.50. Intra-day, it shuttled between 11,479.40 and 11,274.
Surging crude oil prices, rupee plunging to record lows and widening trade deficit, besides negative global leads were major factors that dampened sentiments on the domestic bourses, a broker said.
In Asian trade, international benchmark Brent crude again went past the \$ 78 to trade at \$ 78.52 a barrel, by rising 1.30 per cent amid looming US sanction against Iran's petroleum industry.
Investors were cautious as trade war concerns between the US and China escalated, brokers said.
"The threat of trade tariffs, outflow of foreign funds and concern on domestic macros will influence investors to stay on a cautious note," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services Ltd said.
Moreover, expectations of a US interest rate hike this month by the Federal Reserve that may strengthen the dollar and accelerate sell-off by foreign funds in emerging markets too negatively impacted sentiments, brokers said.
Of the Sensex constituents, Tata Steel recorded the biggest fall of 3.46 per cent, followed by PowerGrid at 3.21 per cent.
FMCG stocks also took a hit owing to weak market sentiment and stretched valuation. ITC dropped 2.92 per cent while Hindustan Unilever fell 1.19 per cent.
Auto stocks were also down as domestic passenger vehicle sales declined for the second month in succession with 2.46 per cent drop in August. Hero MotoCorp and Tata Motors dropped more than 3 per cent. Maruti fell 1.56 per cent and Bajaj Auto by 1.24 per cent.
HDFC twins also suffered losses with HDFC Bank losing more than 2 per cent and HDFC by 0.68 per cent.
Bharti Airtel, Yes Bank, ICICI Bank, Adani Ports, Kotak Bank, TCS, Vedanta Ltd, RIL, Sun Pharma, SBI, L&T, ONGC, Wipro, IndusInd Bank and Axis Bank fell up to 3 per cent.

Petrol, diesel prices hit fresh highs

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
Petrol and diesel prices hit fresh highs on Tuesday as rupee plunged to an all-time low, making imports costlier.
A 14 paisa per litre hike in petrol and diesel prices each took the rates to an all-time high, according to price notification of state-owned fuel retailers.
Petrol price in Delhi climbed to ₹80.87 per litre, while in Mumbai it inched up to ₹88.26. A litre of diesel in the national capital was priced at ₹72.97 and ₹77.47 in Mumbai.
Delhi has the cheapest fuel among all metros and most state capitals because of lower taxes. Mumbai has the highest sales tax or VAT.
Petrol in Chennai costs ₹84.07 per litre and ₹83.75 in Kolkata. Diesel is priced at ₹77.15 per litre in Chennai and ₹75.82 in Kolkata.
According to oil companies, refinery gate price of petrol, without considering any central or state tax and dealers commission, is ₹40.45 per litre. The same for diesel is ₹44.28.
Retail rates are high after adding excise duty, which is charged by the central Government, commission paid to petrol pumps dealers and VAT, charged by state governments.
Dealer's commission on petrol currently is ₹3.34 per litre and that on diesel is ₹2.52.
While crude oil advanced 0.4 per cent to \$ 67.78 a barrel, the relentless slide in rupee has added fuel to the fire. The currency fell to a new low of 72.7375 on Tuesday.
Since mid-August, petrol price has risen by ₹3.79 a litre and diesel by ₹4.20 per litre.

Business Corner

AK BHALLA LAUDS NTPC'S WAY OF ENGAGING EMPLOYEES
AK Bhalla, Secretary Power, Govt of India said NTPC's methods of engaging employees and their family members was highly unique and appreciable. Addressing NTPC family as the Chief Guest during the National Finale of NTPC -Medha Pratyogita on 10th September 2018. Bhalla applauded the quizzing culture amongst the NTPC family and added that the way, manner and pattern the quiz was being conducted involving all NTPC locations with topical questions was innovative. He said that at present when quiz shows are very few in the country, NTPC's efforts beyond power generation in keeping its employees and family members involved deserved praise. Bhalla presented awards in all the four categories to the winners in various rounds. Gurdeep Singh, CMD along with the Directors, employees and their families were present in large numbers to cheer the participants and enjoy the quiz.

BIS ORGANISES JEWELLERS AWARENESS PROGRAMME
Bureau of Indian Standards recently organised a jewellers' awareness programme in Delhi under chairmanship of M Sadasiyam, Deputy Director General which was attended by more than 55 jewellers from Bullion Merchants Association, Kucha Mahajani. In this programme, jewellers were informed about Hallmarking scheme and hallmarking licence. The jewellers actively participated in open house discussion and intimidated BIS officials about their difficulties w.r.t. Hallmarking which were resolved by Deputy Director General (Central Region), Head (DLBO-I) and Head (DLBO-II) to the utmost satisfaction of the jewellers present.

Govt policies pose biggest risk to India Inc in next 3 yrs
Government policies pose the biggest risks for companies over the next three years, followed by cyber security and technology disruptions, a survey of over 100 top company executives has revealed.
The primary reason for this trend is that CXOs are considering regulatory compliance as a critical value protector exercise, the Deloitte India Risk Survey 2018 noted.
The survey showed a divide on the viewpoint of risk management amongst Indian organisations.
While 44 per cent of businesses harness risks to find future opportunities and drive returns, 36 per cent use risk management with an aim to drive compliance and prevent losses.

ANSHULA KANT TAKES CHARGE AS MANAGING DIRECTOR OF SBI

To handle Stressed Assets, Risk and Compliance
PNS ■ NEW DELHI
Anshula Kant has taken charge as the Managing Director of State Bank of India Economics (DSE). She is also a Certified Associate of the Indian Institute of Bankers. Kant started her career with SBI in 1983 as a Probationary Officer. Across a career spanning three and a half decades, She has gained rich experience in retail banking, corporate credit, cross-border trade and banking in developed markets — both retail and wholesale.
She has held several key assignments in SBI including Chief General Manager (CGM) of Mumbai Circle (Maharashtra & Goa) and CEO at SBI Singapore where she was responsible for launching the retail operations, making SBI the first Indian bank to do so in that geography.

UJVN LIMITED
H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharanji Bagh, GMS Road, Dharadun-248006
(Telephone: 0135-2763908, & Fax: 0135- 2763508)
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866
Tender Notice
NIT No.: (1)-05/EE/GK/2018-19
Sealed tenders are invited by the Executive Engineer (Generation), Khodri Power Station from the interested & experienced firms/bidders for the following work. Brief description of the tender is as follows:
Name of the Work:- Annual Maintenance of Generators of M/c Nos. 2 and 3 of Khodri Power Station
Estimated Cost : Rs. 5,61,750.00+ GST extra
Earnest money : Rs. 17,000.00 only.
Tender Fee : Rs. 560.00
Last Date/Time for receipt of bid : 03-10-2018 up to 17:00 Hrs.
Date of opening of bid : 05-10-2018 at 11:00 Hrs.
For pre-qualification criteria and full & further details of the tender kindly log on to our official website www.ujvn.com. This tender document can only be obtained by downloading from the website UJVN Limited. The DD for the tender fee has to be submitted at the time of bid submission.
Executive Engineer - Generation
Khodri Power Station, Khodri
वच. 556 दिनांक 11.09.2018
"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

UTTAR HARYANA BIJLI VITRAN NIGAM LIMITED
Regd. & Corp. Office: C-16 Vidyut Sadan, Sector-6, Panchkula, Haryana
Phone No. 09354726012, Web site: www.uhbnv.org.in
CIN. U40109HR1999SGC034166, E-mail: xenciviluhbnvrohtak@gmail.com
Corrigendum
Notice No: 13/CCR/2018-19 Dated: 06-08-2018

Sr. No.	Brief Scope of work	Date/ Time of receipt / opening of tender
1	Annual Buildings maintenance and repair of 33 KV S/Stn. Under 'OP' Divn. Gohana.	Due date of submission of tenders upto 1:00 PM Dated: 18-09-2018 Date of opening of tenders at 3:30 PM Dated: 18-09-2018

Note: - The detail of above NIT alongwith tender documents can be seen and download from <https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in>
-sd-
XEN Civil Const. Divn., UHBVN, Rohtak
RO NO. 71482 Dt. 11-09-2018

India-Syria trade to reach \$500 million in next 3 yrs: FIEO

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
The bilateral trade between India and war torn Syria is expected to reach \$ 500 million in next three years as there are huge exports potential for domestic players in areas, including automobile, machinery and plastics, exporters body FIEO said Tuesday.
Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) President Ganesh Kumar Gupta is leading an 84-member business delegation to Syria for discussing ways to promote trade.
The bilateral trade between the countries stood at \$ 175 million in 2017 and it would reach to \$ 500 million by 2020, he said in a statement. Gupta said India should review its exports strategy depending on imports profile of Syria.
He also said the import of automobiles in Syria is about \$ 293 million, with India's exports of less than \$ 1 million.
Similarly, electrical machinery imports by Syria is \$ 303 million, while India's exports are \$ 4.18 million only, he said, adding that huge export potential is there in mechanical machinery and appliances, and plastics.
The delegation discussed payment mechanism and banking arrangements, the two main stumbling block in trade and investment, he noted.
"Trading in local currencies, offsetting of trade balance with investment were some of the options discussed with the Syrian authorities," Gupta added.

Govt. of Bihar
PATNA SMART CITY LIMITED
(SPV formed by Government of Bihar & Patna Municipal Corporation)
NIT No.-18/MD/PSCL/2018
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
Dated-05.09.2018
Patna Smart City Ltd. (PSCL) is an SPV formed by Bihar Government & Patna Municipal Corporation for planning and implementation of Patna Smart City Project. PSCL invites Online Request for Proposal for "Development of 16.5 km. road network in ABD area as a Smart Roads under the Smart Cities Mission". Important dates for the RFP are as under.

Sl. #	Activity	Timeline & Address
1	Online Sale/Download date of Tender documents	From 17.09.2018 (10:00 Hrs.) Till 22.10.2018(14:00Hrs) (www.eproc.bihar.gov.in) (Under Patna Nagar Nigam)
2	Pre-bid Meeting date (Only two members per bidder are allowed).	25-09-2018 (16:00 Hrs.) (At Municipal Commissioner's Office, Patna)
4	Last date for submission of Bids (online) and hard copy.	22-10-2018 Till 15.00 Hrs.
5	Opening of Bids	22-10-2018 At 16:00 Hrs.
6	Date of opening of Commercial bids	To be informed later to technically qualified bidder.
7.	Cost of Bidding Document(Tender Fee)	Tender Fee Rs 10,000 (Non Refundable) to be paid through Demand Draft (DD) in favor of "Patna Smart City Ltd" payable at Patna.
8.	EMD	Rs 3,00,000.00(Rupees Three Crores) (Refundable) in the form of Bank Guarantee (BG) in the name of "Patna Smart City Limited".

Instructions for Online Bid Submission
1. The RFP document containing the project profile, invitation for qualification and criteria for evaluation may be obtained from the website: www.eproc.bihar.gov.in (Under Patna Nagar Nigam)
2. For support related to e-tendering process, bidders may contact at following address "e-Procurement HELP DESK, First Floor, Plot No.- M/22, Road No.-25, Sri Krishna Nagar, Bank of India Compound, Patna-800001, Contact No: 0612-2523006; 7542028164". Vendor may visit www.eproc.bihar.gov.in.
3. PSCL will not be responsible, in case of any delay, due to any reason whatsoever, in receipt of Bid Documents by the Bidders.
4. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids or cancel/withdraw the Invitation for Bids (IFB) without assigning any reason whatsoever and in such case, no Bidder/ intending Bidder shall have any claim arising out of such action.

Address: Patna Municipal Corporation, 2nd floor, Block-C, Mauryalok Complex, Budha marg, Patna-800001, Tel: 0612-2200634 Email: patnasmartcity.psc@gmail.com Website www.patnanagarnigam.in
Managing Director
Patna Smart City Limited, Patna

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PR NO. 8215 (Ni.Ni.) 2018-19

India's spending on agri R&D not far behind China: Niti Aayog member

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
India's public spending on agriculture research and development is not far behind neighbouring China, Niti Aayog member Ramesh Chand said Tuesday. He however expressed concern that private sector is investing in other places than in India's agriculture Research and Development (R&D) and this need to be changed.
Chand said the food demand is set to rise with increase in population and the technology innovation will be a key driver to achieve the desired production.
He was participating in a panel discussion on the report 'Fixing Asia's Food System' commissioned by Cargill India.
GAIL to expand gas pipeline network by 50% in three years
PTI ■ NEW DELHI
GAIL India Tuesday said it will expand its pipeline network capacity by about 50 per cent by constructing 5,500-kilometers of new lines in the next three years. The state-owned company is also looking at setting up 400 CNG stations and giving out a record 10 lakh piped natural gas (PNG) connections to household kitchens, its Chairman and Managing Director B C Tripathi said.
GAIL operates 11,000-km of pipeline network and markets two-thirds of all natural gas sold in the country.
It is rapidly building infrastructure to support the government push towards a gas-based economy by raising the share of natural gas in the energy basket to 15 per cent from current 6.2 per cent, in next few years.

SUICIDE BOMBER KILLS 25 IN AFGHANISTAN
Kabul: A suicide bomber detonated his explosives-filled vest among a group of people protesting a local police commander in eastern Afghanistan on Tuesday, killing 25 and wounding about 130, a provincial official said.

PUTIN, XI FLIP PANCAKES AT ECONOMIC FORUM
Vladivostok: Russian President Vladimir Putin and China's Xi Jinping on Tuesday took a break from the heavy lifting of international diplomacy to toss pancakes on the sidelines of an economic forum.

PALESTINIANS FILE NEW PLAINT AGAINST ISRAEL
Ramallah: Palestinians have raised a new submission against Israel at the International Criminal Court (ICC), Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Secretary General Saeb Erekat said on Tuesday.

20 DIE IN ZIMBABWE CHOLERA OUTBREAK
Harare: Zimbabwe has declared a health emergency in its capital after a cholera outbreak claimed the lives of 20 people and infected 2,000 more, officials said on Tuesday.

ICC 'UNDETERRED' AFTER US SANCTIONS THREAT
The Hague: The International Criminal Court on Tuesday said its work would continue "undeterred" after Washington threatened to prosecute its officials if Americans are charged with war crimes committed in Afghanistan.

US wants Pakistan to fully cooperate in war against terrorism: NSA

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

The US has conveyed to Pakistan that it wants Islamabad to cooperate fully in the war against terrorism as it is a matter of "extraordinary importance" to America, President Donald Trump's National Security Advisor John Bolton has said.

During his visit to Islamabad last week, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo had pressed the new Pakistani Government led by Prime Minister Imran Khan "to do more" to rein in terror groups operating from the country's soil.

The Trump administration has recently cancelled \$300 million in military aid to Islamabad after it failed to take actions against terror groups.

"He (Pompeo) wanted to convey the message that we hoped and expected that Pakistan would cooperate fully in the war against terrorism, which they had committed to do," Bolton told a Washington audience on Monday.

It (action against terrorists)



is a matter of "extraordinary importance to the US" and the one that it hopes the new Pakistan Government addresses, he said in response to a question at the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies.

"It was before my time, but the Trump administration did not take the decision to cancel a substantial part of the military aid package to Pakistan lightly.

"It was done knowing well that Pakistan is a nuclear weapons state, and the risk that the government could fall into the hands of terrorists that would get control of those nuclear weapons was particularly serious," Bolton said.

Nawaz Sharif's ailing wife Kulsoom dies in London

PTI ■ LONDON/ISLAMABAD

Begum Kulsoom Nawaz, the wife of Pakistan's jailed former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, died on Tuesday in London after a protracted battle with throat cancer.

Kulsoom, who was under treatment at London's Harley Street Clinic since June 2014, was placed on life support earlier on Tuesday after her health deteriorated, Geo TV reported.

The health of the 68-year-old former first lady began deteriorating Monday night as she had developed a lung problem again, the channel said.

Sharif's brother and Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz president Shehbaz Sharif confirmed her death in a tweet.

"My sister-in-law and the wife of Nawaz Sharif sahib is no more amongst us. May God bless her soul," he tweeted in Urdu. Nawaz Sharif, his daughter Maryam and son-in-law Captain (ret'd) Muhammad Safdar are currently serving jail terms in Adiala Jail in

Rawalpindi after being convicted by an accountability court in a corruption case in July. Citing sources, the channel said Sharif, Maryam, and Safdar have been informed about Kulsoom's death.

The trio will be granted parole to attend the funeral of Begum Kulsoom, Geo TV reported. The three will be granted parole from the time of Kulsoom's funeral prayers till her burial, it said, citing the Interior Ministry sources.

The Sharif family has decided to bring back Kulsoom's body to Pakistan, reports said.

Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz party leader Khawaja Imran Nazeer, speaking to the media in London, said Begum Kulsoom may be laid to rest in the family home at Raiwind, near Lahore, but clarified that all decisions will be finalised only after consultation between family members.

He said in case the family decides to bury her in Pakistan, the repatriation process may take two or three days, Dawn newspaper reported.

Russia launches biggest ever war games

AFP ■ CHITA (RUSSIA)

Russia launched on Tuesday what it called its largest ever military drills, with hundreds of thousands of troops taking part along with Chinese soldiers in a show of force NATO condemned as a rehearsal for "large-scale conflict."

President Vladimir Putin is expected to attend the games after hosting an economic forum in Russia's far eastern city Vladivostok where his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping is one of the prominent guests.

The week-long war games dubbed "Vostok-2018" (East-2018) "have kicked off" in far eastern Russia, the defence ministry said.

Taking part in the drills are around 3,00,000 soldiers, 36,000 military vehicles, 80 ships and 1,000 aircraft, helicopters and drones.

Some 3,500 Chinese troops will take part in the games.

The defence ministry released video footage of military vehicles, planes, helicopters and ships getting into position for the initial stage of

the drills. Putin praised Russia's increasingly close ties with China as he met with Xi at the economic forum in Vladivostok on Tuesday.

"We have trustworthy ties in political, security and defence spheres," the Russian leader said.

Xi for his part said the two countries' "friendship is getting stronger all the time." The drills, which also include Mongolian soldiers, have been condemned by NATO as a rehearsal for "large-scale conflict."

The military exercises come at a time of escalating tensions between Moscow and the West over accusations of Russian interference in western affairs and conflicts in Ukraine and Syria. The Russian Army has compared the show of force to the USSR's 1981 war games that saw between 1,00,000 and 1,50,000 Warsaw Pact soldiers take part in "Zapad-81" (West-81) — the largest military exercises of the Soviet era.

But Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu said these exercises are even larger. "Imagine

Taking part in the drills are around 3L soldiers, 36K military vehicles, 80 ships and 1K aircraft, helicopters and drones

36,000 military vehicles moving at the same time: tanks, armoured personnel carriers, infantry fighting vehicles — and all of this, of course, in conditions as close to a combat situation as possible," Shoigu said. The exercises will be held

Russia to brief UN Security Council on Syria's Idlib

United Nations: Russia will brief the United Nations Security Council on Tuesday about the results of the Tehran summit it held with Iran and Turkey on the fate of Syria's Idlib province, diplomats said.

The council will meet at Russia's request at 11:00 am (2030 IST) to hear the briefing as Syrian forces, backed by Russia and Iran, are preparing for an all-out military assault on the rebel-held province.

The United Nations has warned of a major humanitarian catastrophe if the offensive takes place in the enclave where some three million people live — about half of whom have already been displaced in the seven-year war.

On Friday, the presidents of Iran, Russia and Turkey failed to agree during the Tehran summit on how to stave off military action on the northwestern province. AFP

Talks underway for second Trump-Kim meeting: US

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

North Korean leader Kim Jong-un has written a "very warm" letter to US President Donald Trump requesting him for a second meeting, the White House has said, asserting that it is open to the idea and is already in the process of preparing ground for the high-profile summit.

The first meeting between the two leaders was held in Singapore in June.

Talks between the US and North Korea have stalled since the leaders shook hands at the summit hailed as "historic".

"President has received a letter from Kim Jong-un. It was a very warm, very positive letter. We won't

release the full letter unless the North Korean leader agrees that we should," White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders told reporters on Monday.

"The primary purpose of the letter was to request and look to schedule another meeting with the President, which we are open to and are already in the process of coordinating that," she said. Last month, Trump directed his secretary of state Mike Pompeo to delay a planned trip to North Korea, saying he felt "we are not making sufficient progress with respect to the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula".

But on Monday, Sanders called the letter "further evidence of progress" in the relationship between the two leaders.

PRASAR BHARATI
INDIA'S PUBLIC SERVICE BROADCASTER
CIVIL CONSTRUCTION WING, ALL INDIA RADIO
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

The Executive Engineer (E), Division-I, CCW, AIR, 8th Floor Soochna Bhawan, New Delhi invites on behalf of President of India, online item rate tender for following work:-

NIT NO. 63/2018-19/EE(E)-I/CCW-AIR/Delhi. Name of Work: R.M.O. D.G. Set at New Broadcasting House, All India Radio, New Delhi during 2018-2019 (SH: Round the clock operation of 3 X 250 KVA D.G Set). (i) Estimated cost Rs.1235136/-, (ii) Earnest Money Rs.24703/- Period of completion:- 12 months, Last date & Time of submission of bid 3.00 P.M on 20/09/18.

Note:- The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website:- www.tenderwizard.com/AIR.

Sd/-
Davp22433/11/0010/1819 Executive Engineer (E)-I

OJSWI TRADES INVESTMENT AND FINANCE LIMITED
Kh. No. 300, Gopi Ram Building, Sultanpur Village, New Delhi- 110030
Tel. No.09810836602, Fax No. 0124-4699333
CIN: L67120DL1990PLC042059
Website: www.ojswi.com; Email Id: corporate.ojswi@gmail.com

EXTRACT OF STATEMENT OF STANDALONE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2018
(Rs. In lacs except earning per share)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended	Quarter Ended
		JUNE 30, 2018	JUNE 30, 2017
		Unaudited	Unaudited
1	Total Income from Operations	81.77	16.50
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(25.83)	(3.77)
3	Net Profit/(Loss) before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(25.83)	(3.77)
4	Net Profit/(Loss) after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(25.83)	(3.77)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(25.83)	(3.77)
6	Equity Share Capital (Face Value Rs. 10/- Per Share)	675	675
7	Reserves (Excluding Revaluation Reserves)	-	-
8	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) -		
	(a) Basic	(0.38)	(0.06)
	(b) Diluted	(0.38)	(0.06)

Notes:
(1) The above results for the quarter ended June 30, 2018 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and Approved by the Board of Directors at their Meeting held on September 10, 2018. The Statutory auditors have carried out a "Limited Review" of above results.
(2) The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Results filed with the Metropolitan Stock Exchange of India Limited (MSEI) under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the said Quarterly Results is available on the Stock Exchange website www.msei.in and on the company's website www.ojswi.com.

For and on behalf of Board of Directors
Sd/-
Sandeep Garg
Director
Place: New Delhi
Date: September 10, 2018
(DIN: 00021295)

BIHAR STATE POWER TRANSMISSION CO. LTD., PATNA
Govt of Bihar

(Regd. Office - Vidhyut Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna) Contact No- 0612-2504655, M No- 7763817701, Fax No- 0612-2504655, Email ID - ce.trans664@gmail.com
(GST No. :- 10AAFCB2393H121, CIN - U40102BR2012SGC018889)
(Department of Project-II of BSPTCL)

CORRIGENDUM
Tender Extension Notice for (NIT) NO.- 41/PR/BSPTCL/2018, PR No-5843

Due date for submission & opening of Online tenders for NIT No. 41/PR/BSPTCL/2018 for Construction of 220/132/33 KV, (2x160 + 3x50) MVA, GSS Asthawan (Dist.- Nalanda) including Residential Quarters with Construction of 02 Nos. 220 KV Line Bays & 06 Nos. 132 KV Line Bays at remote ends under State Plan on turnkey basis (Published in Daily Newspaper on all India bases) is extended as follows:-

Description of work	Original Estimated Cost(Rs.)	Revised Estimated Cost(Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)	Completion period
Construction of 220/132/33 KV, (2x160 + 3x50) MVA, GSS Asthawan (Dist.- Nalanda) including Residential Quarters with Construction of 02 Nos. 220 KV Line Bays & 06 Nos. 132 KV Line Bays at remote ends on Turnkey Basis under State Plan on turnkey basis.	104.35 Cr.	109.46 Cr.	1.00 Cr.	18 Months from NOA.

Last date of online sale of Bid Document/Request of bid/bid documents: Up to 18/09/2018, 15:00 Hrs.
Last date of online submission of tender: Up to 19/09/2018, 16:00 Hrs.
Date of opening of Techno-Commercial Bid (Part-I) On 20/09/2018, 16:00Hrs. onward

- Eligibility Criteria Tender documents, etc are available in downloadable from at websites <http://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in>
- "Bid Processing Fee is mandatory to be paid through online mode i.e. Internet Payment Gateway (Credit/Debit Card), Net Banking, NEFT/RTGS".
- "Bid along with necessary online payments must be submitted through e-payment portal www.eproc.bihar.gov.in before the date & time specified in the NIT. The department doesn't take responsibility for the delay/ Non submission of Tender/ Non Reconciliation of online Payment caused due to Non-availability of Internet Connection, Network Traffic/ Holidays or any other reason".

Chief Engineer (Project II)

E-tendering introduced in BSPTCL for tenders above Rs. 25 lacs. For registration logon to www.eproc.bihar.gov.in and eProcurement Help Desk First Floor, M/22, Bank of India Building, Road No-25, Sri Krishna Nagar, Patna-800001 at 0612-2523006, Mob:+91-7542028164. While participating in e-tendering process, the contractor shall have to get them registered to get user ID, Passwords and digital signature. This will enable them to access the Website: www.eproc.bihar.gov.in only.

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"परस्पर सहमति से न्यायिक निर्णय प्राप्त करें!"
"समय एवं खर्च की बचत करें!"

PR No. 8166 (Ni.Ni.) 2018-19
अवैध शराब एवं मादक द्रव्य के संबंध में शिकायत टॉल फ्री नं. 18003456268 या 15545 पर करें

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
PRESIDENCY DIVISION, MUMBAI
Email: presidency.ee@mahapwd.com

E- TENDER NOTICE NO. 33 FOR 2018 -2019 (Re call)

Online E- Tenders in B-1 Form For the Following Work are invited by the Executive Engineer, Presidency Division, PWD, 2nd floor Bandhakam Bhavan, 25 Murzban Road, Fort, Mumbai-400 001 (Tel. No-22016975/22016977) from contractors registered in interior category appropriate class of the Public Works Department. Right to reject/accept of all or one tender is reserved.

Sr. No	Name of Work	Amount
1	Restoration of Heritage Bldf. Office of the Divisional Commissioner and Old Secretariat Annex Bldg Mumbai	89,12,617/-

JOB NO :- BUDGET WORK

Issued Date: 11.9.2018 to 25.9.2018
Opening Date: 27.9.2018

All the corrigendum/Changes pertain to notice will not published in news papers, that will published in e-tendering process.

All the detail Information is available on following websites

- www.mahapwd.com
- <http://mahatenders.gov.in>

EE/PD/TC/9468
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Presidency Division, P.W.D., 2nd floor,
Bandhakam Bhavan, 25, Murzban Road,
Presidency Division, Mumbai.
Fort, Mumbai 400 001
Date: 05-09-18

Sd/-
(S.D.Indurkar)
Executive Engineer
DGIPR/2018/2019/2931
Presidency Division Mumbai

Govt. of Bihar

BIHAR STATE POWER TRANSMISSION CO. LTD., PATNA
(Regd. Office - Vidhyut Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna) Contact No- 0612-2504655, M No- 7763817701, Fax No- 0612-2504655, Email ID - ce.trans664@gmail.com
(GST No. :- 10AAFCB2393H121, CIN - U40102BR2012SGC018889)
(Department of Project-I of BSPTCL)

CORRIGENDUM
Tender Extension Notice for (NIT) NO.- 34/PR/BSPTCL/2018, PR No-5987

Due date for submission & opening of Online tenders for NIT No.- 34/PR/BSPTCL/2018 for Construction of (2x160 MVA+3x50MVA), 220/132/33 KV GSS, Tajpur (complete with SAS) (District-Samastipur) and Residential Quarters under State Plan on turnkey basis (Published in Daily Newspaper on all India bases) is extended as follows:-

Description of work (Revised)	Original Estimated Cost(Rs.)	Revised Estimated Cost(Rs.)	Original EMD (Rs.)	Revised EMD (Rs.)	Completion period
Construction of (2x160 MVA+3x50MVA), 220/132/33 KV GSS, Tajpur (complete with SAS) (District-Samastipur) and Residential Quarters under State Plan on turnkey basis.	87.64 Cr.	92.55 Cr.	87.64lacs	92.55lacs	18 Months from NOA.

Last date of online sale of Bid Document/Request of bid/bid documents: Up to 19/09/2018, 15:00 Hrs.
Last date of online submission of tender: Up to 19/09/2018, 16:00 Hrs.
Date of opening of Techno-Commercial Bid (Part-I) On 20/09/2018, 16:00Hrs. onward

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For further details please visit website www.prdbihar.gov.in
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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR SETTING UP A COMPOST PLANT OF 2.0 TONNE PER DAY CAPACITY AT BAZAAR SAMITI CAMPUS IN BIHARSHARIF MUNICIPAL AREA UNDER BIHARSHARIF SMART CITY MISSION

Biharsharif Smart City Limited envisages implementing a Compost Plant of 2.0 Tonne/ day capacity using pre-segregated organic waste of Bazaar Samiti and surrounding area in Municipal Area of Biharsharif.

Details of the EOI and the documents can be downloaded from therecent **announcements** section of the web-portal <https://nagarseva.bihar.gov.in/> biharsharif or the Office of the undersigned.

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL signed with the Subject: "EOI for setting up a Compost plant of 2 Tonne per Day Capacity at Bazaar Samiti Campus in Biharsharif Municipal Area under Biharsharif Smart City Mission"

Expressions of Interest in sealed cover should be sent in the office or on email address mentioned below of under Smart City Mission" to the following address within 07 days (Short Notice) from the date of publication of this notice:

For any query/clarifications on EOI and project details, applicants may seek through mail : biharsharifsmartcitylimited@gmail.com and/or in writing on the above address.

Chief Executive Officer
Biharsharif Smart City Limited

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'FOSTER SELF-EMPLOYMENT WITH VOCATIONAL COURSES'

QUOTE OF THE DAY
The aim of education is the knowledge not of facts but of values.
— William Ralph Inge

NIOS is revamping distance education with the help of technology. The institute's chairman CHANDRA BHUSHAN SHARMA discusses with ANKITA SAXENA why vocational courses should be encouraged at par with academic curriculum

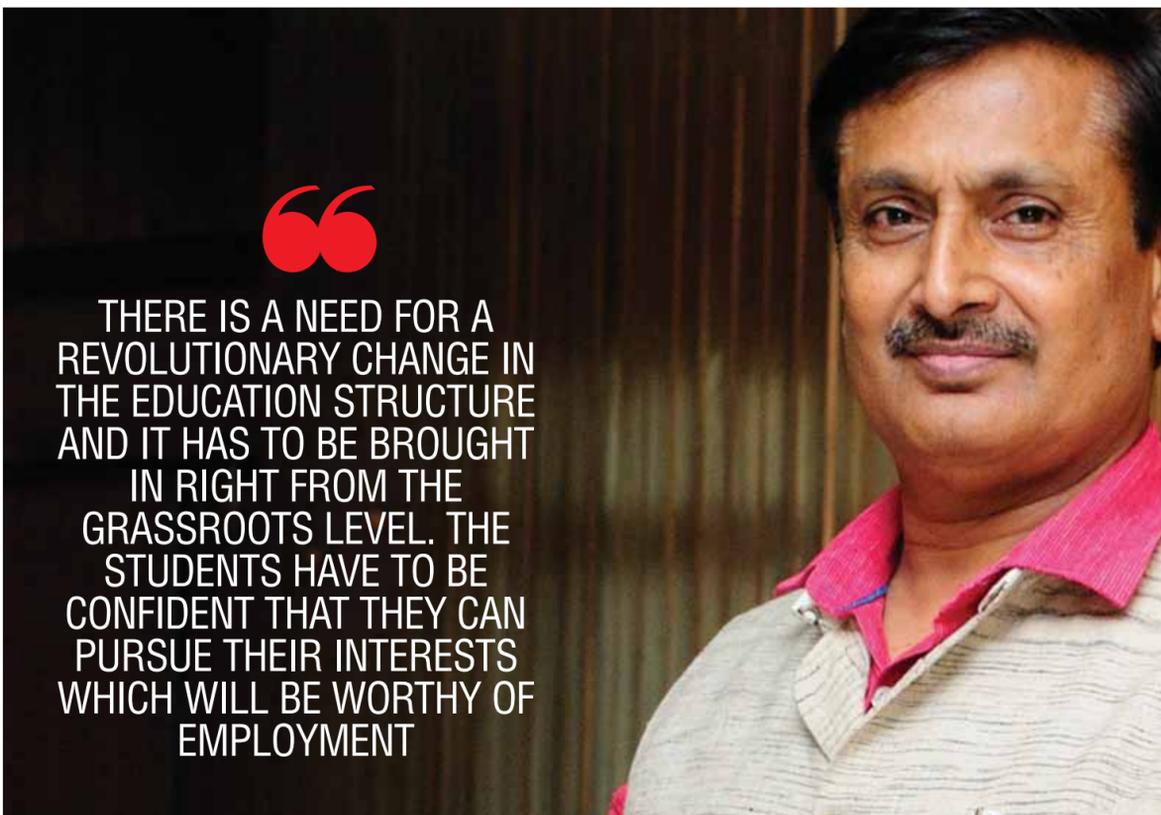
The National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) has emerged as a unique learning platform which allows students to learn at their own pace, anywhere at any time. The on-demand examination system along with its various unique courses on offer, have made NIOS a popular choice among students who did not fit the bill of formal education structure. C B Sharma advocates the importance of vocational courses to be in tandem with academic courses, which he believes will pave the way for entrepreneurs of the future. Here are excerpts from the interview:

●How is NIOS different from CBSE?
The Central Government has two Boards — Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and the National Institute of Open Schooling. As a Board, we have been given the authority to identify courses, develop the structure and also certify them. Thus, we combine both the roles of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and CBSE as a single organisation. We also design courses and offer proper curriculum in areas which are not offered by the CBSE.

For example, dancing, painting and Vedic studies. Our system caters to the students who could not get universal education, the drop-outs who could not keep up with the pace of the formal structure, the underprivileged and targeted groups.

●How have you used ICT to further open schooling system?

Recently, we made our admission procedure completely online where there is no currency exchange. We have used the television medium to reach the remotest areas with five channels. We are one of the largest partners with the Swayam portal with 25 lakh learners pursuing our online courses. An initiative of the Ministry of Human Resources Development, it is an effort to take the best teaching learning resources to all, including the most disadvantaged and bridge the digital divide for students who have hitherto remained untouched by the digital revolution. Most of the courses offered by the institution are available in regional languages across the country. Since India has a wide reach of smart phones, we have used mobile technology to offer distant education. Through the app for Diploma in



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Elementary Education (D.El.Ed) course, more than 10 lakh teachers have downloaded the course material. We are not only using technology to reach out, but also making sure that the students using the new ways of communication become digitally literate. We have assessed and evaluated nearly 55 lakh national digital literacy mission candidates.

●Have vocational courses been given enough importance as compared to regular academic courses?

We have not paid adequate attention to vocational courses. These courses are very lucrative and have immense job opportunities. Unfortunately, we have been looking at Government jobs as a means to sta-

bility but have not considered being self-employed.

As an institution, apart from offering academic courses, we focus on fostering entrepreneurship among students. This could also reduce the pressure on the Government to provide jobs to a large population. For example, young girls pursuing courses in the field of dance do not seek formal jobs.

They have found livelihood through their performance. Similarly, tailoring courses have helped many add a source of income to families; courses in agriculture help learners combine not only new techniques of farming but also fisheries and bee-keeping to make them more affluent and diverse.

●What changes do you envisage in the education system?

There is need for a revolutionary change in the education structure and it has to be brought in right from the grassroots. The students have to be confident that they can pursue their interests which will be worthy of employment. It is a notion that students with good academic schooling will be successful and be respected. This has to change because not everyone needs to be an engineer or a doctor. There are other avenues as well beyond the academic education. Students have to be introduced to vocational courses right from Class 1 to nurture them. Though we talk about the finished model of school-

ing and the Kothari Commission recommendations, but enough has not been done to teach life skills and the likes to students to prepare them for relevant opportunities in the future.

●Tell us about the international linkages formed by NIOS to boost its outreach globally?

We have received requests from foreign countries to introduce our centres of learning. We already have centres in eight countries. There is a demand from Nigeria, Oman, and East Asia among many others and we are devising a framework to work towards global expansion. We have signed a few memorandums of understanding with various universities to further this agenda.

HOTEL MANAGEMENT

The Delhi Paramedical and management Institute (DPMI) opens admission for its one-year full time Diploma in Front Office Operations (DFO), Food & Beverage (DFB), and House Keeping (DHK).

These course provides syllabus that combines theory and practice of Hotel Industry. Hotel Management Catering Technology & Tourism is the fastest growing industry in the world, with a potential that is limitless. Larger hotels often have management teams, instead of individual managers, where each member of the group specializes in a certain area. Hotel industry is an ideal field for students having a liking for Interacting with people.

Eligibility: These full-time diploma course has been thoughtfully designed for those who have recently passed 10+2 from any recognised board and wants to work in hotel management industry can enroll for these courses.

How to apply: The application forms & brochure may be obtained from admission office of Delhi Paramedical & Management Institute, New Ashok Nagar, Delhi.

Deadline: September 29, 2018. For more information, log on to www.dpmindia.com.

SPORTS MANAGEMENT

The Global Institute of Sports Business, Mumbai, invites application for admission in its newly launched flagship programme GISB-ISDE Certificate in Sports Management. The course is a full-time 20-unit intensive, informative and experiential higher education course specialising in the business of sports. The programme is certified by Madrid, Spain based Instituto Superior de Derecho y Economia that has extensive experience in designing and delivering Sports Management courses throughout the world. This 15-month course will enable students to understand the business of sport by combining knowledge with passion in order to contribute to the ever-growing industry.

Sports industry veterans have come together to design the exclusive course such that students not only receive the tools, knowledge and experiences required to create fulfilling careers in sport, but also gain



access to relevant platforms in order to regularly interact with industry employers. The Institute has also affiliated with some of the top global and domestic sports organisations to further the student experience through customised projects, case studies, guest lecturers and internship/placement opportunities.

Eligibility: Bachelor's degree, diploma or equivalent (exceptions for individuals with relevant sports experience). Fee: ₹12 lakh plus taxes includes ground travel and stay for international exposure trip

How to apply: Interested candidates can enroll by filling the online application form. For further information, visit <http://gisbindia.com/application-form.php>

Scholarships: GISB is also offering scholarships to select few candidates with a great track record in education and commensurate and relevant work experience.

Important dates: The deadline to apply is September 25, 2018. The course commences from October 8, 2018.

MSC AEROSPACE MATERIALS

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

Fully accredited by the IOM3, graduates will have the underpinning knowledge for later professional registration as a Chartered Engineer (CEng).

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 a.keating@sheffield.ac.uk; <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/materials/masters/aerospace>

PenTest+ course launched

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CompTIA has recently launched a training and certification programme — CompTIA PenTest + (Penetration Testers), to meet the rising demand for professional cyber security Penetration Testers in India. The CompTIA Pentest+ complements its already existing CySA+ course which covers defensive security strategies.

The exam contains both multiple-choice and performance-based questions employing hands-on simulations thus validating hands-on penetration testing skills. The interested candidates to take CompTIA Pentest+ certification can either undergo a 40 hour instructor led training program offered by a network of authorised partners spread across the country or can also select self-paced online learning option. It is also recommended that prospective candidates should have three to four years of hands-on experience performing penetration tests, vulnerability assessments, and vulnerability management.

CompTIA Penetration Testing training is available on both self paced as well as Instructor led programmes. For candidates who would want to study and prepare for the exam on their own, CompTIA will be launching Official CompTIA Content which has electronic and hard copy book as well as optional labs on demand for practicing the concepts.

A list of training material is provided on the link : <https://certification.comptia.org/training/self-study>.

Candidates also have the choice to enroll with one of CompTIA's Authorised Training Delivery partners. A list of our training partners can be found on the link: <https://certification.comptia.org/training/instructor-led-training>.

CompTIA certifications are delivered through our global test delivery partner, Pearson VUE (www.vue.com). Once the candidate is ready to appear for the certification exam, they can purchase the exam vouchers from our authorised training partners as well as the CompTIA online store at <https://emerging-store.comptia.org/>.

Conclave on future of work

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The IIMA organised the third edition of its HR Leadership Conclave on *The Future of Work, Workforce and Learning* in Hyderabad. The theme of this year's conclave was *Disruptions & Learning*.

Eminent panelists shared their opinion on two topics: Building a Design Thinking Culture in Organizations and Leadership Development for Successful Digital Transformations.

K Padmakar, director, HR, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, a panelist, shared thoughts about the conclave, "Conclaves of industry academia interface are critical in enlightening all minds. Towards this extent this conclave was very enlightening and has given me a lot to mull over," he said.

Prof Biju Varkkey, faculty chair of IIMA-HR leadership conclave elaborated and said: "The conclave focused on the emerging and latest practices in learning and development function globally and how it can be applied in the organisations. Keeping the fast changing developments globally in



mind, the conclave offered a platform for leaders of various organizations and from Government to discuss and explore options through the lively panel discussions."

The IIMA proactively connects with corporates, Government, alumni and researchers over forums like HR Leadership Conclaves to discuss the most recent and emerging trends in organisations and management, thus helping organizations to stay competitive and engaging the talent through technology.

Prof Errol D'Souza, Director, IIMA went on to speak about the history and evolution of education of busi-

ness schools and the current challenges for a modern organisation. He emphasized on the organisational requirements of — Leadership skills, Integrative/Systems thinking and Importance of Communication.

He said: "As an Institute of management, IIMA researches on these topics to help organisations to find tangible solutions. Some of these research insights come back as a part of executive education programmes."

The participants also got insights from the industry leaders on the current practices in the context of learning and development.

Literacy course

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The NSE Academy Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) along with Knowledge Wharton (K@W), the online journal of research and business analysis of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and Wharton Executive Education, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to impart skills related to finance and investment to Indian high school students across the country.

The Class IX and X students in Tier II and III cities will get a great opportunity to have access to the courses from Wharton School. It's specialised global courses will be offered to students in smaller towns through state of art technology.

The think-tank at the NSE and Wharton are in the process of designing developmental and customised content for the course based on materials developed by Knowledge@Wharton High School and Wharton Executive Education. This course will be delivered through a digital platform and will enable students to understand intricacies of finance.

It will also launch and expand the reach of the K@W High School Investment Competition in India by taking the competition to Tier-II and III cities.

13 EduCanada MBA courses on road show

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Thirteen of Canada's leading business schools will be on a multi-city tour in India to present MBA opportunities during the 2018 EduCanada MBA Showcase. Scheduled from September 17 to 25, 2018. The representatives from these prominent Canadian universities will visit the cities of Delhi, Hyderabad, Chennai, Bengaluru and Mumbai.

This fifth edition of the EduCanada MBA Showcase will provide an excellent opportunity for young professionals, entrepreneurs and students aspiring to obtain a globally recognised management degree, meet with representatives of Canadian institutions and learn about their MBA programmes.

Participation is free but one needs to registration at www.educanadaevents.in. During the course of each event, attendees can take part in interactive sessions on a range of subjects such as admissions, visa procedures, and career opportunities.

The delegation will be touring as per the schedule below:

- Delhi: September 17
 - Hyderabad: September 20
 - Chennai: September 21
 - Bengaluru: September 23
 - Mumbai: September 25
- The EduCanada MBA Showcase is an annual marquee event organised by the High Commission of Canada in India, in association with, the Indo-Canadian Business Chamber (ICBC). The participating universities include: Lakehead University, Memorial University, Ryerson University, Ted Rogers School of Management, Saint Mary's University: Sobey School of Business, University of Alberta: Alberta School of Business, University of Calgary: Haskayne School of Business, University of Manitoba: Asper School of Business, University of New Brunswick- Fredericton, University of New Brunswick: Saint John, University of Windsor-Odette School of Business, University of Winnipeg-Professional, Applied and Continuing Education), Vancouver Island University- Faculty of Management, York University - Schulich School of Business.

Teaching methodology series

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The MindChampion Learning Systems Limited (MLSL), NIIT's subsidiary for its K-12 school learning initiative, launches My Pals Are Here, an engaging series based on Singapore teaching methodology. Introduced in association with Marshal Cavendish Education, the series has been designed to build a strong foundation of mathematics and strengthen a child's conceptual understanding of the subject.

The series will help students by providing hands-on activities and games to reinforce mathematical skills. Students hone their problem-solving skills through individual and collaborative practices. As they work through mock problems, they learn how to

apply the same problem-solving strategies to real world problems. The series also help students by providing activities to develop critical thinking skills and challenge students to solve questions based on higher order thinking skills. Its target audience is students from Classes I to V.

According to trends in international Mathematics and Science Study, over 70 per cent of Singapore students consistently performed better academically than the international average. The results of Mathematics assessments from 1995 to 2015 show consistent outstanding performance by the students of Singapore. This world-class programme has been widely adopted across the globe and has resulted in engagement among all stakeholders.

NutriScholars Awards

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Bridging the academia with industry, fostering innovations and empowering the Indian food academicians, DuPont Nutrition and Health presents the second edition of its pan-India food science open innovation programme — DuPont NutriScholars Awards.

Following the success of Season one, DuPont provides platform and hands-on product development experience for students to innovate and solve challenges in the bakery

foods. It is calling all the young innovators and students across food science, technology and relevant interdisciplinary fields from Indian academia to solve the challenges in the "bakery" food products, using at least one or more of DuPont Danisco range of functional and health promoting ingredients.

For the roll-out of the programme to over 200 universities and institutions in the country, DuPont Nutrition & Health India has partnered

with Flrst, a specialist business research and consultancy organisation.

The awards 2018 edition features five distinctive award categories:

- The vegetarian cake treat
- Innovation in muffins and cupcakes
- Healthy breads
- Gluten free and healthy cookies
- 'Out-of-the-box' bakery innovation

For more information, log on to www.dupontnutrischolars.com.

Think design think workshop

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The World University of Design (WUD) in Sonapat is organising a two-day Design Thinking workshop — Global Goals Jam 2.0 (GGJ) from September 21, 2018.

Held in association with the Digital Society School of University of Applied Sciences, Amsterdam along with UNDP, GGJ is an international platform for inclusive learning where people from all around the world contribute to the 17 global goals for sustainable development by sharing their

stories and visions for the future. Speaking about the need of the workshop, Dr Sanjay Gupta, VC, WUD, said: "GGJ Delhi 2.0 provides a unique opportunity wherein human minds from various sectors can ideate and work together with industry experts, gain valuable insights and shape their ideas better to create a better future for mankind."

The workshop has a limited seats. The last day of registration is September 12, 2018. Interested individuals can visit the link: <http://worlduniversityofdesign.ac.in/ggj18.html>.

Equaliser for JEE Mains

From 2019, JEE Main exam will be conducted in two phases. RAMESH BATLISH tells aspirants what this means

From 2019, JEE Main will be conducted in two phases, the first for Admissions to BE/BTech from January 6-20, 2019 and the second phase for admissions to BArch/B Planning between April 6-20, 2019. After being taken over by National Testing Agency (NTA), there will be no major impact as far as the pattern of the exam is concerned. The exam will have the same papers as conducted by the CBSE until last year.

Except for the exam mode, the pattern remains unchanged. Paper-I will be completely held in computer based mode, and in Paper-II, Mathematics and Aptitude Test will be computer based whereas Drawing will be pen-and-paper based. All the multiple choice questions will carry 4 marks each for the right answer and negative marking of 1 mark for incorrect answer.

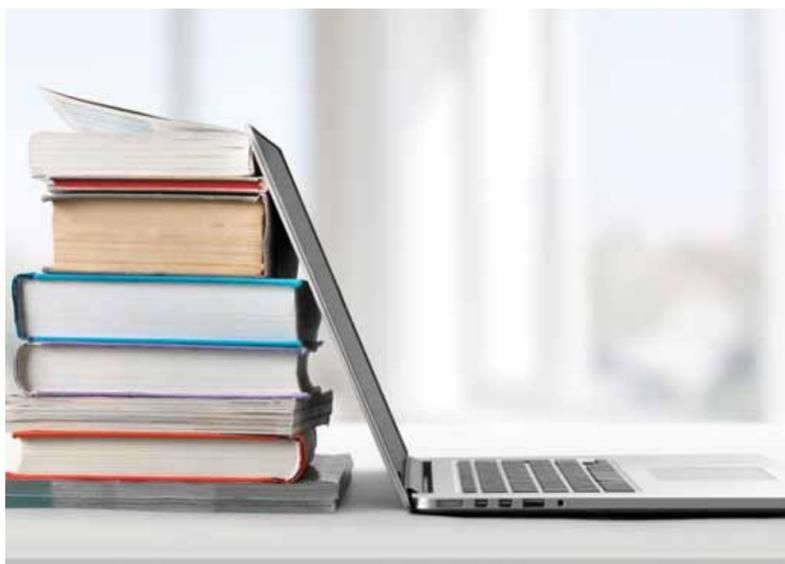
In JEE Main Paper-I, 30 MCQs will be asked from each subject (Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics) making it a total of 90 questions. The question paper will be available in English, Hindi and Gujarati (for students of Gujarat, Daman & Diu and Nagarhaveli). Paper-I will be conducted in two sessions per day and the candidates need to book their slots.

Paper-II includes a total of 82 questions. 30 MCQs in Mathematics section, 50 from Aptitude and 2 questions will be asked from drawing test. All the MCQs carry 4 marks each (with -1 negative marking) and each drawing test question carries 70 marks.

MODIFICATIONS

Early Mock Tests: The NTA has started student registration for JEE Main mock tests from September 1, 2018. Candidates will be able to practice with these tests to get a better understanding of the exam pattern, how to prepare and what to expect in the actual exam.

Common Service Centres: The authorities have set up 1.5 lakh CSCs across the country to help candidates in both urban and rural areas in application



form filling and submission.

Age limit: The criteria of age limit has been removed from JEE Main 2019. Candidates who have passed their 10+2 in 2017, 2018 or are appearing in 2019 can apply for the exam, irrespective of their age.

More than one attempt: JEE Main 2019 will be held twice a year - the first time in January and the second time in April. Candidates can choose to appear for either one or both.

Revised Application fees: The application fees have been reduced for different categories for JEE Main 2019.

Mode of Test: JEE Main 2019 will be a computer-based test for Paper-I; however, for Paper-II, Mathematics and Aptitude will be in computer-based mode and Drawing will be in pen and paper mode. Paper-I will be in two shifts per day, whereas, Paper-II will be in one shift only.

SELECTION PROCESS

The NTA will announce the qualifying cutoff of JEE Main 2019 in the first week of May after

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the announcement of the result of the April exam. The results for the first exam will be announced on January 31, 2019. The results of JEE Main will be the scores obtained by the students in the exam they have appeared in January, April or both. The results will be devoid of ranks as it will be compiled on the basis of better scores of candidates appearing in both the exams.

Common rank list: The Common Rank List for JEE Main 2019 will be available in the first week of May after the declaration of the results of the April exam. The better of the scores of candidates who have appeared in both JEE Main January and April will be considered for the ranking purposes while the scores of the candidates who have appeared for just one exam will be used as it is. The common rank lists will denote the All India and Category ranks of the candidates in addition to the details of the candidates and marks obtained. The JEE Main rank will be the basis for admissions to the NITs, IIITs and GFTIs

EVALUATION PROCESS

As the JEE Main 2019 will be held on different days and sessions, maintaining the equivalence among different sets of question papers comes to the fore. To ensure that no candidate is at a disadvantage or highly benefited, normalisation of marks will be enforced for the purpose of ranking. Students will be ranked on the basis of their percentile scores which will be calculated as per a pre-determined formula.

Percentile scores: Based on the relative performance of all the appearing candidates by transforming the scores into a common scale ranging from 100 to 0 for each session. Percentile Score shows the percentage of candidates who have scored equal to or below a particular percentile in an exam. It is the normalised score and not the raw scores. After normalisation, each topper of a session will get the same percentile of 100 which is the desirable one. Also the marks between the lowest and highest scores are also converted to the respective percentiles.

In case of percentile tie: When two or more candidates obtain equal percentile scores then ranking will be sorted depending on their percentiles in Mathematics, then Physics and then Chemistry. Even if the percentiles remain same, the older candidate will be ranked higher and same rank will be allotted to the candidates for a tie after this situation.

Compilation of scores: After the JEE Main I will conclude in January, the result that will be declared on January 31 will display the four NTA scores — for each of the three subjects (Mathematics, Physics, and Chemistry) and the total NTA score for that attempt. The scores will be the percentile scores calculated as mentioned above.

Second attempt compilation of NTA scores: The scores will again be calculated for the total and that of the three subjects individually as mentioned for the first attempt.

The writer is a FIITJEE Expert

MERIT LIST PREP

The ranking or merit list will be compiled as follows:

■ In case of candidates who have appeared for both the attempts the best of the two NTA scores will be used. Here the total NTA score will be used for ranking purpose and not those of the subjects.

■ In case of candidates who have appeared for only one exam, the four NTA scores of that attempt will be used for the preparation of the merit list

■ The final NTA scores will be used to rank the candidates and the JEE Main 2019 result declared. In case of any tie, the inter-se-merit guidelines mentioned above in this article will be used to resolve it.



Ramesh Batlish
FIITJEE Expert

RANK DECLARATION

The ranks derived as shown above will be used for the purpose of admissions to NITs, IIITs and GFTIs.

The JEE Main 2019 All India rank and All India Category Rank will be declared on April 30 once the JEE Main II NTA scores are compiled.

Scores for Paper-II
■ Raw marks for the first attempt will be announced on January 31, 2019 for students who have appeared for the exam held in January.

■ The actual marks for the April exam will be announced on April 30 for those who have appeared for the same.

■ The JEE Main Paper-II marks will not be normalised as the exam will be held in a single shift so there will be no question of equivalence of the question papers and variation in difficulty levels

Rank List for Paper-II

■ The raw marks for both attempts will be considered for candidates who have given both the attempts and the better of the marks considered.

■ For candidates who have appeared for only one attempt, the raw marks obtained for the same will be used.

■ Rank lists will be prepared as per the marks obtained as mentioned

above
● **Inter-se-Merit**
■ Candidates who scores more marks in Aptitude Test will be ranked higher

■ In case the tie is unresolved, Candidates who scores more marks in Drawing Test will be given the higher rank

■ The age of the candidates — the older candidate will be awarded the higher rank

If the tie is still unresolved, the candidates will be given the same rank.

KEY POINTS

■ How well you have mastered the important topics in each of Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics

■ How much practise you have done on similar levels of questions as asked in JEE Main

■ How well you have perfected on your timing of solving an objective type question

■ How much attention you have given to time management & Strategy apart from covering your syllabi.

■ How much calm & confident you are when you take up the actual exam.

Students are advised to give in the best shot as it is finally the relative performance in the actual exam that will fetch you a good rank in JEE 2019.

The aspirations of students are not limited by their geographical locations. A student based in Nagpur or Mangalore could be as aspirational as a student in Hyderabad or Delhi. However, lack of infrastructural facilities in schools, unavailability of well-trained teachers, unawareness and absence of guidance surely come in the way of their ambitions. In short, quality and access are the two roadblocks plaguing the K-12 sector. Thus, educators are trying to adopt innovative approaches to improve the learning experiences and outcomes in non-metro schools.

Unavailability of resources, — the dearth of motivated teachers, the absence of well-stocked libraries and lack

of good tutorials, come in the way of the realisation of students' dreams. Besides the inaccessibility and unavailability of resources, there is a shift in the consumer behaviour as well.

As per the study titled *Online Education in India: 2021*, jointly conducted by KPMG India and Google, students nowadays show higher interests in understanding the concepts and topics in depth than merely passing exams. Moreover, the report also suggests a rise in the purchasing power of people. Thus, parents do not mind spending extra money on their children's education.

Running a school needs expertise: Running and managing a school is a strenuous task. For instance, a book is no

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more the sole teaching-learning tool available to students and teachers. Digital tools and experiential learning components such as hands-on activity kits have been introduced to the entire school gamut. Numerous schools nowadays prefer to fully digitise their administrative operations as streamlining both administrative and academic functions is a difficult task for a single person.

Different kinds of alliances: The current Indian education market portrays the following partnership models.

Franchise: This model enables a school

to enter into a partnership with one of the franchisees, thereby providing credibility to an aspiring school to attract student enrolment.

High-profile principal: As per this model, a person having a substantial experience of holding a strategic position in any renowned school in a metro city is appointed as the principal of a new non-metro school.

Education consultant: In this model, new schools seek the consultancy of a high-profile educator to manage their academics.

Academic partnership: This model runs on a hand-holding academic and

administrative support process. The services included in this partnership are not limited to guidance on school infrastructure, academic management and operations, staff hiring and student enrolment.

Unlike the franchise model, an academic partnership programme does not require schools to be named as a partner school. Moreover, the academic partnership model does not bind schools in any way to enter into a liaison with the present partners if they decide to scale in future, i.e., open new school branches.

In case of a high-profile principal or seeking help from an education consultant, there is a possibility that the principal or the educator may choose to leave midway,

jeopardising the academic and the administrative processes. On the other hand, a franchise model does not provide schools with an academic support or guidance, which are deemed immensely necessary, especially when a new school is trying to establish and sustain itself.

An academic partnership model is particularly useful because it helps schools with initial average resources meet global standards by providing them with academic and administrative counsel and services. Besides, the school management does not lose its autonomy, in the course of the partnership, in any way.

The writer is Beas Dev Ralhan, co-founder and CEO, Next Education



The Government of Québec is offering international internship programme to study in Canada. The internship is intended for Master's or doctoral students enrolled full-time in a Québec university or in an university outside Québec who meets the requirements of their programme.

The scholarship for internship is of a maximum value of \$15,000. However, the FRQNT will allow no more than the equivalent of \$2,500 per month in living expenses.

Eligibility: The applicant must be a Canadian citizen, a permanent resident of Canada or a foreign student who has a valid study permit for the province of Québec. For foreign students enrolled in an university outside Québec, The applicant must have the valid study permits or visa for the entire duration of the internship. The applicant can't be enrolled in a co-degree from more than one institution including a Québec university. For the students enrolled in a co-degree see the rules of the Frontenac programme.

How to apply: Must file their application within their strategic cluster (see list on FRQNT's website). Validate the list of documents

required for this application with the specific strategic cluster.

Application deadline: Internship application deadline is March 1, 2019.

The Faculty of Science at University of Sydney awards a limited number of Dean's International postgraduate research scholarships for international students. Scholarships are available to undertake a research doctorate degree (PhD) programme.

Eligibility: Currently enrolled in the final year of a four-year Bachelor's degree in Science or relevant discipline, or an equivalent degree, at an international university. The final year of the degree must include a research component which accounts for a minimum of 25% of the year. Have achieved a GPA greater than 85 or an average A grade, or have a relevant subject specific GPA of 90, or equivalent. May not be an Australian or New Zealand citizen or hold permanent residency in Australia. Be commencing full time post-graduate research study at the University for the first time. Not be in receipt of any other tuition fee scholarship. English language Requirements: Applicants must have an overall band score of 6.5 or better with no band below 6.

Application deadline: The last date to apply is November 30, 2018

STUDY CENTRES

Recently, there is a lot of talk about rural development as it impacts the economic growth.

Development without inclusion of rural India would be unsustainable. Hence rural management as a career has great prospects. Colleges to study are:

- **Jiwaji University Institute of Distance Education, Gwalior.** Course: Bachelor of Rural Technology and Management
- **IPS Institute, Meerut.** Course: MBA Rural Management
- **KIIT School of Rural Management, Bhubaneswar.** Course: MBA Rural Management
- **Xavier Institute of Management, Bhubaneswar.** Course: MBA Rural Management
- **Mahatma Gandhi Chitrankot Gramodaya Vishwavidyalaya, Satna.** Course: MBA Rural Management
- **The Gandhigram Rural Institute, Dindigul, Tamil Nadu.** Course: MBA Rural Management
- **Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad.** Course: Master of Rural Management
- **Ravenshaw University, School of Social Sciences, Cuttack.** Course: Master of Rural Management
- **Jayadev Institute of Social Science and Reserch, Bhubaneswar.** Course: Master of Rural Management
- **Arunachal University of Studies:** Faculty of Skill Development and Vocational Studies, Lohit. Course: PGD in Rural Management



DATA ANALYTICS AT NULL LLC

Location: Ahmedabad, Chennai, Delhi, Indore, Hyderabad, Mumbai
Stipend: ₹2,000-₹6,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/14239
Application deadline: September 20, 2018

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT (SALES) AT AIREXPRTS

Location: Delhi, Gurgaon, Noida
Stipend: ₹7,000per month
Link: internshala.com/i/14240
Application deadline: September 21, 2018

MARKETING AT ELECTROSE SOLUTIONS

Location: Panchkula, Chandigarh, Mohali
Stipend: ₹5,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/14241
Application deadline: September 30, 2018

MOBILE APP DEVELOPMENT AT CRYPTIC CUP

Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹10,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/14242
Application deadline: September 21, 2018

QUALITY ASSURANCE (MEDICAL DEVICE) AT ELEXES MEDICAL CONSULTING

Location: Chennai, Kochi, Mumbai, Bangalore
Stipend: ₹2,500-₹6,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/14243
Application deadline: September 20, 2018

VALUE EDUCATION FACILITATION AT RAMAKRISHNA MISSION

Location: Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Delhi, Kolkata, Kochi, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Bhopal, Nagpur, Bangalore, Guwahati
Stipend: ₹10,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/14244
Application deadline: September 16, 2018

FORTUNER/VINAYAK BHATT

QUERY: My name is Dhruv Uppal. My date of birth is December 4, 1996. Please let me know which career is best suited for me as per my planet condition in astrology?

BHATT: The 9th sign of the zodiac is Sagittarius. You are spiritual. Your element is Fire, ruling planet is Jupiter. You are philosophical, optimistic and straightforward. You enjoy your freedom and self-expression. You must find a career where you can find both. You can be a great counsellor and good team leader.

Curious and energetic, you are one of the biggest travelers among all zodiac signs. Your open mind and philosophical view motivates you to travel around the world in search of the meaning of life. Sagittarius are extroverts, optimistic and enthusiastic and likes changes.

You are a person with good habits and actions. You are born with many career options and are suitable at many places with good productivity at work.

Engineer: Sun in the charts means that you can do wonders in a field related to machines or working with hands. Hence you have an option of being a teacher, a surgeon, engineer and an artist.

Writer: Sagittarius love books. A career in this field would be aligned with the goals of your sign. Whether through books, magazines, or the Internet, the Archer is capable of reaching out to people and enjoys disseminating ideas and storytelling.

Business: Your zodiac sign makes you perfect for business.

IN BRIEF

SCHOOL COMPETITION

Suncity School organised the 8th edition of their largest inter-school competition — Multiple Intelligence-MI ME. Over 160 students from 11 schools from Gurugram participated in the competition. The competition is a first of its kind initiative and has been meticulously designed in sync with Howard Gardner's Theory of Multiple Intelligence. The platform provides an opportunity to students to explore and evaluate their intelligence traits and latent talents. The annual inter school competition had an array of activities specially designed for the students of Elementary Year Programs.

The competition was organised in three groups— pre-nursery, nursery, and kindergarten participated in activities like cartoon carnival, exploring negative space, trading the spices, my grandparent's attic, balance the blazing ball among other things.

FUND RAISING
Teachers and staff of Shiv Nadar School in Noida, Faridabad and Gurugram (a not-for-profit initiative of the Shiv Nadar Foundation in K12 private education) raised a sum of ₹10 lakh for the Kerala flood victims, by donating a day's salary to the cause.

The cheque for Kerala Chief Minister's Distress Relief Fund(CMDRF) was handed over to the Resident Commissioner of Kerala, Puneet Kumar at the Kerala Bhavan, New Delhi on Teacher's day, the 5th of September.

Parents and students also voluntarily donated clothes, umbrellas and dry ration which was sent to the flood victims.

INDIA LOSE MATCH, PRIDE

Rahul, Pant ton goes in vain as England beat India by 118 runs to win final Test

PTI ■ LONDON

India lost the fifth and final Test against England by 118 runs here on Tuesday despite heroic resistance from KL Rahul and Rishabh Pant, bringing the curtains down on a tour which started as a golden opportunity but ended in a saga of disappointments.

A mediocre England team with a fragile batting line-up won the series by a comprehensive 4-1 margin after India were bowled out for 345 in pursuit of mammoth target of 464.

Making amends for a below-par show in the preceding Tests, Rahul (149 off 224 balls) and Pant (114 off 146 balls) sang the redemption song with attractive centuries to raise visions of an improbable victory before Adil Rashid (2/63 in 15 overs) dashed their hopes with a twin blow.

Rashid bowled a prodigious leg-break that pitched on the rough and clipped Rahul's off-bail and in his next over Pant tried to hoick him for his fifth six only to be holed out by Moeen Ali.

Once the 204-run sixth wicket stand ended, India tried to hang on for a respectable draw but it was of no avail.

Root took the second new ball and his new 'Go To' Man Sam Curran (2/23 in 9 overs) promptly delivered by polishing off the tail with Ishant Sharma and Ravindra Jadeja being removed in quick succession.

Fittingly, it was England's senior-most bowler Jimmy Anderson (3/45 in 22.3 overs), who castled Mohammed Shami to end the match and also surpass Glenn McGrath as the highest wicket-taking pacer in Test match history.



Alastair Cook, center, at the end of his last ever match before retiring from Test, walks off at the end of the fifth Test at the Oval cricket ground; Rishabh Pant celebrates after scoring his maiden century in fifth Test



AP/ICC

It couldn't have been a more emotional farewell for Alastair Cook as he led the team off the ground amidst a thunderous standing ovation from a knowledgeable Oval crowd.

However there were a couple of times when it looked that India could at least earn a respectable draw if not a win.

Rahul batted in a cavalier fashion for the first time in the series as he added 118 runs with Ajinkya Rahane on a flat batting deck at the Oval.

Rahane (37)'s indiscreet sweep

shot followed by Hanuma Vihari's (0) dismissal saw India reduced to 121 for 5 before the complexion of the game changed once again.

Rahul was at his elegant best driving and cutting with a lot of ferocity including a slapped six over extra cover of Ben Stokes and four off the bowler to complete his fifth Test hundred.

However in the post-lunch session, it was young Pant, who made amends for his poor glove-work with some exhilarating strokeplay that included 15 boundaries and four huge sixes.

Such was Pant's dominance that Rahul quietly dropped anchor letting Pant cut loose as he launched into England's spin duo of Rashid and Moeen Ali (1/68 in 17 overs). Pant muscled the ball through the gaps as England had attacking field set and forced them to get into a defensive mindset as they got free runs.

When the final session started, India needed 166 runs in 32 overs and there were serious hopes of an astonishing victory. India had come very close to chasing 438 at the Oval in 1979 and Pant-Rahul

were dreaming big.

They weren't playing for a draw and with Stuart Broad's rib-cage injury, the other bowlers became easy pickings for Pant especially. He was audacious in his strokeplay and didn't let his shoddy keeping affect his batting.

The twin centuries also did the duo world of good as both are now sure to be a part of the squad against West Indies while Shikhar Dhawan's Test career looks to be heading southwards.

England captain Joe Root did have a few things to worry but he

knew that one wicket would lead them into the tail.

He delayed taking the second new ball which proved to be a master-stroke in the end as big leg-break found Rahul look back in a daze. Possibly Pant felt the need to keep going and having been successful in clearing the ropes on four occasions, he wasn't lucky the fifth time.

The two knocks however would become a footnote in what turned out to be another humiliating outing for India where they lost both Test and ODI series.

SINGLES

PHANGAL NOMINATED FOR ARJUNA AWARD

NEW DELHI: Asian Games Gold medal-winning Indian boxer Amit Phangal was on Tuesday nominated for this year's Arjuna awards by the Boxing Federation of India. Amit, who claimed the light flyweight (49kg) category Gold after defeating reigning Olympic champion Hasanboy Dusmatov of Uzbekistan in the Asian final, joined Sonia Lather and Gaurav Bidhuri in the list of boxing nominees for the second highest sporting honour after the Khel Ratna. "I am honoured to be nominated. I can't describe how happy I am. My medal is talking for me and that is what I have always wanted," the 22-year-old Amit, only the eighth Indian boxer to claim an Asian Gold, said.

JUNIOR SHOOTERS ADD SILVER, BRONZE

CHANGWAON: India's junior shooters scaled another high by delivering the country's first set of skeet medals at the ISSF World Championships — a men's team Silver and an individual Bronze by Gurnihal Singh Garcha here on Tuesday. Before this edition of the world championship, India had won all its shotgun medals in the trap and double trap disciplines. This will be the first time that Indian skeet shooters will come back with medals from the premiere competition. The trio of Gurnihal (119), Anantjeet Singh Naruka (117) and Ayush Rudraraju (119) combined for a score of 355 for a second-place finish in the finals. The three had topped day one of the team qualifying on Monday. The 19-year-old Gurnihal also made the six-strong individual final, where he shot a score of 46 to claim the individual Bronze, the biggest achievement of his international career so far.

LECLERC TO REPLACE RAIKKONEN IN FERRARI

MILAN: Young Monaco driver Charles Leclerc will replace Finnish veteran Kimi Raikkonen at Ferrari next season with the former world champion returning to Sauber, both Formula One teams announced on Tuesday. The 20-year-old Leclerc — a Ferrari Driver Academy graduate — was the 2017 Formula 2 champion, and made his debut in F1 this season with the Sauber team. "Scuderia Ferrari announces that, at the end of the 2018 season, Kimi Raikkonen will step down from his current role," the team said in a statement.

ANDRE SILVA LIFTS PORTUGAL PAST ITALY

LISBON: Andre Silva scored the only goal as European champions Portugal — without superstar Cristiano Ronaldo — got their Nations League campaign off the mark with a 1-0 win over Italy in Lisbon on Monday. Ronaldo, 33, had been left out of the squad at his own request to focus on his new Italian club Juventus. But the Euro 2016 winners showed no sign of missing their star striker, dominating the Italians to secure their first three points in a Group 3 that also includes Poland. Italy coach Roberto Mancini suffered his first competitive setback after being held by Poland 1-1 in their opener on Friday in Bologna, with the Azzurri on one point after two games. "We made too many mistakes, but the lads gave everything," said Mancini. Agencies



'Win against India will give us momentum'

PTI ■ KARACHI

Pakistan captain Sarfraz Ahmed reckons that the second group league game of the Asia Cup against arch-rivals India will set the tone for his side in the remainder of the tournament.

Pakistan will open their Asia Cup campaign against Hong Kong in Dubai on September 16 followed by the match against India on September 19.

"Our preparation is very good. We will try to use the four days we get in the UAE and prepare well. Every match we play against India is important. The match against India will be our first big match and we will try to gain the momentum. We will try to be fully prepared against India," the Pakistan captain said.

Sarfraz time and again spoke about the momentum that a victory against India will give.

"I have already said momentum is very important for big events and here also momentum would be the key. The team has high hopes and the morale is also very good. So we will try to gain the momentum from the first match and carry that till the end," he said.

Having played most of their home series at UAE of late, Sarfraz is fully aware of the conditions in UAE. "If you look at the pitches there (UAE), they are generally slow in nature. So the spinners' role would be very crucial," he said.

5 debutants in Aus Test squad



(From left to right) Queensland's batsman Marnus Labuschagne, Travis Head, Pacer Brendan Doggett and Michael Nesser

ICC

AFP ■ SYDNEY

Australia ushered in a fresh era on Tuesday by including five uncapped players in their first Test squad since the scandal-plagued tour of South Africa this year.

With the disgraced Steve Smith, David Warner and Cameron Bancroft all suspended for their role in the ball-tampering row that sparked one of the worst crises cricket has faced, selectors had slim pickings.

Also missing for their two-Test series against Pakistan in the United Arab Emirates next month are injured fast bowlers Josh Hazlewood and Pat Cummins, leaving Australia with one of its weakest Test squads in years.

Among the five debutants are Queensland trio Michael Nesser, Brendan Doggett and Marnus Labuschagne, South Australia's Travis Head and Victoria's Aaron Finch.

"There has been significant change to our Test squad, due to the unavailability of a number of key players," said national selector Trevor Hohns.

"That said, we firmly believe the squad selected is up to the challenge ahead, and is capable of playing a brand of cricket that can perform well in this series against Pakistan.

"It's a blend of experienced players who have a significant amount of either Test or first-class cricket, and a number of younger players who we are confident are ready for the Test arena."

The aggressive Finch, better known for his exploits in the shorter form of the game, was also included and could open the batting with Renshaw.

In a relief for selectors the experienced Shaun Marsh was declared fit after recovering from a shoulder injury that forced him to return home in July from a

county cricket stint with Glamorgan.

A slimmed-down Usman Khawaja, all-rounder Mitch Marsh and either Head or Labuschagne should fill out the middle-order planks.

Peter Handscomb missed out after poor form on the current Australia A tour of India, and there was no room for batting all-rounder Glenn Maxwell, despite also offering a handy off-spin option.

Veteran Mitchell Starc will spearhead the attack and there was a recall for workhorse quick Peter Siddle on the back of his red-hot form in England this year with Essex, with either Nesser or Doggett potential new-ball partners for Starc. Nathan Lyon, Jon Holland and left-armer Ashton Agar occupy the spin slots with captain Tim Paine behind the wicket.

The first Test is in Dubai from October 7.

Eves thrash SL by 9 wickets

PTI ■ GALLE

India produced a clinical performance to register a convincing nine-wicket win over Sri Lanka in the first ODI of the ICC Women's Championship here Tuesday.

India women produced an incisive bowling effort to bundle out Sri Lanka women for a meagre 98 in 35.1 overs after the home side opted to bat first and then chased down the target with consummate ease, reaching 100 in 19.5 overs for the loss of just one wicket.

Medium pacer Mansi Joshi (3/16) and veteran Julhan Goswami (2/13) wreaked havoc at the top. Besides the duo, Poonam Yadav (2/13) picked up two wickets for India.

The spin trio of Deepti Sharma (1/18), Rajeshwari Gayakwad (1/18) and Dayalan Hemalatha (1/19) also chipped in with wickets. Skipper Chamari Atapattu



top-scored for Sri Lanka women with a struggling 93-ball 33.

Chasing the paltry target, the Indian openers — Punam Raut (24) and Smriti Mandhana (73) — looked at ease as they stitched 96 runs for the first wicket to seal the match for their side. But just when it seemed India women would

reach the target unscathed with just three runs to win, Raut was dismissed.

Mandhana starred with the bat for India women, scoring her runs off 76 balls and hit 11 boundaries and two sixes in the process.

The second ODI of the series will be played here on Thursday.

Bawne cameo helps Ind A level series

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Ankit Bawne's 18-ball-28 ensured a thrilling six-wicket victory for India A against Australia A in the second Test after Krishnappa Gowtham and Kuldeep Yadav set-up with fine bowling performance.

The two-Test series ended 1-1 with Australia winning the first game.

The match went down to the wire as India A dismissed the visitors for 213 in their second innings with off-spinner Gowtham getting 3/39 and chinaman Kuldeep ending with 3/46.

Needing 55 to win eight overs, India A sent Shreyas Iyer and Shubman Gill to open the innings but both were dismissed cheaply.



Kuldeep Yadav in a file picture

Bawne guided the team to victory after Kona Bharat hit a six and four but India A were reduced to 25 for 4.

With Australia A spreading the fielders to the deep, Bawne changed the course of the match with 16 runs off Chris Tremain's fifth over.

Earlier, starting the day at 38 for 2, Australia A were comfortably placed at 116 for two with Travis Head (47) and Peter Handscomb (56) adding 79 for the third wicket. However once Head was dismissed by Shabbaz Nadeem (2/67 in 41 overs), the last six wickets fell for 73 runs.

However Mitchell Marsh (36, 79 balls) and Michael Nesser (17, 112 balls) batted well in middle overs but consumed nearly 16 overs.

Sindhu, Srikanth start with win

PTI ■ TOKYO

Ace Indian shuttler PV Sindhu had to toil hard even as Kidambi Srikanth and HS Prannoy scored easy victories to progress to the second round of their respective events at the Japan Open, on Tuesday.

Third seed Sindhu had to sweat it out for 53 minutes before prevailing 21-17, 7-21, 21-13 over unseeded local girl Sayaka Takahashi in her women's singles opening round.

Sindhu will next play Chinese Fangjie Gao, who defeated the other Indian in fray Jakka Vaishnavi Reddy 21-10, 21-8.

Having finished second-best yet again with a historic Silver in the Asian Games, Olympic medalist Sindhu would be desperate to break the final jinx here.

Sindhu has been outstanding with Silver medals in all the major events this year -- the Commonwealth Games, the World Championship and the Asian Games but the Gold has been eluding the Indian for a while now.

Srikanth got the better of Chinese Yuxiang Huang 21-13, 21-15 in another first round match.

While Prannoy will be up against Anthony Sinisuka Ginting of Indonesia in the second round, Srikanth will take on Vincent Wong Wing Ki of Hong Kong.

Both Srikanth and Prannoy had suffered shock defeats in the second round of the Asian Games and the duo would be desperate to make amends.

However, it was curtains for another Indian, Sameer Verma, who fought hard before going down 18-21, 22-20, 10-21 in another men's singles opening round encounter.

Meanwhile, it was a mixed outing for the Indian mixed doubles pairs as Satwiksairak Rankireddy and Ashwini Ponappa crashed out in the opening round even as the combination of Pranaav Jerry Chopra and N Sikki Reddy sailed into the next round.

Ranikireddy and Ponappa were shown the door by second seeds Yilyu Wang and Dongping Huang of China 13-21, 17-21, while Chopra and Reddy stormed into the second round with a 21-9, 21-6 victory over Malaysian duo of Mathew Fogarty and Isabel Zhong. Chopra and Reddy will face another Malaysian combination of Peng Soon Chang and Liu Ying Goh in the next round.



Neeraj targets consistency for better results

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Star javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra on Tuesday said he would aim to consistently hit the Asian Games Gold-winning distance of 88m next season before looking to cross the magical 90m mark in 2020 ahead of the Tokyo Olympics.

Chopra, who sent the spear to a distance of 88.06m to claim the Gold in the Asian Games last month, said a "small" adjustment in his technique — which he would work out before next season — should enable him to cross the 90m mark.

"It has been a very satisfying season, I have been consistent at 85-plus throughout and I touched 88m in Jakarta. I am now confident that crossing 90m is within my grasp, it can come anytime. But before doing that I will have to throw at around 88m consistently," Chopra said in an interaction here.

"I would be looking to be consistent at around 88m next year and then go for the 90m before 2020 Olympics. But you never know even in the biggest of events (like the World Championships and Olympics), you can win



Neeraj Chopra competes in the javelin throw event

He is the only javelin thrower among the current top stars in the world to have crossed 85m while below 20 years of age. Among the active javelin throwers, six have crossed the 90m mark, including three Germans who have been consistent at around that magic mark.

Chopra is aware of the tough competition at the global level but said a readjustment in his technique should put him among the select few of 90m throwers.

"I have to do a small change in my technique, that has been identified along with my coach (former world record holder Uwe Hohn). This will be done before the new season next year and I hope to improve my distance," he said.

"It is about the angle of release. The spear is going sideways and more towards left. I have to bring it towards the centre for a perfect angle of release so that the spear goes farther," he said.

The youngster said that the sixth-place finish at the IAAF Continental Cup in Ostrava in Czech Republic on September 9 was a blessing in disguise as it showed he needed the adjustment in his technique.



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'Incredible India' China roadshow under way

"We are going to have a big-time roadshow in China because it has the biggest tourist outflows. Last year, it had 144 million outbound tourists. India received only 250,000 of that so we are going to make moves so that the numbers go up dramatically," Tourism Minister of India K.J. Alphons said during a tourism promotion conference themed "Incredible India" in Beijing on August 28.

Alphons visited Beijing with 20 leading Indian travel agents for the first event of a series of road shows held by the India Tourism Ministry. The road show will also stop in Guangzhou, Wuhan and

Shanghai, aiming to attract the high-spending Chinese tourists to India.

The Chinese outbound tourism market has developed at an unprecedented speed, becoming a central focus of the global tourism industry. According to "The UNWTO Tourism Highlights 2018 Edition" published by the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) on August 27, Chinese tourists spent 258 billion U.S. dollars on international tourism in 2017, almost one fifth of the world's total tourism spending.

In recent years, the two governments have put in place many measures to accelerate

the growth of China-India tourism relations. The year 2015 was celebrated as "Visit India Year" in China, and 2016 was celebrated as "Visit China Year" in India.

According to Satyajeet Rajan, the director general of India Tourism, online searches for Indian destinations by Chinese tourists rose by 134 percent in 2017, and the number of the Chinese people regularly practicing yoga reached 10 million.

Ever since India officially opened tourist e-visas to Chinese citizens on July 30, 2015, there's been a big increase in the number of Chinese visiting India. However, there has been

no subsequent growth after 2016.

One possible reason was attributed to air connectivity between China and India. Currently, 47 foreign and Chinese airlines and five Indian flights operate between the two countries.

The minister said he would address the issue by initiating a dialogue with the aviation minister back in his country to increase flight connectivity.

Addressing a media conference attended by Chinese and Indian reporters, the minister refuted concerns raised over the safety of female visitors in India. He said that, "We take great care to ensure that

people who come to India are safe. We have a helpline number 1363 which is available in 12 languages including Mandarin." Last year the helpline dealt with around 275,000 calls.

"We take all these issues seriously. We have an extremely efficient police service in India," He added.

During the seminar, Guo Xiuyi, manager of India based travel agency Vini Global Trips Ltd shared with Chinese and Indian peers her experiences in operating a travel business in India. She also recalled the changes during her 12 years with Indian colleagues. She said that WeChat and QQ are now widely used among India

travel agencies and there are more tourist guides who can speak Chinese.

According to Satyajeet Rajan, during the forthcoming 'Incredible India' roadshows in China from August 28-31, the agency has prepared a power point presentation on the themes - India's rich heritage, history, culture and civilization as well as for touristic destinations, UNESCO World Heritage Sites, beaches, wildlife and nature, back waters, temples, shopping, luxury and hospitality sector, medical and wellness tourism, spiritual tourism including Buddhist circuits.

(China.org.cn)

China-Africa partnership won't be derailed by false claims

The 2018 Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) witnessed African leaders denounce accusations of "neo-colonialism" against China, reiterating the existence of a strong partnership between the continent and the world's second largest economy.

More than 3,200 leaders and representatives from Africa and regional organizations gathered in Beijing to plan the next step in the win-win relationship between China and Africa.

leaders sent out a clear signal that Africans are fully capable of deciding what's in their best interest.

It is patronizing to assume that Africans need to be "taken care of" because they don't know better.

Africans have had enough of the coddling and are expressing their frustrations online. They "categorically reject being cared for" by the West and are fed up with "constantly being belittled."

"Sorry to say this but the West treats Africans as objects of pity that need to be controlled like kids," said Danette Morara, whose comment on the question-and-answer website Quora was widely upvoted.

"The difference between the Chinese and any other country is their honesty," wrote Stone Atwine on the same thread. "They don't show up with a holier than thou attitude. They come for business, mutually beneficial business... Some people show up with aid and 1,000 strings attached. We do not need aid, we need business."

"China wants markets, we have it," said Richard Ali. "Africa wants technological expertise, China has it. Give me China any day."

These African voices deserve to be heard. That's why China has taken a different approach to its partnership with Africa, one defined by equality, sincerity and real results.

(Xinhua)

'Travel in Yunnan' APP to be officially released



Tourists are welcomed by ethnic group in Yunnan (Photo by Zhou Can)

On August 27, "Travel in Yunnan" APP launched its latest version 1.7.0. Its core functions of homepage, live broadcasting, maps, guides and so on were updated and optimized to create an immersive smart travel experience.

Based on the three dimensions of spatial and temporal operation, the homepage of the new "Travel in Yunnan" APP is divided into different locations for search. The new APP optimized the destination function to help non-targeted users make a wish list and help targeted users to

locate their destinations faster and more accurately.

The map navigation is added to search facilities such as the parking lot, restroom and ticket office in scenic areas and the navigation can be initiated with one button.

The project "Travel in Yunnan with A mobile Phone" has laid a QR code in key scenic spots in Yunnan. By using the "Travel in Yunnan" APP or WeChat, people can open the little program and visit scenic spots in Yunnan.

Extended Reading:
Ruan Chengfa, Governor of Yunnan Province stressed on August 29 to work hard for one month to ensure a high quality on-line operation of "Travel in Yunnan with a mobile phone".

Ruan Chengfa said that through constantly development, "Travel in Yunnan" APP is updated in versions and iterated with various functions being significantly improved. He stressed that Yunnan tourism is a valuable asset and Yunnan must cherish its superior resource endowment and the solid foundation laid by years of development to build "Travel in Yunnan" an important platform of a totally new life style to display its beautiful mountains, rivers, nice sceneries and colorful ethnic cultures, to highlight a tourism concept of the whole province as only one scenic spot, to let "Travel in Yunnan with your mobile phone without worries" come true. (Yunnan Daily)



The construction of the tied arch of the Bailong Bridge has recently come to an end in west Yunnan's Weishan County. The bridge is a key project on the 202km Dali-Lincang railway, which is expected to improve the railway network in southwest Yunnan and make the province further connected with Myanmar and other neighboring countries. (Photo by Yang Zheng)

Story of Xichou (2): Build roads to prosperity

Besides facing the most severe rocky desertification in China, Xichou is also confronted with many other challenges in its development. One of them is that 99.9% of its land belongs to mountainous areas, causing difficulties in building roads in the county.

For a long time in the past, most villages in Xichou were connected with the outside world only by rugged paths. Eager to shake off poverty and fearless of the difficulties, the villagers have built new roads and started new life.

Xiaojiatang Village is hidden in the mountains. Ten years ago, modern communication and transportation were basically unavailable

in the village and most residents moved to other places, with only four households left.

In July 2006, things began to change in Xiaojiatang. Under the leadership of Hou Shougao, the only CPC member in the village, three other villagers, Yao Shibin, Deng Zhaoqai and Yao Guangjin, determined to build a new road themselves. They worked from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day for 6 years, before a 5 km-long road was built. "We didn't know when we could complete it, but we did know we could make it," the villagers recalled.

"This is a road to prosperity," said Hou Shougao. He now runs a small restaurant in Wenshan City, which

brings his family an annual income of over 100 thousand yuan. Ingredients of the restaurant such as pork and chicken are transported from Xiaojiatang via the road Hou and his villagers built.

"Through the road, villagers now go out to do jobs or start their own business in big cities, and children can now enjoy better education. My son will enter a vocational high school soon. I believe they will have a brighter future," said Hou.

Similar stories are too numerous to be counted in Xichou. With the spirit of hardworking, roads of more than 3,000 kilometers have been built to connect the villages.

(Xu Tiyi and Zhang Denghai)

Tonghai vegetables nourish neighboring countries

Located in central Yunnan's Yuxi city, Tonghai County has gained fame from vegetables plantation. In August, the Tonghai vegetable-growing area near Qilu Lake presents a unique view.

"The Chinese Vegetable Industry Conference was held here last year, contributing a lot to Tonghai's reputation." Local vegetable grower Shen Jianmeng was chatting with his fellow farmers.

Under the Belt and Road actions, Tonghai vegetables have been sold to the international market in the neighboring countries. From January to June this year, the export value

of Tonghai produces reached 476 million US dollars, a year-on-year increase of 41 percent.

Last year, 47 companies in the county grew 7,933 hectares of vegetables. Around 70 percent of the arable land in Tonghai was turned into vegetable bases.

Shen Jianmeng started growing vegetables in 1990s. "Now sprinklers are installed in the field for irrigation," said Shen. "And local authorities either inspect our vegetable bases or train us in agro-technologies every year."

In the cold-chain logistics center of the Tonghai High-Land Produces Company,

workers were unloading cabbages from trucks for cold storage. "The center usually deals with around 250 metric tons of vegetables per day, with the daily maximum of 450 tons," said the company head Yang Wei.

The company was established in 2003 and has exported vegetables to the Belt and Road countries of Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia and others. In 2017, the sales revenue reached 506 million yuan, with a foreign exchange of US\$ 68 million.

To better serve overseas customers, the company also set up specific working teams to update the customers' needs in vegetable varieties and quantities, according to the market conditions in each country.

Currently, 11 Tonghai agro-companies have direct sales outlets in Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam and others. Yang Wei said his company has already set up the Cambodia branch in 2014 and built a cold storage, where vegetables transported to Cambodia via Chinese fridge trucks can be kept longer.

(Liu Ziyu)



Tonghai villagers prepare the ordered vegetables for transportation (Photo from Yunnan Daily)

Tourism promotes mutual understanding between China, India

Tourism plays an important role in promoting mutual understanding between our two peoples and enhancing bilateral relations between China and India, said Counselor of Chinese embassy in Delhi Zhu Xiaohong on August 29 at an event to promote tourism in China's Hangzhou city.

Speaking on the occasion, Zhu said that Hangzhou was just like heaven in China. Tourism plays an important role in promoting people to people ties, she stated.

"China-India relations is so important that our two countries could not afford to isolate one from the other. Amity between the people was the key to the good relations. Tourism

plays an important role in promoting mutual understanding between our two peoples and enhancing bilateral relations between China and India," said Zhu.

There are 14 pairs of sister cities and provinces between China and India, she said, adding "we wish to encourage exchanges between cities of our two countries."

Addressing the gathering in Delhi, Hangzhou city mayor Xu Liyi said that both Delhi and Hangzhou had historical and civilizational links.

According to him, Hangzhou was adjudged as one of the top 15 global tourist destinations last year, and it's the home of the world's largest e-commerce giant "Alibaba".

He told the audience about the theory how the word China originated from the Indian language of Sanskrit's word which means "silk".

The theme of the tourism promotion event was "Memory of the silk road, most memorable is Hangzhou."

Regional Director (North) of India Tourism Anil Orav said that there were so many similarities between the Indian and Chinese tourism products.

"Both are fascinating destinations, both countries have cultural diversities and historical warm relations, and travelling distances are short and hence package tours could be more economical," he said. (Xinhua)

Diqing inheritor (1) He Jingmei: Tireless singer of King Gesar

"Why is your hair half-combed, why is your face half-washed, and why do you have black and white hands?" The 53-year-old He Jinmei was singing beautifully, facing the sun and standing squarely.

Whenever she sang the *Epic of King Gesar*, the listeners would be visibly moved, be it a native or a visitor from afar.

The *Epic of King Gesar* is one of the world's great epics, as significant for Tibetans as the *Odyssey* and *Iliad* for the ancient Greeks. In history, the epic used to be widely spread in Tibetan regions from mouth to mouth.

But now the epic has become an endangered cultural heritage in northwest Yunnan's Diqing Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, and only a few inheritors can sing *King Gesar*.

"In Diqing, I am the only one who can sing the full epic in addition to my master. I'll go on singing so that

the King's story can be passed down from generation to generation," she added.

Jinmei's master is He Mingyuan, national inheritor of the world-class intangible cultural heritage project of *King Gesar*. For Jinmei, Mingyuan is both her teacher and a senior whom she trusts and relies on.

A collective farming allowed He Jinmei to forge a life-long relation to the epic.

Having done the labor, the adults relaxed themselves via the Guozhuang dancing, while Jinmei, who just graduated from junior high school, nagged Mingyuan to tell her stories.

In the ensuing 40 years, Mingyuan's epic singing has been followed by Jinmei's clear, high voice, and their antiphonal singing spread the King's story across Tacheng and in its nearby villages.

(Zhang Ruogu, Xiong Yan, Chu Donghua)



53-year-old He Jinmei is singing the King Gesar, Diqing Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, northwest Yunnan Province (Photo by Li Wenjun)