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## Bhagwat deplores cow vigilantism

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

DIPAK UPRETI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

Stating that cow could be the mainstay of the economy of

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

asked for.

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

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

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

On another question as

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

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

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

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

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

## Quotes

- As a Sangh worker, head of the sangh and as a part of Ram Janambhoomi *andaloan*, I want that a grand Ram temple should be constructed at the earliest at the birthplace of Lord Ram
- The construction of a grand Ram temple will help in ending a major reason for tension between Hindus and Muslims, and if the temple is built in a harmonious way, then there will be no more pointing of fingers at Muslims
- Where there are more babies but means to bring them up are limited... If their upbringing is not good, then they will not become good citizens. Keeping this in mind, a policy on population should be prepared
- We have to reject the double-speak as there is no talk of violence by cow smugglers
- RSS completely supports the reservation given by the Constitution to remove social stigmas. The decision regarding reservation continuity has to be taken by those to whom reservation has been granted. Whenever they feel it is not necessary, they will decide

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

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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

cation from the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

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

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

Sources said the UAE authorities on August 26 asked a Dubai court on the possibility of extraditing a British national to a third country. On September 2, the court gave its opinion stating that extradition is possible depending upon the severity of crime.

The court is said to have decreed that Michel can be extradited to India. It remains unclear if the Dubai court issued an extradition order against the European middleman in the absence of confirmation from the CBI.



## CAPSULE

- ₹ BEST GAIN IN 18 MONTHS BUT MARKET LOSES LAKHS**  
Mumbai: The ₹ on Wednesday rebounded by 61 paise, notching up its best single-day gain since March 2017 to close at 72.37 against the US dollar. However, the market rout continued for the third straight session and investor wealth was eroded by ₹3.62 lakh crore in three trading days. P10
- ATS ARRESTS BSF JAWAN 'HONEY-TRAPPED' BY ISI**  
Lucknow: The UP Anti-Terrorist Squad has arrested a BSF jawan from Noida on the charge of sharing vital information with Pakistan ISI agents, UP DGP OP Singh said on Wednesday.
- SC ORDERS RESUMPTION OF FILING OF NRC CLAIMS**  
New Delhi: The SC on Wednesday ordered resumption of filing of claims and objections by 40 lakh people who were left out in the draft National Register of Citizens (NRC) of Assam.
- AFGHANISTAN DEPORTS ISIS MAN FROM KERALA**  
New Delhi: In a first, Afghanistan has deported an alleged ISIS sympathiser from Kerala, Nashedul Hamzafar, who along with 14 others had gone to join the terror outfit, NIA officials said.

## Surajpur moving towards white revolution: CM

### Chief Minister dedicates Pilkha Milk Processing unit at Silphili village in Surajpur district

STAFF REPORTER ■ SURAJPUR

Chief Minister Raman Singh on Wednesday dedicated to public the 'Pilkha Milk Processing Unit' at Silphili village of Surajpur district.

The processing unit would open new avenues for the milk producing farmers for progress and it would also open self-employment option for women Self Help Groups (SHGs) with 1000 women memberships, he said.

Hundreds of farmers from villages in and around the unit are being provided valid rate for milk through the processing unit.

The village which was known for vegetable production would also now be known for milk production. It is also creating a new identity for them, Singh said.



The District Administration through District Mineral Fund (DMF) at cost of ₹2.5 crore is ensuring better rate of milk supplied by the unit out of which 300 farmers are supplying milk at 10 collection centres at a cost of ₹30 per litre. In coming days more farmers of the area would be added to the unit as per the plan, Singh said.

## Border tense day after BSF jawan mutilated by Pak

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

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

BSF jawans recovered the badly mutilated body of the missing jawan along the fencing in Ramgarh sector of Samba on Tuesday evening.

According to official sources, the eyes of BSF head constable, identified as Narendra Kumar, were gouged out, neck was partially slit and the whole body had marks of burn injuries, including on chest and arms. Three bullet injury marks were found on the body of the martyred jawan.

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

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

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

The body of the BSF jawan, injured in the unprovoked firing, was found after massive search operations in the forward area late on Tuesday evening."

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

## Raipur police bust baby selling racket

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Raipur Police on Wednesday busted a baby-selling racket and claimed that accused were acting as social workers and had been allegedly operating their racket through social media platforms.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Raipur, Ambresh Mishra while briefing media persons on Wednesday informed that the kingpin of the racket was Anuchit Vadekar while another female Doctor Shanu Mahih assisted him in the entire racket.

Besides these two persons, two other associates have also been arrested for their alleged involvement into racket and a case under section 370 and 28 (J) has been lodged with the Tikarapara Police Station, Mishra informed.

Acting on a tip off that a new born baby was sold, Tikarapara Police immediately swung into action and raided a clinic at Tikarapara in Raipur at the heart of city with the help of Crime Branch and arrested a woman with the new born.

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

SAPNA SINGH ■ RANCHI

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

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

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

However, development in



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

Sarju village panchayat

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

Jharkhand Chief Minister Raghubar said the Government has worked on broad contours of strategy for tackling naxalism. "We have set up new police stations to coordinate with Central forces.

We have made the surrender policy attractive; we are not just securing future of surrender people, but, we also provide reward amount to them so that they can invest money. Besides, we have integrated security and development plans," he said.

## Monsoon stays put in mixed blessing

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

Due to this, to low pressure and depression over the Bay of Bengal, from east to Northwest India, are likely to record moderate to heavy showers.

A few areas might see some very heavy showers as well. Besides this, monsoon would also revive along the West Coast and Mumbai which has been dry for last many days, would once again witness some spells.

Officials said monsoon is



primarily governed by monsoon trough and monsoon system like low pressure area and depression.

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

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

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

# Cong submits memo to CAG over Rafale

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

The Congress has stepped up the attack on the Government over the Rafale deal and is seeking to make it a major poll issue ahead of Assembly elections in some key states later this year and the parliamentary election in 2019. A delegation of party leaders led by senior party member Ghulam Nabi Azad called on CAG chief Raviv Mehri and handed over a memorandum, accusing the Government of causing loss to the public exchequer and endangering national security by bypassing state-run Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in favour of some businessman "friends" for offset contract.

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

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

Congress alleged that the fresh deal for Rafale fighter jets was inked by the Narendra Modi dispensation at a cost much higher than what was negotiated by the previous Government led by it. "The CAG pointed out that it is his constitutional and fundamental duty to audit all such purchases, procedures, award of contract and the CAG said that they are already examining the entire Rafale deal. They are



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

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

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

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

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

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

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PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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



Rafale fighter jet deal and for leaving HAL out of the offset contract and transfer of technology. The Congress has also been demanding a joint parliamentary committee (JPC) probe into the matter.

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

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

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

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

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

## INSHORT

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

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

### KHARGE REFUSES TO ATTEND LOKPAL MEET

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

### SC SEES REPORT FILED BY SOLID WASTE BODY

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

### 30 BRU REFUGEE FAMILIES RETURN TO MIZORAM

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

### ₹37 CR ASSETS ATTACHED IN HOSHIARPUR SCAM

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

### 3-DAY MEDICAL EXPO AT PRAGATI MAIDAN



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

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

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

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

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

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

In the talks, the decision by



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

India and China to initiate joint projects in Afghanistan was also deliberated upon. The sources said a Sino-India integrated training programme for Afghan diplomats will kickstart next month in Delhi. The diplomats will first train in Delhi and then leave for Beijing.

Ghani was here on a day-long working visit. Giving an overview of the security scenario in Afghanistan, Ghani also apprised Modi about Taliban attack on southeastern city of

## Afghan envoy to India resigns

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

## TRIPLE TALAQ PUNISHABLE OFFENCE

# Cong, BJP engage in war of words

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Central team to visit Kerala today to assess flood damage

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

An inter-Ministerial team, headed by a special secretary of the Home Ministry, will visit Kerala for five days beginning Thursday to assess the damage caused by the recent devastating floods. The move comes after the Kerala Government sent a detailed memorandum seeking ₹4,700-crore as compensation for the damage occurred due to rains and floods, considered to be worst in a century.

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

Home Ministry official said.

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

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

memorandum, the official said.

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

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

another official said.

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

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

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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

via Bhopal," railway ministry said in a statement.

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

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

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

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

## Cabinet approves revised cost estimate for dam safety project

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

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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

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

Of the global total, two-thirds

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

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

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

# PM to lay foundation stone of IICC in Capital

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

be looking to fill in this space.

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

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

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

# CM orders magisterial probe into police cane charging incident

**CM CONDEMNS DUMPING OF GARBAGE AT MINISTER AMAR AGRAWAL'S RESIDENCE IN BILASPUR BY CONGRESS WORKERS**

**STAFF REPORTER ■ KORIYA**

While strongly condemning the incident of Congress party workers dumping garbage in the residential premises of Urban Development Minister Amar Agrawal yesterday, Chief Minister Raman Singh on Wednesday ordered magisterial probe into cane charging on Congress party workers in Bilaspur on Tuesday.

Addressing a press conference here during the State-wide ongoing 'Atal Vikas Yatra', the Chief Minister said that Chhattisgarh is a peaceful State and such incidents would not be tolerated.

He said that bhoomi puja for around Rs 6011 crore worth of works had been carried out during the 'Atal Vikas Yatra' so far. The 'Atal Vikas Yatra' had been organised to present the account of development work being carried out in the State which had been dedicated to former Prime Minister late Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

It is because of the late Prime Minister, Chhattisgarh has been formed. When the



State will reach age of 25 years in 2025, a format of 'Nava Chhattisgarh' is being prepared for which cooperation of people and their suggestions is being sought, so that state reaches

new height of development, Singh said.

An 'Atal Vikas Patra' is being prepared for it where the GDSP would be double, permanent houses will be offered to all and

100 percent literacy and each child studying in school will be ensured. The state would also be first investment destination of the country.

To a question on offering

party ticket to Minister Bhaiyalal Rajwade, Chief Minister said that party ticket for the poll has not been decided yet. As per rule, the name would be forwarded by the district after which the organization would consider the name and then will be sent to Delhi. The BJP National Headquarters would finalise the name of candidates.

On sale of liquor, Singh said that earlier private contractors used to sell liquor due to which crime was on the rise, after which government decided to sell liquor. On compulsory retirement of officers and employees, the Chief Minister said that a decision would be taken soon in this direction.

**Bilaspur Distt Collector orders probe**  
**PNS ■ RANCHI**

Bilaspur District Collector P Dayanand has issued an order for magisterial probe on the directives of Chief Minister Raman Singh over the cane charge incident on Congress party workers. Seven terms of reference has been fixed for the probe. Additional District Magistrate Bhagwan Singh Uike will probe the incident. The points for reference for probe fixed are-- how the mob and in what circumstances lost control leading to the incident, which situation emerged at the incident place which led to use of force, whether use of force by police was necessary or not and Criminal Procedure Code provisions were followed by the police during use of force or not, and other points which emerge during the probe. The Probe Officer has to submit his report within three months.

On the strike by clerical staff, the Chief Minister said that talks have been held with 23 organisations.

## NMDC took up integrated dev of 18 villages around Bailadila

**STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR**

NMDC implemented the Integrated Village Development in 18 villages around its Bailadila projects in Chattisgarh to improve the overall profile of the tribal villages through its varied developmental activities, officials informed.

Women are organised into 56 self-help groups across 15 villages and regular vocational training programmes imparted to equip them with an advanced skill set. To enhance agricultural productivity, NMDC has set up 13 water storage tanks, 24 wells, 18 ponds and 50 irrigation pumps, they informed.

As a result, crop yields have increased. To address the problem of malnutrition, NMDC supports 46

Anganwadis. These also engage children before or after school hours and help them with their studies to enhance the learning experience. The number of people covered has increased from 1,600 to 20,000 persons.

NMDC Ltd has committed itself for conduct of a comprehensive cleanliness campaign in 16 villages in the surrounding areas of Bailadila Projects in Dantewada district of Bastar, officials informed.

Under this initiative NMDC has facilitated construction of 937 household toilets in convergence with Swacchh Bharat Mission Grameen Scheme. The aim is to make these villages open defecation free by 2019.

NMDC officials had recently informed that during the current financial year, a total of 168 proposals had been

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approved for six districts mainly-Bastar, Dantewada (Bachel and Kirandul projects), Bijapur, Narayanpur, Sukma and Kondagaon involving Rs 207 crores.

The work includes infrastructure development, education, healthcare, drinking water supply, energy, livelihood and citizens rights and empowerment.

It may also be recalled that NMDC has proposed to use its mine lease area at Deposit

number 4 located at Bailadila range of hills at Bhansi near Bachel in South Bastar in Chhattisgarh for meeting the raw material requirement 'exclusively' for its upcoming 3 MTPA Integrated Steel Plant at Nagarnar, officials informed.

The remaining iron ore quantity after meeting the requirement of integrated steel plant at Nagarnar from Deposit 4 will be sold to domestic customers in Chhattisgarh, they informed.

The Deposit - 4 iron ore mine will be developed as a 'standalone project' with an estimated investment of Rs 1899.74 crores.

Notably, NMDC proposes for mining the Deposit number 4 iron ore mine with a production capacity of 7.0 MTPA in the mine lease area of

646.596 hectares. Notably, NMDC's iron ore requirement for the steel plant would be 5 MTPA.

The exploration work was done at Bailadila Deposit No. 4 by NMDC in the year back in 1972-74. The ore reserves were proved by detailed exploration activities. The Deposit 4 has a production capacity of 7.0 MTPA and spread in a mining lease area of 646.596 hectares.

In addition to the mining lease area, 95.13 hectares forest land is identified for development of infrastructure such as downhill conveyor, screening plant, loading plant and approach road etc.

Further, 50 hectares of non-forest land is also required for installation of railway stock yard, administrative building, loading plant (part), tailing dam, STP and township.

## BJP condemns lathi charge incident: Sharma

**STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR**

It was a strategic plan adopted by the Congress party workers to involve themselves in such a work so that tension prevailed along with disruption of law and order alleged State Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Spokesperson Shivratn Sharma.

When the visit of BJP National President Amit Shah and Prime Minister Narendra Modi had been scheduled in Bilaspur, creating such a situation proves that Congress party is doing rehearsal, he said in a statement.

The programme of throwing garbage by Congress workers and situation created after it followed by cane charge is an unfortunate incident, Sharma said.

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"In year 2002-03 the then Congress government had broken the leg of Leader of Opposition Nand Kumar Sai and other BJP leaders were also brutally cane charged. The then Congress ministers Bhupesh Baghel and Satyanarayan Sharma did not condemn the incident over action of police but BJP is criticizing the incident. The Chief Minister has ordered the probe and the truth would come out", he added. Sharma

pointed out that Congress strategy can be guessed when State Congress Working President Ramdayal Uike had issued a major statement. In presence of the State In-charge of AICC, P L Punia, Uike addressing the party workers, had said that "Even if one has to pick cane or fire a shot, this time we have to make Government by Congress at any cost". It appears very clear that Congress wants to come to power by any means, even if undemocratic modes are adopted, he said.

Sharma further said that Congress is without any issue and spreading insecurity among the residents of the state and wants to gain sympathy for which it is making a fruitless effort.

## Baghel warns of 'unprecedented' welcome to PM on Sep 22

**STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR**

Chhattisgarh Pradesh Congress Committee (CGPCC) President Bhupesh Baghel in his tweet has warned the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party Government in the State that in case action is not taken against the guilty officials of



Bilaspur responsible for cane charge incident, the party will accord an 'unprecedented' welcome to Prime Minister Narendra Modi whose visit to Chhattisgarh had been scheduled on September 22.

"Police is playing like a puppet at the hands of the government and a befitting reply would be given to it, he said.

## Schoolgirls take selfie with CM



**STAFF REPORTER ■ SURAJPUR**

During the welcome meeting organized at village Silphili, Government High School girls urged Chief Minister Raman Singh for a selfie with them through SKY smartphone.

The Chief Minister agreed to the request and stood for selfie with the school girls.

Government High School girls Mahibala, Mitali Rai and Pushpa Rai interrupted Chief Minister Raman Singh as he was moving towards his vehicle after the welcome meeting.

They asked him for a selfie with them which he willingly accepted.

The Chief Minister then asked them how they got the SKY smart phone. Mahibala said that the phone was not hers but belonged to her mother, which she had brought it along for the function.

Singh had attended the welcome meeting organized at village Silphili and Tilai Kachchar and addressed the gathering. He also sanctioned Rs 15 lakh for construction of 'Mangal Bhawan' at village Silphili.

## OROP yet to be implemented: Brig (Retd) Pradeep Yadu

**STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR**

The Central Government has not yet implemented the One Rank One Pension (OROP) for Defence personnel, and even after 1090 days, the strike is continuing in New Delhi, Brigadier (Retd) Pradeep Yadu, President of Veterans India, Chhattisgarh said while addressing a press conference here on Wednesday.

He was accompanied by his wife Manju Pradeep Yadu, also an Army veteran educationist.

"Recently, Delhi police cane charged the Ex-servicemen. The 7th Pay Commission pay anomalies have not been rectified. When Naval Chief refused to accept, then Central Government surpassing the Defence wings, issued a Gazette notification, which is first time in history of Independent India, he said.

On hard area allowance, he said that IAS/IPS/IFS and others get Rs 5400 extra per month while soldiers get Rs 1800 per day while working in Siachen Glacier. In 5th Pay



Commission there was a provision of free ration to defence personnel, in 7th Pay Commission it has been withdrawn, Brigadier Yadu said.

Similarly, Non-Functional Financial Upgrade is given to wife of personnel. Justice Narasimha in 2016 recommended it even Delhi High Court ordered in favour of implementing NFU but Ministry of Defence challenged it in Supreme Court after which Apex Court pulled the government over it. Still it has not been implemented, he said.

Brigadier Yadu pointed out

that from 1947 to 1973, Defence personnel had separate Pay Commissions after which it was merged. Personnel pension was calculated by 70% of last salary drawn while for administrative service was 33% but now pension for personnel has been reduced to 50% while for civilians it had gone upto 50%. As Railways had strong union, it has not been changed.

He alleged that step-motherly treatment is being meted out to the personnel, citing incident of army personnel hit by stones, eggs, tomatoes even after he was armed.

## Dena Bank CVO Parsuram Panda in Raipur today

**STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR**

Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO) of Dena Bank Parsuram Panda will be on a day's visit to Raipur on September 20, a bank press release informed on Wednesday.

He would be participating in local events and hold meet-

**Panda joined as CVO at Head Office Mumbai on July 23, 2018**

ing of branch managers and other officers. Panda had joined as CVO at Head Office Mumbai on July 23, 2018. He had started his banking career from Bank of India in 1988 as a Probationary Officer.

He is in banking service for last 30 years and had served in



the Bank of India as Branch Manager, Lead Bank Manager, Circle Manager, Regional Manager and General Manager in Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Punjab, Gujarat and Chhattisgarh. He had also served in Bank of India Branch at Belgium.

## Cong shifts venue of executive body meeting to Bilaspur

**STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR**

A meeting of recently formulated executive body of Chhattisgarh Pradesh Congress Committee (CGPCC) is now going to be held at Bilaspur on Thursday.

The meeting proposed to be held at state capital has been shifted to Bilaspur after the police cane charging incident.

AICC's Chhattisgarh In-charge P.L. Punia would be specially arriving in Bilaspur to attend the meeting. After the incident CGPCC Chief Bhupesh Baghel was called by party high command to New Delhi and he is returning with Punia in the city to attend the meeting on Thursday.

Notably, this would be the maiden meeting of Executive body after a jumbo working committee was formed as per the orders by AICC a couple of days ago.

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newly inducted office bearers of the CGPCC would be assigned the job ahead of the Assembly polls.

Similarly, the District Congress Presidents have also been called in the meeting and they too would be given the assignment to ensure the victory of candidates in their respective Assembly constituencies.

## AAP declares names of 3 more candidates for upcoming polls

**Total candidates declared so far are 77**

**STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR**

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) released its fifth list of candidates for upcoming Assembly polls here on Wednesday.

AAP Spokesman Ravi Manav said that after clearance of candidates from Delhi Government Cabinet Minister and Chhattisgarh In-charge Gopal Rai, State coordinator Dr Sanket Thakur has declared the names of three more candidates while taking the names of announced candidates to 77.

The names of three candidates are Hemlal Janghel from Saja State Assembly constituency, Mansoor Meman from Manendragarh and Yugal Ratre from Dondhi Lohara.

## Cong workers stage demo to condemn cane charging in Bilaspur

**STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR**

Congress workers held a demonstration to protest cane charge on party colleagues

near Budha Talab burnt effigies and had scuffle with policemen who tried to stop the effigy burning programme.

The activists were raising

workers in Bilaspur, who were peacefully demonstrating against the Urban Administration Minister, they said.



in Bilaspur yesterday at the Dharna Site near Budha Talab in Raipur on Wednesday.

The party workers in large numbers on Wednesday morning gathered at Dharna Site

slogans against the state government and were of the view that they will not tolerate brutality as was seen in Bilaspur.

"Policemen had intentionally beaten the Congress

"Actually the cane charge is a reaction of the fear the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party has while sensing defeat in the upcoming Assembly polls", the Congress leaders said.

## 'Do timely disposal of cases under Sanjeevani Kosh'



**STAFF REPORTER ■ GARIABAND**

In a bid to provide prompt treatment to the patients, the District Collector Shyam Dhawade in a meeting instructed the concerned officials to quickly resolve the cases under 'Sanjeevani Kosh'.

It is a must to provide timely financial aid to the ailing patients, he said. The Collector while reviewing the works of various departments also instructed the officials of Health Department to arrange nutritious food and comfortable bed for the children admitted in Rehabilitation Centre of the District Hospital.

He instructed the Civil Surgeon of the District for bet-

ter care and treatment of the children admitted in the District Hospital. The Collector also instructed him to ensure that doctors are available in the District Hospital round-the-clock. Reviewing the works of Energy Department, he instructed that linemen are present on duty. Immediate response on the complaint must be given and fault must be rectified even with the complaints of the consumers made on phone, he said. He also instructed the officials of Zila Panchayat and Rural Engineering Services (RES) to prepare the proposal of construction of road between Aamamora and Tarajhar to be constructed under MNREGA.

# Discoms owe ₹2,909 cr to Odisha Govt

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

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

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

According to information, the Nesco owed ₹393.78 crore and Wesco ₹407.93 crore to the State Government by March 31, 2018 while Cesu had to repay ₹179.29 crore and Southco ₹309.55 crore by March 31, 2017.

In a related question of



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

Appellate Tribunal and Supreme Court have upheld the OERC decision.

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

# Tirkey, Sudarshan Das join Congress

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

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

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

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

He further said the Congress is ready to wel-

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

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

# Ex-staff alleges rape by Air Odisha chief

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PNS ■ BALESWAR

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

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

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

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

# Violence marred Punjab panchayat polls, several injured

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab panchayat polls on Wednesday were marred by the reports of firing incidents, clashes, dharnas, protests and boycott, amidst opposition parties' allegations of large scale booth capturing, bogus voting, and blatant "misuse of official machinery" by the ruling Congress party, leaving many injured in separate incidents.

Throwing ample light on the conduct of elections are two incidents, in Dera Bassi and Dhuri, wherein the presiding officer himself was caught stamping ballot papers.

The voting took place between 8 am and went on even after 4 pm at some places. The counting of votes will now take place on September 22. Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) have accused the ruling party of indulging in large scale booth capturing and use of power across the state.

While SAD termed it as "electoral fraud", AAP maintained that Congress has left behind the old-time's Bihar in crushing the democracy with its goondasim.

To keep a check on the situation, former Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal and his SAD president son Sukhbir Badal toured various places during the polling process.

Badal, who was among the first ones to cast his vote in his village Lambi, claimed that he has started receiving reports of booth capturing with large number of Congress workers brandishing swords. He also

accused the police of being "a mute spectator".

"Booth capturing is taking place and as an MLA, I will not tolerate this in my area. Police is not performing its duty. What kind of elections are these, where booths are captured and nomination papers of Akalis are rejected," he asked.

SAD alleged that more than 60 incidents of booth capturing were reported during the polling. Party senior vice-president Daljit Singh Cheema and former minister Bikram Majithia said that cases were registered against Akali candidates under the SC Act, mostly in Majha region.

It also alleged bogus votes were polled at some locations. "In Dera Bassi, the presiding officer himself got ballot papers stamped in favour of Congress candidates. A packet was seized from his possession by the Akali polling agent," alleged Cheema.

He added that in another incident in Dhuri, the presiding officer closed down the booth and started stamping the ballot papers in favour of Congress candidates. "This happened in Kumbarwar under Sherpur block samiti," he added.

Reports are received that Congressmen run away with ballot papers from polling station at Bhitwala village in Lambi, he said.

In Moga, an Akali worker was injured in an attack by masked men at Machine village polling booth. The masked group tried to capture polling booth. Another attempt of booth capturing was reported at Demru Khurd village. There

was no loss to the polling process, and the ballot papers remained safe at both places, said the officials.

Clashes between Congress and Akali workers were also reported from Rajasansi in Amritsar, Jhoke Harihar in Ferozepur, Lodhi Gujjar in Ajnala and Sohia Kalan in Majitha. During the clashes, members of both factions pelted stones at each other and used sticks as weapons causing minor injuries to a few.

A clash was reported between SAD and Congress workers at Gilzewala village in Gidderbaha. Police rescued SAD's Gidderbaha constituency in-charge Hardeep Singh Dimpay Dhillon, and his brother, amidst the stone pelting by workers of both the parties. Polling also stopped for a few minutes.

A firing incident was reported at Dulewal village in Bathinda in a clash between Congress and SAD workers. At Midda village in Bathinda, there were reports of a car being damaged. Similar report of car being damaged was also reported at Killianwali village.

Badal had also visited Killianwali village, where a large number of Congress workers were allegedly present holding sticks. The former Chief Minister said that during the poll process, he remained in touch with the DGP and other senior police officers.

Akali workers raised slogans against the police and Congress Minister Sadhu Singh Dharamsot after changes in voter list. Many voters claimed that their names were missing from the new list being used for the polls.

# 194 hospitals tie up with Ayushman Bharat Scheme

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

As many as 194 Government and private hospitals in Haryana have been empanelled for the Centre's Ayushman Bharat Scheme, Health Minister Anil Vij said on Wednesday.

It would directly benefit around 80 lakh people of the state with free medical facility upto Rs five lakh, said Vij.

The Minister said that Haryana is the first state in the country to start this facility on pilot project basis from August 15. Under this, it was implemented in one government hospital each in all 22 districts, one ESI hospital and Medical College Hospital.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate this scheme nationwide on September 23 from Ranchi. Under this scheme 10 crore families of the country and 15.50 lakh families of Haryana will get free of cost medical facilities up to Rs 5 lakh, he said.

The Health Minister further said that the people of the state have started getting benefits under this scheme. So far, 35 people have claimed aid under this scheme and 18 of them have already received it.

Similarly, 126 people have been admitted in hospitals and 4556 people have been included in golden record after their examina-

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Vij also said that so far, this facility has been started in government hospitals in all the 22 districts, 35 sub divisional hospitals, 6 community health centers, 5 medical colleges and 4 ESI hospitals of the state. In these hospitals, the beneficiary can get the facilities by showing the letter received from the Prime Minister's Office.

Ayurveda Mitras are being deputed in the state hospitals for the assistance of patients. So far, 284 Ayurveda Mitras are being deputed.

They all have been trained and they guide and assist the patients coming in these hospitals.

Besides this, 22 district nodal officers and 22 district IT managers have also been engaged for the implementation of Ayushman Bharat Scheme, the Minister added.

# Haryana to be made stray cattle-free by Jan 2019

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Government has announced that the state will be made stray cattle-free by January 26, 2019.

Strict actions would be taken against those, whose cattle are found roaming on the roads and fine would also be imposed on them, said Rakesh Gupta Additional Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, while presiding over a meeting here.

He said that further action plan would be prepared keeping in view the performance of those districts which are doing well in making their district stray cattle-free. Every month, discussion would be held with the concerned officers in this regard.

Gupta also said that Haryana roads will be made pothole free by January 2019.

Reviewing Harpath App, Gupta said that 22,000 complaints have been received so far through this App, out of which maximum complaints i.e. 10,000 pertains to Urban Local Bodies.

He directed the concerned officers to resolve these complaints as soon as possible.

Under Haryana Vision Zero scheme, Gupta directed the officers to ensure that roads are properly painted for ensuring visibility on roads for safe movement of traffic.

He directed all the concerned nodal officers to work on road safety in a time

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bound manner and also attend the meeting of the concerned deputy commissioners.

On road safety, he directed the officers of those districts which do not have traffic control room and CCTV cameras to ensure setting up of the same, at the earliest.

He said that the facility of e-challan and e-payment would be initiated in selected 12 districts and after their successful implementation, the facility would also be implemented in other districts. In this scheme, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Traffic would be the nodal officer.

While reviewing Saksham Haryana work, he directed the concerned nodal officers of Saksham Haryana Scheme to co-ordinate with the industries on regular basis.

Reviewing the Shivdham renovation Scheme, he asked the officers to collect fifty per cent amount through CSR or people from the community groups so that people can get the prescribed facilities as

per the scheme. Under this scheme basic facilities like boundary wall, drinking water, sheds and road would be provided for the cremation grounds.

Regarding Swachh Survekshan scheme, he said that all the deputy commissioners should work to make state ODF+ (open defecation free) and ODF++.

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While giving directions to complete the work of street lights and toilets under Jagriti Abhiyan, he said that the Chief Minister has desired that the work under the Abhiyan should be completed at the earliest and the employees of Transport Department should be imparted training to behave well with women.

**कार्यालय मुख्य अभियंता**  
**लो. नि. वि., राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग परिक्षेत्र, रायपुर (छ.ग.)**

दिनांक : 14.09.2018

एकीकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली अंतर्गत सक्षम श्रेणी में पंजीकृत टेकेदारों से निम्नलिखित निर्माण कार्य हेतु ऑनलाईन (Online) निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है:-

क्र.	नि.आ.सू.क्र. दिनांक.	सिस्टम आईडी क्र.	कार्य का नाम	कार्य की अनुमानित लागत (रु.लाख में)	निविदा क्रम करने की अंतिम तिथि
1.	29/CE/NH/TC/44-16/2018 (2nd Call)	2018 MoRTH_354062_1	Improvement of Kanker City Portion from km. 132.600 to 142.800 = 10.20 km. on N.H. 43 (New N.H. 30)	Rs. 698.71 Lacs	29-09-2018
2.	30/CE/NH/TC/44-17/2018 (2nd Call)	2018 MoRTH_354074_1	Improvement of Keshkal from km. 167.00 to 170.400 = 3.40 km. on N.H. 43 (New N.H. 30)	Rs. 253.24 Lacs	29-09-2018
3.	31/CE/NH/TC/44-19/2018 (2nd Call)	2018 MoRTH_354079_1	Over Laying Work at selected area in km. 299.000 to 312.800 Baikunhpur city portion on katni-Gumla Road N.H. 43 (Old N.H. 78)	Rs. 878.74 Lacs	29-09-2018

2. उपरोक्त निर्माण कार्य की निविदा को सामान्य शर्तें, धरोहर राशि, विस्तृत निविदा विज्ञापित, निविदा दस्तावेज व अन्य जानकारी सड़क परिवहन एवं राजमार्ग मंत्रालय (MORT&H's) के ई-प्रोक्ज्यूरमेंट वेब पोर्टल <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> से डाउनलोड की जा सकती है।

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**GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**  
**HASDEO CANAL W/M DIVISION, JANJGIR-CHAMPA**  
**DISTT. JANJGIR-CHAMPA (C.G.)**

**e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE**  
**eProcurement Portal: <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>**  
**(SECOND CALL)**

**System Tender No. 44117/NIT No. : 09/SAC/2018-19** **Date: 12.09.2018**

**Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to 03.10.2018 at 17.30 Hours**

**Name of work : RENOVATION OF EARTH WORK, GROUTED STONE PITCHING OF SCAPE CHANNEL AT JARVE.**

**Probable Amount of Contract : Rs. 88.70 Lakhs**

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) from **Date 19.09.2018 at 17.31 Hours, (IST) onwards.**

**NOTE:- All eligible/ interested contractors/ bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the Integrated e-procurement portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) and get approval on specific vendor class from PWD under Centralized Contractor / Supplier Registration in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process.**

**Executive Engineer**  
**HASDEO CANAL W/M DIVISION**  
**JANJGIR-CHAMPA**

G- 55599/7 Ryp/Dtd 19.09.2018

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The dust of controversies Punjab Cabinet Minister Navjot Singh Sidhu raised in Pakistan has refused to settle down even a month after his visit to the neighbouring nation.

Sidhu is facing worst criticism for 'hugging' Pak army chief, which the former cricketer defended as an "emotional" reaction to his assurance of opening Kartarpur corridor — giving enough ammunition to his rivals to intensify their attack against him.

While Sidhu's rivals are giving him bad names, and dubbing him as country's "biggest traitor" and even "ISI agent", they got enough ammunition on Wednesday with Pak government confirming that there was "no formal communication with India on Kartarpur Sahib corridor".

The clarification was given by Pak's Foreign Ministry's official spokesperson Mohammad Faisal during his weekly briefing. "No formal communication with India on Kartarpur corridor. Pakistan remains open and positive," he reportedly said.

Union Minister and SAD MP Harsimrat Badal was quick to attack Sidhu. "The man who can lie in name of Guru Nanak deserves the harshest condemnation," she tweeted, seeking answer from Punjab Minister over the issue after Pak's denial.

with Pak Army chief and the statements of Pakistan Information Minister and others in which they had expressed their intention and consent for opening Kartarpur corridor," he argued.

Sidhu said that there was no formal communication, and that is why he had requested the Union External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj to take up the matter with Pakistan formally, which she assured that she would write to them soon.

"If Government of India takes initiative, I am hopeful of positive response from Imran Government," said Sidhu.

The development assumes significance as only recently Swaraj has replied to Harsimrat's letter clarifying that there was no official communication for establishing a corridor. At the same time, Swaraj had claimed that the Indian Government had been taking up the matter, but Pakistan did not agree to open Gurdwara Kartarpur Sahib for Indian pilgrimage.

Sushma wrote, "The Government has been taking up the matter with Pakistan. However, Pakistan has so far neither agreed to include visits to Gurudwara Kartarpur Sahib by the Indian pilgrims under the bilateral Protocol on visits to religious shrines of 1974, nor has it sent any official communication for establishing a corridor."

Earlier, Sidhu had targeted his rivals, including the SAD and BJP leaders, over the issue of hugging Pak Army Chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa

Pak spokesperson Mohd Faisal: "No formal communication with India on Kartarpur corridor. Pakistan remains open and positive" Union Minister Harsimrat Badal: "The man who can lie in name of Guru Nanak deserves the harshest condemnation" Punjab Minister Navjot Sidhu: "I have never claimed that Pakistan had sent any formal communication to India. I only referred to my talk with Pak Army chief and the statements of Pakistan Information Minister and others in which they had expressed their intention and consent for opening Kartarpur corridor" SAD MLA Bikram Majithia: "You must now come clean and tell why you became a mouthpiece for Pak army general and ISI and gave the impression that Pakistan was ready to open the corridor but India was coming in the way"

saying that it was "blown out of proportion".

"It was just a jhappi (hug) and not a Rafale deal," quipped Sidhu, who has all along been under attack.

"You start raking up this issue again. Sidhu has become such an important person that the Defence Minister makes a statement. It was just a jhappi (hug). It is not a conspiracy, jhappi is not Rafale deal, jhappi is not firing bullets at Gursikhs," said visibly upset Sidhu, reacting on Union Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's statement that "hug" was "demoralising for soldiers" in India, and he should have "avoided it".

Sidhu added, "You are not talking about sentiments of Sikhs and you have blown the one-second emotional hug out of proportion."

Justifying his action, Sidhu asked whether the players will not shake hands when a cricket match takes place between India and Pakistan. "...Will you not shake hands of Pakistan Prime Minister, who is a good man and had played several matches here, shakes hands

with Indian team or hugs player like Virat (Kohli)? Will he show his back to him?" he asked.

Lambasting SAD, Sidhu said that it was "frustrated", and accused it of creating hurdles in the Kartarpur Sahib Gurdwara corridor issue.

"Be partner in this good work. Why are you creating hurdles in it," asked Sidhu while criticising SAD leaders without naming them. "What am I saying is that just get a letter written (from Centre to Pakistan over passage issue) and get it released," he said, adding that Pakistan had already shown positive intent on this issue.

SAD chief Sukhbir Badal and his Union Minister wife Harsimrat had attacked Sidhu, accusing him of lying to people on the matter. Sukhbir had even called Sidhu the "biggest traitor" of the country for embracing the Pakistan Army chief.

Taking on Sidhu, SAD's senior leader Bikram Majithia asked him to tell the nation which side of the fence he was on — India or Pakistan, and whether he would now ask the

Pakistan Army Chief and his "friend" Imran Khan why they were killing Indian soldiers on the international border and exporting terror into India.

"Now, when the spokesman for Pakistan foreign ministry had disclosed that no official communication had been sent to India for opening of Kartarpur corridor, Sidhu should tell the people why he constantly asserted that Pakistan was right and India was wrong for not reciprocating a gesture which was never made," said Majithia.

"You must now come clean and tell why you became a mouthpiece for the Pak army general and the ISI and gave the impression that Pakistan was ready to open the corridor but India was coming in the way," he said.

He also asked Sidhu to read Pak spokesman's statement, who while denying his government had sent any communication to open Kartarpur corridor to India, accused Indian "occupying" forces of committing barbaric acts in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Now with authorities, including Union External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and Pak Foreign Ministry's spokesman, making it official that there was no formal communication from Pakistan to India about Kartarpur corridor, Sidhu had nowhere to run," said Majithia while asking Sidhu to apologize to the people of the country and particularly the Sikh community for playing with their sentiments on such a sensitive issue.

**GLOBE TROTTER**

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

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

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

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

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

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

A large number of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leaders, including Sharif's brother, Shehbaz Sharif were present in the courtroom and cheered as the judgment was announced.  
 A two-judge bench of the Islamabad High Court heard the petitions filed by Sharif, 68, his daughter Maryam and son-in-law Capt (ret'd) Muhammad Safdar challenging their conviction related to the purchase of four luxury flats in London through corrupt practices.  
 "The instant writ petition is allowed and sentence awarded to the petitioners by the accountability court shall remain suspended till the final adjudication of the appeal filed by the petitioner," reads the judgment.  
 The accountability court judge Mohammad Bashir had



sentenced the trio on July 6. Sharif, 68, Maryam, 44, and Safdar, 54, were sentenced to 10 years, seven years and one year, respectively, in prison and fined in the Avenfield properties case.  
 The accused were also disqualified to contest elections or to hold public office for a period of 10 years after release.  
 The ruling comes just a week after Sharif's wife, Khusroo Nawaz, died from cancer in London.  
 The trio were briefly allowed out of the high-security Adiala Jail on parole to attend her funeral. They returned to jail on Monday.  
 The two-judge bench also ordered the release of the former premier, his daughter and son-in-law from the Adiala jail in Rawalpindi.  
 Sharif, Maryam and Safdar were also directed to submit bail bonds worth Rs 5,00,000.

Pakistani media reported that the verdict would remain a temporary relief for the former prime minister and his family members until the court gives the final decision on their application seeking suspension of their conviction in the Avenfield case.  
 The Sharif family is now facing two more corruption cases in the accountability court — Al-Azizia Steel Mills and Flagship Investments — in which they are accused of money laundering, tax evasion and hiding offshore assets.  
 The cases against the family stemmed from Panama Papers case in April 2016.  
 In a blow to Pakistan's anti-corruption watchdog, the Islamabad High Court also dismissed the National Accountability Bureau's request to first announce a judgment on the maintainability of the pleas. The bench also imposed a fine on the NAB lawyers earlier for using delaying tactics.  
 The NAB was also pulled up by the Supreme Court on Monday when it rejected its petition challenging the IHC's decision to hear Sharif's petitions against the Avenfield verdict.

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

**Washington:** President Donald Trump is flexing his executive power to declassify secret documents in the Russia investigation, an extraordinary move he says will ensure that "really bad things" at the FBI are exposed.  
 But the decision, made against the backdrop of Trump's spiraling outrage at the special counsel's Russia investigation, may expose sensitive sources and methods and brush up against privacy law protections, experts say.  
 The order is likely to further divide the president from the intelligence agencies he oversees and raises new concerns that Trump is disclosing government secrets for his own political gain. Critics of the move say the president has a clear conflict by trying to discredit an investigation in which he himself is a subject.  
 "This radical policy choice is not being made on traditional policy grounds. It's being made on conflicted grounds," said David Kris, a former Justice Department national security division head. "That's problematic."  
 The Justice Department says it's begun complying with the order, though it's not clear when the documents might be



released. It's also unclear if the multi-agency review now underway might find ways to try to withhold certain information or limit whatever damage, such as outing sources or scaring off would-be ones, that may arise from the release.  
 Trump and Republican supporters want the records out in hopes they'll reveal law enforcement bias in the early stage of the Russia investigation and prove the probe was opened without good reason.  
 Democrats say the material is too secret for disclosure and object to any meddling in an ongoing investigation.  
 In a letter Tuesday to Director of National Intelligence Daniel Coats, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein and FBI Director Christopher Wray, four top Democrats called Trump's action "a brazen abuse of power."  
 AP

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

**AFP ■ KUALA LUMPUR**  
**Malaysia's** toppled leader Najib Razak will be charged over allegations that \$628 million linked to state investment fund 1MDB ended up in his personal bank accounts, officials said.  
 Allegations that Najib and his cronies looted huge sums from the investment vehicle were a major factor in the shock defeat of his long-ruling coalition in elections in May, at

the hands of a reformist alliance headed by Mahathir Mohamad.  
 Mahathir, 93, in his second stint as premier after coming out of retirement to take on his ex-protégé Najib, has reopened probes into 1MDB that were shut down by the former government, and vowed to bring Najib to justice.  
 Since losing power, Najib has already been arrested and hit with seven charges related to claims he pocketed some \$10 million from a former unit of 1MDB.

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

**AFP ■ YANGON**  
**A** former columnist for state Amedia has been jailed for seven years for "abusive" Facebook posts about Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi, a court official said on Wednesday, the latest case threatening free expression in the country.  
 Ngar Min Swe was sentenced for seditious on Tuesday, Yangon's Western District Court spokesman Htay Aung told AFP.  
 "He was convicted... For writing abusive posts on Facebook against State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi, making people get the wrong impression of her," Htay Aung said.

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

The Executive Engineer, Building Division South-East (M-421), PWD (GNCTD), Police Colony, Hauz Khas, New Delhi invites on behalf of the President of India percentage/ item rate tender in two bid condition for following work(s):-  
**1. NIT No. 52/South-East(B)/M/ New Delhi/2018-19 (Recall), Name of Work:** A/R & M/O Non Residential Building under service centre G.B. Pant & Nehru Place, New Delhi during 2018-19 (SH: Providing labour for day to day maintenance works), **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 11,10,000/-, **Earnest Money:** Rs. 22,200/- drawn in favour of EE, CBMD M-421, PWD, New Delhi, time of completion of work 12 Months, The Last date & time for receipt of Tenders through e-procurement is 27.09.2018 upto 15.00 Hours & Tender ID No 2018\_PWD\_158537\_1.  
**2. NIT No. 64/South-East(B)/M/ New Delhi/2018-19, Name of Work:** A/R & M/O Non Residential Building at Meera Bai Institute of Technology, Maharani Bagh, New Delhi during 2018-19. (SH: Misc. repairing and renovation work in MBIT, Maharani Bagh, New Delhi), **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 14,85,866/-, **Earnest Money:** Rs. 29,717/- drawn in favour of EE, CBMD M-421, PWD, New Delhi, time of completion of work 06 Months, The Last date & time for receipt of Tenders through e-procurement is 27.09.2018 upto 15.00 Hours & Tender ID No 2018\_PWD\_158538\_1.  
 Further details of the tender can be had from : <http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in/nicpeapp>  
**DIP/Shabdharth/1747/18-19**

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

**AFP ■ SEOUL**  
**North Korea's** Kim Jong Un agreed to make a historic visit to Seoul soon and close a missile testing site in front of international inspectors at a summit with the South's President Moon Jae-in in Pyongyang on Wednesday.  
 Progress on the key issue of the North's nuclear arsenal was limited, but the two signed a document to strengthen ties between the two halves of the divided peninsula.  
 Building on a growing rapprochement, they agreed to

create a facility to hold family reunions at any time, work towards joining up road and rail links, and mount a combined bid for the 2032 Olympics.  
 The agreement "carries the people's fresh hope and the people's strong, flaming desire for reunification", Kim said.  
 His trip to Seoul would be the first by a Northern leader since the end of the 1950-53 Korean War, when hostilities ceased with an armistice rather than a peace treaty, leaving them technically in a state of war.

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

**PTI ■ WASHINGTON**  
**Christine Blasey Ford,** a California professor claiming that US President Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh sexually assaulted her nearly 36 years ago, on Wednesday demanded a "full investigation" by the FBI before she attends any Congressional hearing or "interrogation" into her accusations.  
 Kavanaugh's nomination plunged into chaos after Ford, 51, told "The Washington Post" that she was subjected to a sexual assault by Kavanaugh, 53,

in high school in the early 1980s.  
 The Supreme Court nominee has rejected as "completely false" the sexual assault allegation, saying he was ready to testify before a Senate committee to "defend my integrity".  
 The new development appeared to have put in jeopardy the September 24 Congressional hearing when both Ford, clinical psychology professor at Palo Alto University, and Judge Kavanaugh are scheduled to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

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

**Baghdad:** An Iraqi court on Wednesday sentenced a prominent jihadist described as a deputy of Islamic State group leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi to death on terrorism charges.  
 "The Karkh criminal court in Baghdad sentenced to death by hanging one of the most prominent leaders of IS, who served as a deputy of Baghdadi," judicial spokesman Abdel Sattar Bayraqdar said.  
 AFP

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

**Los Angeles:** An orthopedic surgeon in California who once appeared on a dating reality show and his girlfriend have been charged with drugging and sexually assaulting two women, in a case prosecutors suspect might involve hundreds of other victims.  
 Authorities told AFP on Tuesday they had received dozens of leads in the probe, just hours after a press conference held to try to encourage other women to come forward.  
 "I am being told by investigators that their phones have been very active this afternoon," said Michelle Van Der Linden, a spokeswoman for Orange County prosecutors.  
 "People are calling with

additional information and we will be busy tracking down all the additional leads." The surgeon, Grant William Robicheaux, and his girlfriend, Cerissa Laura Riley, were charged on Sept 11 with rape as well as drug and weapons-related offenses in connection with two alleged assaults.  
 Robicheaux — who once appeared on the Bravo television show "Online Dating Rituals of the American Male" — and Riley are due to be arraigned on October 25.  
 Investigators found hundreds of videos on Robicheaux's phone after he was arrested, "in various states of undress, consciousness and being assaulted," Van Der Linden said. AFP

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

The Executive Engineer, East Road (M-212), PWD, Ramesh Park, Delhi-92 invites on behalf of President of India percentage rate tenders through e-tendering from (i) approved & eligible contractors of appropriate civil/composite category of CPWD (ii) Non CPWD contractors such as MES, BSNL and other State Govt. department dealing with buildings and road and other experienced contractors for the following works through E-procurement solution:-  
**1. (Tender Reference No) NIT No. 32/EE/PWD/East Road (M-212)/2018-19 (Recall), Name of Work:** A/R 8s M/O Various Roads Sub-Division East Road-I under PWD Division East Roads/ (M-212), Delhi during 2018-19. SH: Providing & Laying RCC pipe for drainage, making and connecting bell mouth to man hole on Patparganj Road. Estimated Cost: ₹ 18,84,564/-, Earnest Money: ₹ 37,691/-, Period of Completion: 30 Days, Tender ID : 2018\_PWD\_158461\_1  
**2. (Tender Reference No) NIT No. 45/EE/PWD/East Road (M-212)/2018-19, Name of Work:** A/R & M/O to various roads Sub. Division East Road-II under PWD Division East Road/ (M-212) during 2018-19. SH: Repair of Footpath, Protection wall and drains. Estimated Cost: ₹ 27,33,570/-, Earnest Money: ₹ 54,671/-, Period of Completion: 45 Days, Tender ID : 2018\_PWD\_158464\_1  
**3. (Tender Reference No) NIT No. 47/EE/PWD/East Road (M-212)/2018-19, Name of Work:** A/R & M/O to various roads Sub. Division East Road-II under PWD Division East Road/ (M-212) during 2018-19. SH: Removal of Floating Material. Estimated Cost: ₹ 25,72,074/-, Earnest Money: ₹ 51,441/-, Period of Completion: 180 Days, Tender ID : 2018\_PWD\_158465\_1  
**4. (Tender Reference No) NIT No. 49/EE/PWD/East Road (M-212)/2018-19, Name of Work:** A/R & M/O to various roads Sub. Division East Road-II under PWD Division East Road/ (M-212) during 2018-19. SH: Repair of drain, culvert etc. at. Road No. 102, 108, 109, Live Stock Road 8s Kondli Gharoli Road. Estimated Cost: ₹ 36,53,055/-, Earnest Money: ₹ 73,061/-, Period of Completion: 60 Days, Tender ID : 2018\_PWD\_158467\_1  
**5. (Tender Reference No) NIT No. 50/EE/PWD/East Road (M-212)/2018-19, Name of Work:** A/R & M/O to various roads Sub. Division East Road-II under PWD Division East Road/ (M-212) during 2018-19. SH: Providing Maintenance Van with required labour and T 85 P under Section-1 8s II. Estimated Cost: ₹ 27,24,318/-, Earnest Money: ₹ 54,486/-, Period of Completion: 365 Days, Tender ID : 2018\_PWD\_158471\_1  
 Last Date and Time of submission of tender is: 24.09.2018 (Up to 3.00 PM)  
 Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website: <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>  
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**CORRIGENDUM-I**

NIT No. 221/P&D/Zone-I/2018-19 / Bid No. B-565 for System strengthening of 11 KV lines with bifurcation / trifurcation of overloaded feeders, Augmentation of conductor of HT line and New DT, under Operation Circle UHBVN, Ambala, Kurukshetra, Kaithal, Karnal & Yamunanagar (i.e. Zone-I) on turnkey basis.  
 The cost of the NIT be read as Rs. 241482550.00 instead of Rs. 33.89 Crore. Distribution transformer will be provided by the Nigam. The percentage quoted in the price bid by the firm will be considered on the estimated cost of NIT i.e. Rs. 241482550.00.  
 Detailed terms & conditions are available on the website i.e. <https://haryanaaprocmement.gov.in>  
**Superintending Engineer/ PD&C, UHBVN, Panchkula**  
 RO No. 71854 Dt. 19-09-2018

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED**  
 (See Section 82 Cr. PC)  
 Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Manish Kumar Singh, S/o Gurman Singh R/o Gali No. 1, Shri Ram Colony, Rishal Garden, Chanden Vihar, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in a **E-FIR No. 2/17 u/s 380/411 IPC, PS Nihal Vihar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Manish Kumar Singh** could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Manish Kumar Singh** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person **Manish Kumar Singh of E-FIR No. 2/17 u/s 380/411 IPC, PS Nihal Vihar, Delhi** is required to appear in the court to answer the said complaint on **20.11.2018**.  
 By order  
**Sh. Manoj Kumar**  
 Metropolitan Magistrate  
 Room No. 268, 2nd Floor  
 Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi  
 DP/1395/OD/18

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Whereas  
 The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction, and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.  
 The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of property/ Date of Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Siddharth Chaudhary/ Radikal Overseas Pvt Ltd/ Anju Chaudhary/ Shreedhar Estate Pvt Ltd / LBDEL00001891742	Third Floor with Terrace Rights Along with Lift Entire Building Bearing No. 28, Commercial Complex, Saket, Malviya Nagar Extension, New Delhi / 14-Sep-2018	August 24, 2016 Rs. 7,44,30,575.65/-	Delhi
2.	Siddharth Chaudhary/ Radikal Overseas Pvt Ltd/ Anju Chaudhary/ Shreedhar Estate Pvt Ltd / LBDEL00001900624	Third Floor With Terrace Rights Along With Lift Entire Building Bearing No. 28, Commercial Complex, Saket, Malviya Nagar Extension, New Delhi / 14-Sep-2018	August 24, 2016 Rs. 9,33,264/-	Delhi
3.	Siddharth Chaudhary/ Radikal Overseas Pvt Ltd/ Anju Chaudhary/ Shreedhar Estate Pvt Ltd/ Savitri Devi/ Mohit Chaudhary/ Krati Chaudhari/ Prateek Chaudhary/ Sidhar Chaudhary / LBDEL00001891742 & LBDEL00001900624	Ground & First Floor Along With Lift Entire Building Bearing No. 28, Commercial Complex, Saket, Malviya Nagar Extension, New Delhi / 14-Sep-2018	August 18, 2018 Rs. 9,56,62,350/-	Delhi
4.	Bishamber Lal Lamba/ Rupali Lamba / LBCB70001490991	Flat No A-2 306, Third Floor Of Silver State, Plot No F-29, Sector 50, Noida / 14-Sep-2018	March 20, 2015 Rs. 24,51,215/-	Noida

The above-mentioned borrower(s)/ guarantor(s) are hereby given a 30 days Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.  
 Sd/-  
**Authorized Officer**  
**ICICI Bank Limited**  
 Date : 20-Sep-2018  
 Place: Delhi/ NCR

**UTTAR HARYANA BIJLI VITRAN NIGAM LTD.**  
 Regd. & Corp Office: C-16, Vidhut Sadan, Sector-6, Panchkula, Haryana  
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 CIN No. U40109HR1998SGC034166, E-mail- egmmnuhbvn@gmail.com

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

**NOTICE INVITED TENDER No. 226/UH/MM/XEN/P-III/MM/QST-II/1989 DATED: 14-09-2018**  
 Offers are invited for procurement of following material on FIRM Price & 'FOR' destination basis anywhere in Haryana, by fixing the annual rate contract as per details given below-

T.E. No.	Description of item	Qty. (in kms.)				Estimated Cost of NIT for min. qty. (Rs. in Cr.)
		UHBVN		DHBVN		
QST-II/ 1989	Twin Core LT PVC 10 sq. mm Armoured Cable as per Nigam Technical Specification No. CSC-XIII/R-I/UDH/ UH/P&D/2015-10, relevant ISS with latest amendment.	Min	Max	Min	Max	141 7 2125
		1117	1675	300	450	

Date of Start: 14-09-2018 at 15:00 Hours  
 Last date of submission: 25-09-2018 upto 13:00 Hours  
 Opening date of Part -I: 25-09-2018 at 15:00 Hours

Tender documents having detailed terms and conditions can be seen / downloaded from the portal <https://haryanaaprocmement.gov.in> and [www.uhbvn.org.in](http://www.uhbvn.org.in)  
**CE/MM, UHBVN, Panchkula**  
 RO No. 71799 Dt. 19-09-2018

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 LICENCE NUMBER-06  
 DATED - 16 JUNE 2016  
**"EXPRESSWAY TOWERS"**  
 SECTOR-109  
 GURUGRAM HARYANA  
 AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

**DATE OF REDRAW : 24 SEPTEMBER 2018**

This is to inform that ReDraw of 1 BHK & 2 BHK + SR Flats in residential Affordable Group Housing Colony (Expressway Towers) in Sector -109, Gurugram, Haryana to be developed by M/s Ocean Seven Buildtech (OSB) Pvt Ltd. will be held on 24.09.2018 at 12:00 PM (Noon) at Omaze Celebration Mall, Sector - 48, Sohna Road Gurugram - 122001 in the presence of Government officials. All the applicants are cordially invited to attend the draw of flats.  
**IMPORTANT:** 1) No entry shall be allowed without original Acknowledgement receipt along with original ID Proof  
 NOTE: 2) Only 01 person shall be allowed against one Acknowledgement receipt of the submitted application.

**कार्यालय नगर पालिका बेरी**

**गिबिदा सूचना**  
 नगर पालिका, बेरी द्वारा कार्य की गिबिदा अम्बित की जाती है। बोय्य फर्म / क्रेडर दिनांक 20.09.2018 को सांठ 3.00 बजे तक अपनी गिबिदा/ डैडर ऑनलाइन भर सकते हैं। उचित गिबिदा दिनांक 21.09.2018 को दोपहर 2.00 बजे खोली जायेगी। विस्तृत जानकारी हेतु प्रयास करके की जायेगी। <https://etender.hry.nic.in> पर उपलब्ध है। इसके अतिरिक्त डैडर विवरण किसी भी कार्यदाता में पालिका अभियंता के कार्यालय में देखी जा सकती है।  
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 नगर पालिका, बेरी: नगर पालिका, बेरी  
 RO No. 71824 Dt. 19-09-2018

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

Ajit Singh  
 EE-1, HSVP, Fbd.  
 Email: [xenhuda.fbd@gmail.com](mailto:xenhuda.fbd@gmail.com)  
 Tel. No. 0129-4018911  
 RO No. 71809 Dt. 19-09-2018

# Repairing banks

The Government's decision to merge banks is laudable but more needs to be done to completely repair India's banks

The proposed three-way merger between Vijaya Bank, Dena Bank and Bank of Baroda may not be great news for shareholders but is a continuation of this Government's policy to repair the public banking sector. The fact is that India's public sector banks are still suffering from the lending splurge they indulged in almost a decade ago...



Gwynne Dyer

Salisbury is a nice old English town with a fine cathedral, only an hour and a half from London by train, but it doesn't see many Russian tourists in wintertime. It's not as cold as Moscow, but Russians tend to prefer Mediterranean destinations for holiday breaks in early March...

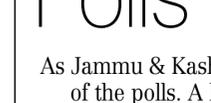
## POINT COUNTERPOINT

We have given a detailed memorandum. We hope the CAB will look into the matter and speed up the investigation process into the Rafale deal.



Anand Sharma

I don't think JPC or CAG inquiry is set up just to satisfy the ego of an ill-informed leader of an Opposition party who repeats lies.



Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad

# Need for wetland restoration

The destruction of wetlands, one of the crucial ecosystems for humans, plants and animals, must ring alarm bells. Restoration and conservation policies need a re-think



Kota Sriraj

From mangrove forests to coral reefs on the coast to peatlands to floodplains inland, wetlands play a crucial role in the fight against climate change and help make urban areas more sustainable.



India, with its growing pollution problems, can find the best solution in wetlands to fight the dismal environment conditions. Moreover, with a 7,517 km coastline, we can develop, restore and encourage wetlands along the coast...

# Goa game

With Parrikar ill, the State's two Lok Sabha seats are the focus of the BJP's strategy

Those who in the know knew, the moment Nitin Gadkari went to Nagpur instead of Panaji over the weekend, that it is BJP president Amit Shah who would be calling the shots in the unfolding political crisis in the State of Goa.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE

Sir — After cricketer-turned-politician Imran Khan took over as the Prime Minister of Pakistan, one had hoped that India and Pakistan will see a swift change in their bilateral relations.

### NOT AT ALL SWACHH

Sir — This refers to the editorial, 'Swachh life please!' (September 19). Five men lost their lives from toxic fumes while cleaning a septic tank in New Delhi.

what happens to the unfortunate. Similar tragedies take place on a daily basis across the country. A few days ago five manual scavengers died in Odisha.

## Flawed idea of majority and minority needs to change

This refers to the article, 'In search of a path to integration' (September 18) by Prafull Goradia. The writer must be complimented for bringing to fore a very crucial trend that is coming up in the country wherein an impression is being created that India is a country whose life began only after the framing of the Constitution.



NOT IN MY NAME

undivided India had voted for Muslim League, supporting the demand for a separate homeland for the Muslims of India, is also being downplayed. It is a matter of history that the remaining 13.4 per cent, who did not support the Muslim League, had come from Muslim majority Provinces and not from the Muslim minority Provinces like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Bombay, which were to remain in India.

manually. The introduction of mechanised cleaning has not yet happened. Clearly, the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan has not achieved any significant level of success. As more and more toilets are constructed without proper disposal systems, the problem is bound to get worse.

'spiritual activity' and not a livelihood. For a change, why shouldn't the upper castes try to do it? The caste angle is for real, or else, it would not have been peculiar to India.

G David Milton Maruthanocde letterstopioneer@gmail.com

take a solid stand instead of accusing one another. There is still enough room for both the countries to strive for an economic partnership that is beneficial to both.

Devendra Khurana Bhupal

This week, another death of a manual scavenger was reported from New Delhi. Clearly, the sanitation campaign hyped up as a game-changer has not changed the ground realities and has not prevented the recurrence of such tragedies in the National Capital and elsewhere.

Security personnel mention that residents of south Kashmir are

mentioned that candidates for the elections would be like 'sitting ducks', and in disturbed areas, it would be difficult to find candidates who would be willing to contest elections.

For relations to improve between the two countries, both sides should

much of the cleaning is still done

of its being a nation.

The fact that 96.6 per cent Muslims of

and minorities. However, in the calculations of the future journey of the Congress, especially with Jinnah out of the scene, it was considered differently. Special privileges were thus provided to the Muslims as if to treat them as guests in the country, away from the mainland, unlike other minorities that are well integrated with the country.

BP Srivastava Noida

# Thirty minutes in Salisbury and two Russians

The clumsy and self-defeating actions of the Russian Government, asking the two Salisbury poisoning suspects to explain their brief trip to the public, are indicators of how far the rot in Putin's regime has gone



PUTIN PUBLICLY URGED THE TWO MEN TO GO ON TV, AND LAST WEEK THEY APPEARED ON RT, A RUSSIAN INTERNATIONAL NEWS CHANNEL, TO EXPLAIN THEIR BRIEF TRIP WHICH GAVE THEM ONLY 54 HOURS IN ENGLAND...

head. Litvinenko fled Russia to Britain after Putin took over the presidency in 2000. Litvinenko remained a harsh critic of Putin, and in 2006, Dmitry Kovtun and Andrei Lugovoy, both former FSB agents, were sent to London to kill him. CCTV images showed the killers with Litvinenko at a London hotel where they dosed his tea with a tiny amount of polonium-210, a highly toxic radioactive substance that would not normally be spotted because it does not emit gamma rays.

'Nekulturny' (uncultured), as the Russians say. Why did they only spend 30 minutes in Salisbury the first time? "It was cold." (It was 10 degrees C warmer than Moscow.) Why did they take another train down to Salisbury the next day? "We really wanted to see Old Sarum and the cathedral." (Old Sarum is an Iron-Age hill fort near Salisbury that was closed on March 4.)

# The case for India's cattle in distress

Shocking findings about the running of gaushalas in India calls for a strong public opinion translating itself into public action. Laws alone won't help



Hiranmay Karlekar

Investigations by the Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organisations (FIAPD) into the functioning of 179 gaushalas across 13 States and two Union Territories have yielded disturbing statistics. Eighty-six per cent of these use the cattle for breeding. Seventy-six per cent keep these tethered most of the time. Seventy-four per cent are forced to use milk from the cows to generate income for their sustenance, and 64 per cent separate calves from their mothers.

The investigations have revealed that dairies are being run in the guise of cow protection, malpractices in the running of gaushalas and the employment of untrained staff. Things have to change drastically. Staff have to be trained. Alternative products, utilising cow dung and urine, have to be developed and marketed to make the gaushalas financially viable.

Further, making gaushalas function properly is important but only as a part of the totality of efforts to ensure a fair deal to cattle. The first task here is taking firm action to prevent owners from abandoning cows that have stopped giving milk.

Even when a cow gives milk, owners consume or sell the bulk of it; the calf survives on the margins of starvation. Male calves fare worse. They are, with rare exceptions, driven out almost immediately after birth and left to die. People have little use for bulls, once much in demand for pulling ploughs and/or carts, following increasing mechanisation of agriculture, and the growing spread of automotive transportation.

Stopping people from mal-treating and abandoning cows, bulls and calves will be difficult. It is hard to feed cows that have stopped yielding milk. Fodder is expensive. It is difficult to find space in sheds for bovines where precedence is given to milch cows. But the trouble is that even those who can afford to maintain them, do not, and cavalierly disown their moral responsibility to look after cows they had once exploited to the hilt. Making examples of some of them will help in discouraging such conduct. Punishment under the law, however, will by itself not be enough.

Meanwhile, besides individual efforts, there is a need for institutional funding and arrangements for looking after cattle that have gone dry. The FIAPD has written both to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, to direct State Animal Husbandry Departments to create a separate fund each for retiring animals and for the amounts the dairy farms will have to contribute to it.

Finally, the Central and State Governments cannot ignore the fact that they have obligations towards not just cattle but all non-human living beings ranging from plants, birds, and those who live in the water, to animals ranging from wildlife to domestic and autonomously-living ones like stray dogs. Specifically, the implementation of the canine birth control programme needs to be accelerated urgently.

(The writer is Consultant Editor, The Pioneer, and an author)

# Shah plans 42 poll war rooms in Bengal

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

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

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

The others who were served notices are the Union Home Ministry, IT Department and Maharashtra Government. The HC bench directed the Additional Solicitor-General of India and state Advocate-General to appear at the next hearing to be held after two weeks.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

avoid the regular logistics route.

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

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

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

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

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

INDIA-PAK CLASH IN DUBAI  
OMER FAROOQ ■ HYDERABAD

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

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

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

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

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

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# UP CM asks officials to strengthen citizen's charter

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

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

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

"These dashboards should have details about total complaints received, how many of them have been resolved, and in what time. They should also mark defaulters after the lapse of stipulated time. These departmental dashboards should be integrated with the dashboard at the Chief Minister's secretariat so that the progress can be monitored at the CM's office too," Yogi said in his order.

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

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

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The proposed airport will have two runways and will have a capacity to handle 70 million passengers annually.

Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority Chairman Prabhat Kumar and SP Goyal, the Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, were present on this occasion.

# UP Govt to make all roads pothole-free

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

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

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

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

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

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

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(Department of Projects of BSPTCL)

**CORRIGENDUM**

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

Due date for Submission/Opening of Online tenders for NIT No.70/PR/BSPTCL/2018 for Construction of 220 KV D/C by making LIL0 arrangement of both circuits of 220 KV D/C Purnea(PG)-Begusarai Transmission line to 220/132/33 KV Korha GSS under State Plan is extended as follows:-

Last date of online sale of Bid Document/Request of bid/bid documents up to 15.00 Hrs. on 27/09/18  
Last date of online submission of tender up to 16:00 Hrs on 27/09/18  
Date of opening of Techno-Commercial Bid (Part-I) 16.00 Hrs onward on 28/09/18,  
Date of opening of price part: To be notified after Technical Bid Evaluation (www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)

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

**Chief Engineer (Project I)**

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

E-tendering introduced in BSPTCL for tenders above Rs. 25 lacs. For registration logon to www.eproc.bihar.gov.in and eProcurement Help Desk First Floor, M/22, Bank Of India Building, Road No-25, Sri Krishna Nagar, Patna-800001 at 0612-2523006, Mob:9939035696

For further details please visit website www.prdbihar.gov.in

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# Yogi Govt rolls out austerity measures

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

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

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

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

new officer.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Police conduct march in a sensitive locality on the eve of Muharram in Karad, Maharashtra on Wednesday

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**NOTICE INVITING TENDER NO.225/UH/XEN/P-I/UMM/QH-4/2529 Dated: 17-09-2018**

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

Description of item	Total qty.	Est. cost (In Rs.)
Truck Mounted multifunction machines(Cranes) as per Nigam's Technical Specification No. CSC - /DH/UH/ P&D/2018 -19 with latest amendments.	Min. -37 Nos. Max. -55 Nos.	Min. - 13.69 Cr. Max. - 20.35 Cr.
Date of start	Last date of submission	Opening date of part-I
18-09-2018	11-10-2018	11-10-2018

Tender documents having detailed terms and conditions can be seen/downloaded from the portal/https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in and www.uhbvn.org.in/web/portal/tenders

RO No. 71682 Dt. 19-09-2018 CE/MM, UHBVN, Panchkula

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

KHURSHED WANI ■ SRINAGAR

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

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

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

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

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

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



**'If at some point of time, the party feels that elections are not being conducted in a fair manner, then the party after assessing the situation will have no hesitation to take a call'**

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

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

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

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

would have no bearing on their decision to stay away

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

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

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

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

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

Kashmir's Pulwama and Shopian district since Monday.

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

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

# Triple talaq Ordinance gets mixed response from Muslims bodies

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Gujarat lawmakers pass Bill proposing 65% hike in pay

NAYAN DAVE ■ GANDHINAGAR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# 2 teachers held for seeking sexual favours for good marks

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

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

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

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

OMER FAROOQ ■ HYDERABAD

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

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

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

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

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

Moreover if rash driving



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

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

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

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

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Notice is hereby given that our Clients M/s Nipun Builders & Developers Pvt. Ltd. is in process of recording the name of Mrs. Sangeeta Chananan, Mr. Kushagra Chananan & Ms. Ridhi Chananan in respect of Flat No. 7-705, at Nipun Saffron Valley, situated at GT-Road, Ghaziabad, on the basis of Survivor Certificate, after the death of Tejinder Kumar Chananan. Any person having any right or interest by way of agreement, sale, contract, or otherwise upon the said property are hereby required to give notice of the same to the undersigned on below mentioned address within 7 days from the date of publication hereof together with copies of all documents on the basis of which claims are made, failing which any such right, title, interest, or claim, if any will be deemed to have been waived and not binding on our Clients.  
**C.K. JHA (Advocate)**  
E-524, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi-110032 (M)-9811295674



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

**DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, DELHI 4TH FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI- 110001**  
**PROCLAMATION OF SALE NOTICE**  
The under mentioned Property will be sold through auction on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for recovery of dues in the matter of ICICI BANK LTD v/s R S DESIGNS & FABRICATORS PRIVATE LTD O.A. No.1284-17 and I.A.No. 378-18  
1. Description of Property: Make: Mercedes ML 250 (Accidental)  
Reg No: DL8CR0002  
Manuf Yr: 2013  
Reserve Price- Rs. 6,30,000  
EMD- Rs. 63,000  
2. Date and Time of Auction: 27.09.2018 between 11 AM to 2 PM  
3. Venue: Ridhi Godhara, Khewat No.166/1, Near Atul Kataria Chok, behind Gyan Devi School, Sec-17, Sukhraili, Gurugan  
4. Manager: Shankar Kapoor  
Mob No: 9650193259  
Terms of Sale  
The particulars of the said asset specified herein above have been stated to the best of the information and knowledge of the undersigned, who shall however not be responsible for any error, misstatement or omission in the said particulars.  
The interested participant/s are therefore requested, in their own interest, to satisfy himself / themselves/itself with regard to the said asset and other relevant details pertaining to it before submitting the bids.  
Interested bidders shall be required to deposit an Earnest Amount mentioned above against the respective vehicle by way of pay order/Demand Draft payable at Delhi and in favour of ICICI Bank Ltd, Delhi. Successful highest bidder shall have to deposit balance amount within 5 days from the approval shared with them.  
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Interested participant/s are requested to participate 27 Sep 2018 for physical auction or call Bank Manager Shankar Kapoor.

# Hired killer arrested in honor killing case

OMER FAROOQ ■ HYDERABAD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SCO NO. 33-34-35, Sector 17-A, Chandigarh  
State Bank of India RC No. 2391/2017 .....Certificate Holder  
Versus  
M/s Master Pack Industries .....Certificate Debtor  
**PUBLICATION NOTICE**  
(Notice under Rule 2 of the Second Schedule of Income Tax Act, 1961 read with Section 25 to 28 of the RDBB & FI Act, 1993)  
To  
1. M/s Master Pack Industries through its partner Sh. Vikrim Singh, C-3, Phase I, SAS Nagar, Industrial Area, Mohali.  
2. Sh. Vikrim Singh S/o Sh. Mandir Singh partner of M/s Master Pack Industries, resident of House No. 151, Sector 17, Noida.  
3. Smt. Ravi Mohinder Singh W/o Late Shri Mohinder Singh, resident of House No. 1503/2, Sector 43-A, Chandigarh.  
4. Shri Charanjiv Singh Son of Late Shri Mohinder Singh, resident of House No. 1503/2, Sector 43-A, Chandigarh.  
5. Shri Arvinder Singh son of Late Shri Mohinder Singh, resident of House No. 1503/2, Sector 43-A, Chandigarh.  
6. Col. Randhir Singh Son of Sh. Santokh Singh, 327, EME, Officers Colony, Behrargah (Bhopal)  
7. Dr. Man Singh Nirankari Son of Baba Hari Singh Nirankari Eye Surgeon, 14 Doctors Avenue, Amritsar.  
In terms of the Recovery Certificate in O.A. No. 17 of 2006 issued by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, a sum of Rs. 25,61,623.66p has become due from you.  
Whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way, therefore this notice is given by this publication directing you to put in appearance before this Tribunal on 27.10.2018 at 11:00 A.M.  
Take notice that in case of default of your appearance on the specified day and time the case shall be heard and decided in your absence.  
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on 26th Day of July, 2018 at Chandigarh.  
Recovery Officer-II  
DRT-III, Chandigarh

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

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**"e" Procurement Notice**  
NIT No. 06/EE(M&G)/MPH/2018-19  
**Name of the Work :** Annual Maintenance of Machine no. 1, 2 & 3 of Mohamadpur Power House  
1. **Estimated Cost** : Rs 80,82,000.00 (tax extra)  
2. **Tender Fee** : Rs. 2360.00  
3. **EMD** : Rs. 1,65,000.00  
4. **Period of Completion** : 24 Days  
5. **Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal** : 19-09-2018 from 11:00 Hrs.  
6. **Last Date/Time for receipt of bid in the portal** : 10-10-2018 up to 15:00 Hrs.  
7. **Date of opening of bid on the website** : 11-10-2018 from 11:00 Hrs.  
8- **Name & Address of the officer inviting the bid :** EE(M&G), Mohamadpur Power House, Gurukul Narsan, Haridwar.  
Further details, subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation etc. may be seen at e-procurement portal <http://uktenders.gov.in>.  
नम्र सं. 572 / दिनांक: 18.09.2018  
Executive Engineer  
"AVOID WASTEFUL USE OF ELECTRICITY"

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

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



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

**Neiphiu Rio, Chief Minister, Nagaland**

## BUZZ FROM GOVT/CORP

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



**Anoop Kumar Mittal, CMD, NBCC**

# Mkt rout erodes ₹3.62L cr from investor wealth

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



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

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

Led by losses in stocks, the market capitalisation of BSE listed companies eroded by ₹3,62,357.15 crore to ₹1,52,73,265 crore since Friday.

Market analysts said that trade war escalation issues between US and China, increasing crude oil prices and depreciating rupee against the dollar have dampened sentiments.

"Despite favourable global cues and recovery in rupee, the

domestic market continued to witness selling pressure due to higher oil price and yield," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services Ltd.

From the 30-share basket, 16 stocks fell, while 14 ended with gains. Indusind Bank, Maruti Suzuki India, HDFC Bank, YES Bank and HDFC were the worst performers.

Coal India Ltd, ONGC, Tata Steel and Hero MotoCorp led the gainers pack.

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

# ₹ rebounds 61 paise, best gain in 18 mths

PTI ■ MUMBAI

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

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

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

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

The rupee had collapsed to a historic intra-day trading low of 72.99 on Tuesday before closing at a lifetime low of 72.98.

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

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

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

International oil prices steadied as the OPEC and other producers including Russia meet in Algeria this weekend to discuss how to allocate supply increases within their quota framework to offset the loss of Iranian supply.

Benchmark Brent crude futures were at \$78.93 a barrel in early Asian trading.

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

The forex and money market are closed tomorrow on account of 'Muharram'.

The Financial Benchmarks India private limited (FBII) fixed the reference rate for the dollar at 72.6781 and for the euro at 84.9050.

# Shriram Life Insurance bags brands & leaders awards

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Leading stock exchanges BSE and NSE have received markets regulator Sebi's approval to launch commodity derivatives segment from October 1.

BSE will enter the segment with non-agriculture commodities like metals initially followed by agri commodities subsequently.

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

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

tives segment from October 1, 2018".

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

According to the exchange, its commodity derivatives platform will help in efficient price discovery, reduction in timelines, cost effective, user-friendly, robust risk management system and wider market penetration.

In a separate circular, NSE too informed that it has got Sebi's clearance for introducing the commodity derivatives segment from October 1.

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

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

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

**कार्यालय नगर पालिका बेरी**

निविदा सूचना

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

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

RO No. 71831 Dt. 19-09-2018

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON**

(See Section 82 Cr.P.C.)

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

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

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON**

(SECTION 82 Cr.Pc.)

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

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

DP/1378/OD/18

**SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED**

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

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E-mail Id - [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)  
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DP/1350/OD/18

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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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



# Bajaj Finserv ties up with Wochit

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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



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

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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

# PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

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

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

DP/1373/OD/18

# PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

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

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

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# PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

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

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

DP/1386/OD/18

# PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr.P.C.)

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

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

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

DP/1383/OD/18

# SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED FEMALE

General Public is hereby informed that one lady (depicted in the photo) namely **Kamini W/o Sh. Sunil R/o F-103, Laxmi Park, Nangloi, Delhi** Aged - 22 Years has been reported missing/kidnapped since 28.05.2018 vide **DD No. 48-A** dated 31.05.2018 registered at Police Station Nihal Vihar, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-  
**Complexion:** Wheatish, **Height:** 5', **Face:** Round, **Clothing:** White coloured kurta, blue coloured salwar and jutti in feet.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing/kidnapped lady, may inform SHO, Nihal Vihar, Delhi at E-mail : [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) or website : <http://cbi.nic.in>

Sd/-  
Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641 SHO, Nihal Vihar, Delhi.  
FAX No. : 011-27892866 Tel.: 011-25946700, 25946710  
DP/1356/OD/18 Mob.: 7065036129



# PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)

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

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

DP/1380/OD/18  
(Court Notice)

# REDS MAINTAIN UNBEATEN RUN

## Klopp's men beat PSG 3-2 at Anfield, Atletico and Dortmund win as Napoli play draw

AFP ■ LIVERPOOL

Liverpool left it late but showed Paris Saint-Germain have plenty of work to do if they are to challenge for a first-ever Champions League title as Roberto Firmino struck a stoppage time winner in a 3-2 victory at Anfield on Tuesday.

Despite the late drama, victory was well deserved for last season's finalists who dominated throughout and bounced back from blowing a 2-0 first-half lead to take the early advantage in Group C.

Daniel Sturridge and a James Milner penalty put the hosts in command before Thomas Meunier reduced PSG's arrears.

Having kept Kylian Mbappe and the world's most expensive player Neymar quiet for almost the entire match, Liverpool seemed set to pay a heavy price for one poor pass by Mohamed Salah as Mbappe swept home seven minutes from time in front of a stunned Klopp.

But Firmino, who started on the bench due to an eye injury suffered against Tottenham on Saturday, had the final say as he twisted and turned before firing into the far corner to stretch Liverpool's perfect start to the season to six games.

"You can bring Bobby Firmino on and that helps a lot," said Klopp after the Brazilian celebrated by covering his injured left eye. "I loved his goal celebration."

PSG crumbled on their Champions League travels to Barcelona, Bayern Munich and Real Madrid in the past two seasons and their ability to challenge for the competition under new boss Thomas Tuchel was again questioned as they struggled to contain Liverpool's greater speed and power in midfield.

"Never at any point did we lose our confidence. We played with bravery and strength," insisted Tuchel.

"But this is Anfield. This is what Liverpool do and when they press you it is difficult."

### STURRIDGE SHINES

Up front, Firmino's goal opened the door for Sturridge to make his first Champions League match in Ulan Bator, Mongolia, on Wednesday.

"It is great to contribute to the team today," said Sturridge. "It is a team here and everybody is going to add to the wealth of the club."

The Englishman has been dogged by injury and lack of form during Klopp's nearly three years in charge, but took his chance on the big stage by powering home a pinpoint curling cross from Andy Robertson to open the scoring on the half-hour mark.

"I told him this is the best shape



Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp hugs Roberto Firmino after game against PSG

(you are in) since I know you physically, and you have to use that," said Klopp. "He played a super game, (scored a) super goal."

Six minutes later, PSG's deficit was doubled when Juan Bernat tripped Georginio Wijnaldum inside the area and Milner slammed the resulting penalty into the bottom corner.

However, the visitors were handed a lifeline through right-back Meunier, rather than one of their famed front three, as the Belgian skilfully readjusted to volley home Robertson's miscued clearance.

And then seven minutes from time, Salah's slack pass was intercepted and quickly fed into Neymar,

with Van Dijk's tackle on the Brazilian only rebounding into the path of Mbappe to fire home.

Klopp responded by replacing Salah with Xherdan Shaqiri as Liverpool instantly went in search of a winner.

Trent Alexander-Arnold's deflected free-kick came back off the woodwork before they finally got their reward when Firmino powered home.

**RED STAR FRUSTRATE NAPOLI**  
**BELGRADE:** Former European Cup winners Red Star Belgrade held Carlo Ancelotti's Napoli to a creditable 0-0 draw Tuesday as the Serbian club made their debut in the Champions League group stage.



Brugge goalkeeper Karlo Leticica, right, makes a save during the game against Dortmund



Lorenzo Insigne rattled the crossbar in the first half for Napoli, while Red Star defender Milan Rodic made a vital goal-line clearance to deny Jose Callejon in the Group C encounter.

Home goalkeeper Milan Borjan also produced a sharp stop to keep out an effort from Poland international Arkadiusz Milik, as Red Star were restricted to a late attempt from Richmond Boakye.

"We didn't do much wrong, we controlled the game but the finishing was lacking," said Ancelotti, who took over at Napoli in the summer.

"It's difficult to play against a defence like that of Red Star. Our forwards were alone in front of the goalkeeper several times but we didn't have that bit of luck. I think we could have won."

### ATLETICO UNDO MONACO

**MONACO:** Atletico Madrid came from behind to beat Monaco 2-1 in their Champions League Group A opener on Tuesday with star strikers Diego Costa and Antoine Griezmann detonating the fightback.

The visitors had fallen behind against the run of play in the 18th minute when winger Samuel Grandis forced the ball home in a goalmouth scramble after good work from Radamel Falcao.

But Costa then ran onto a wonderful flick-on from Griezmann to fire a snap-shot low and hard past Monaco's onrushing Swiss stopper Diego Benaglio to level the scores on the half-hour.

Jose Maria Gimenez — remembered for crying on the pitch when France beat Uruguay 2-0 in the World Cup quarter-finals in Russia — then headed home a corner in first-half stoppage-time to take the wind out of Monaco's sails at a key moment.

"It's always difficult to win the first match of the Champions League away from home," said Atletico coach Diego Simeone.

"Griezmann is growing every game. He's a decisive player. He did well in the right moments and his link-up with Costa was good."

### PULISIC SEALS WIN AT BRUGGE

**BRUGGE:** Christian Pulisic celebrated his 20th birthday in style on Tuesday with a lucky late goal as Borussia Dortmund won 1-0 at Club Brugge in the Champions League.

The US international claimed the winner in fortuitous fashion by charging down a clearance from Brugge defender Matej Mitrovic which looped over the goalkeeper on 85 minutes.

It was a huge slice of good fortune but one that ended Dortmund's 10-match winless streak in the Champions League.

"In the end we won, but there is definitely room for improvement," admitted Dortmund captain Marco Reus. We have to keep working hard to play better."

"Currently, we are not playing the kind of football we want to, but we are winning and we'll take that."

While Pulisic spared Dortmund's blushes in Belgium on his 100th appearance for the club, it was a bad night for Mario Goetze.



Lionel Messi celebrates after scoring against PSV in Champions League

# Messi nets three, Inter shock Spurs

AFP ■ BARCELONA

Lionel Messi pictures the Champions League ending with him hoisting the trophy and it began with him scoring a hat-trick on Tuesday as Barcelona put four goals past PSV Eindhoven.

An early kick-off at Camp Nou meant that before most of the tournament's teams had even named their line-ups, Messi was up and running, his sumptuous free-kick from the edge of the area nestling in the top corner, exactly where it was intended.

Messi would have his second and third before the end, and a record eighth Champions League treble, but the game was up by then thanks to a superb strike from the excellent Ousmane Dembele.

Only when Barca were three ahead was Samuel Umtiti sent off for a second yellow card, meaning he will miss the trip to Wembley to face Tottenham next month. Even with 10 men, Messi completed his set for a 4-0 win.

Dembele's goal was worthy of deciding any match but this was Messi's night. After a miserable World Cup trying to retrieve the irretrievable Argentina, Barcelona's now-captain proved his quality again to any doubters that are left.

Four goals already in La Liga, seven overall, neither age nor Cristiano Ronaldo's exit from Spain appear to have taken the edge off.

"Normally if you score a hat-trick you frame it," said Barca coach Ernesto Valverde. "But he makes the extraordinary routine."

Even if Messi remains as good as ever, his team will need others to step up. Philippe Coutinho was impressive here and, after a difficult debut campaign, Dembele is finding his rhythm, and his place.

"Just as there is room for players that pass, there must be others that can make things happen," Valverde said.

### ICARDI SPARKS INTER'S COMEBACK

**MILAN:** A stunning Mauro Icardi volley sparked a thrilling late Inter Milan comeback as the Italian side beat Tottenham 2-1 on their return to the Champions League after a seven-year absence on Tuesday.

Christian Eriksen's deflected strike gave Spurs a 53rd-minute lead at the San Siro, and the visitors looked comfortable for much of the second half.

But Argentinian striker Icardi hammered home a magnificent volley in the 86th minute to draw Inter level, and Matias Vecino took advantage of some slack Tottenham defending at a corner to nod in a dramatic injury-time winner.

"It was a spectacular evening, we did what we needed to do," said Icardi after his first goal of the season on his CL debut.

"This is exactly what the fans want to see," said Inter coach Luciano Spalletti. Icardi scored a magnificent goal. The team had a great game and really went for it in the end."



Indian women players celebrates after win

# Indian Eves beat Pak 4-0

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Indian football team produced an impressive performance to beat Pakistan 4-0 in an AFC U-16 Women's Championship Qualifier match in Ulan Bator, Mongolia, on Wednesday.

Avika Singh (22nd minute) opened the scoring for India before the Pakistani goaler Aysha (43rd) conceded an own goal just before half time.

Sunita Munda (82nd) added one while skipper Shilky Devi (88th) also entered her name in the score sheet.

Following the win, the Indian team is firmly seated at the top of the Group B with six points from two matches.

Sunita, Shilky and Avika combined well to wreak havoc in the opposition defence but the Pakistani defenders soaked the pressure until the 22nd minute when Avika notched up the opening goal for India.

Sunita breezed past the left-back to deliver a low cross for Avika whose well-timed tap-in earned India the lead.

Pakistan were happy to sit back in their own half and defend. Goalkeeper Aysha made some fine saves but she ended up conceding a goal in the 43rd minute to hand India a 2-0 lead.

The third goal came in the 82nd minute when Sunita, the architect of Avika's goal, got her name on the score sheet. Six minutes later, skipper Shilky latched on another attack from the middle and kept her calm to score the fourth goal of the game.

India next play hosts Mongolia on September 21.

# NKFI launches Indo Int'l Premier League

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The New Kabaddi Federation of India (NKFI) on Wednesday launched the Indo International Premier Kabaddi League beginning on January 26.

With a winner's cheque of 1.25 crore, the league will see over 1000 players, both domestic and international players, competing as part of eight franchises.

There is a pool of 823 Indian players, that includes 271 state level players, 137 national and international level, 84 international registered players with NKF. The player draft will take place on January 5.

The league will feature eight teams in the inaugural edition with each franchise allowed to have 2 to 3 Int'l players. The format is one of double round robin, the league stage will consist of 62 matches over a period of one and a half months, the top 4 teams will qualify for the playoffs.

Interestingly, the federation also decided to distribute 20 per cent of the annual profits from the league to the participating players.

"We are overwhelmed to launch the Indo International Premier Kabaddi League in India. This will be the first league featuring the best of Indian and international players from across the world," General Secretary, NKF, MV Prasad Babu said.

"The purpose of the league is to give a fair chance to all players, to encourage competition which will benefit federations and players. We are providing 20 per cent of the profit to players and 50 per cent to the state federation for the development of the game."

The selection trial will start from October 6 across the country for two months.

The league is a big step for The New Kabaddi Federation (NKFI), which was formed in May last year. The body is yet to be recognised by the International Kabaddi Federation, which is under the aegis of Olympic Council of Asia.

At loggers head with Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India (AKFI), NKFI had alleged rampant malpractices in the selection process of the Indian teams for Asian Games.

# Srikanth, Ashwini-Satwik start with win

PTI ■ CHANGZHOU

Indian mixed doubles pairing of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Ashwini Ponnappa on Wednesday shocked Commonwealth Games Silver medallists England's Marcus Ellis and Lauren Smith to enter the pre-quarterfinals of the \$ 1 million China Open here.

World No 25 Satwiksairaj and Ashwini, who had lost twice to the English combination in the past, executed their plan well to notch up a 21-13, 20-22, 21-17 win in a match that lasted an hour and three minutes.

"It was a good match. We were pretty confident today at crucial moments. We struck to our plans so it became a little easy in the end," Satwik said.

Seventh seed K Srikanth, who had reached the quarterfinals last week at Japan Open, too was through to the pre-quarterfinals after beating Denmark's Rasmus Gemke 21-9, 21-19 to set up a meeting with Thailand's Suppanyu Avihingsanon. However, H S Prannoy lost his first round match against eighth seed Ng Ka Long Angus of Hong Kong 16-21, 12-21 to make an early exit from the tournament.

The men's doubles pair of Satwik



Indian shuttler Kidambi Srikanth plays a shot during World Championship

### BAI DISTRIBUTES 1.6 CRORE TO STATE ASSOCIATION

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Badminton Association of India (BAI) has distributed cash incentive of ₹ 1.6 crores to the member state associations for development of the sport across the country. The decision was taken on Monday during the Executive Council (EC) meeting, presided over by BAI President Himanta Biswa Sarma.

The cash incentives will be

distributed among the 32 state associations with each receiving a sum of ₹ 5 lakh for the development and promotion of the sport in the grassroots level.

"This financial assistance to state associations is the beginning of our vision of making all states self-sustaining in the longer run. It will help them promote and develop badminton in their region more assiduously," Sarma said.

and Chirag Shetty, who had won a Silver at the Commonwealth Games, also lost 19-21, 20-22 to Goh V Shem and Tan Wee Kiong of Malaysia.

CWG Bronze medallists Ponnappa and N Sikki Reddy also went down 10-21, 18-21 to Korean combination of Kim So Yeong and Kong Hee Yong in women's doubles.

The mixed doubles battle turned out to be a hard-fought battle right from the start as the Indian and English pair moved together till 4-4. Satwik and Ashwini then reeled off four points to open up a 8-4 lead. From there on, the duo kept its distance to grab the opening game without much ado.

In the second game, Marcus and Lauren jumped to a 6-1 lead before grabbing a 6 advantage at the break. The Indian pair however slowly fought its way to level at 20-20 but the English combination produced the required two points to stay in the contest.

In the decider, Satwik and Ashwin stepped up and surged to a 7-1 advantage. The duo led 11-5 at the breather. After the break, Marcus and Lauren managed to narrow the gap to 13-15 but the Indian duo marched ahead to 18-13 and eventually sealed the match.

# OSAKA ROARS INTO TOKYO QUARTERS

AFP ■ TOKYO

Japan's Naomi Osaka pulverised Slovak Dominika Cibulkova 6-2, 6-1 to reach the Pan Pacific Open quarter-finals on Wednesday in her first match since her historic US Open triumph.

The 20-year-old, who stunned Serena Williams to become Japan's first grand slam singles champion earlier this month, fired down 10 aces in a fearsome display of wham-bam tennis in Tokyo.

Osaka came out firing and ripped a fizzing forehand down the line on the first point, the third seed powering away to close out the first

set with a pair of thundering aces. A dazed Cibulkova had no answer to Osaka's firepower as the world number seven wrapped up a comfortable victory with a ferocious cross-court backhand after just 59 minutes.

"I didn't really feel any pressure. It was really difficult because she's such a great player but I just thought it was more fun," she said.

"My serve was really good," added Japan's latest sporting celebrity. I'm just grateful to be able to play here again."

Earlier, sixth seed Garbine Muguruza was upset by American qualifier Alison Riske 6-1, 6-2 in an



Naomi Osaka plays against Dominika Cibulkova during the second round match

subject performance from the Spanish former world number one, who looked a shadow of the player who captured the 2016 French Open and 2017 Wimbledon titles.

Riske advances to face fourth seed Karolina Pliskova, another player to have previously held the women's top ranking.

The Czech recovered from a set down to beat Australia's Daria Gavrilova 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 and avenge her opponent's defeat of twin sister Kristyna earlier this week.

But she made hard work of it, trashing a racquet in frustration as she slipped behind 4-1 in the deciding set before clawing her way back.

"The first set was in my hands but I made some stupid mistakes," said Pliskova, who ended Gavrilova's resistance with a clever drop volley after two hours and 21 minutes.

"I tried to stay positive and even though I broke my racquet I tried to keep fighting because you always have a chance."

Second seed Caroline Garcia flirted with an early exit as the Frenchwoman overcame Russia's Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 6-4, 2-6, 7-5 to reach the last eight of the prestigious Tokyo event, whose list of former champions includes Martina Navratilova, Steffi Graf, Kimiko Date and Martina Hingis.

# BHUVI, JADHAV SKITTLE PAK

Kumar, Kedar pick three wickets each to restrict Pakistan to 162 runs in Asia Cup clash

PTI ■ DUBAI

Bhuvneshwar Kumar's tidy seam bowling was complemented by Kedar Jadhav's unconventional off-breaks as India skittled out Pakistan for a modest 162 in 43.1 overs in an Asia Cup group league encounter Wednesday.

While chasing the target of 163 runs to win, India was batting at 92 for 1 in 14.1 overs.

Skipper Rohit Sharma smashed 52 runs of 39 balls before getting dismissed by Shadab Khan.

Earlier, Bhuvneshwar (3/15 in 7 overs) provided initial breakthroughs, Jadhav, making a comeback to the national team, bowled with control to return with exceptional figures of 3 for 23 in 9 overs to break the backbone of the Pakistani lower middle-order.

Jasprit Bumrah (2/23 in 7.1 overs) and chinaman Kuldeep Yadav (1/37 in 8 overs) also accomplished their task to perfection.

Jadhav's performance is even more laudable as he did the job of a frontline spinner after Hardik Pandya (0/24 in 4.5 overs) was stretchered off the field due to an acute lower back injury.

This was after young Babar Azam (47) and veteran Shoaib Malik (43) added 82 runs for the third wicket and looked like taking control of the proceedings.

However, Pakistan suffered a batting collapse losing five wickets for 36 runs before Faheem Ashraf (21) and Mohammed Aamir (16) added an invaluable 37 runs for the eighth wicket to take the total past 150-run mark.

Put into bat, Pakistan were in trouble straight away as Bhuvneshwar dealt a twin blow removing the in-form duo of



Bhuvneshwar Kumar, left, celebrates after dismissing Imam-ul-Haq during the Asia Cup match between India and Pakistan; Kedar Jadhav celebrates after Shoaib Malik's runout

Imam ul Haq (2) and Fakhar Zaman (0) to reduce them to 2 for 3.

Imam charged to a short of length delivery that climbed on him and the thickish outside edge was taken by Dhoni. Zaman, India's tormentor in the Champions Trophy, mistimed a pull-shot and Yuzvendra Chahal took a well-judged catch.

Babar and Malik then resurrected the innings with a fine partnership. The half-volleys on both sides of the wicket were driven with ferocity.

Malik, who is a good player of spin bowling, gave Kuldeep Yadav the charge to hit him for a six and rotated the strike well.

In fact, Malik was dropped off Pandya's bowling, whose agonies

increased when he had to leave the field.

Babar failed to read Kuldeep's googly as it clipped his off-bail. From 85 for 2, it soon became 100 for five as Pakistan lost wickets in a heap. Sarfraz Ahmed (6) was dismissed by Jadhav as substitute fielder Manish Pandey took a blinder at long-on.

The Pakistani batsmen found

## HARDIK SUSTAINS BACK INJURY



DUBAI: India all-rounder Hardik Pandya was Wednesday stretchered off the field during the Asia Cup group league encounter against Pakistan after sustaining an "acute lower back injury". The incident took place in the 18th over of the Pakistan innings when the all-rounder was bowling his fifth over.

It was the fifth delivery and Pandya, after completing the follow through, immediately felt his lower back and lay on the ground in considerable pain. He was unable to get up and was stretchered off and was taken for medical examination.

"Hardik Pandya has an acute lower back injury. He is able to stand at the moment and the medical team is assessing him now. Manish Pandey is on the field as his substitute," BCCI's media team updated.

Pandya's figures were 4.5-0-24-0 after Babar Azam's catch was dropped by Mahendra Singh Dhoni when the batsman was on 32.

Azam however was later dismissed by Kuldeep Yadav. PTI



Hardik Pandya celebrates after taking wicket during fourth Test against England

## Klusener backs Hardik to match Stokes status

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A game-changer in his hey-days, South African all-rounder Lance Klusener foresees India's Hardik Pandya closing in on someone like Ben Stokes if the team management can be "patient" with him for the next two years at least.

"Among current all-rounders in world cricket, Ben Stokes is right up there. There are a few who have come and gone in recent times as well but certainly, a guy like Pandya, give him a year or two at this level, there is no reason why he can't be one of the best all-rounders out there," Klusener said.

Klusener, who is in the city as senior Delhi team's consultant coach for the Vijay Hazare Trophy, spoke about Pandya's all-round abilities which have come under the scanner after his largely disappointing show in England.

"I think we must be careful while making comparisons. Everybody wants to compare Hardik to the great Kapil Dev. Hardik is his own cricketer. Of course, he has got some learning to do. I guess Hardik's success will be based on how much he is able to learn," Klusener said.

The 1999 World Cup player of the tournament said Pandya has a fine support system to hone him.

"I think he is in great hands in that Indian set-up. I think people just need to be a bit patient more patient with him. I hope he is allowed to

grow and develop," said Klusener.

For someone, who boasts of a highest score of 174 and bowling figures of 8/64 in Test cricket, Klusener feels that it's a seam bowling all-rounder, who makes the difference in a good team.

"For me, the glue for any team is the seam bowling all-rounder because it gives you a lot more options. I think India have got the right man. It's just that how he grows and develops himself. It's easy to criticise but international cricket is tough out there.

"I think Hardik should be given space and allowed to grow. He is going to be that glue for India for a long time," the 47-year-old said.

Klusener is confident that in another two years, Pandya will be ready in the next two years if he can work on his weaknesses.

Pandya scored 164 runs in eight innings in England and critics felt that at times he trusted his defensive technique too much.

Klusener thinks that someone with natural ability to hit the ball should always try and play his natural game unless he batting with someone of Virat Kohli's calibre at the other end.

"His defensive technique needs a little bit of work but he is a natural striker of the ball. That needs to be encouraged. We have seen faster scoring by Stokes at the bottom of the line-up. That makes a big difference.

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### PROGRAMME OF EXAMINATIONS/RECRUITMENT TESTS (RTs) -2019

**No.22/8/2018-E.I(B) - The Commission's Programme of Examinations and Recruitment Tests (RTs) for the year 2019 is given below for the information of candidates. The annual calendar has also been placed on the Commission's website (www.upsc.gov.in). Aspirants and candidates are advised to retain this advertisement for use as a ready reckoner for applying for the Commission's Examinations in 2019.**

S. No.	Name of Examination	Date of Notification	Last Date for receipt of Applications	Date of commencement of Exam	Duration of Exam
1	Engineering Services (Preliminary) Examination, 2019	26.09.2018	22.10.2018	06.01.2019 (SUNDAY)	1 DAY
2	Reserved for UPSC RT/ Examination			20.01.2019 (SUNDAY)	1 DAY
3	C.D.S. Examination (I), 2019	31.10.2018	26.11.2018	03.02.2019 (SUNDAY)	1 DAY
4	Reserved for UPSC RT/ Examination			24.02.2019 (SUNDAY)	1 DAY
5	CISF AC(EXE) LDCs-2019	05.12.2018	31.12.2018	03.03.2019 (SUNDAY)	1 DAY
6	Reserved for UPSC RT/ Examination			10.03.2019 (SUNDAY)	1 DAY
7	N.D.A. & N.A. Examination (I), 2019	09.01.2019	04.02.2019	21.04.2019 (SUNDAY)	1 DAY
8	Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination, 2019	19.02.2019	18.03.2019	02.06.2019 (SUNDAY)	1 DAY
9	Indian Forest Service (Preliminary) Examination, 2019 through CS(P) Examination 2019			28.06.2019 (FRIDAY)	3 DAYS
10	I.E.S./I.S.S. Examination, 2019	20.03.2019	16.04.2019	28.06.2019 (FRIDAY)	3 DAYS
11	Combined Geo-Scientist and Geologist Examination, 2019	20.03.2019	16.04.2019	07.07.2019 (SUNDAY)	1 DAY
12	Reserved for UPSC RT/ Examination			30.06.2019 (SUNDAY)	1 DAY
13	Engineering Services (Main) Examination, 2019			21.07.2019 (SUNDAY)	1 DAY
14	Combined Medical Services Examination, 2019	10.04.2019	06.05.2019	11.08.2019 (SUNDAY)	1 DAY
15	Reserved for UPSC RT/ Examination			18.08.2019 (SUNDAY)	1 DAY
16	Central Armed Police Forces (ACs) Examination, 2019	24.04.2019	20.05.2019	08.09.2019 (SUNDAY)	1 DAY
17	C.D.S. Examination (II), 2019	12.06.2019	08.07.2019	15.09.2019 (SUNDAY)	1 DAY
18	Reserved for UPSC RT/ Examination			20.09.2019 (FRIDAY)	5 DAYS
19	Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2019			20.10.2019 (SUNDAY)	1 DAY
20	Reserved for UPSC RT/ Examination			17.11.2019 (SUNDAY)	1 DAY
21	N.D.A. & N.A. Examination (II), 2019	07.08.2019	03.09.2019	24.11.2019 (SUNDAY)	1 DAY
22	Reserved for UPSC RT/ Examination			01.12.2019 (SUNDAY)	10 DAYS
23	Indian Forest Service (Main) Examination, 2019			14.12.2019 (SATURDAY)	2 DAYS
24	S.O./Steno (GD-B/GD-I) LDC	18.09.2019	10.10.2019		

Note: The dates of notification, commencement and duration of Examinations/ RTs are liable to alteration, if the circumstances so warrant.

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