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Congress.

The Congress hit back on the bad loans issue saying that the Narendra Modi

Government is accountable for the NPA mess. Party spokesper-son 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

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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

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Former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Raghuram Rajan has blamed 'suspect' allocation of coal mines and slowdown in deci-sion 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

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 This is a matter that should be 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



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

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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 Murli Manohar Joshi.

Rajan is currently the Katherine Dusak Miller

Distinguished Service Professor

of Finance at Chicago Booth

School of Business. He served

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mer 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

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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 fundaous 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) interven-

tion led to some recovery.
Petrol and diesel prices hit fresh highs on Tuesday. A 14 paisa 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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₹72.97 and ₹77.47 in Mumbai ☐ The crash of Rupee also led to a collapse at the stock market with benchmark sensex losing 509 points to close at more than onemonth low of 37,413.13 due to heavy selling in FMCG, metal,

auto and financial stocks

Falling ₹, rising fuel price

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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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under pressure from huge portfolio liquidation pressure from foreign investors.

The political uncertainty

The Rupee has also come

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

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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 Diquattro, 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 n was "closing its eyes ds the truth".

Choksi from the country.

Accusing the Modi
Government of inaction, the towards the truth".

**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 Jagtiyal district of

Telangana, 190 kms north of

# 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 diaman-taire 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

There were 88 people in

Most of the passengers

the bus at the time of the acci-

dent against the capacity of 40.

were from the surrounding vil-

55 killed as overcrowded

bus falls into gorge in T

Corporation.



party shared a number of complaints made by different people at various intervals during the last three years against the duo to the PMO and several other agencies, including Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).

Furnishing proof of Modi Government's alleged involvement in their escape, Congress spokesperson Randeep Singh Surjewala said, "On April 20

at least four children among

the dead. Twenty-three

deceased women were in the

State Transport Minister P Mahender Reddy has imme-

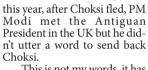
the action was taken against

the official

age group of 50 to 75.

Hyderabad, on Tuesday morning. The bus belonged to the Telangana Road Transport lages and belonged to the poorer sections.

There were 32 women and



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. Continued on Page 5

#### CAPSULE

DOORSTEP DELIVERY: CM **ISSUES STRICT ORDERS** New Delhi: A day after launching door step delivery scheme, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Keiriwal on

implementation to all Ministers of Delhi Government. The CM mobile Sahayaks to any of the departments be rejected by the the Minister-in-charge.

Kupwara district of Jammu & Kashmir on Tuesday.

London/Islamabad: Begum Kulsoom Nawaz, wife of Pakistan's iailed former PM with throat cancer, Kulsoom, who was under treatment at London's Harley Street Clinic

diately suspended the Jagtiyal Depot Manager Hanumanta Rao. "The bus was carrying more passengers than allowed

and the brake failure appears encounter with security forces in to be cause of the accident", the Minister said explaining why

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",

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# Tuesday issued orders for the strict department without the approval of

#### 2 TERRORISTS KILLED IN KUPWARA GUNFIGHT

Srinagar: Two Lashkar-e-Tayyeba (LeT) terrorists were killed in an

NAWAZ SHARIF'S AILING WIFE KULSOOM DIES Nawaz Sharif, died on Tuesday in London after a protracted battle since June 2014, was placed on life support earlier on Tuesday after her health deteriorated.

# instructed no case submitted by the

#### Cong, TDP, CPI form alliance to take on TRS

Telangana on Tuesday

Rescuers pull out passengers from a bus that fell into a gorge in Jagtiyal district of

**OMER FAROOQ** ■ HYDERABAD

 $T^{\text{he Congress, the Telugu}}_{\text{Desam Party (TDP) and}}$ the CPI on Tuesday reached an agreement to form a broadbased 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. Continued on Page 5

# 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

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



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# **Heavy police bandobast in Old City**

## Moharram: Several suspects challaned under Sec 110(G) of CrPC

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ightening the noose around anti-social elements in the wake of security arrangements in Old City for Moharram, the Wazirganj and Saadatganj police on Tuesday challaned 17 persons under Sec tion 110(G) of CrPC. The first Moharram procession will be taken out from Asafi Imambara to Chhota Imambara on Wednesday.

"Under the provisions of Section 110(G) of CrPC, unscrupulous persons are bound by a law and it is stricter than the provisions under section 107/116 of CrPC. It can be explained loosely as police action under Goonda Act," SHO, Wazirganj, Pankaj Singh

He said the persons who were challaned were named in apprehensions that they might

indulged in some activities to disturb law and order situation and vitiate the peaceful atmosphere," Singh said.

The Saadatganj police also slapped provisions of Section 110(G) of CrPC on three persons. Police sources said the persons had been asked to explain why they should not be ordered to execute a bond with sureties for their good behaviour for such period (not exceeding three years) or as deemed fit by the magistrate.

"The action is initiated after the police present a detailed report on persons with dubious credentials in court," the sources said, adding that the action was taken after the Lucknow police studied the background of these persons and their involvement in vitiating peaceful atmosphere.

The Old City is witnessing a heavy police bandobast foldifferent cases and there were lowing stern directives form the state government. The cops



Cops are leaving no stone unturned to ensure peaceful atmosphere in sensitive Old City areas during Moharram

have been asked to leave no stone unturned to ensure peace during Moharram," the sources said, adding that the police had identified some pockets in the Old City where clashes between

past. "Additional security arrangements had been made in these pockets," they said.

The police forces are patrolling the area and keeping a round-the-clock vigil on the two groups took place in the minutest of developments.

issued by the SSP, Lucknow, asking the public not to forward any objectionable writeup, social média post or video content which may create sensation or cause security issues. The cyber cell officials have also been engaged for the

ASP Vikas Tripathi said ample security arrangements had been made in the Old City. 'Police personnel and station house officers have been asked to remain vigilant and respond quickly to any distress call made by people and find the root cause in case of differences between two groups," he said.

About challaning unscrupulous elements under Sec 110(G) of CrPC, he said the action was initiated in the wake of security measures and the drive would continue. "The police are identifying people who may disturb law and

# Ornaments worth Rs 35 lakh stolen from VIP colony flat

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

Leaving police red-faced, thieves broke into the flat of the deputy director (Statistic), Sugarcane department, in Dalibagh's VIP colony under Hazratganj police station sometime on Tuesday after-noon and made off with 20,000 in cash, ornaments worth Rs 35 lakh and documents.

As per reports, Shobha Rani left for her office in Krishi Bhawan on Madan Mohan Malviya Road around 10 am, after locking the flat (B/10). When she returned around 1:15 pm, she found the lock broken. As she entered the flat, she found the articles strewn on the floor.

The officer contacted her colleagues and later police were informed. A police team, led by the ASP and CO, reached the place. The police suspected that it could be a handiwork of some of the workers or maids who were employed at different flats in he locality.

The incident exposed police claims regarding intensive vigil and patrolling. "There is a police picket in each of the lanes approaching the colony located close to the DGP office. The thieves still broke into the flat and decamped with the

booty," neighbours said.

They said a number of theft cases had taken place in the locality in the past. "The recent one was theft in a house allotted to a senior journalist and another allotted to an MLA in Bahukhandi Awas close to the VIP colony in Dalibagh. The police failed to get any clue about the miscreants involved in the previous cases and it might have emboldened them or others to strike again," they said.

Hazratganj circle officer AK Mishra said the police had been asked to obtain footages of the CCTV cameras installed in the locality. "Some

people have been detained and they are being interrogated. We hope to get a clue about the miscreants soon," the CO

#### **INSPECTION**

Pushed on back foot following media reports regarding SHOs not attending to complaints and victims reaching the SSP camp office, SSP Kalanidhi Naithani asked the officials to set up a counter (single-window system) to address such complaints. Though the working of the counter is yet to be thrashed out, sources said an officer would receive the applications and issue directives to the SHOs concerned. "This will help the top brass of the district police keep a tab on the working of SHOs depending on the number of complainants reported at the counter. Accordingly, an action will be taken against the SHOs who falter in responding to public grievances," the sources said.

# **Identity of woman** found dead in canal yet to be ascertained

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

day after the recovery of a Aday after the recover, of a woman's body from Indira Canal in Chinhat, police failed to get any clue about her identity. The cops kept waiting for people to reach the police station on Tuesday after having circulated the information to police stations of neighbouring districts on Monday. Subinspector Abhishek Tiwari, who is the investigating officer, said no person reached the police station to identify the body of the deceased. "As per standard norms and procedure for autopsy of an unidentified body, police may go for the same after 72 hours. We will recommend the post-mortem after this time period is over," he said.

The IO said that the body was dumped into the canal at some other place and not in Lucknow. "Details regarding women reported missing did not match with those of the

deceased," he said. The body of the woman, recovered from Indira Canal said.

after some residents spotted it and informed the police. The body was in a highly decomposed state and the police said the woman might have died 15 days ago. It was difficult for the police to pull out the body from the canal, which is flooded these days. Police sources had suspected foul play pointing out that the woman's right earring was missing. They had claimed that the woman was done to death and her body was dumped into the canal.

Meanwhile, Thakurganj police failed to ascertain the identity of a deceased after the body was found near Balaganj police outpost on Monday morning. The police had claimed that the man met some mishap, but failed to furnish further details.

In this case too, residents had suspected foul play. "It is a busy period for us due to security arrangements in view of Moharram. We have passed on the information to neighbouring police stations but no one has come forward to claim the the Thakurganj police

# Cos urged to invest under CSR fund

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath Cexhorted major companies to invest in the state under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) fund in skill development, social infrastructure in rural areas, building toilets, tourism and education. Speaking at the first-ever CSR

conclave in Lucknow on Tuesday, Yogi said that corporates had contributed in the development of UP and they could do more for the common people by developing sports facilities in rural areas, ensuring amenities for attendants of patients in hospitals and conserving ancient Indian culture and traditions. "As the CM of UP in the last 16-17 months, I have often felt that various government-sponsored development and welfare programmes fail to reach intended beneficiaries and remain only a programme failing to make the desired impact. The corporates through CSR can fill the gap by investing in welfare programmes which would also ensure people's participating in development process," said Yogi while address-

ing the conclave.

"In March 2017, the new government faced the challenge of building toilets as 53 per cent families of the state had no toilets and there was no awareness. Even as announced by the Prime Minister ty of building 500 toilets, others Yogi said: "You can do a lot for concontribution to the state.



Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, along with Cabinet minister Rita Bahuguna Joshi and Satish Mahana, inaugurating the first-ever CSR conclave in Lucknow on Tuesday

in October 2014, there was no blueprint for the implementation of the scheme and we had to begin from a scratch. But after these months, I can say with pride that as per baseline survey, 96 per cent families have toilets and UP is likely to be declared 'Open Defecation free (ODF) on October 2," said the CM. Lauding the role of the corporate in achieving ODF status, the CM said: "This feat was not possible with government efforts alone. The corporate also con1,000 toilets and the target was achieved and 1.35 crore toilets were constructed in the last six months."

Yogi said that the CSR also contributed in achieving the PM's ambitious scheme for rural and urban housing for the poor. "By October, 11 lakh rural families and 4 lakh urban families will be provided houses. Besides, ODF and Swachh Bharat campaign, corporates can contribute a lot in medical health, tourism and education," he said. Urging the corporate to serving ancient Indian culture by contributing for repair and rehabilitation of Sanskrit schools as buildings of several schools are dilapidated." Industries Minister Satish Mahana announced that the government was ready to provide facilities to industries and in return they should contribute their CSR funds in the state to improve the quality of life of the people. Prominent industrialists and PHD Chamber of Commerce president Lalit Khaitan handed over a cheque

#### **Gram pradhan supporters** thrash school bus driver

**Lucknow (PNS):** Supporters of a gram pradhan attacked a school bus driver after the latter did not allow his SUV to overtake under Mall police station on Tuesday afternoon. The bus was on the way to drop students and teachers to their houses after the school was closed on Tuesday afternoon. When the bus reached Maal Kasba, it got stuck in traffic jam. The gram pradhan in question also got stuck behind the bus. The SUV driver honked at the bus asking for pass, but the bus driver had little space for manoeuvre. As the jam cleared, the bus driver steered to the left and the SUV overtook. Eyewitnesses claimed that the SUV driver stopped his vehicle in front of the bus. Later, some youths got down from the SUV and started thrashing the bus driver. Later, passersby rushed to the rescue of the bus driver. Police said no FIR was lodged in this connection. There were reports that supporters of the gram pradhan also created a ruckus at the house of the driver. However, the police did not confirm the reports.

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#### Youth electrocuted while adjusting pedestal fan

Lucknow (PNS): In a tragic incident, a youth (25) was electrocuted at his house in Nigoha on Monday night. Reports said that the youth, identified as Rohit, was adjusting a pedestal fan at his house around 11 pm on Monday when he suffered electric



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man, identified as Chhote Lal Kasmandi village (Malihabad), was found hanging from a mango tree around Monday midnight. Some villagers passed by the mango grove and saw Chhote Lal hanging from a tree with a rope tied around his neck. On being informed, victim's elder brother Ram Prasad reached the place and identified the body. Police said Chhote Lal, who was a labourer, had a verbal spat with some of his family members and he had left the house in a huff thereafter. The police claimed that Chhote Lal ended his life. To buttress their claim, the police said circumstantial evidences did not hint at foul play. "Chhote Lal's kin have not raised any doubt on our claim. Besides, he had no dispute with any person," the police said.



Teacher aspirants staging protest near the house of Basic Education Minister Anupama Jaiswal stopped the car of a BJP leader and apprised him of their issues and demands on Tuesday. They later handed over a memorandum to the ADM

#### **Kumbh: 500 buses to ferry** devotees free of cost

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW

ransport minister (independent charge) L Swatantra Dev Singh on Tuesday issued directives to press into service 500 buses to ferry the devotees to Allahabad for Kumbh Mela from the state capital free of cost. Speaking at a review meeting of the Transport department, attended by senior officials, the minister directed the officials to ply CNG buses on the routes having CNG filling stations. Singh said UPSRTC would also by plying buses in other states likes Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh to ferry the devotees to Kumbh Mela. He laid stress on the need to ensure cleanliness at bus stations and availability of potable water and eatables prepared with hygiene. The minister also directed the officials to conduct regular raids on the routes which are giving good revenue to UPSRTC with an intention to check vehicles plying unauthorisedly. He said the officials should ensure proper maintenance of the vehicles and ensure immediate repair in case of tech-

Singh appreciated the officials and staffers of Hardoi, Ghaziabad and Bareilly regions for their outstanding performance and also appeal to the officials and staff members of Azamgarh, Allahabad and Faizabad regions to pull up their socks and improve their performance.

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एतदृद्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि चौ0 चरण सिंह विश्वविद्यालय, मेरठ का 30वाँ दीक्षान्त ामारोह सोमवार, दिनांक 24 सितम्बर 2018 को होना सुनिश्चित हुआ है। दीक्षान्त समारोह की अध्यक्षता माननीय कुलाधिपति एवं श्री राज्यपाल श्री राम नाईक जी करेंगे तथा समारोह के मुख्य अतिथि प्रो0 एस0आर0 भट्ट, अध्यक्ष भारतीय दार्शनिक अनुसंघान परिषद, नई दिल्ली होंगे दीक्षान्त समारोह में कार्यक्रमानुसार विश्वविद्यालय के विभिन्न संकायों में सर्वोच्च स्थान प्राप्तकर्त विद्यार्थियों को पदक, प्रायोजित पदक, शोध छात्रों की उपाधि, विशिष्ट योग्यता प्रमाण पत्र व पदक, लाला लाजपतराय मेडिकल कॉलिज, मेरठ से एम0बी0बी0एस0 एवं एम0डी0 उपाधि तथा विश्वविद्यालय परिसर से एम०ए०, एम०एस०सी०, एम०फिल० एवं अन्य पाठ्यक्रमों के उपाधि धारकों को उपाधि प्रदान की जायेगी। उपाधियों का वितरण दीक्षान्त 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 देल्ली के पुरस्कारों से अई विद्यार्थियों का अलंकरण, प्रायोजित पदक, विशिष्ट योग्यता प्रमाण पत्र तथा विश्वविद्यालय द्वारा पूर्व परम्परानुसार दीक्षान्त समारोह में प्रदान की जाने वाली उपाधियों से विभूषित किया जाना एवं दीक्षोपदेश नेताजी सुभाषचन्द्र बोस प्रेक्षागृह, विश्वविद्यालय परिसर मे

समस्त पदक एवं प्रमाण पत्र प्राप्त करने वाले विद्यार्थी दिनांक 22.09.2018 को पूर्वान्ह 11:00 बजे विश्वविद्यालय परिसर रिथत नेताजी सुभाष चन्द्र बोस प्रेक्षागृह में पहुँचकर अपनी उपरिथति दर्ज कराते हुए वांछित पत्रजातों को उपलब्ध करायेंगे। दीक्षान्त समारोह का कार्यक्रम, उपाधि वितरण का कार्यक्रम, सभी पदक व उपाधि धारकों की सूची एवं अद्यतन सूचना चौ0 चरण सिंह विश्वविद्यालय, मेरठ की वेबसाईट www.ccsuniversity.ac.in पर उपलब्ध रहेगी। अर्ह विद्यार्थियों से अपेक्षित है कि विश्वविद्यालय वेबसाईट पर उपलब्ध विवरण व कार्यक्रमानुसार निर्धारित प्रारूप में पदक प्राप्त किये जाने की समस्त औपचारितायें पूर्ण कर अपनी उपाधि तथा पदक ग्रहण करने

ज्ञान प्रकाश श्रीवास्तव कुलसचिव

नोट : दीक्षान्त समारोह में प्रवेश निर्धारित समय तक ही निमन्त्रण-पत्र एवं फोटोयुक्त परिचय-पत्र के द्वारा ही होगा, इनके अभाव में प्रवेश वर्जित होगा।

# Unsold properties likely to cost 35% less

The prices of unsold houses and Commercial properties of UP Awas Vikas Parishad will go down by at least 35 per cent, real estate experts have claimed. There are over 10,000 houses and shops lying vacant all over the state for the past several years in

the absence of buyers. A proposal to this effect was sent

no decision has been taken so far. The process will be in full swing once the proposal gets the nod. However, Housing Commissioner AK Chauhan said the prices would definitely fall. A committee has been formed to study ways to determine the prices. He said the Parishad would not be in a position to renovate the houses which are not in a good shape as it

to the state government last week, but would require a huge sum. There are over 3,000 unsold houses and commercial properties in the state capital — 1,800 in Awadh Vihar Colony on Sultanpur Road and 1,200 in Vrindavan housing scheme on Rae Bareli Road. As a part of marketing strategy, the Housing Commissioner said that professional agencies and dealers would be hired to create a database and upload the same on

websites so that buyers could contact them online. The current value of the land will be taken in consideration to calculate the prices, but depreciation may also apply to the houses and shops depending on their condition.

Officials expect keen response from people to the offer as the properties are ideally situated and well connected with other parts of the city.

The estimated cost of these properties have not been calculated as yet as the Parishad authorities are waiting for government nod.

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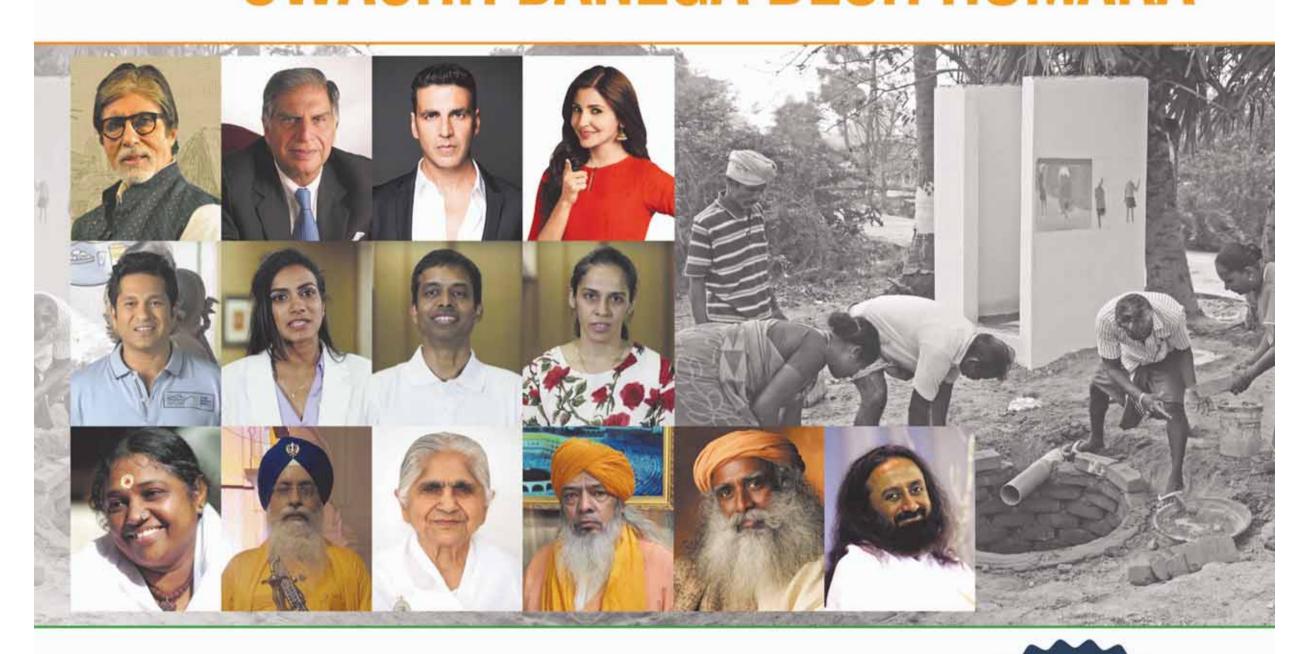
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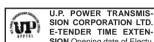


#### Rajbhar's party to hold rally on October 27

Lucknow (PNS): Cabinet minister and president of Suheldeo Bharativa Samai Party (SBSP) Om Prakash Rajbhar announced to hold a rally in Lucknow to celebrate the foundation day of his party on October 27.

The SBSP, which has a blow hot, blow cold relationship with the ruling BJP, has threatened the government several times calling it corrupt, even as Rajbhar reiterated that the alliance with the BJP would continue till

Rajbhar told a select group of journalists in Lucknow on Tuesday that several issues would be taken up in the rally, including categorisation in backward reservation, giving priority to the most backwards. "We will make several announcements before our supporters and it will also serve as a platform to unveil the party's strategy for the 2019 Lok Sabha polls," he added.



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# **UP fixes up rain harvesting policy** Retd profs to be hired to meet teachers' crisis in med colleges

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Aiming to recharge ground water, the state government introduced a rain harvesting policy to revive ponds and water bodies and approved a proposal to appoint retired professors on ad hoc basis to meet the demand of super specialists in state-run medical colleges and hospitals. The decisions were taken at a Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in Lucknow on

Government spokesman Sidharth Nath Singh said that to revive water bodies across the state, a 'rainwater harvesting and ground water Recharging policy" was being introduced from this fiscal. 'Irrigation department will be the nodal agency that will revive community ponds and water bodies measuring between 1 and 5 hectares. Once developed, these ponds will be handed over to gram panchayat," Singh said. The spokesman added that desilting of these ponds will be done through MNREGA funds once a year so that adequate depth could be maintained around the year.

In another decision, the government decided to appoint retired professors as Specialists' in state-run medical colleges to meet the growing demand.

Singh, who is also the state Health Minister, said that the government was forced to



Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath entering Lok Bhawan to chair Cabinet meeting on

age but the MCI had allowed their re-employment till 70

"The government has decided to appoint them as specialists at a monthly honorarium of ₹2.20 lakh. Their appointments will be on ad hoc basis," he said.

There are 13 state-run medical colleges with total 1844 posts. Against this, 878 are regular teachers while 371 are appointed on ad hoc basis which leaves a vacancy of 595 posts. In seven newly-formed medical colleges, against the allotted posts of 660, total vacancies are 315 which

include 151 posts of professors. "The gap is huge. Thus,

professors retired at 65 years of look for re-employment of specialists in departments like neurosurgery, urology, surgical onchology, cardio-vascular thoracic surgery, paediatrics surgery etc," Singh said

The Cabinet also approved amendments in appointments of principal in aided and selffinanced colleges to meet the demand. Posts of principals in majority of colleges in the state are lying vacant because of strict rules. Such rules have been amended and any one who is a PhD with 15 years of teaching experience in reputed colleges is eligible for appointment.

Cabinet also approved the construction of Forensic Science Lab in Gorakhpur for which a revised

estimate of Rs 3321.14 lakh had been approved. The construction of the lab will be done by UP Rajkiya Nirman Nigam. The government approved 18 such labs of which Grade A labs would be set up in Ghaziabad, Kannauj and Agra while Grade B labs would be set up Gorakhpur, Jhansi, Moradabad and Varanasi.

ODOP: The state government also streamlined guidelines for providing financial help to industries under ODOP. The government clarified that it would stand as guarantor for companies and provide margin money which will be 20-25 per cent of the proposed investment. Beneficiaries will be selected by District Level Task Force Committee (DLTFC), which will be headed by District Magistrate. The applications would be cleared in a timebound manner within maximum seven working days," the spokesman said.

The Cabinet also approved a proposal to hand over land in Baghpat for the construction of central school. It also approved guidelines for the appointment of Consultants in different government departments. The Cabinet also approved pay scale as per the Seventh Pay Commission for employees of Industrial Development Authority which would be applicable from January 1,

# Electricity bill draws flak

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irculated by the Union gov-Cernment inviting comments from stakeholders, the Indian Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2018, has drawn severe criticism from power employees in Uttar Pradesh.

The bill is set to facilitate the process of privatisation of the loss-making UP Power Corporation Limited (UPPCL) and its four subsidiaries. The state government had initiated the process in 2017, but rolled back following protest by power employees.

Seeking to amend the Indian Electricity Act, 2003, the government has proposed major reforms such as separation of 'carriage and content,' penalty for power cuts, setting up of a national power committee and raising penalties for power theft.

Laying the groundwork for the separation of 'content and carriage, a project which has been on the back burner for some time, the state government has distinguished between power supply and distribution for the first time. It has separately defined 'area of supply' and 'area of distribution'. Separating 'carriage and content' will segregate distribution grid from distribution of electricity, effectively allowing end-consumers to choose where they want to buy electricity from, something akin to telephone or television connections

In line with amendments to electricity tariff policy proposed earlier this year, the Electricity (Amendment) Bill also aims to introduce a penalty mechanism for gratuitous load-shedding by

The bill is set to facilitate the process of privatisation of the lossmaking UP Power Corporation Limited (UPPCL) and its four subsidiaries

power distribution companies (discoms). However, power cuts due to technical faults will not attract penalties

Similarly, the amendment proposes to cap cross subsidy — additional tariffs paid by industrial and commercial consumers to subsidies households and farmers, at 20%. "However, reduction in cross subsidy shall be not less than 6 per cent in one ear," it said.

The Amendment Bill says that the Centre may establish a 'national power committee' for facilitating integrated operation of power system at national level, and regional committees for regional operations.

As per the amendment, the government will also be entitled with additional responsibilities such as framing policies for cross-border exchange of electricity power granting fiscal and financial incentives for promotion of renewable energy.

Committed to curb power

pilferage, the bill proposes to raise penalty for power theft to ₹50,000 per kilowatt for industrial consumers from the present ₹20,000 per unit. The same for commercial consumers are recommended to be increased to ₹30,000 from ₹10,000. The upper limit of penalties for not complying with the order under Electricity Act has been raised to ₹1 crore from ₹1 lakh. Additional fine may be extended to ₹1 lakh every day, from the present rate of ₹5,000 per day. A bill to amend the Act was

introduced in Lok Sabha in December 2014 and stakeholders were asked to send feedback on the proposals within 45 days.

The amendment proposes to make it mandatory for monitoring authorities to review every two years to check if every discom has tied up longor medium-term power purchase agreements to meet the annual average power requirement in their areas of supply. It also said that if the state governments decide to subsidise consumer categories, it has to be done solely through direct benefit transfer mechanism.

Chairman of All India Power Engineers' Federation (AIPEF) Shailendra Dubey said that the government did not seek comments from power engineers and employees, who were the biggest stakeholders. He added that the National Coordination Committee of electricity employees and engineers convened a meeting of the core committee in Delhi on September 29 to decide the course of agitation, including nationwide strike of power employees, to oppose the unilateral rush by Union government to table the bill in the winter session of Parliament and pave the way for the privatisation of power supply and distribution.

# **UP wins 12 national awards**

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath added a feather to his cap with Uttar Pradesh winning 12 national awards, five for successful implementation of Pradhan Mantri Rural Housing Scheme. The awards were given away at a function held at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi on Tuesday. Rural Development Minister Mahendra Singh received the awards on behalf of the UP government.

Singh said that UP's achievement in the last oneand-a-half year was the translation of Prime Minister hard work of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. "The priority of this government has been village and farmers

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Lucknow District Magistrate Kaushal Raj Sharma receiving the award

which is reflected in the functioning of this BJP government," the minister said.

Besides five awards in PM Gramin Awas Yojana, UP also

won honours in the implementation of MNREGA, Gram Swaraj Yojana, extending benefits to beneficiaries through DBT and quality training in

HRD. Six districts were selected for Gram Swaraj Yojana from all over India, of which two -Lucknow and Sitapur are from Uttar Pradesh.

# Yogi: All cane dues will be cleared by Oct 15

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Stressing his government's Commitment to improving the farming sector, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced that all dues of cane farmers would be cleared by October 15. "The corporation and cooperative mills will pay the backlog of cane dues by September 15 and that of the private mills will be paid by October 15 or else the govern ment will take stern action," the CM announced while addressing a rally after laying the foundation stone of Baghpat-Shamli on Tuesday. The function was also attended by Union Surface Transport Minister Nitin

Elaborating on cane dues, the CM said that even after paying ₹36,000 crore, the farmers were yet to get around ₹10,000 crore of dues of the 2017-18 crushing season. "We have given

THE CM ALSO MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE **GOVERNMENT** HAD OPENED ITS DOOR TO YOUTHS IN GOVERNMENT **JOBS** 

funds to cooperative and corporation mills through the supplementary budget and it will be paid by September 15. For prisanctioned ₹4,000 crore which will be used as a soft loan by them to pay cane dues. But at any cost, they will have to pay the dues by October 15," the CM

Claiming that Gadkari was an expert in cane development, Yogi said that the UP government was also taking steps to provide all benefits and sops to sugar industry and farmers.

The CM also made it clear that the government had opened its door to youths in government jobs. "More than one-and-a-half lakh jobs are there for youths which include 97,000 job as teachers," he added.

The function was also addressed by Gadkari, who said that the NDA government would clean Ganga by 70-80 per cent. "We have ensured that all domestic and industrial sewage fall into the river after treatment he said and announced a project of Rs 100 crore for the Baghpat that the government had set up a network of roads across the country. "The focus is on UP as it is closer to New Delhi. The NHAI will construct 61-kmlong road connecting Khekhda with Shamli at the cost of ₹726 crore and the project will be completed by 2020," he

# No possibility of patch up with SP: Shivpal

#### 'Party floated to protect my honour'

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

Former Samajwadi Party leader Shivpal Yadav said that there was no possibility of a patch up with the Samajwadi Party and the newly-formed Samajwadi Secular Morcha would not wind up. After a bitter and long drawn war of attrition with his nephew and SP chief Akhilesh Yadav, Shivpal recently parted company and floated Samajwadi Secular Morcha, announcing to contest all 80 seats in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

Making his first public appearance after floating the outfit, Shivpal said in Lucknow on Tuesday that he had put things in the past and would work tirelessly for strengthening the new outfit. On Tuesday, Shivpal presided over a workers' convention of the little known 'Srikrishna Vahani' - a

Yadav-dominated organisation. Addressing a congregation, Shivpal said: "In the coming days, the SSM will scale new heights in UP and there is no question of looking back. Every day, former leaders of the Samajwadi Party, who were humiliated and were feeling



Srikrishan Vahini in Gomti Nagar on Tuesday

suffocated, are joining the Morcha. Former MLA Kamal Yusuf and former MP Raghuraj Singh Shakya have already joined the Morcha and many more will join in the coming days," said Shivpal.

Without naming any SP leader, the SSM chief added: "I can tolerate theft but can never tolerate dacoity. I have been fighting for the honour of Mulayam Singh Yadav. I have no lust for power and my only wish is to get respect. But I was humiliated by SP brass and hence I decided to part company. Now we will contest all 80

Lok Sabha seats in 2019 elections.

Srikrishna Vahini presi-dent Vijay Yadav said: "Even Lord Ram had to undergo 14 years of exile in the forest. Similarly, Shivpal Yadav was exiled close to two years. The 2019 Lok Sabha poll will show Akhilesh Yadav his actual place in the state politics as youths of the state were solidly behind Shivpalji." Vijay said that Sri Krishna Vahini had resolved to make Shivpal Yadav the next Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh after the 2022 Assembly elec-

#### Mayawati blames Cong, BJP for fuel price hike

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iving a jolt to the much-Thyped grand alliance (Mahaghatbandhan), Bahujan Samaj Party chief Mayawati blamed both the Congress and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for the unbridled fuel price hike in the country. "My party holds both the Congress and the BJP equally responsible for the rising fuel prices in the country," said Mayawati.

In a statement released in Lucknow on Tuesday, the BSP chief said that the Modi government was also pursuing 'antipeople policies' like the United Progressive Alliance (UPA)-II pursued, after which it was thrown out of power by voters. "While people are suffering due to the obstreperous price rise, the BJP leaders are diffident in replying to questions on economic issues. People are fed up with the dispensation and are sure to teach the BJP a lesson in the coming Parliament elections," she said. The former UP Chief

Minister termed the NDA's oil policy as irrational and impractical. "Fuel prices have spun out of control but the Modi government does not want to upset its industrialist friends. The Union government was doing virtually nothing to control rising prices. It is indeed surprising how the Union government on Tuesday expressed its helplessness to check rocketing fuel prices," the BSP chief said.

# ₹8L looted from **Sultanpur bank**

Similar attempt made in Amethi

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rmed miscreants held the A staff and customers at the gun-point in Baroda Gramin Bank branch in Sultanpur and escaped with ₹8 lakh on Tuesday.

As per reports, half a dozen miscreants reached Hariharpur branch of Baroda Gramin Bank in Lambuha locality of Sultanpur on Tuesday noon. While two remained on a bike, the other four entered the bank. One of them barged inside bank manager RP Singh's cabin and held him at the gun-point.

In the meantime, another aide took the cashier at the gun-point while two others held the staff and customers at the gun-point. Later, handing out life threats, the robbers stashed the available cash and fired in the air to terrorise

locals before fleeing the scene. Later, bank manager RP Singh raised an alert and informed the police after which senior officers, including Faizabad Range DIG Onkar Singh, Sultanpur SP Anurag Vatsa reached the spot. They collected CCTV footage and questioned the manager and bank staff about the modus operandi of the

Later, DIG Onkar Singh

said that the remaining cash was counted to confirm the amount looted and so far the bank claimed that ₹8 lakh were looted. Singh also claimed to have formed three teams to track down the mis-

A day before, on Monday, bike-borne miscreants tried to loot cash from Allahabad Bank in neighbouring Amethi district. In the process, they shot at two persons but failed in executing their nefarious Piperpur branch manager

of Allahabad Bank Ankit Rawat, along with assistant manager Raghvendra Mathur and cashier Ajay Kumar, were going to deposit ₹20 lakh in the main branch in a car. As they crossed Babugani Bazar in Piperpur area of Amethi, two bike-borne miscreants tailed them and later opened fire at the driver and assistant manager Raghvendra, injuring them critically. But before they could snatch the cash bag, the manager threw out two bags containing clothes and some papers to divert their attention. Gulping the bait, the robbers took the bags and escaped. The injured were later hospitalised from where they were referred for Trauma Ćentre in Medical College in Lucknow.

masked gunmen.

#### सम्बन्धित ई–निविदा के प्रथम भाग कारण बताये किसी एक अथवा को उसी दिन 15:00 बजे से 17:00 समस्त निविदाओं को स्वीकार / बजे तक वेबसाइट पर आन लाइन अस्वीकार करने का पूर्ण अधिकार सार्वजनिक रूप से खोला जायेगा। सुरक्षित होगा। 1. (क) अल्प-ई–निविदा के सम्मुख वर्णित **कालीन ई–निविदा संख्या** निविदा प्रपत्र की धनराशि का **30/सी/2018–19 (ख)** केस्को के भुगतान आन लाइन (आर.टी.जी. अन्तर्गत विभिन्न कार्यालयों, एस. नेट बैंकिंग के माध्यम से) और उपसंस्थानों एवं कालोनियों में 1.5 नकद / बैंक ड्राफ्ट के रूप में एच.पी. सबमर्सिबल मोटर पम्प के स्वीकार किया जायेगा। निविदा प्रपत्र अर्द्धवार्षिक मरम्मत कार्य। कार्यावधि दिनांक 12.09.2018 के 12:00 बजे माह 06, निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य रू० से निविदा के सम्मुख दर्शित खुलने 500 + 18% जी०एस०टी० की तिथि को आनलाइन 12:00 बजे अतिरिक्त धरोहर धनराशि रू० तक वेबसाइट से डाउनलोड किये 9,000.00 निविदा जमा करने एवं जा सकते हैं। ई-निविदा के प्रथम खुलने की अंतिम तिथि-28.09.2018 भाग में निर्धारित धरोहर धनराशि 2. (क) अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा जो "केस्को" कानपुर के (नेट संख्या-31 / सी / 2018-19 बैंकिंग के माध्यम से) कैरको के बैंक (ख) दादा नगर स्थित 33 / 11 के. खाते में खाता सं० नं० वी. विद्युत उपकेन्द्र उद्योगकुंज तथा 628805018266 IFSC No. पॉलीमार की छतों की मरम्मत तथा ICIC0006288 आर.टी.जी.एस. / विद्युत उपकेन्द्र पॉलीमार में अन्य एनई.एफ.टी. / बैंक गारण्टी / जानपदीय अनरक्षण कार्य। कार्यावधि एफ.डी.आर. के रूप में जमा की 01 माह, निविदा प्रपत्र का मुल्य रू0

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# Fiction on social media a hit with readers

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 $F_{
m based\ on\ social\ networking}^{
m iction\ books\ on\ stories}$ sites are catching the attention of book lovers at the National Book Fair underway at Ravindralaya. Kalpnath Prasad from Prabhat Prakashan said that any content on social networking is lapped up by the readers because it is relatable. Talking to *The Pioneer*, he said that in the fictional content books such as 'Tweet Ki Kahaniyan' written by Lata Kadambari and 'WhatsApp Rishtey' written by Rashim were catching the attention of readers whereas in the non-fiction area, biographies of the directors of well-known social networking sites are also being picked up by the readers.

He said that 'Tweet Ki Kahaniyan' was a collection of short stories which give the details of what is happening around us as was the scene in the current situation. "It is for the readers to see how these stories have been woven together to make interesting reading.

Similarly, 'WhatsApp ke Rishtey' deals with the WhatsAp chatting which leaves stories of its own, if seen carefully. The author has picked up the same and these stories are very relatable to the generation which is using them prolifical-

"In the non-fiction section, we have books such as

'Google Success Story', 'Facebook Success Story' and 'Amazon Success Story," he added. He said that among the biographies, the Hindi version of biography of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, 'The Monk who became the Chief Minister' was being appreciated by the readers. The book is written by Shantanu Gupta. "The book

traces the story of the 21st Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh who was a shy and introvert boy residing in the hills of Uttarakhand and studied science and then Vedas. The book investigates the fact as to how a sanyasi after learning the guru mantra from his gurus reaches the highest office in the state of Uttar Pradesh," he added.

wide inclination but their main bent was towards non-fiction. He further pointed out that there were also several students who were purchasing books which were related to the Civil Services competition to help them prepare well for the exam-inations. "While conventional readers pick up books which are literary ones these students pick up books which help them in their examinations," he added. Regarding the change in venue of the book dair, he said that if books fairs are held regularly at this venue then it was likely to get popular. "We are hoping that in the coming times this venue will also become popular," he

**MACFAIR INT'L CONCLUDES** 

The four-day Maths & Computer

fair, 'Macfair International-2018', organised by City Montessori School

organised by City Montessori School (Mahanagar) at Kanpur Road auditorium, concluded with debate and Science drama competitions in which students from Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and various states of India showcased their talents. The grand finale was held with the closing and prize distribution ceremony.

Around 700 young scientists partici-

pated in various competitions during

the four-day event.

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Mini parliament of religions at Ramakrishna Math

#### CHICAGO ADDRESS ANNIV

**CITYBRIEFS** 

In commemoration of the 125th anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's Chicago address delivered at World's Parliament of Religions on September 11 1893, Ramakrishna Math organised a religions conference on Tuesday. In a mini parliament of religions, lamps were lighted by the representatives of seven religions. The programme started with a recorded reproduction of Swami Vivekananda's original address delivered at Chicago.

#### **DEATH ANNIVERSARY**

To commemorate his 20th death anniversary, Aizaz Rizvi Memorial Society organised a 'Yaadgari Jalsa' at Urdu Akademi auditorium in Lucknow on Tuesday. The programme was presided over by Ammar Rizvi while Kalraj Mishra was the chief guest. The Aizaz Rizvi Memorial Award – 2018' was given away to Peerzada Arshad Azim Faridi from Fatehpur Sikri for Urdu journalism.

#### **US EMBASSY**

The US Embassy, New Delhi, in association with Avadh Girls' PG College, organised a talk on 'Tools available to counter disinformation' on Tuesday. Geysha Gonzalez, associate director for Eurasia Centre at the Atlantic Council, was the keynote speaker. Gonzalez spoke on the vicious nature of disinformation, a deliberate distortion and manipulation of facts in a bid to influence opinions and advance self serving interests. She also laid emphasis on the role of individ-

uals and citizens in countering

disinformation campaigns aided by trolls and non-state

#### WHEELCHAIR DONATED

Roti-Kapda Bank Foundation donated a wheelchair to Divyang children Saksham and Naman. Founder of Roti-Kapda Foundation Ashutosh Chaubey and members Sandeep Thakur, Sachin Thakur, Sandeep Kantiya, Babita Singh & Mukku Kantiya were present on the



Dena Bank, Lucknow zone, organised a vigilance awareness meet on Tuesday

#### Khodke's stress on improving technical education PIONEER NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW

The Central Project Adviser, Dr Prakash Khodke, said here on Tuesday that technical education needed a lot of improvement in the state of Uttar Pradesh. Addressing the media at a press conference in the city on Tuesday, he said that industrial interaction of the students had to be improved and also their employability skills had to be increased for placements at the institutes. Talking to The Pioneer, he said that technical education at any institute could be checked through its NBH accreditation, the gate examination results of the students and the placements of the students. "The gate examination results have been good in the state of UP because 35 per cent of the students who qualified the gate examinations last year were from the state of Uttar Pradesh. The placements have been poor in the state with only 20-22 average placements taking place at the institutes," he said

He said that the Technical **Education Quality Improvement** Programme (TEQIP)- Phase III ject under the Ministry of Human Resource Development with a focus on improving the quality of technical education in the country and was being carried out here. He said that they had organised the press conference to share the state of quality of education in the state of Uttar Pradesh in comparison to the other states. He said that they were also present at the state capital to carry out a review of the AKTU and the IET and organise workshops for capacity build-

Giving a backgrounder, he said, TEQIP III was started in April 2017 which included governance and performance in the sector. "TEQIP III is being implemented in 18 states and one Union Territory across the country for select institutions from focused states which include seven Low Income States (LIS), eight states in the north-east of India, three hill states viz. Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Uttarakhand and a Union Territory, Andaman and Nicobar Islands.. The inclusion of Affiliating Technical Universities (ATUs) and twinning arrangements ensures capacity building and improvement in quality and equity, governance and good management practices of project institutions," he said.

He said that in Uttar Pradesh it was being implemented in 16 institutes, both government and aided engineering colleges, which included one technical institute of AKTU. "Under this programme these institutes will be given a sum of money varying between Rs 10 crore and Rs 20 crore to improve their technical education till the target year of 2020. We will be carrying out a monitoring of the improvement of technical education in these institutes by training them and then sending experts to assess the improvement in their quality of technical education. If there is no improvement then their funds will also be reduced proportionately in the coming years," he added. Khodke said that the Rajkiye Engineering Institute of Ambedkarnagar and Bijnore had received NBH accreditation in some programmes.

#### **SCHOOLSCAN**



**BOTH UPA, NDA...** 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 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

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.

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#### FALLING ₹, RISING...

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 sup-ply 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 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 sensex losing 509 points to close at more than onemonth 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 11,300mark by falling 150.60 points or 1.32 per cent at 11,287.50. Intraday, 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 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. 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.

#### CONG GIVES...

According to the Congress, first a complaint on May 7, 2015, was filed to Ministry of Corporate Affairs by one Vaibhav Khuraniya and RM

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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 affid 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 certificate 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

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 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.

#### CONG, TDP...

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 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.

#### 55 KILLED AS...

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 Kondagattu. 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 sur-

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 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 Jagatival 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 accipeople 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 shift-

Chief Minister 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 Kamalahasan Reddy were also involved in the rescue and relief mea-

THIEVES EAT FROM... 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 staved 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 diamonds 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 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 hears. 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 iubilee celebrations of sitting on the throne of Hyderabad. The priceless collection was on display at the Nizam's Museum of HÉH 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



# RAJIV GANDHI ASSASSINATION CASE

# **Chances of remission** bleak for assassins

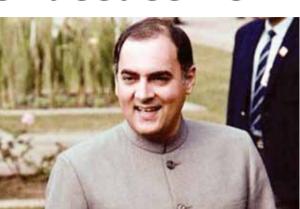
The Tamil Nadu Government's decision to write to Governor Banwarilal Purohit asking him to release the seven assassins of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi who are serving life term in a Chennai jail has not gone down well with the families of persons who perished or seriously injured in the May 21, 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 logis-tic and other help to the LTTE executioners Sivarajan, Dhanu and Suba.

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

Perarivalan 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



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 Nadu barring the BJP and the 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 deployed 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

justice, accusing them of "spreading blatant lies" against The nun, who has accused a Roman Catholic Bishop of the Bishop. 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 assured

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justice will be done.

Making a fervent plea for

urgent intervention, the nun, in

a scathing letter, also sought to

explain her silence before com-

ing out against the bishop,

saying she had "tremendous

fear and shame" and wondered

why the church was "closing its

with continued protests seek-

ing action against him, Bishop

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ished...I will appear before police if I am summoned. I am

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Accusing the nun of black-mailing' him, the Kerala priest also 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

tion 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

there was no pressure on the

government to act against

'Missionaries of Jesus", the con-

gregation to which the nun

belongs, coming out against the

The Minister also said

The day also saw

"A very strong investiga-

in the "right direction."

reporters in Kannur.

the bishop.

As the issue snowballed

eyes towards the truth".

against Bishop, seeks justice

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

In the lengthy letter to Giambattista Diquattro, 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 representative of 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 cler gyman 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

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

nun and five fellow nuns, remove Bishop Franco from protesting in Kochi seeking 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 organ-

fourth day Tuesday.

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

isations in Kochi seeking jus-

tice for the nun entered the

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 heared 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.

# Nun writes scathing letter to Vatican Jalandhar diocese trashes allegations; says open for probe



PTI JALANDHAR

alandhar 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.

Terming 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

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.

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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

#### Not invited to party's meeting

PNS PATNA

The family feud in the fam-Prasad came to fore once again on Tuesday when his younger son and heir apparent Tejashwi Prasad Yadav practically sidelined 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 sent at the house where the meeting was being held.

Not only that the former



worth name was present there

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

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 back Tej had supported this demand and wanted the party to back it to gain support of upper castes.

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 renominates all its 7 MLAs in Telangana

OMER FAROOQ ■ HYDERABAD

nated all its seven sitting MLAs for the forthcoming Assembly elections.

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 renominated include Akbaruddin Owaisi from his traditional constituency Chandrayangutta, Ahmad Balala from Malakpet, Kausar Mohiuddin from Karwan, Mohammad Moazzam Khan from Bahadurpura and Jafar

They were all elected from the stronghold of the party in old parts of Hyderabad. The first list was released by the party presioperation was launched on the launched to nab the attackers. | dent 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

for the Assembly elections has

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



KESTUR VASUKI BENGALURU

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

Karnataka to reduce tax

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 crore 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

Government had already instructed the bank officials not to do so and said the Government was ready to fulfil the repayment assurance to all the banks including PSU and Commercial banks as per the package announced by it.

Meanwhile Karnataka has declared 23 districts out of 30 as drought hit. Revenue Minister RV Deshpande said the State has declared 23 districts as drought hit as per the Central Government assessment parameters. He said The Government had already assessed the situation and initiated the preliminary measures since last one month as monsoon remained weak over most parts of the districts in the State for last two weeks. "Today we discussed about immediate steps to be taken in these drought hit

# Assam to replace bhut bhutis with

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

double engine ferries

ANUP SHARMA GUWAHATI

Stung by the recent boat 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 capsised in Brahmaputra river near Assam capital town Guwahati. Hundreds of mechanised boats known as bhut bhutis are an integral part of the river transport system in Assam. Thousands of people in Assam use the bhut bhutis 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 capsize and other tragedies in the past.

The Minister also directed that capacity building of IWT staff and other stakeholders must be enhanced on a warfooting. 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

# **2 LeT terrorists** killed in Kashmir

KHURSHEED 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 Livaqat Lone alias Sahaba Úmar 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.

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

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



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 gunfight. 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 incident. The blast created panic in the area and manhunt was launched to nab the attackers. Unidentified terrorists also attacked police guard at

They said a manhunt was

the police station Pattan by

hurling hand grenade towards



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. for 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

to support Tej.
This family feud escalated

Students continued waiting

The meeting demanded

All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen has re nomi-

The first list issued by the

Hussain Meraj from Nampally.

few other seats in the districts. Meanwhile the preparation

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

# **DISCREPANCIES IN ELECTORAL FUNDING STATEMENT EC** issues notice to AAP

Issuing a show-cause notice to the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) after finding discrepancies in its 2014-15 electoral funding statethe Election ment, 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".

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 by CBDT in its appeal. The



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

Reacting to the EC notice, the AAP stated that this is based on poor interpretation of basic accounting practices by CBDT. "Such observations show deep-rooted bias of statutory authority against a law abiding political party. It is strange that CBDT has submitted a report to EC on May 5, 2018 contravening the provision of the Income Tax Act. This clearly shows the bias of agencies of the Central Government. The party has explained each and every misinterpretation and so-called difference of 13 crore as alleged 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 vear. 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,"

"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 let-ter 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 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

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

PNS NEW DELHI

harging 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

pable" for the alleged scam and the Government was hiding behind the veil of secrecy clause because it knew that the Prime Minister himself is "guilty of criminal misconduct."

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 Prodecure(DPP) which guides arms contract 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."

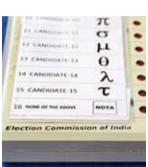
# Ballots not to carry NOTA option in council polls: EC

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m ollowing\,a\,Supreme\,Court's}_{
m 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

"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

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



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 commis-In August, the Supreme sion to give the option to vot-Court struck down the proviers in direct polls to register Sabha polls. "The introduction candidates in the fray were suitof NOTA in indirect elections able to represent them in Lok

# 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

The Modi Government on Tuesday asked the States to ensure integrating disabledfriendly 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 inte-grating 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 Friendly Measures and Policy Recommendations for Smart



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 Úrban Affairs, had participation from the persons with disability sector from different walks of life and eminent citizens and experts, including several inter-

national sports personalities.

Addressing the participants, Puri said that the feedback emanating from such stakeholders' interactions will managers of the Smart Cities to be incorporated in their plans.

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 time-lines 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% incorporating universal design and accessibility in the design

#### NATIONAL HERALD CASE ==

# Rahul, Sonia running away from taxmen: BJP

PNS NEW DELHI

Aday after the Delhi High Court dismissed pleas filed by Congress president Rahul Gandhi and his mother Sonia against reopening tax assess-ment 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'

Rahul Gandhi needs to answer many questions, Union Textile Minister Smiriti 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 comthen bought a commercial company, Associated Journals

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 increasing their emoluments as the dynasty is busy "empow-

#### **INSHORT**

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

abused.

a plea challenging a Patna High Court order restraining the media from report ing on the investigation into the Muzaffarpur shelter home case where several women were allegedly raped and sexually

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

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 Raiiv 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 vear on April 20, the Act prohibits discrimination against

people with HIV in terms of treatment, employment and workplace. SC: 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 farmers in mixing crop residue Minister Radha Mohan Singh with soil to make it more proon 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

ductive", the Minister said while releasing a booklet titled 'NCDC - Assisting 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 agriresearch 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 considerd 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, Sreshtha 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 Vivekanand's achievements look much greater if you remember the times in which

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.

# he lived in," he added.

review the Headquarters, promotion of during the

#### amongst the army personnel for their feedback. The final rmy Chief General Bipin nod will come from the Army Chief General Land Defence Ministry and officials reviewed the reports of four said the proposals will be study groups set up to recimplemented early next year. The proposed reduction

At present, the jawans are eligible for full pension after a service of 15 years. Given the improvement in life expectancy and enhanced levels of fitness over the last five decades, the Army feels a jawan can now go home after 20 years of service. It will save the government money in terms of pension and expenditure incurred on training a raw recruit into a fighting soldier, officials said here.

jawans, cadre review of officers and restructuring of various arms respectively gave their presentations to the Chief besides seven com-

great achievement, officials Apart from reducing the strength to make the force leaner and better equipped, the Army is also mulling doing away with the rank of Brigadier and brigade headquarters as part of the officer

in strength is expected to save at least ₹5,000-7,000 crore

annually and will add at least

20% to the existing capital

expenditure of the budget,

The Army is facing an

increasing burden of revenue

expenditure and pensions

leaving very little funds for

new purchases and moderni-

sation. In this year's defence

budget, the Army's share was

₹1,28,076 crore for revenue

stream while ₹26,688 crore

was the capital allocation..

The current revenue to capital ratio is around 83:17 which

is unviable. While the ideal

ratio is 60:40, the target is

65:35 which itself will be a

they said.

adre review. This is expected to free up significant number of officers who will be available for field duties. Army headquarters too is likely to see a major churn with several departments doing overlapping functions merged or offloaded away from the head-

# PM announces hike in incentives for anganwadi, health workers

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There's good news for health L workers like anganwadi workers and Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) and Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANM) working at the groundlevel 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



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 perfor-

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

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

# Army officer cadres may be pruned, 20-yr tenure for jawans likely

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ommend ways to restructure the force to enhance its combat effectiveness and save money for capital expenditure. Apart from a proposal to reduce the 13 lakh strong army by at least 1,50,000 over the next few years, the commanders also discussed the possibility of increasing the pensionable tenure from the existing 15 to 20 years for

The four study groups to

manders. A much wider group will have final review Army Commanders conference next month and if the recommendations are approved then the proposals will be circulated



PAPER WITH PASSION.....

# Life means life

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

t 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 clemency 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.

**50WORDEDIT** 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

we would have been entirely sympathetic, even supportive, of the National Conference (NC) and the People's Democratic Party (PDP) decision not to contest the unban had a support to contest th 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 set in vis-à-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.

# 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





me, remembering Rohan Daluwatte (Dallu), 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 supremo Prabhakaran was killed in the last shootout on Gaya by sending a Globemaster to ferry the 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 Daluwatte

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 ial in Colombo, which recognises the sacrifices

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) memorof 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 Bodh 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



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SIX FEET TWO INCHES TALL AND BAPTISED IN THE ARMOURED CORPS

AND THIS YEAR HE WAS BREATHED HIS LAST

1988 when as General Officer Commanding IPKF South in Batticaloa, the land of singing fish, I first met my Sri Lanka Artillery (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 Karuna's 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 one Indian naval helicopter pilot Rufus, who would fly me to Ampara and while returning to base, perform breathtaking aerial aerobatics over Ampara. For all the rules he broke, he was recalled overruling my praise for his courage and bravery in combat oper-

Just before the IPKF was to deinduct 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 tured". Soon he assumed command of the SLA

called the Tamil National Army (TNA), starting the Army Command and Staff which was later decimated by the LTTE. The story not known to many is of an Daluwatte, somewhere near Kalmunai along with his security detail, was ambushed by TNA pinned down with heavy mortar and

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. Dallu will be remembered for his gallant leadership, as overall commander of Operation Riviresa retaking Jaffna in 1995. On December

small arms fire. Fortunately, he managed to

5, Dalluwatte, 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 Ratwatte of the SLA Volunteer Force: "Sir, Jaffna is liberated." In his book, Road to Nandikadal: True story of defeating Tamil Tigers, Maj Gen Kamal Gunaratne, Goc 53 Infantry Division, which took out Prabhakaran, notes "under the great leadership of Mai Gen Dalluwatte, Iaffna was recap-

The Daluwatte connection goes back to pied by a hastily assembled ragtag force the consumption of beef in the Army and Colombo, Chandrika Kumaratunga was cry-

operational briefing that almost never happened at Welioya. Senior military and police commanders were scheduled to discuss an operation with Ratwatte on December 7, 1996. Two helicopters were to rendezvous secretly, one carrying Army Commander Daluwatte, Ratwatte and their aides. The second helicopter with other commanders landed at Welioya. The one carrying Ratwatte and Daluwatte lost its bearings and reached Pooneryn 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 Ratwatte, 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 troops started. The areas vacated were occu- and is remembered for reforms like banning them to safety. In the operations room in

ing with happiness. Had they been 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 aree 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 ought me to the Sai Baba-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

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#### POINTCOUNTERPOINT

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





PAs but will you hold Modi Government responsible for the ₹9.17 lakh crore? —Congress spokesperson RANDEEP SURJEWALA

# 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



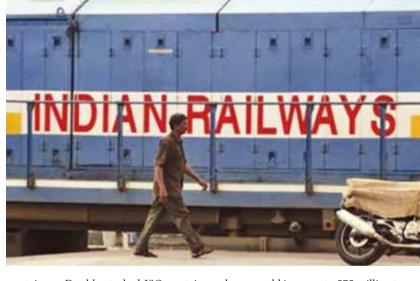
Running double stack containers under 25 KV Over Head Runder 25 KV OVEL LEGAL STORES than done. But this is exactly what Naresh who left his job with the Indian Railways to try his luck in the private sector, has been able to do with his revolutionary idea of Vamana, or the 'dwarf' container, that nakes optimum use of the envelope available under the OHE catenary.

It was in 2006, when Kumar was on deputation to the Pipavav Rail Corporation, a JV company of Indian Railways, when he conceptualised the idea of double-stack ISO containers for rains running on the non-electrified sections of Rewari-Pipavav/Mundra, which have been running almost for a decade now. Leaving his job with the railways in 2010, he set up his own company. Kalvani Cast Tech, and rest is history.

A standard 8x8x40 feet ISO container does not make use of the 4-feet addi tional height available up to the 25kV OHE catenary wires, but a double-stacked dwarf container service does so, enabling almost 30 per cent savings in freight charges. Besides, the 'dwarf' can hold a volume of approximately 67 per cent more when compared to traditional ones. Doublestacked containers can carry a weight of 71 tonnes, as against 40 tonnes carried by n ISO container. This maximises the available envelope of moving dimensions under the catenary as well as the permissible axle

This could prove to be a game-changer for the Railways, winning back bulky ow-density traffic, such as plastic granules, white goods, FMCG products, PVC fabric, even automobiles. So far, 90 units have been made, 180 more are on order, and the ally could reach over 2,000.

With 48 hours of transit time between Dadri-JNPT and Dadri-Pipavav-Mundra India Ltd (CONCOR) has been able to cap- limetres on either side. With 3,250 milture almost half of EXIM cargo of the ISO



containers. Double stacked ISO containers between Rewari and Pipavav non-electrified section has been a runaway success, and the 'dwarf' could prove to be winner too, and this time right under the OHE. New 'dwarf' containers are lower in height by 662-mm (26 inches) and wider by 162mm (6.3 inches) than standard ISO containers. Inside space has been maximised by adopting FRP (fibreglass reinforced plastic) flooring-only 9-mm thick, as against ISO's 28-mm thick hardboard

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 Railway's BG tracks. The existing BLC flat wagons, designed for 2,438 millimetres wide ISO containers, is only 2,100 millimetres wide and part of corridors, the Container Corporation of the ISO container overhangs by 169 millimetres wide dwarf container, this overhang would increase to 575 millimetres on 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 domestic containers. The first consignment of polypropylene granules in 82 doublestacked containers was moved from Reliance Industries' (RIL) own siding in Kanalus near Raikot in Gujarat to Rewari in Haryana, earning 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 ous 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.

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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



ecently, I came across a beautiful advertisement by Mahindra on educating a girl child — Ladki haath 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 pathway for retention and growth for women in workplace, and elevate strong individuals to key

or 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 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.

However, women around the globe have remained underrepresented at every level in the corporate world. For most women, balancing both home and career takes a toll. and they decide to take a break. It is a huge loss for the company, society and nation as a whole. Although hiring women has been clearly beneficial, the benefits will not accrue with a mere increase in headcount. Women are largely untapped resources that are often not recognised. Hence, increasing the number of women in leadership positions is critical not only to give women a voice, but also because women's involvement improves the way leadership and decision-making is practiced. As a nation, we should develop strong leadership and succession programmes to mentor or guide eserving women candidates to eadership positions in the country.

ofty ideals on the spirit of sportsman-

organisations should determine the current and future needs. The identification and analysis of critical roles is the first step in developing the pool Women's representation in the of next generation leaders and critmanagement pipeline drops sub- ical talent. Companies should assess stantially as one climbs the higher the talent pool and characterise sources that have been successful in

ladder. The proportion of women in 18 per cent from 46 per cent at the entry level. Apart from some of the challenges that both men and women face in the workplace like work/life balance, parenting, juggling responsibilities and multitasking, there are specific challenges such as wage gap, discrimination and sexual harassment at workplace, that are distinctive for women. Women still earn only 73 per cent of what men earn for the same job, and sadly, sexual harassment is still not a thing from the past.

In one of studies of 400 largest companies in California, only 9.7 per cent of boardrooms or top paying executive positions were held by women. Thirty-four per cent had no women on their executive It is a well-researched fact that board and none of the companies in having more women in workforce the study had an all-female board. had a gender-balanced board or 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 workife 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 talent,

Serena Williams set a bad example at US Open 2018



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 approach es 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 crit-Also define and execute cam

paigns 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

ing 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 informa-OF WOMEN IN tion about those people's knowledge, **SENIORMOST** skills and experience in addition to contact information for ongoing **MANAGEMEN** communications. Finally, it is crucial to track the overall size and quality ROLES FALLS TO of internal and external pools. Once potential women leaders 18 PER CENT

are identified, organisations should FROM 46 PEF establish a development framework to nurture them. Organisations CENT AT THE should actively engage potential leaders by identifying and investing ENTRY LEVEL in high performing women with the WOMEN STILL capacity and inclination to lead, and give them the skills, training and EARN ONLY 73 confidence to do so. They should treat leadership as a tangible skill and PER CENT OF provide training opportunities and confidence building for women who WHAT MEN wish to hone their skills. Networking is the most important skill and EARN FOR THE organisations should help potential SAME JOB women leaders to establish relationships and networks. They should actively connect junior-level employees with senior female leader men-

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 rom 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 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 skillsets while identifying new growth opportunities and building new capabilities for Sanofi.

sciously enhance the visibility of role

models and highlight female senior

leaders. Companies should articu-

late the steps for career develop-

ment, starting with employees in

their twenties or earliest stages of

their careers and combine 'soft' and

hard' rewards. It is necessary to

ormance with clear and consistent

personal feedback, together with the

more conventional rewards of rais-

fied the importance to developing

women leaders. For example,

Sanofi's ELEVATE initiative was

launched as an accelerated, six-

Several companies have identi-

es and promotions.

reinforce and validate women's per-

Leadership competencies developed included cross-functional col laboration, 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-mak ers have a responsibility towards the 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)

coin to select the winner. Instead of

# 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



t 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 f the Indian scenario is tallied with the following global economic woes: Reneactiation 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 has just officially entered into recession, with the Rand down more than 40 per cent in

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 demandsupply 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 ideally speaking, if not more over the next four years till 2022, as per a report by CRISIL to ensure 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 second phase 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 middleclass 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 Samriddhi Yojana for girl child have transformed

Fuel inflation cannot be looked at in isolation. The Modi Government has taken umpteen 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 ₹330, has benefited more than 5.4 crore Indians. Initiatives like 1.77 lakh kilometres of roads built in the last four years, bringing Tripura under the broad gauge network 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)

#### ILETTERS TO THE EDITOR

began from September 10. a total of 100 services.

a nominal fee of ₹50 in all convenient ister feedback calls. hours from 8 am till 10 pm so that people can take advantage even after been given the contract, should ensure

returning from work. The service will the success of the scheme to procure nome delivery of public services that with members of the public.

It is a revolutionary initiative not to illiterate people where service-pro- and was seen lauding the launch of only in India but the entire world. viding team members will even be fill- such a first-of-its-kind initiative. Covering just 40 services in the ingrequired forms. It is good that the beginning it will later be increased to Delhi Government has taken sufficient safeguards to avoid corruption. The services will commence with Ithas established a call centre to reg-

Service providing agency, having

not only save huge man-hours, but such contracts from other States as Sir — Delhi Chief Minister Arvind also allow public-dealing offices of the well. Officers of the Delhi Keiriwal deserves all compliments for Delhi Government to work more Government also deserves compligifting the people of Delhi a unique efficiently avoiding direct dealing ments for making the dream come true. It is welcome that Chief Secretary Service will be of great advantage of Delhi also shared a seat on the dais

Margaret Court's record of 24 major titles at the Flushing Meadows came to a disastrous end. As a sensation, who has reigned It will be appropriate if politicians supreme in the world of Tennis, American from other parties too would have tennis player suffering a meltdown after expressed their feelings about the being handed a code violation, was an epitome of crass indiscipline from a sportsperscheme to encourage more and more States to follow the move. son of her standing. However, the controversy threatened to take the sheen out of

# ship was dumped by the wayside as Serena Williams' quest to equal

Naomi Osaka's performance in the US Open er their unbiased verdict on fouls and 1976 Booker prize winner to author els and thus, the 1976 Booker prize finals where she was crowned the winner, infringements in keeping with the rules of David Storey was decided by the toss could have been shared by the two With clashes of egos and personal the game. Challenging of decision could of a coin comes as a big surprise. It rivalries dampening their professional- well be done in a civilised manner. Serena was stated that the selection panel ism, winning at any cost has taken prece- Williams has now joined the 'august' dence over all other considerations in the company of McEnroe, Zidane and Tyson in modern era of sports. Although throwing catalogue of famous sporting meltdowns. of tantrums has been generally associat. As role models, the onus is on the sport. as the nominated novels had coned with stars and celebrities, the unfortu- stars to maintain a dignified demeanour on nate trend seems to have tainted the world and off the sporting arenas. of sports as well. Referees and umpires as adjudicators of any sporting contest deliv-

**GONE FOR A TOSS** 

comprised of three judges.

tors and create networking oppor-

Organisations should also con-

tunities regardless of level.

tained heavy dose of sex in them, the responsibility fell flat on the other The differing views of the other

two judges had led to the spin of the

#### tossing the coin, the two judges could Sir — The belated revelation that the have decided in favour of the two nov-

Coming to think of it, one wonders whether such processes will be Since one of them, a woman, set in motion to select the best title! decided not to take part in the process But then, necessity is the mother of

> VS Jayaraman Send your feedback to

# 'FOSTER SELF-EMPLOYMENT WITH VOCATIONAL COURSES'

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

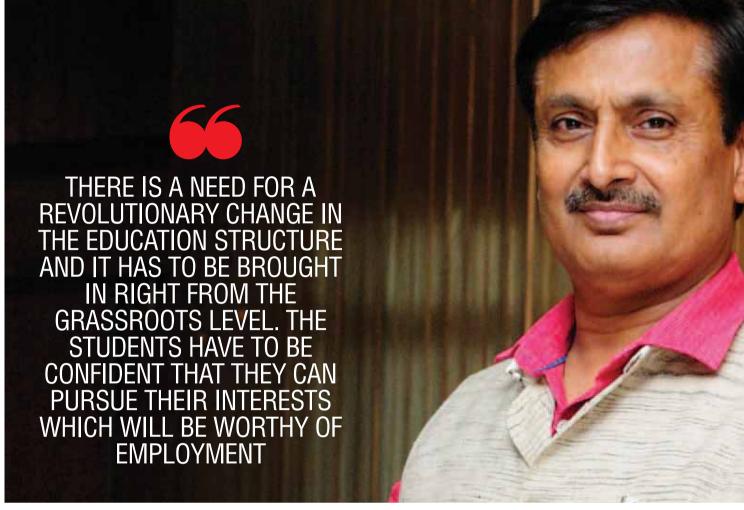
The National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) has emerged as a unique learning platform which allows students to learn at their own pace, anywhere at any time. The on-demand examination system along with its various unique courses on offer, have made NIOS a popular choice among students who did not 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



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 stability 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 every-one 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 schooling 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

#### 44QUOTE OF THE DAY

The aim of education is the knowledge not of facts but of values.

— William Ralph Inge

#### **HOTEL MANAGEMENT**

The Delhi Paramedical and management Institute (DPMI) opens admission for its oneyear 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.dpmiindia.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 com-bining 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 rials/masters/aerospace



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 opportu-

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 inter-

national exposure trip

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

#### PenTest+ course launched

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ompTIA 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

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, vul-

nerability 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

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-

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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he 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 panellist, 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 business schools and the current challenges for a modern organisation. He emphasized on the organisational requirements of Leadership skills,
 Integrative/Systems thinking

Importance

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

#### Literacy course

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The NSE Academy Limited, a whol-I ly 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 coun-

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 matedeveloped 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

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

#### 13 EduCanada MBA courses on road show

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hirteen of Canada's leading L 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 Delhi: September 17 Hyderabad: September

Chennai: September 21 Bengaluru: September 23 Mumbai: September 25 The EduCanada MBA

Showcase is an annual mar-

que 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

# Teaching methodology series

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 $T^{\text{he MindChampion Learning Systems}}_{\text{Limited (MLSL), NIIT's subsidiary for its}}$ 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 understand-

ing 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. We target audience is students from ing skills. It's 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 stake-

# NutriScholars Awards

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 $B_{\text{industry, fostering innovations and empowering the}}^{\text{ridging the academia with}}$ 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

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 DuPontT Danisco range of functional and health promoting ingre-

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

with F1rst, a specialist business research and consultancy

The awards 2018 edition features five distinctive award categories: The vegetarian cake treat

organisation.

■Innovation in muffins and cupcakes ■Ĥealthy breads

■Gluten free and healthy ■'Out-of-the-box' bakery

innovation For more information, log on to www.dupontnutrischol-

#### Think design think workshop

PNS NEW DELHI

September 21, 2018.

The World University of Design (WUD) in Sonepat is organising a two-day Design Thinking workshop — Global Goals Jam 2.0 (GGJ) from

Held in association with the Digital Society School of University of Applied Sciences, Amsterdam along with UNDP, GGJ is an international platformme 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

- Schulich School of Business.

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.i

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# 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 Admin 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 IEE Main Paper-I, 30 MCQ's 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

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

#### **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 Faculty of Science at

University of Sydney awards

a limited number of Dean's

International postgraduate

Scholarships are available to

undertake a research doctor-

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

minimum of 25% of the year.

Have achieved a GPA greater

grade, or have a relevant sub-

ject specific GPA of 90, or

equivalent. May not be an

Australian or New Zealand

citizen or hold permanent

commencing full time post-

graduate research study at

the University for the first

time. Not be in receipt of any

other tuition fee scholarship.

Requirements: Applicants

must have an overall band

The last date to apply is

November 30, 2018

score of 6.5 or better with no

Application deadline:

English language

band below 6.

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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 appear-

ing 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

As the JEE Main 2019 will be held on different days and sessions, maintaining the equiva-lence 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 rank-ing. 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 per-

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

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 compila-

#### tion of NTA scores:

The scores will again be calculated for the total and that of the three subjects individually as for admissions to the NITs, IIITs 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.

#### 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

■The JEE Main Paper-II marks will not be normalized 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



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■Candidates who scores more marks in Aptitude Test will be ranked

■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

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.

•he 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 wellstocked libraries and lack

of good tutorials, come in the way of the realisation of students' dreams. Besides the inaccessibility and unavailability of resources,

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

more the sole teaching-learning tool available to students and teachers. Digital tools and experiential learning components such as 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 franchises, thereby providing credibility to an aspiring school to attract student enrolment.

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 highprofile 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 quidance 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

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 pro-

gramme to study in Canada. The internship is intended for Master's or doctoral students enrolled full-time in a Quebec 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 codegree from more than one institution including a Québec university. For the students enrolled in a codegree 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

# **STUDY CENTRES**

ecently, 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, Bhubaneshwar. Course: MBA Rural

Management ■Xavier Institute of Management, Bhubaneshwar. Course: MBA Rural Management

■Mahatma Gandhi Chitrakoot 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 ■Javadev Institute of Social Science and Reserch, Bhubaneshwar. Course: Master of Rural Management Arunachal University of Studies:

Faculty of Skill Development and Vocational Studies, Lohit. Course: PGD in Rural



#### DATA ANALYTICS AT NULL LLC

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

#### **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT (SALES) AT AIREXPERTS**

Location: Delhi, Gurgaon, Noida Stipend: ₹7,000per month

internshala.com/i/14240 Application deadline: September 21, 2018

#### **MARKETING AT ELECTROVESE SOLUTIONS**

Location: Panchkula, Chandigarh, Stipend: ₹5,000 per month Link: internshala.com/i/14241

Application deadline: September

#### **MOBILE APP DEVELOPMENT AT CRYPTIC**

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 Due to your 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 zodiacis Sagittarius. You are spiritual. Your element is Fire, ruling planet is Jupiter. You are philosophical, optimistic

MANTED and straightforward. You enjoy your free-INTERNS! dom 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. need for freedom to explore and a strong independent streak.

Sagittarians possess the natural flair for sales and marketing. They know how to convince the clients with eloquence. Sagittarius entrepreneur is a gifted mentor for the sales and marketing team. As you are capable to snatch a big deal or contract and know how to add more new clients.

**Professor:** The native of this sign is perfectly suited to a life in an academic setting. Sagittarians believe in seeking knowledge hence can be an inspirational teacher. They love to keep their students interested with stories of Management: Sagittarius are

able to conceive of special events and programmes and then take steps to pull everything together and make it work. They are wonderful facilitators and are able to multitask easily. They are good at managing

the operations as they can make people enthusiastic about projects and bring a positive energy in them. Hence, you can do well in any job related to managing administration, operations or project manager. They are good in managing

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 Vinayak Bhatt is a cosmic counsellor at Vedic Grace and can be reached at either pavenues@yahoo.com and/or info@vedicgrace.com

#### **IN BRIEF**

#### **SCHOOL COMPETITION**

Suncity School organised the 8th edition of their largest interschool 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 Kerela Chief Minister's Distress Relief Fund(CMDRF) was handed over to the Resident Commissioner of Kerala, Puneet Kumar at the Kerela 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.



# **Sensex crashes 509 pts to** end at over 1-month low

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m arket}$  benchmark BSE Sensex 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 nut 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 11,300mark 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, interna-

again went past the USD 78 to trade at USD 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 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

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. Gains in Coal India, NTPC, M&M and Asian Paint squeezed the overall fall to an extent.

Infosys Ltd also rose 0.31 per cent after brokerage UBS raised its target price on the stock, saying it expected revenue acceleration in FY2018-19. Small-cap and mid-cap stocks too fell in sync with the benchmark indices, falling by up to 1.37 per cent.

In the sector-wise terms,

the BSE consumer durables index was the biggest drag, down 2.47 per cent. FMCG dropped 2.25 per cent, telecom 2.20 per cent, realty 1.78 per cent, infrastructure 1.71 per cent, metal 1.66 per cent, healthcare 1.59 per cent, auto 1.52 per cent, utilities 1.44 per cent, bankex 1.40 per cent, finance 1.40 per cent, power 1.31 per cent, PSU 1.23 per cent, energy 1.18 per cent and oili&gas 1.17 per cent.

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-29.8



NHPC director (Projects) and chairman, BSUL, Ratish Kumar planting a sapling on the premises of Luckow office on Tuesday. On the occasion, executive director, RI&C, Cherian Mathew, executive director (Planning) AK Mishra and executive director, Lucknow, SK Dubey also participated in the sapling plantation drive. Earlier, Kumar visited the office and was accorded a warm welcome by executive director SK Dube and other senior officials. Later, Kumar presided over the 16th board meeting of BSUL and reviewed the work being underway at Lucknow office

#### Evaluating mkt for more SUV models: Honda

**PTI** ■ JAIPUR

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Tapanese auto major Honda Cars is evaluating the Indian market to introduce more SUV models going ahead, a top company official said Tuesday.

The company, which is set to bolster its sport utility vehicle (SUV) portfolio by introducing the next generation CR-V next month, has already committed to launch six models in the country over the next three vears. "The Indian market is diversifying, not only hatchbacks but sedans also. The SUV market is growing, so ofcourse as Honda philosophy we always try to study from the cus-

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-59.55

-2.05

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-8.35

-1.5

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-10.65

-7.35

-0.4

-6.25

-18.3

-42.2

-4.35

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-2.17

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-3.06

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**JUBLFOOD** 

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JYOTHYLAB

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KOTAKBANK

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**JKTYRE** 

tomer... what kind of vehicle will be appreciated," Honda Cars India Ltd (HCIL) President and CEO Gaku Nakanishi told PTI, replying to a query about company's plans to launch more SUV models.

Elaborating further, HCIL senior vicepresident and director (Sales and Marketing) Rajesh Goel said the shift towards SUVs is a global phenomenon. "India also has a similar trend and going forward one has to keep looking at the most optimum product which can be launched... to deliver maximum value to the customer, and that is what we intend to do," he said. The company is studying the market very carefully, he added.

NIFTY

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BSE: LOSERS

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#### CORNER

INVESTORS BECOME POORER BY OVER ₹4 LAKH CR IN TWO DAYS OF MKT CRASH

New Delhi: As stock markets continued to face heavy selling pressure for the second straight session Tuesday, investors became poor er by more than ₹4.14 lakh crore in two days of trading. The BSE bench mark index crashed 509.04 points, or 1.34 per cent, to end at 37,413.13 It had lost 467.65 points in the previous trading session also. Led by the steep decline in stocks, the market capitalisation of the BSE-list ed companies tumbled by ₹4.14.121.84 crore to ₹1.53.25.666 crore in two consecutive days. Market experts said that rupee depreciation is a big concern for market sentiment. The rupee hit yet another new lifetime low of 72.73 against the dollar (intra-day) at the forex market. Besides, mounting tensions over trade war is a worrisome factor for the Indian market, they added. From the 30-share basket, 25 stocks ended with losses led by Tata Steel, Power Grid Corporation of India Hero MotoCorp and Tata Motors. On the BSE, 1,841 stocks declined while 874 advanced and 152 remained unchanged. Also, 153 stocks hit their respective 52-week lows Tuesday. The broader market also depicted bearish trend, with the S&P BSE mid cap falling by 1.36 per cent and small cap index 1.37 per cent. Sectorally, the BSE consumer durables index was the biggest drag, down 2.47 per cent.

#### **ONLINE HIRING ACTIVITY UP 17 PC IN AUG**

New Delhi: Online hiring activity registered 17 per cent rise in August led by insurance, construction and engineering sectors and the job market is expected to stay bullish in the coming months, says a Naukri.com report. The Naukri JobSpeak Index for August 2018 stood at 2,161 up 17 per cent from August 2017 when the index stood at 1,851. According to the job portal, the insurance and construction/engineering industries recorded 68 per cent and 22 per cent growth in recruitment activity, respec tively. The oil and gas industry which is undergoing revival, witnessed an increase of 36 per cent in recruitment in August 2018. "The JobSpeak Index has been consistently surging ahead over the past few months...and the job market is likely to move further north in the months to come, Naukri.com Chief Sales Officer V Suresh said. He noted that apart from good performance of non-IT sectors like auto, auto ancillary, real estate construction and BFSI, there is slow and steady revival of the IT & ITES sectors as well. The demand for young talent remained high as job creation for freshers (0-3 years experience) saw an increase of 19 per cent while for the experience band of 4-7 years and mid-management roles of 8-12 years, hiring activity increased 17 per cent and 15 per cent, respectively. For leadership roles with experience of over 16 years, 11 per cent rise in hiring was seen. The report further said that hiring was positive across the metropolitan cities. In Delhi/NCR, hiring activity grew 12 per cent, Chennai (18 per cent), Mumbai (22 per cent), Hyderabad (11 per cent), Kolkata (21 per cent) and Pune (26 per cent).

#### NIFTY 50 **B**SE 500

SCRIP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	LTP	CHANG
COALINDIA	282.8	288	275.8	284.4	4.8
M&M	943	961	936.3	947	9.65
NTPC	169.05	171.75	168.75	170.1	0.9
INFY	735.9	744.75	732	733.7	2.85
BAJAJFINSV	6,351.10	6,479.20	6,252.00	6,362.00	14.55
ASIANPAINT	1,295.00	1,313.30	1,286.70	1,295.50	2.4
AXISBANK	651.65	665.7	647.45	650.5	-1.25
IOC	151.1	152.85	150.15	150.6	-0.45
WIPRO	326.95	328	323.15	324	
LUPIN	953.65	959.5	933.25	940.3	-4.1
INDUSINDBK	1,834.10	1,854.95	1,819.50	1,820.05	-9.1
LT	1,341.55	1,347.75	1,326.80	1,330.00	-6.8
ONGC	168.7	170	167.4	167.75	-0.9
HCLTECH	1,090.00	1,099.00	1,082.00	1,082.50	-6.2
BAJFINANCE	2,621.00	2,668.80	2,562.25	2,600.00	-15.65
HDFC	1,890.00	1,892.55	1,860.45	1,872.00	-11.55
GRASIM	1,022.50	1,025.05	993.8	1,007.00	-9.05
GAIL	381.95	381.95	368.8	374	-3.7
SBIN	287.35	291.45	281.65	282	-2.85
DRREDDY	2,578.45	2,586.45	2,507.10	2,538.05	-25.85
ULTRACEMCO	4,154.75	4,187.95	4,089.10	4,110.00	-44.65
HINDPETRO	246.6	253.4	243.25	244	-2.65
SUNPHARMA	643	649.4	627.55	631	-7
BAJAJ-AUTO	2,875.00	2,905.00	2,825.40	2,833.80	-34.8
HINDUNILVR	1,613.00	1,624.00	1,576.05	1,588.05	-22.25
VEDL	225	227.4	218	220.3	-3.2
KOTAKBANK	1,227.00	1,227.65	1,203.75	1,205.70	-17.65
RELIANCE	1,259.00	1,268.40	1,234.25	1,236.50	-19.35
HINDALCO	236.8	240.8	228.75	232.05	-3.65
TCS	2,089.00	2,089.00	2,042.20	2,045.15	-35.6
BPCL	345.8	349	337.1	337.95	-6.15
MARUTI	8,668.00	8,699.90	8,479.60	8,485.00	-154.4
EICHERMOT	28,680.00	28,680.00	27,950.70	28,065.00	-558.05
ICICIBANK	333.7	336.7	325.1	326.35	-6.55
CIPLA	670.1	675	650.6	654.9	-13.15
INFRATEL	275.25	276.8	269	270.2	-5.5
HDFCBANK	2,046.30	2,048.00	1,994.15	2,000.10	-41.05
ZEEL	476	480	458.25	463	-9.75
ADANIPORTS	373.9	377.85	363	364.05	-7.9
YESBANK	326	327.85	314.6	316	-7.65
BHARTIARTL	388.5	392.4	377.45	379.1	-9.3
UPL	707.5	715	682.3	686.35	-16.9
IBULHSGFIN	1,162.00	1,172.00	1,125.00	1,131.60	-29.65
TECHM	772	773.8	738.45	746	-20.25
HEROMOTOCO	3,294.00	3,294.00	3,170.00	3,179.75	-98.5
POWERGRID	193.05	194.85	186.2	186.75	-6.2
TATAMOTORS	277.25	278.85	265.7	266.75	-8.95
ITC	306.65	306.75	295.55	296.2	-10.3
TATASTEEL	615.35	617	588.35	589.45	-24.2

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CUMMINSIND	755			756.55	12
OFSS	4,163.75		4,132.05		46.
ABB	1,376.00		1,356.65	1,381.95	8.
PGHH			9,960.00	10,006.05	34.
INDIGO	891	912	886	892.75	2
AMBUJACEM	220.55			220.3	(
EMAMILTD	558.3			559	0.
BHEL	77.35			76.85	(
GICRE	333			329	-(
SRTRANSFIN	1,200.00		1,175.20	1,190.05	-2.
ACC	1,535.85			1,525.40	-3
ICICIPRULI	375.85	375.95	370.25	372.85	
SBILIFE	674.05			673	
AUROPHARMA	800.5	811.25	787.3	791	-4.
NHPC	25.3	25.4	24.85	24.95	-(
DABUR	449.9	454.35	441.7	446.25	-3.
OIL	204.2	205	202.2	202.75	-1
HAVELLS	644	653.5	631	635.8	-5.
MRF	70,506.50	71,099.95	69,600.00	69,860.00	-646
NMDC	120.2	122.3	117.8	118.95	-1.
SHREECEM	17,218.95	17,310.00	16,955.45	17,094.95	-169
DMART	1,525.00	1,548.90	1,501.00	1,509.25	-17.
PNB	83.8			81.6	-1
ASHOKLEY	130.25	131.35	127.05	127.8	-1.
BOSCHLTD	20,822.55	21,247.00	20,200.05	20,511.00	-298.
MOTHERSUMI	297.95	298.65	290.65	291.25	
ABCAPITAL	134.85	135.35	132	132.6	-2
MCDOWELL-N	594.5	597	571.3	584.9	-10
JSWSTEEL	403.9	403.9	392.35	394.05	-7.
MARICO	343	343.9	335.65	338.2	-6.
PETRONET	245	246.75	238.35	239.35	-4.
LICHSGFIN	486	486.5	471.15	471.9	-12
PIDILITIND	1,144.00	1,156.00	1,110.00	1,114.00	-29.
L&TFH	162	163.4	156	156.9	-4.
BRITANNIA	6,102.60	6,110.55	5,920.15	5,930.05	-163.
SIEMENS	980	990	950.5	951	-26.
COLPAL	1,126.00	1,130.00	1,092.35	1,096.00	-30.
HINDZINC	293.9	298.3	285.05	287.25	-8
CADILAHC	422.5	427	405.2	408.5	-11
IDEA	47.8	48.2	45.7	46.4	-1.
BEL	91.4			88.25	-2
SAIL	76.9	77.25	74.2	74.4	-2.
DLF	205.4	206.95	197.6	198.2	-6
SUNTV	697.95			667	-24.
GODREJCP	1,308.50		1,240.05	1,249.00	-49
CONCOR	660			630.5	-25.
RECLTD	116.1	119.65		110.85	-4.
PEL	3,025.00			2,902.00	-120
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BAJAJELEC	525.55	-8.3	-1.55	ENGINERSIN	123.7	-2.15	-1.71
BAJAJCORP	413.2	-8.6	-2.04	<b>ENDURANCE</b>	1466.6	-7.35	-0.5
BAJAJ-AUTO	2831.05	-35.5	-1.24	EMAMILTD	553.45	-3.35	-0.6
AXISBANK	650.5	-1.05	-0.16	ELGIEQUIP	282.35	-1.55	-0.55
AVANTI	415.45	5.8	1.42	EIHOTEL	172.25	-0.85	-0.49
AUROPHARMA	790.85	-5.9	-0.74	EIDPARRY	210.55	-4.5	-2.09
AUBANK	686.75	5.5	0.81	EICHERMOT	28128.7	-480.1	-1.68
ATUL	3136.85	-32.35	-1.02	EDELWEISS	255.95	-0.8	-0.31
ASTRAL	1068.2	-31.65	-2.88	ECLERX	1098.05	5.6	0.51
ASIANPAINT	1295.85	3.4	0.26	DRREDDY	2525.05	-40.25	-1.57
ASHOKLEY	127.6	-2.25	-1.73	DMART	1506.5	-20.8	-1.36
ASHOKA	132.1	-4.4	-3.22	DLF	198.95	-5.8	-2.83
ASAHIINDIA	335.65	-9.55	-2.77	DIVISLAB	1245	-32.9	-2.57
ARVIND	385.65	-16	-3.98	DISHTV	67.55	-0.2	-0.3
APOLLOTYRE	230.75	-10.05	-4.17	DHFL	612	-18.1	-2.87
APOLLOHOSP	1112.2	-15.15	-1.34	DHANUKA	543.45	5.25	0.98
APLLTD	608.65	-19.8	-3.15	DENABANK	16.05	-0.05	-0.31
APLAPOLLO	1536.55	0.2	0.01	DELTACORP	265.3	-3.9	-1.45
APARINDS	618.05	2.55	0.41	DEEPAKNI	255.35	3.85	1.53
ANDHRABANK	30.95	0.1	0.32	DEEPAKFERT	240.3	-1.5	-0.62
AMBUJACEM	219.7	-0.65	-0.29	DCMSHRIRAM*	373.7	-11.6	-3.01
AMARAJABAT	785.1	-22.1	-2.74	DCBBANK	168.4	1.45	0.87
ALLCARGO	115.65	-1.9	-1.62	DBL	776.1	-10.85	-1.38
ALKEM	2127.6	-14.2	-0.66	DBCORP	223.3	-4.15	-1.82
ALBK	40.8	0.6	1.49	DALMIABHA	2532.35	-42.95	-1.67
AKZOINDIA	1709.95	-20	-1.16	DABUR	443.65	-6.05	-1.35
AJANTPHARM	1159.35	-68	-5.54	CYIENT	781.5	-18.6	-2.32
AIAENG	1745.65	-14.65	-0.83	CUMMINSIND	753.45	9.45	1.27
AEGISLOG	212.25	2.8	1.34	CUB	189	1.95	1.04
ADVENZYMES	210.15	-5.45	-2.53	CROMPTON	218.15	-23.23	-1.36
ADANITRANS	184.15	-8.55	-4.44	CRISIL	1729.65	-23.25	-1.33
ADANIPOWER	30.35	-0.9	-2.88	COX&KINGS	214.65	-4.35	-1.99
ADANIPORTS	364.7	-7.05	-1.9	CORPBANK	26.45	-0.03	-0.10
ACC	1518.8	-10.85	-0.71	COROMANDEL	399.65	-0.65	-0.16
ABFRL	189.1	-3.15	-1.64	CONCOR	635.95	-23.05	-3.5
ABBOTINDIA	8416.2	-166.25	-1.94	COLPAL	1097.65	-30	-2.66
ABB	1384.85	11.5	0.84	COFFEEDAY	306.25	-6.1	-1.95

REDINGTO	NC	111.30	(5.80)	) COALINE	NΑ	284.40	(1.7
KWALITY		21.95	(4.77)	M&M		947.00	(1.0
VBL		804.20	(4.14)	) NTPC		170.10	(0.5
CARBORU	JNIV	384.10	(3.63)	) INFY		733.70	(0.3
PAGEIND	33	3414.30	(2.81)	BAJAJFII	NSV 6	,362.00	(0.2
BAJAJFINSV	6361.15	8.15	0.13	ENIL	649.9	-0.4	-0.
BAJAJHLDNG	3060.1	12.2	0.4	EQUITAS	144.6	-4.65	-3.
BAJFINANCE	2601.4	-15.4	-0.59	ERIS	729.65	-9.95	-1.
BALKRISIND	1138.7	-27.95	-2.4	ESCORTS	768.35	-2.95	-0.
BALMLAWRIE	206	-1.15	-0.56	ESSELPRO	116.1	-1.6	-1.
BALRAMCHIN	76.25	-2.9	-3.66	EVEREADY	240.1	-4.25	-1.
BANKBARODA	140.7	-5.5	-3.76	EXIDEIND	267.45	-3	-1.
BANKINDIA	90.85	-1.1	-1.2	<b>FCONSUMER</b>	50.25	-1.8	-3.
BASF	1898.7	-32	-1.66	FDC	245.8	-9.15	-3.
BATAINDIA	1018.55	-17.9	-1.73	FEDERALBNK	75.55	0.05	0.
BAYERCROP	4380.25	24.4	0.56	FINCABLES	544.25	-7.8	-1.
BBTC	1698.15	-44.8	-2.57	FINOLEXIND	587.7	3.15	0.
BEL	88.25	-2.7	-2.97	FLFL	415.4	0.1	0.
BEML	753.25	-11.3	-1.48	FORBESCO	2617.3	-76.35	-2.
BERGEPAINT	298.9	-1.85	-0.62	FORCEMOT	2248.25	-33	-1.
BHARATFIN	1121.95	-0.65	-0.06	FORTIS	143.85	-1.3	-(
BHARATFORG	655.05	-11.35	-1.7	FRETAIL	567.4	-14.5	-2.
BHARTIARTL	379.85	-8.45	-2.18	FSL	73.15	-2	-2.
BHEL	77	-0.95	-1.22	GAIL	371.95	-5.85	-1.
BIOCON	636.9	-3.25	-0.51	GDL	169.05	-12.35	-6.
BIRLACORPN	698.55	-25.9	-3.58	GEPIL	748.35	-12.15	_
BLISSGVS	178	-4.75	-2.6	GESHIP	295.85	-2.15	-0.
BLUEDART	3258.05	-63.95	-1.93	GET&D	269.5	-7.45	-2.
BLUESTARCO	651.2	-14.45	-2.17	GHCL	253.2	-2.55	
BOMDYEING	246.4	-9.6	-3.75	GICHSGFIN	305.6	-8.45	-2.
BOSCHLTD	20520.85	-269.45	-1.3	GICRE	329.65	-0.25	-0.
BPCL	338.25	-6.9	-2	GILLETTE	6716.1	-37.75	-0.
BRITANNIA	5944.1	-145.85	-2.39	GLAXO	1744.05	-49.85	-2.
CADILAHC	408.65	-12.15	-2.89	GLENMARK	669.2	-16.9	-2.
CANBK	262.25	-2.25	-0.85	GMDCLTD	109.25	-0.65	-0.
CANFINHOME	309.45	-1.85	-0.59	GMRINFRA	18.05	-0.6	-3.
CAPF	590.9	-11.05	-1.84	GNFC	398.3	-2.15	-0.
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03)	ICRA	3685.3	-28.6	-0.77
00)	IDBI	57.4	-0.4	-0.69
53)	IDEA	46.2	-1.55	-3.25
-	IDFC	49.05	-0.8	-1.6
39)	IDFCBANK	43.85	-1	-2.23
	IEX	1718.35	-21.75	-1.25
23)	IFBIND	1112.65	-12.8	-1.14
	IFCI	15.35	-0.25	-1.6
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3.12	IL&FSTRANS	26.2	0.25	0.96
.35	INDHOTEL	128.1	-1.3	-1
).38	INDIACEM	114.9	-4.65	-3.89
.36	INDIANB	318.8	-0.65	-0.2
.74	INDIGO	892.45	1.8	0.2
1.11	INDUSINDBK	1829.15	0.55	0.03
3.46	INFIBEAM	225.1	-1.8	-0.79
3.59	INFRATEL	271.35	-4.3	-1.56
).07	INFY	734.25	2.3	0.31
1.41	INOXLEISUR	230.6	-0.4	-0.17
).54	INOXWIND	94.8	-2.3	-2.37
).02	INTELLECT	250.5	-5.7	-2.22
2.83	IOB	14.55	-0.35	-2.35
1.45	IOC	150.6	0.05	0.03
-0.9	IPCALAB	764.1	-8.4	-1.09
2.49	IRB	170.7	-1.3	-0.76
2.66	ISGEC	5858.8	-125.65	-2.1
.55	ITC	297.25	-8.95	-2.92
3.81	ITDC	397.45	17.9	4.72
-1.6	ITDCEM	132.2	-2.95	-2.18
).72	ITI	104.9	0.7	0.67
2.69	J&KBANK	54.75	-0.8	-1.44
-1	JAGRAN	118.75	-0.25	-0.21
2.69	JAICORPLTD	154.8	-1.15	-0.74
80.0	JAMNAAUTO	76.1	-1.65	-2.12
).56	JBCHEPHARM	342.2	0.65	0.19
2.78	JCHAC	1777.35	-94.5	-5.05
2.46	JETAIRWAYS	269.65	-9.05	-3.25
).59	JINDALSAW	88.9	-2.5	-2.74
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NAVNETEDUL	125.55	-0.75	-0.59	SONATSOFTW	367.45	5.6	1.55
NBCC	67.2	-1.75	-2.54	SOUTHBANK	16.1	-0.45	-2.72
<b>NBVENTURES</b>	122.35	-3.4	-2.7	SPARC	380.55	1.75	0.46
NCC	88.45	-3.15	-3.44	SPICEJET	79.35	-0.05	-0.06
NESTLEIND	10059.05	-266.55	-2.58	SREINFRA	50.4	-0.1	-0.2
NETWORK18	55.25	0.75	1.38	SRF	1941.2	-11.7	-0.6
NH	249.15	-3.8	-1.5	SRTRANSFIN	1184	-8.4	-0.7
NHPC	24.9	-0.3	-1.19	STARCEMENT	103.45	-3	-2.82
NIACL	247	-3.15	-1.26	STRTECH	341.15	-8.2	-2.35
NIITTECH	1315.05	-83.9	-6	SUDARSCHEM	430.95	-3.05	-0.7
NILKAMAL	1790.05	-34.35	-1.88	SUNCLAYLTD	3933.6	-53.05	-1.33
NLCINDIA	71.4	-1.75	-2.39	SUNDRMFAST	618.3	-6.65	-1.06
NMDC	118.25	-2	-1.66	SUNPHARMA	631.05	-8.45	-1.32
NOCIL	166.8	-2.1	-1.24	SUNTECK	465.45	-11.7	-2.45
NTPC	169.55	0.6	0.36	SUNTV	666.15	-24.75	-3.58
OBEROIRLTY	454.6	3.8	0.84	SUPPETRO	247.8	-2.45	-0.98
OFSS	4202.65	45.6	1.1	SUPRAJIT	215.2	-5.9	-2.67
OIL	202.65	-1.7	-0.83	SUPREMEIND	1159.9	-9.75	-0.83
OMAXE	220.3	0.1	0.05	SUVEN	309.1	-9.55	-3
ONGC	167.8	-0.85	-0.5	SUZLON	6.96	-0.16	-2.25
ORIENTBANK	75	-0.9	-1.19	SWANENERGY	148.55	-10.85	-6.81
ORIENTCEM	110.55	-1.7	-1.51	SYMPHONY	1002.45	-9.9	-0.98
PAGEIND	33414.3	914.45	2.81	SYNDIBANK	36.6	-0.45	-1.21
PARAGMILK	289.25	-4.2	-1.43	SYNGENE	609.55	-2.95	-0.48
PCJEWELLER	84.05	0.8	0.96	TAKE	197.3	0.85	0.43
PEL	2920.25	-99.35	-3.29	TATACHEM	738.3	-9.05	-1.21
PERSISTENT	875.6	-5.75	-0.65	TATACOFFEE	110.8	-1.65	-1.47
PETRONET	239.4	-3.95	-1.62	TATACOMM	520.85	-5.15	-0.98
PFC	81.2	-7.25	-8.2	TATAELXSI	1310.75	-38.85	-2.88
PFIZER	3637.2	79.6	2.24	TATAGLOBAL	216.35	-6.4	-2.87
PFS	17.45	-0.5	-2.79	TATAINVEST	779.05	-6.8	-0.87
PGHH	9985.05	25.65	0.26	TATAMETALI	702.75	10.45	1.51
PHILIPCARB	225.65	-10.45	-4.43	TATAMOTORS	267.2	-8.35	-3.03
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PNB	81.8	-0.95	-1.15	TCS	2045.95	-35.25	-1.69
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PNCINFRA	144.05	-4.85	-3.26	TECHM	746.7	-19.25	-2.51
POWERGRID	186.85	-6.2	-3.21	TEJASNET	304.85	-4.9	-1.58
PRESTIGE	220.25	-3.85	-1.72	TEXRAIL	73.45	-4	-5.16
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TATASTEE	LPP	146.40	(9.96)	TITAN		818.95	(4.50
PFC		81.20	(8.20)	TATASTE	ΞL	589.45	(3.94
MFSL		470.00	(6.82)	ITC		296.20	(3.38
GDL		169.05	(6.81)	TATAMOT	ORS	266.75	(3.25
SWANENE	RGY	148.55	(6.81)	POWERG	RID	186.75	(3.21
PTC	81.3	0.1	0.12	THOMASCOOK	245.3	0.2	0.08
PVR	1348.35		0.68	THYROCARE	657.1		-0.84
QUESS	923.2	-6.85	-0.74	TIFHL	565.7	-24.15	-4.09
RADICO	440.95			TIMETECHNO	152.1		-2.19
RAIN	186.6			TIMKEN	650.55		-0.95
RAJESHEXPO	683.85			TITAN	820.6		-4.25
RALLIS	199.45			TNPL	297.45		-4.74
RAMCOCEM	640.5			TORNTPHARM	1746.7		-2.36
RATNAMANI	884.45	-6.5	-0.73	TORNTPOWER	245.35	-7.75	-3.06
RAYMOND	778.7	-9.1	-1.16	TRENT	360.85	2.5	0.7
RBLBANK	603		0.68	TRIDENT	64.75		-1.52
RCF	68	-0.1	-0.15	TRITURBINE	119.45	-0.4	-0.33
RCOM	16.15	-0.85	-5	TTKPRESTIG	6794.35	10.75	0.16
RECLTD	111.65	-3.85	-3.33	TV18BRDCST	41.25	-0.65	-1.55
REDINGTON	111.3	6.1	5.8	TVSMOTOR	574.2	-15.6	-2.64
RELAXO	832.6	0	0	TVSSRICHAK	2812.1	-57.7	-2.01
RELCAPITAL	440.4	0.65	0.15	TVTODAY	433.15	-4.55	-1.04
RELIANCE	1238.45	-18.7	-1.49	UBL	1280.05	-11.65	-0.9
RELINFRA	457.1	-7.5	-1.61	UCOBANK	19.5		-1.02
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RPOWER	35.2	-0.75	-2.09	UNICHEMLAB	227.7		-2.04
SADBHAV	260.45	-9.6	-3.55	UNIONBANK	80.65		-0.86
SAIL	74.55	-2.2	-2.87	UPL	686.8		-2.42
SANOFI	6610.6	-110.65	-1.65	VBL	804.2		4.14
SBILIFE	674.3	-0.55	-0.08	VEDL	219.4		-1.66
SBIN	282.3	-2.7	-0.95	VENKYS	2591.5		-1.02
SCHAEFFLER	5419.65	-73.3		VGUARD	196.7		-1.82
SCHNEIDER	114.85	-1.95	-1.67	VIJAYABANK	61.2		0.49
SCI	53			VINATIORGA	1353.95		0.83
SFL	1756.2			VIPIND	541.35		-3.47
SHANKARA	1221.95		-5.55	VMART	2907.4		1.82
SHARDACROP	379.8			VOLTAS	576.15	-7.55	-1.29

# 'Talks on between India, US for US: Talks underway for second new and better trade deals'

**PTI** ■ WASHINGTON

Negotiations for "new and better" trade deals between the US and India that meet the needs of both the countries are at the beginning stages, senior Trump administration officials have said.

India and the US last week held their maiden 2+2 Dialogue in New Delhi during which a long-negotiated defence pact under which critical and encrypted defence technologies will be provided to the Indian military by the US

According to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asia Alice Wells, primarily being a strategic dialogue, trade related issues were also discussed.

"A number of administration officials just recently came back from India. They expressed their willingness to negotiate new and better trade deals, and those conversations are at the beginning stages," White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders told reporters at her daily news conference.

The conversation between the two countries was how can



they grow their trade relationship in a fair and reciprocal manner, Wells told reporters during a separate conference

Tariffs and non-tariff barriers, she said, have been the subject of long-standing concern. But we're working with the government of India to address these market access challenge issues.

"We have a variety of ongoing high-level discussions that are taking up these issues. Specifically, what I heard out of the 2+2 is a commitment by our leadership to the importance of resolving this and coming out as a fair agreement that meets the needs of both the

US and India, the private sector as well as people," Wells

Responding to a question, she said that "there wasn't specific conversation" on aluminum and steel during the +2 Dialogue.

There is acknowledgement that the US is India's best trading partner. The US is certainly India's top markets for exports. Bilateral trade expanded USD 12 billion in 2017 and now totals USD 126 billion and two-way investment expanded almost USD 57 billion, Wells

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Meanwhile, former foreign secretary S Jaishankar, who is now part of the Tata Group, met Congressman Pete Sessions to discuss ways to strengthen relationship with

"Specifically, we discussed how our two countries can partner together to advance our commercial and strategic partnership, strengthen the bonds that unite our two countries, and create economic opportunity for American workers in the United States," Sessions said. "Currently, India is our 9th largest trading partner but it is my hope that our bilateral trade continues to grow," he

# Donald Trump-Kim meeting

**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. She said the White House wanted the

meeting to take place. 'The letter from Kim Jong-un to the President certainly showed a commitment to continuing conversations, continuing to work on the progress that they have had since their meeting just a few months ago. And also, a continued commitment to focus on denuclearization of the

Peninsula," Sanders said. She rejected suggestions that the countries had made no progress towards the goal outlined in the first summit, citing a recent military parade that apparently replaced a display of the country's longrange nuclear missiles with a focus on economic development.

The parade in North Korea, for once, was not about their nuclear arsenal, she

The President has achieved" tremendous success" with his policies so far, Sanders said, pointing out to the return of the remains of US troops killed during the Korean war and the release of American citizens who had been held hostage in North Korea.

"A number of things that have taken lace: The remains have come back; the nostages have returned; there's been no testing of missiles or nuclear material; and of course, the historic summit between the two leaders. And this letter is just further indication of the progress that we hope to continue to make," Sanders said.

After Pompeo visited Pyongyang in the wake of the Singapore summit, North Korean media accused him of making gangster-like" demands. But the regime has largely refrained from criticising

Trump recently praised Kim in a tweet after the 70th anniversary parade.

"Thank you to Chairman Kim. We will both prove everyone wrong! There is nothing like good dialogue from two people that like each other! Much better than before I took office.," he said.

# Russia launches biggest-ever war games

Chita (Russia): Russia launched 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 300,000 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 inipraised 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



In this photo provided by Russian Defense Ministry Press Service on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018, a Russian soldier guards an area during the military exercises in the Chita region, Eastern Siberia, during the Vostok 2018 exercises in Russia.

is getting stronger all the time." Mongolian soldiers, have been rehearsal for "large-scale con-

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

the two countries' "friendship" and Syria. The Russian army has compared the show of The drills, which also include force to the USSR's 1981 war games that saw between 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 36,000 military vehicles mov-

ing at the same time: tanks, Peskov dismissed such conarmoured personnel carriers, infantry fighting vehicles and all of this, of course, in conditions as close to a combat sit-

uation as possible," Shoigu said.

The exercises will be held across nine training ranges and three seas: the Sea of Japan, the Bering Sea and the Sea of Okhotsk. The Russian army is rolling out all of its latest additions for the event: Iskander missiles that can carry nuclear warheads, T-80 and T-90 tanks and its recent Su-34 and Su-35 fighter planes.

At sea, the Russian fleet is deploying several frigates equipped with Kalibr missiles that have been used in Syria. Wednesday will see games featuring anti-aircraft technology, while the main event will be on Thursday, the defence ministry told journalists covering the event in eastern Siberia and the

NATO said that Vostok-2018 "demonstrates Russia's conflict"."It fits into a pattern we have seen over some time a more assertive Russia, significantly increasing its defence budget and its military presence," the alliance's spokesman Dylan White said late August. Putin's spokesman Dmitry

tion, anti-corruption, agricul-

tural cooperation and industrial development as per the

needs and priorities of the

government of Pakistan," the

Foreign Office said.

In a separate statement,
Pakistan's Ministry of

Commerce and Textile said

that the FT article is "based on

a statement taken out of con-

cerns on Tuesday.

These are very important drills but they are part of routine annual work to develop the armed forces," he told journalists. Peskov has earlier said Russia's "ability to defend itself in the current international situation which is often aggressive and unfriendly to our country is justified, essential and without alternative".

Relations between Russia and the West declined sharply in 2014 with Moscow's annexation of Crimea and the outbreak of a Kremlin-backed uprising in eastern Ukraine.

The Kremlin has accused NATO of expanding westwards and threatening Russian national security.

Moscow has increased the

number of its large-scale military exercises in the Caucasus, the Baltic and the Arctic in recent years.

Russia's previous military exercise in the region, Vostokwith 155,000 soldiers participating. The country's war games in Eastern Europe last year, Zapad-2017, saw 12,700 troops take part, according to Moscow. Ukraine and the Baltic states said the true num-

## 25 killed in suicide attack on protesters in Afghanistan



Men shout slogans against terrorists after a suicide attack among the protesters in Momandara district of Nangarhar province, Afghanistan onTuesday.

Jalalabad (AFP): A suicide attack on protesters in eastern Afghanistan on Tuesday killed at least 25 people, officials said, as an uptick in violence hopes for peace talks and elec-

Another 57 people were wounded in the blast in Nangarhar province, where demonstrators had blocked a highway in protest over the appointment of a local police chief, provincial governor spokesman Ataullah Khogyani said. Provincial health department spokesman Inamullah Miakhil confirmed the number of dead and wounded.

"Dozens of wounded people have been brought to Jalalabad hospitals so far," Miakhil added. The attack came hours after a double bombing in front of a girls' school in the provincial capital Jalalabad, which killed a boy and wounded four others. The first explosion happened in front of Malika Omaira girls' school at around 8:30 am (0400 GMT), Khogyani told AFP

earlier. A second bomb went off as students from a neighbouring boys' school and locals gathered at the scene, he added. There has been no claim of responsibility for any of the attacks, but the Taliban and the Islamic State (IS) group are active in Nangarhar, which borders Pakistan.

A wave of violence across Afghanistan in recent weeks has claimed the lives of hun-

dreds of civilians and security forces, as the Taliban makes gains on the battlefield and IS launches deadly urban attacks.

The fighting has tempered tively growing as Afghan and international players ratchet up efforts to convince the Taliban to negotiate an end to the 17-year conflict. An unprecedented ceasefire in June followed by talks between US officials and Taliban representatives in Qatar in July raised hopes that peace negotiations could bring an end to the fighting. There has been speculation the two sides will meet again this month.

The Taliban have long insisted on direct talks with Washington and refused to negotiate with the Afghan government, which they see as illegitimate.

But newly appointed US envoy Zalmay Khalilzad has cancelled further talks with the militants until he has reviewed the American strategy, a Western official in Kabul told AFP on the condition of anonymity.

The information could not be immediately confirmed. One militant source, a senior Taliban commander based in neighbouring Pakistan, had told AFP he expected more talks to be held "soon".

The intensified fighting has also fuelled speculation over whether Afghanistan's long-delayed parliamentary elections will go ahead on

#### Sharif's wife Kulsoom dies in London

London/Islamabad: Begum Kulsoom, the wife of Pakistan's jailed former prime minister Nawaz Sharif, died Tuesday in London after a long battle with cancer, her family said. Kulsoom, who was under treatment at London's Harley Street Clinic since June 2014, was placed on life support earlier Tuesday after her health deteriorated, Geo TV reported.

The health of the 68-yearold former first lady began deteriorating Monday night as she had developed a lung prob-lem 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 daugh-Captain (retd) Muhammad Safdar are currently serving jail terms in Adiala Jail in Rawalpindi after being con-



victed 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.

According to sources, the Sharif family has decided to bring back Kulsoom's body to Pakistan, it said. "She will be laid to rest in Pakistan," the family confirmed.

Prime Minister Imran Khan has condoled the death of Kulsoom. In a statement, the prime minister said all facilities will be provided to the family and heirs of Kulsoom as per law. The prime minister has directed the Pakistan High Commission in London to assist in provision of all necessary facilities to the family of the deceased, the statement said. Army Chief Gen. PTI

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# China, Pak reject reports of renegotiating BRI deals

China and Pakistan have Crejected a media report that Prime Minister Imran Khan's newly elected government wants to renegotiate the agreements reached under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), with Beijing saying Islamabad's commitment to President Xi Jinping's pet project is "unwa-

An article titled 'Pakistan rethinks its role in Xi's Belt and Road plan' by the UK-based Financial Times on Sunday quoted Prime Minister's Adviser on Commerce, Textile, Industry and Production, and Investment Abdul Razak Dawood as saying that Pakistan "should put everything on hold for a year so we can get our act together." In the article, which created furore as it came hours after Chinese Foreign Minister

Islamabad, Dawood was also reported to have said that the Chinese companies received tax breaks, many breaks and have an undue advantage in Pakistan; this is one of the things we're looking at because it's not fair that Pakistan companies should be disadvantaged.

Refuting the article, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang told media briefing in Beijing Tuesday that during Wang's visit, the Pakistani side made it clear that the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a priority of Pakistan.

The Pakistan-China relations are unbreakable and Pakistani government's commitment to CPEC is unwavering," Geng said and referred to the denials by the Pakistan government. The CPEC, a flagship 2015, is a planned network of roads, railways and energy projects linking China's resource-rich Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region with Pakistan's strategic Gwadar Port on the Arabian Sea. In Islamabad, the Pakistan

Foreign Office said Monday that during meetings with Wang, Pakistani leadership conveyed that the CPEC was a national priority for the government and "Pakistan remains committed to the successful nplementation of CPEC."

plete consensus on the future trajectory of the CPEC between Pakistan and China. "The two sides agreed to work together towards imple-

mentation of the ongoing pro-

jects and agreed to expand

CPEC to new areas of cooper-

ation including socio-economic

It said that there was com-

"The statement attributed to the Advisor to Prime Minister on Commerce and Textile (Dawood) have been taken out of context and distorted. Pakistan-China relations are impregnable and the government's commitment to the CPEC is unwavering," the ministry said. Pakistan's former interior Ahsan Iqbal had criticised the incumbent government's reservations over the CPEC. While speaking to a TV

news channel, he said that any such thoughts over CPEC were disappointing as China trusted Pakistan and invested billions of dollars when no one was ready to put in even 10 dollars

in the country's economy.

Prime Minister Khan, who was elected on a platform of anti-corruption and transparency, in the past had criticised jailed former prime minister Ńawaz Sharif for the lack of transparency and corruption in the CPEC projects.

Khan has pledged to publish details of existing CPEC contracts whose details remained closely guarded secrets. He has established a nine-member committee to evaluate the CPEC projects and the committee is scheduled to meet for the first time this week, Dawood, who sits on the new committee, was quoted as saying in the FT report.

#### Rice farming twice as bad for climate as thought **New York:** Rice farming across

the world could be responsible for up to twice the level of climate impact relative to what was previously estimated, according to a study conducted in India. The study, published in the journal PNAS, found that intermittently flooded rice farms can emit 45 times more nitrous oxide as compared to the maximum from continuously flooded farms that predominantly emit

According to a global analysis by Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) in the US, methane and nitrous oxide



mated because up to this point, emissions from rice farms could have the same longnitrous dioxide emissions from term warming impact as about 600 coal plants. "The full cliintermittently flooded farms have not been included," said mate impact of rice farming has Kritee Kritee from EDF, who been significantly underestiled the study. The researchers

flooded farms. India, China, Indonesia,

Vietnam and Bangladesh are the world's biggest producers of rice. These emissions contributed substantially to global warming pollution — far more than the estimate of 10 per cent previously suggested by multiple global rice research

#### India, US mull working with Oz, Japan, ASEAN to secure Indo-Pacific amidst China's rising influence **PTI** WASHINGTON have counter claims over the area.

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

With China increasingly asserting its presence in the Indo-Pacific, India and the

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

China recently deployed anti-ship 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 USD 1.4 billion in trade with the Indo-Pacific, over USD 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," We discussed the Indo-Pacific as an oppor-

tunity for the US and India to be able to offer coun-

tries alternatives for development, alternatives for

world since post World War-II," she said.

how they're going to pursue significant infrastructure projects 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

# ENG SECURE 4-1 FINISH

#### Tons from Rahul, Pant goes in vain as India bowled out for 345, lost Oval Test by 118 runs

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

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 suc-

Fittingly, it was England's



Rishabh Pant, right, along with other centurian KL Rahul celebrates after reaching his maiden Test hundred against England

senior-most bowler Jimmy who castled Mohammed also surpass Glenn McGrath as Anderson (3/45 in 22.3 overs),

Shami to end the match and the highest wicket-taking pacer

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 knowledgable 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 glovework with some exhilarating strokeplay that included 15 boundaries and four huge

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 Åli (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

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. But by then he had earned the love and respect of the spectators, who gave him a warm round of applause as he left the

The two knocks however would become a footnote in what turned out to be another humiliating English Summer for India where they lost both Test and ODI series

# I will thank Bumrah for that overthrow: Cook



Alastair Cook returns to pavilion after getting dismissed in his final innings ICC

PTI ■ LONDON

Retiring England batsman Alastair Cook says he has to thank Jasprit Bumrah for saving him from some "heartache" as the overthrow from the Indian pacer brought up his century in the final Test innings of his career.

Batting at 96, Cook drove Ravindra Jadeja for a single in the cover region. Bumrah aimed hard at stumps and it resulted in giving five runs to

the home opener.

Cook said it would have been very embarrassing for him if Cheteshwar Pujara had stopped the overthrow and he had started celebrating since he had not noticed the latter chasing the ball, so he will thank Bumrah for the overthrow.

"I remember cutting it for 97 thinking that's three more to go. Just as he (Bumrah) let it go I thought, 'hang on a minute he's launched that pretty hard'. As soon as I saw Ravi (Jadeja) not anywhere near it I thought hang on a minute... hang on a minute'.

"Look - it (the overthrow) saved me a lot of heartache. He's (Bumrah) also caused me a lot of heartache in this series. For him to then give me that little moment there, I'll thank him for a while," said Cook.

Then obviously it erupted. Joe (Root) didn't say anything. He was just saying "wow". He was just smiling. I think he was telling me to better take it in.
The ovation was just incredible.
That's probably the only one I've really taken in and thought - 'wow'. Then obviously the last 10-minutes as well today was special," he added.

Cook said the reception since his retirement England was a hundred. And real and he is simply thankful enough to go out on a high.

'I can't really describe the emotions I have felt in the last few days. It's just been the most surreal four days of my life really. For all that to happen today, and every reception I've had over the last four days, it's just

been incredible. Even that last couple of overs, when the whole crowd were singing my 'Barmy Army' song, it was incredibly special," said Cook.

"From a purely selfish point of view, I couldn't have asked for a better week. But there have been bigger things, in more important games, which have meant more.

The opener had managed only 109 runs in seven innings earlier in the series, and said that the century only confirmed his decision to retire. Cook also scored 71 in the first innings, his first half-century since scoring against Pakistan at the start of this English

When asked if this could possibly reverse his retirement decision, Cook said no, and added that it wasn't a tough call to hang up his boots.

"It absolutely confirms it. This is not just the culmination of three or four low scores, bad games in a Test series. It's been something that's been coming for 12-18 months, not just a bit of bad form. That's happened to me a number of times in my

"It is just time. It's time for me - it's time for my family. It's always nice people wanting a little bit more than trying to kick you out, and to go on your own terms makes it even better. It's weird because actually it was a really easy decision for me," Cook said.

"I've spent all my life trying to play for England so then to give it up is obviously a big thing. But, it's a bit like the captaincy - when you know it's right, it's right. This is just the icing on the cake, this final little bit, the last four days are unbelievable," he added.

The opener broke many records on the day, overtaking Kumar Sangakkara as the fifthhighest run-getter in Test cricket as well as overtaking Steve Waugh (32) in number of centuries.

He became only the fifth batsman in history to score centuries in his first and last Tests. Cook said that it would be a brilliant moment to be able to go out on a high, particularly if India lose the series 4-1.

"I don't know how I've managed it to be brutally honest. But it is nice that it's hap-pened. I've seen a few people go out not on their own terms and it's obviously special. But to go out on your own terms when your last ever innings for top it off with a win and a 4-1 win over the number one side in the world would make it even more special," said Cook.

"It's strange how it (getting hundreds in first and last Tests) works. I don't know who decides all that stuff. But, yeah there is," he signed off.

# 'Pant needs to work a lot on his keeping'

**PTI** ■ NEW DELHI

Rishabh Pant's glovework has been shoddy in England and he needs to cover a lot of ground before he can be trusted as a Test-level wicket-keeper, some of the former India stumpers said on Tuesday. The 20-year-old has conceded an

unprecedented 76 byes in six innings in the ongoing Test series against England although at least 20-25 of those runs were not exactly his fault. After watching him closely, former

India 'keepers Nayan Mongia, Kiran More and Deep Dasgupta believe that the youngster is still a "work in

But at the same time, they want the young keepers given that Wriddhiman Saha is unlikely to start playing before another three to four months.

"He (Pant) is still very raw and I think it's a wrong policy to pick players based on their IPL form. His basics of keeping are not correct. My concern is if he is not able to keep to spinners in England, he will have problems on fourth and fifth day tracks in the subcontinent," Mongia, who has kept wickets to the legendary Anil Kumble, said on Tuesday.

Mongia then dissected his keeping against Hanuma Vihari and Ravindra

You need suppleness in shoulders. His shoulders are stiff. Now in England, at least the bounce is not uneven. But the test will be against Ashwin, Jadeja and Kuldeep on the uneven fourth and fifth day tracks in India. Against pacers, he is just diving from the spot," said the veteran of 44 Tests and 140 ODIs.

Asked about his preferred choice in the upcoming series against the West Indies, Mongia spoke about Parthiv

Parthiv was the seco keeper in South Africa. How come he is not in the scheme of things? I think they should try Parthiv but it's up to the selectors. I don't know why there aren't long-term camps at NCA for young keepers," he added.

While Mongia spoke about recalling Parthiv, another former cricketer and analyst Deep Dasgupta feels that it



Rishabh Pant, right fails to catch a ball as Virat Kohli, third left reacts during first day of 4th Test AP

term future and he needs to be nurtured well. Yes, there are a lot of areas in keeping that he needs to work on but I don't want to see a player being dumped after one series," Dasgupta, who has watched a lot of domestic cricket as broadcast-

Questioned on any technical flaw that he has observed, Dasgupta said: "I

could at best be a short-term policy. think against seamers, he is trying to hand. You can't do that in England. Also he needs to be stable in his position."

Asked about what will be his choice for the next Test against West Indies at Rajkot, Dasgupta termed it a

"Í guess the situation is fluid. Do the selectors want to go back to Parthiv? He recently scored 80 in a

Duleep Trophy game. Now with Parthiv or even DK (Dinesh Karthik) you know what to expect. So, if you are looking at the next six Tests (including four against Australia), I don't mind having the two veterans," said Kiran More, who has been a for-

mer chairman of selectors, wants Pant to get another chance against the Caribbeans at Raikot. "I would ideally give him one more

Test match. I feel for the boy. I believe he has been fast-tracked into Test cricket and England is not an easy place to keep wickets. 'But I would look at the positives. He hasn't dropped any catches even

though he has conceded byes. He is a doesn't affect his batting," More said. Like Mongia and Dasgupta, More

also spoke about how Pant needs to really work hard on his keeping.
"Yes, he needs to work a lot on his

keeping. There is a lot that he can learn in terms of technique. I am ready to work on him and help him out if he wants," he added.

# 'Win against India will give us momentum'

**PTI** ■ KARACHI

 ${f P}^{akistan\,captain\,Sarfraz\,Ahmed\,reckons\,that}$  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

"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.

# U-19 Int'l tourney from today

Indian teams to take on Afghanistan, Nepal at Ekana



Afghanistan team during a net practice

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India A and India B will take on Afghanistan and Nepal respecin the Under-19 International Cricket Ekana Tournament International Stadium in Lucknow on Wednesday.

This tournament is considered as a warm-up opportunity before the Under-19 Asia Cup scheduled at Dhaka from September 29. All the teams sweat it out on nets on Tuesday. All the major Under-19 players are the part of India A team while India B consist of talented second string. In the last edition of Asia Cup, India lost to Nepal and knocked out of the contention.

This time India will look to

heal the old wounds and this tournament will give them an ample opportunity to test their combinations. Junior India coach Rahul Dravid is also expected during the tournament to analayse the performance of the players. TEAMS:

India A: Pawan Shah (C), Devdutt, Yashaswi Jaiswal, Anuj Rawat, Parab Simran Singh, Yash Rathore, Ayush, Nihal, Siddharth Desai, Harsh Tyagi, Ajay Dev, Yatin, Mohit Jangra, Sameer Chaudhary, Rajesh Mahanty.

India B: Vedant Murkar (C) Tilak Verma, Kamran Iqbal,

Vamsi Krishna, Pradosh Ranjan

Pal, Rishabh Chauhan, Siddhant

Rana, SK Biswas, Shubhang,

Sameer Rizvi, Pankaj Yadav,

Akash Singh, Ashok Sandhu, Ayushgya Singh, Nitesh Reddy, Sabir Khan, Sahil Raj and Rajvardhan. Afghanistan: Rizwanullah, Mohd

Ishak Shijaad, AN Nasiri, Abdul Rehman, Samiullah Jawad, I Ahmad Mehran, Suleman Arbazi, Abdullah Naib, N Mohammad Kabir, A Atal, Abdam Mohammadi, Mohd Hasan Khan, Riyaz Hasan, Farhan Khan, Arif Khan, Usman, Jacyullah Sultani, BAshir Khan, Izarul-Haq Naved.

Nepal: Pawan Shorf, RAvi Shah, Sagar Dhakal, Mohd Shamshaad, Kishore Mehto, RAshid Khan, Kamal Aeri, Arun Aeri, Bheem Saraki, Vipin RAwal, Rit Gautam, TR Das, Sandeep Jora, Lokesh Bam, Mohd Asif Shaikh.

# **Eves thrash SL by 9 wickets**

Tndia produced a clinical perfor-Imance 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 Jhulan Goswami (2/13) wreaked havoc at the top. Besides the duo, Poonam Yadav (2/13) picked up two wickets for

The spin trio of Deepti Sharma (1/16), 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-



Smriti Mandhana, left, and Mithali Raj walk towards the pavilion after defeating Sri Lanka AF

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 tar-

get 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.



Kuldeep Yadav in a file picture

Australia winning the first game.

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-spin-ner Gowtham getting 3/39 and china-

nkit Bawne's 18-ball-28 ensured a

Needing 55 to win eight overs, India A sent Shreyas Iyer and Shubman Gill to open the innings but both were dis-

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 Shahbaz Nadeem (2/67 in 41 overs), the last six wickets fell for 73 runs. However Mitchell Marsh (36, 79

balls) and Michael Neser (17, 112 balls) batted well in middle overs but consumed nearly 16 overs.

# NEERAJ LOOKS FOR CONSISTENCY

Chopra aims to consistently hit the Asiad winning distance before looking to cross 90m mark

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

atar 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

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

"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 a medal at this distance (of 88m)," said the 20-year-old Haryana athlete at the sidelines of an event organised by global sports drinks company, Gatorade.

In 2016, Chopra became the first Indian junior world champion athlete with a throw of 86.48m but had an ordinary season last year.

But this season, he emerged as a truly world-class javelin thrower, winning Gold in the Commonwealth and Asian Games and finishing fourth in the prestigious Diamond League Final.

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



Neeraj Chopra competes in the men's javelin throw event during the Weltklasse IAAF Diamond League international athletics meeting in the Letzigrund stadium in Zurich, Switzerland

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 throwers, six have crossed the 90m spear is going sideways and more shows that there is some deficiency in Chinese and Pakistani did not strike him far.'

towards left. I have to bring it towards the centre for a perfect angle of release so that the spear goes farther.'

The youngster said that the sixthplace 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. He had a third round throw of over 85m but the spear went out of the sector, leaving Chopra out of medal contention.

"It (the spear) was over 85m but went slightly out of the sector. That my technique and the angle of release. So. I have to work on these things so that I can throw farther," he added.

A few weeks before the Asian Games, Chopra's former coach Gary Calvert, who had guided him to become a junior world champion, died in China.

"I became a junior world champion under him and I learnt a lot from him. He told me he would be with me at the Asian Games (as national coach of China) but that did not happen."

Chopra said standing at the podium at the Asian Games flanked by a immediately.

"It did not strike me at that moment but it was talked about later. But every athletes wants to do his best for his country and play with sportsmanship spirit. That is the same for me," he said.

Asked about his journey from a village near Panipat to being a nation's Olympic medal hope, he said, "I started in 2011 in the district level and broke the U-16 national record in 2013. went up step by step and I was called for the national camp. I had never thought at that time that I will go this

# Sindhu, Srikanth, Prannoy through to second round

PTI ■ TOKYO

ce Indian shuttler PV Sindhu had to toil hard even as Ace indian shutter 1 v Shidand had to San Ace as 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 medallist 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.

In men's singles, Prannoy defeated current Asian Games Gold medallist Jonathan Christie of Indonesia 21-18, 21-17 while 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.

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.

# Leclerc to replace Raikkonen in Ferrari

**AFP** 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 from his current role," the team said in a statement. ".. In the next Formula One racing season, Charles Leclerc will drive for the Team alongside Sebastian Vettel," it added.

"Dreams do come true," Leclerc posted on Twitter. "I'll be driving for @scuderiaferrari for the 2019 Formula 1 World Championship." Leclerc has had a promising start to his team player," the team said. rookie season, finishing sixth at the Azerbaijan Grand Prix.

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

al years and is managed by Nicolas Todt, son of former Ferrari team principal and current FIA president Jean

"I will be eternally grateful to @scuderiaferrari for the opportunity given. To @nicolastodt for supporting me since 2011. To my family," Leclerc added.

38-year-old The Raikkonen has started 287 Grands Prix, winning 20 since his debut in 2001 with Sauber.

Raikkonen achieved his 100th podium finish by finishing second at the Italian Grand after claiming his 18th pole in style with F1's all-time fastest

"During these years, Kimi's contribution to the team, both as a driver and on account of his human qualities, has been fundamental. He played a decisive role in the team's growth and was, at the same time, always a great

Raikkonen left F1 wo he Azerbaijan Grand Prix. years after winning the world He has been nurtured by title with Ferrari and spent two

Amit nominated for Arjuna award



years competing in the World Rally Championship, before returning to F1 with Lotus in

RETURNS TO E1 ROOTS Raikkonen moved back to Ferrari in 2014.

"As a World Champion for Scuderia Ferrari, he will always be part of the Team's history and family. We thank Kimi for all of this and wish him and his family a prosperous future," the team added. Sauber later confirmed

Raikkonen would return to the team he made his debut with

"The Alfa Romeo Sauber F1 Team is delighted to

announce R?ikk?nen will join the team from 2019. The 2007 Formula One World Champion has signed for the next two sea-

sons," Sauber confirmed. Raikkonen left Sauber for McLaren in 2002 before rejoining Ferrari in 2006.

He tweeted: "Guess who's back?! Next two years with @sauberf1team ahead! Feels extremely good to go back where it all began!'

Sauber team principal said: "Signing Kimi Raikkonen as our driver represents an important pillar of our project, and brings us our target of n significant progress as a team in the near future.

"Kimi's undoubted talent and immense experience in Formula One will not only contribute to the development of our car, but will also accelerate the growth and development of our team as a

"Together, we will start the 2019 season with a strong foundation, driven by the determination to fight for results that count.

# Junior shooters add silver, bronze

**PTI** ■ CHANGWON

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

Narchard Modi

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 disci-plines. 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

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#### A sian Games Gold medal-winning Indian boxer Amit Panghal was 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 reign-

ing Olympic champion Hasanboy Dusmatov of Uzbekistan in the Asiad 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 22year-old Amit, only the eighth Indian boxer to claim an Asiad Gold said.

There were doubts on whether he would be considered given a positive dope test back in 2012, for which he served a one-year ban.

However, given the fact that he is done with the punishment for the "inadvertent" violation and that it happened when he was competing at the youth level, the BFI decided to send his name to the Ministry.

A Silver medal in the Commonwealth Games put him in the big league before he outshone his teammates Grewal (51kg) notched up



with a Gold in the Asian Games in Jakarta.

"It has been a dream, I am still living it. Hopefully the Arjuna award will be the icing on the cake," he said.

Among the boxing nominees, he faces competition from Sonia, a world and Asian Silver-medallist and Bidhuri, only the fourth Indian boxer ever to get a World Championship medal.

#### WINNING START IN POLISH TOURNEY

Indian boxers Lovlina Borgohain (69kg) and Ritu

contrasting victories in the opening round of the 13th International Silesian Championship for women being held in Gliwice, Poland.

Borgohain prevailed 4-1 against Russia's Elmira Azizova Monday night. While, Grewal defeated local favourite Asanowicz Roza in a unanimous verdict of 5-0. India have sent a reasonably strong team for the tournament which is a mix of youth and experience, featuring veterans like the celebrated M C Mary Kom (48kg) and L Sarita Devi (60kg) along with some up-and-com-

#### **Andre Silva lifts Portugal** past Italy

AFP 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 win-

ners 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.

"We need to find a solution to search a search as a search a

tion to scoring goals because you don't win games without scoring. That's our main problem right now." Silva scored three minutes into the second half with the on-loan Sevilla striker picking up a Bruma cross to beat Gianluigi Donnarumma in the Italy

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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 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 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

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 0 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 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

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."

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.

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roadshows in China
from August 28-31, the
agency has prepared a
power point presentation
on the themes - India's
rich heritage history 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

(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.

China-Africa relations are gaining global attention, as their practical cooperation has brought about dramatic changes in the economic landscape across Africa and real benefits to both

and real benefits to both peoples.

For those who accuse China of "neo-colonialism," "plundering resources" and creating a "debt trap" in Africa, the Beijing summit has proven them wrong.

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa dismissed allegations of China acting in a colonialist

acting in a colonialist fashion in Africa, saying China instead has been a partner in boosting social and economic development on the continent.

Djiboutian President Ismail Omar Guelleh also said that the Africa-China partnership is based on win-win cooperation and mutual benefits, in contrast to those allegations.

The continent's

Diqing inheritor (1)

He Jingmei:

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 " 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, "Trav-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 accu-

rately.

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

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 high-light 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)

# Story of Xichou (2): Build roads to prosperity

The construction of the tied arch on 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

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

Xiaojiatang Village is hidden in the mountains. Ten years ago, modern communication and

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 Zhaocai and Yao Guangjin, determined to build a new road themselves. They

100 thousand yuan. Ingredients of the restaurant such as pork and chicken are transported from Xiaojiatang via the road Hou and his villagers

(Photo by Yang Zheng)

"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

King Gesar "Why is your hair half-combed, why is your face half-washed, the King's story can be passed down from gener-ation to generation," she added.

Tireless singer of

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. tive or a visitor from afar.

The Epic of King Ge-sar 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 endan-gered cultural heritage in northwest Yunnan's Diqing Tibetan Auton-omous 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

Jinmei's master is
He Mingyuan, national
inheritor of the worldclass intangible of Vine 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 la-bor, 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 fol-lowed by Jinmei's clear, high voice, and their antiphonal singing spread the King's story across Tacheng and in its nearby villages.

(Zhang Ruogu, XiongYan,Chu Dong-



53-year-old He Jinmei is singing the King Gesar, Diqing Tibetan Autonoumous Prefecture, northwest Yunnan (Photo by Li Wenjun)

#### Tonghai vegetables nourish neighboring countries

Lyunnan'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-onyear increase of 41

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 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

Produces Company,



Tonghai villagers prepare the ordered vegetables for transportation (Photo from Yunnan Daily)

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, Last year, 47

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 sales revenue reached 506 million yuan, with a foreign exchange of USS 68 million.

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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.

country. Currently, 11 Tong-hai 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)



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

started new life.

transportation were basically unavailable

Tourism plays an important role in

promoting mutual un-derstanding between

our two peoples and enhancing bilateral re-lations between China and India, said Counse-lor of Chinese embassy in Delhi Zhu Xiaohong on August 29 at an

event to promote tour-ism in China's Hang-

zhou city.

Speaking on the occasion, Zhu said that Hangzhou was just like heaven in China. Tour-

ism plays an important role in promoting peo-ple to people ties, she

"China-India rela-tions is so important that our two countries

could not afford to iso-

late one from the other.

Amity between the peo-ple was the key to the good relations. Tourism

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

understanding between

# a small restaurant in Wenshan City, which Tourism promotes mutual

## China, India plays an important role in promoting mutual understanding between our two peoples and enhancing bilateral re-

lations 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 path

Addressing the gathering in Delhi, Hangzhou city mayor Xu Liyi said that both Delhi and Hangzhou had historical and civilizational links.

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A c c o r d i n g t o
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 Tour-ism Anil Oraw said that there were so many similarities between the Indian and Chinese tourism products.
"Both are fascinat-

ing 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.