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## PC in CBI custody till Aug 26

Considering facts, Chidambaram's police remand justified, says court

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Former Finance and Home Minister P Chidambaram will spend at least four days in the CBI custody. A Delhi court on Thursday allowed the CBI plea for custodial interrogation of Chidambaram in the INX Media corruption case till August 26. The agency had sought a five-day remand to unearth the larger conspiracy in the case.

Special Judge Ajay Kumar Kuhar asked the CBI to conduct medical examination on Chidambaram as per the rules. The court also allowed the family members and lawyers of Chidambaram to meet him for half an hour every day during his CBI custody.

"Considering the facts and circumstances, I am of the view that police custody is justified," said the judge and remanded him in CBI's custody till August 26.

Even if Chidambaram's CBI custody ends on August 26, it will not be the end of his woes. The court could either deny him regular bail and send him to judicial custody, or the Enforcement Directorate could seek his custodial interrogation. In both the cases, it will be a while before Chidambaram could earn his freedom.

The CBI sources said custodial interrogation was required as the agency gathered inputs indicating prima facie involvement of Chidambaram in other approvals by Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) in which the former Finance Minister had allegedly received bribes through his



Senior Congress leader and former Finance Minister P Chidambaram after he was produced in a Delhi court in the INX Media case in New Delhi on Thursday

son Karti's firms. A number of Letters Rogatory (judicial requests) is pending in certain countries, CBI sources said. Chidambaram's advocates opposed the CBI plea on the ground that all the other accused, including his son Karti, have already been granted bail in the case.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for Chidambaram, argued that the first arrest in the case was of Bhaskar Raman, chartered accountant of Karti, who is presently out on bail. Besides that, Peter and Indrani Mukherjea, also accused in the case, are out on default bail as they are in jail in connection with another matter, Sibal said.

Contending that grant of bail was a rule, he asserted that the issue before the court was of personal liberty. He also con-

tested the demand for five-day custodial interrogation of Chidambaram.

Solicitor General (SG) Tushar Mehta, representing the CBI, told the court that the agency was not extorting confession but it has the right to reach the root of the case.

Besides Sibal, senior advocate Abhishek M Singhvi appeared for Chidambaram and opposed CBI's plea saying that the former Union Minister was not a flight risk. Singhvi said that the entire CBI case was based on the statement of Indrani Mukherjea, who has turned approver in the case.

Chidambaram cannot answer what the CBI wants to hear and added that the agency cannot seek remand on the ground of evasive replies. There was no allegation of tampering of evidence by the CBI, Singhvi

asserted.

Singhvi contended that police remand can only be granted in special circumstances and this was a case where there was no new development. He said the agency was asking Chidambaram only old questions since his arrest on Wednesday night.

Mehta countered the arguments put forth by Chidambaram's lawyers stating that everybody was equal before the court. Mehta said certain facts about the case cannot be narrated in an open court and also opposed the plea that Chidambaram be allowed to argue for himself, saying he has able lawyers representing him. Mehta, during his initial arguments, said that Chidambaram entered into a criminal conspiracy with others in the scam.

"He is not cooperating in the investigation," Mehta said. Chidambaram has been evasive in replies and grave offence was committed, he further said, adding it is a serious and monumental case of money laundering.

He also said Chidambaram's custodial interrogation was necessary to unearth the "quid pro quo and larger conspiracy" and he is required to be confronted with documents. Opposing CBI's arguments, Sibal contended that what the agency has said should not be taken as "gospel truth". Sibal said Chidambaram was asked 12 questions and he had already answered six of them previously. Investigators don't know what to ask and they don't have questions ready with them, Sibal told the court.

After his arrest on Wednesday night, Chidambaram was interrogated only on Thursday morning at 11 am, he said.

During the arguments, Chidambaram said he has not slept for last 24 hours. Sibal further argued that CBI could have written a letter to Chidambaram for producing the documents alleged to be in his possession and the agency cannot say he was evasive during the investigation.

Contending that what has been stated in the CBI case diary was not the truth, Sibal said it cannot be considered as evidence. Mehta, during his arguments, placed the Delhi High Court's judgement dismissing Chidambaram's anticipatory bail plea and also referred to the observations made in it.

## Pak recruits Af ultras to spill blood in J&K

100 battle-hardened Afghan, Pashtun fighters waiting in wings to infiltrate

RAHUL DUTTA ■ NEW DELHI

In a desperate move to stoke violence in Jammu & Kashmir after the abrogation of its special status under Article 370 and to internationalise the issue, Pakistan has started recruiting battle-hardened Afghan and Pashtun fighters to create trouble in the State.

Nearly 100 of these fighters are now perched at launch pads to infiltrate into the State. At the same time, there is fear that terrorists might plan "spectacular strikes" within Kashmir and other major Indian cities.

Besides this hard intelligence input, reports also indicate that Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) has deployed a team of at least 12 terrorists to undertake cross-border raids and target security forces on the Line of Control (LoC). Pakistan's Border Action Team (BAT), Afghan militants and highly trained Special Services Group (SSG) of the Pakistan Army may specially target Lipa Valley in North Kashmir.

Giving details of these latest developments across the border after the revocation of Article 370 nearly three weeks back, officials in the security establishment said on Thursday the JeM also held a meeting presided over by Rauf Asghar,



A boy jumps off a boat in Dal Lake, covered with weeds for being unattended for days due to restrictions, in Srinagar on Thursday

brother of JeM chief Masood Azhar, in Bahawalpur on August 19 to draw the strategy to engineer terrorist attacks.

The meeting was also attended by launch commanders of JeM. They oversee infiltration of terrorists after the Pakistan Army gives them cover fire.

As regards to using Afghan fighters hailing from North-West Frontier Province (NWFP), officials said the ISI and the Pakistan Army resorted to it due to depleting strength of local Kashmiri terrorists.

Sustained operations have seen the leadership of nearly all local terrorists neutralised and the shelf-life of local militants now ranges from three days to four months.

In this backdrop, Pakistan is determined to raise the violence level by pushing in Afghan fighters, they said

adding a recruitment drive to rope them in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (POK). Moreover, the proscribed JeM last week conducted a sort of refresher course in Mansera in Pakistan to motivate the terrorists to wage war against India, officials said.

Moreover, the firing pattern as part of ceasefire violations in the last few days indicate that the infiltration push is likely to come from Uri, Keran and Gurez (north of Pir Panjal) and Naushera in south of Pir Panjal, sources said.

Cautioning that violence will be calibrated, officials said incidents will take place once restrictions on movement will be gradually removed in the Kashmir Valley.

They admitted incidents will see backlash in the State and other parts of the country and security forces have to be prepared to meet with the challenge.

## Sensex sinks 587 pts as stimulus hopes fade, ₹ crashes to 8-month low

New Delhi: Equity markets saw a bloodbath on Thursday sinking by 587 points as the Government dashed any hope of a stimulus — something being talked about for a fortnight — to revive the sagging economy. The bears latched on to the news to go for aggressive selling, pushing the index to six-month low. The rupee also continued with its freefall, and ended at 71.81 to a dollar, hitting eight-month low. The market has been consolidating in the range of 11900-11100 (Nifty) for the past fortnight in the hope that stimulus package was on the way. It is bizarre that all these days no

Government official cared to deny media reports about possible stimulus such as withdrawal of surcharge on FIP investment and removal of minimum alternate tax (MAT) as well as a package for revival of the auto sector.

Soon after Chief Economic Adviser Krishnamurthy Subramanian on Thursday said using taxpayers' money to bail out companies going through a "sunset" phase will create moral hazards and such a step is an anathema to the market economy, the market tanked, triggering another round of selling in banking, auto and metal stocks.

## 5 workers suffocate in Gzb sewer

STAFF REPORTER ■ GHAZIABAD

In yet another case of criminal apathy, five sanitation workers who had entered into a sewer died after inhaling toxic gas in Nandgram locality on Thursday. The police have registered a case of negligence causing death and launched an investigation to fix responsibility. Authorities have been asked to submit a report within 15 days.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, while expressing condolence over the death of the workers, announced a compensation of ₹5 lakh to the kin of the deceased who were identified as Damodar (40), Horil (35), Sandip (30), Shiv Kumar (32) and Vijay Kumar (40), all res-



idents of Samastipur in Bihar. They were working at a project, sanctioned by the Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation, to connect domestic sewer lines with the main drainage system of the city. District Magistrate Ajay Shankar Pandey said. They were employed by a private contractor which was carrying out the project under Amrit

saw the five men lying in an unconscious state, the official said. The contractor did not provide safety kits to the workers, the DM added.

The men were rushed to nearby Mariam Hospital, where doctors declared them brought dead, the DM said. "Bodies of sanitation workers were taken to hospital with help of locals. A worker went unconscious after inhaling poisonous gas, after which other sanitation workers jumped to save him, however, they also lost their lives in rescue attempt," said a local resident of the area.

A case has been lodged against the contractor, EMS Infracore, and three of its engineers after the civic body filed a police complaint alleging negligence.

## Trump wants India to fight terrorism in Afghanistan

Washington: Countries like India, Iran, Russia and Turkey would have to fight against terrorists in Afghanistan at some point of time, President Donald Trump has said, ruling that the job against the extremists is being done only by the United States some 7,000 miles away. "Look, India is right there. They are not fighting it. We are fighting it. Pakistan is right next door. They are fighting it very little. Very, very little. It's not fair. The United States is 7,000 miles away," Trump said.

The US President said on Wednesday that other nations currently are making very less efforts against the terrorists in Afghanistan. "At a certain point Russia, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq,

Turkey they are going to have to fight their battles too. We wiped out the caliphate 100 per cent. I did it in record time but at a certain point all of these other countries where ISIS is around they have been decimated by the way, badly decimated," Trump told reporters at the White House while responding to a question on the reemergence of ISIS in Afghanistan.

"All of these countries are going to have to fight them because do we want to stay there for another 19 years? I don't think so. So, at a certain point other countries and that includes Russia and it includes Iran and Turkey and Iraq and Afghanistan and Pakistan and India," he said.

## ATS arrests five for Pak terror funding

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Madhya Pradesh Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) has arrested five persons on charges of raising funds for Pakistan from Satna district.

Balram Singh and Bhagvendra Singh, who had been arrested by ATS in the year 2017 in a similar case, were picked up from different locations in Satna late on Wednesday night by the local crime branch.

Two other accused were identified as Shubham Tiwari and Sunil Singh, while the fifth accused remained unidentified.

The arrested accused have been found in possession with 13 Paksitani SIM cards and allegedly used social messenger to communicate with their racket which was spread in others states including Bihar, West Bengal, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh.

Police Headquarters spokesperson Avadhesh Pratap Singh told media persons here on Thursday told those arrested include Sunil Singh,

**BALRAM SINGH AND BHAGVENDRA SINGH, WHO HAD BEEN ARRESTED BY ATS IN THE YEAR 2017 IN A SIMILAR CASE, WERE PICKED UP FROM DIFFERENT LOCATIONS IN SATNA LATE ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT BY THE LOCAL CRIME BRANCH**

Shubham Tiwari, Bhagvendra Singh besides Balram Singh and one other local man.

Balram who was arrested by ATS in connection with terror funding was out on bail. The accused were arrested from different locations on the city.

The accused were running their racket from Satna. Balram was arrested by the ATS in Feb 2017 from Kolgawan area in the district in connection with the terror funding charges.

Balram in 2017 was arrested with 12 others from different MP cities and 60 SIM

cards, several illegal telephone exchanges and mobile phones in large numbers were recovered from them.

Around seven months ago, Balram was also arrested by police in connection with a loot complaint and was also granted bail in the case.

Pictures of the main accused Balram have been found in social media where they are seen posing with posh cars and pricey bikes.

Notably, around seven months ago, Balram was again arrested by police in connection with a loot case and was also granted bail.

## Release leaders detained in J&K: Opp

Cong, TMC, DMK RJD hold protest in national Capital

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Opposition parties, including the Congress, the TMC, the DMK, the RJD, the Samajwadi Party and the National Conference staged a protest in the national Capital on Thursday seeking immediate release of political leaders put under detention in Jammu & Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370.

Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad, CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury, CPI general secretary D Raja, SP leader Ramgopal Yadav, Loktantrik Janata Dal's Sharad Yadav, RJD's Manoj Jha and TMC's Dinesh Trivedi were among those who took part in the protest. Congress leader P Chidambaram's son Karti took the opportunity to join the protest after his father was arrested by CBI on Wednesday night in connection with a money-laundering case.

Addressing the protest, Azad said, "There is something grave happening in the State and the Government is hiding



it from us. He also slammed the role of the country's media, saying, "It is being reported by foreign media but not our media."

Blaming the Modi Government for perpetrating excesses on the people of the State, Azad evoked the memory of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, saying he was a thorough gentleman, a great parliamentarian and a democrat. "If Vajpayee was at the helm of affairs, this would not have happened," he added.

Yechury alleged that the Centre had manipulated the Constitution and the process had started months ago when the ruling BJP withdrew from the coalition Government, headed by Mehbooba Mufti, in Jammu & Kashmir.

"All this is a part of a larger conspiracy. They want to make India a 'Hindu Rashtra' (Hindu nation) by abrogating the Constitution itself," he said. In a resolution passed during the protest, the Opposition

and political leaders...Members of civil society and even innocent citizens running into thousands are matters of serious concern. There has been a chilling crackdown on free speech and the right of Assembly. Such actions go against the fundamental rights guaranteed by the Constitution of India and need to be immediately reversed. We demand immediate release of all public representatives of mainstream political parties and innocent citizens," the resolution said.

Samajwadi Party (SP) MP Ramgopal Yadav asked if the situation in Kashmir was normal, why political leaders continued to be in detention? "The way they (Centre) have bifurcated Jammu & Kashmir, tomorrow they will say Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu are large States and hence, unmanageable. They will divide these States into multiple Union Territories, appoint Lieutenant Governors and run proxy Governments," he said.

The leaders raised slogans demanding restoration of normalcy in Jammu & Kashmir, resumption of telecommunication services in the Valley and immediate release of all political leaders who have been detained.

# Ensure quality education, excellence: Guv to V-Cs

# 34-yr-old man found dead

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

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Governor and Chancellor Lalji Tandon, while talking to the Vice-Chancellors of Government Universities at Raj Bhawan on Thursday, said that universities should give top priority to quality education and campus excellence. He called for fixing of time-limit to ensure quality education, filling of vacant posts, developing a clean and green campus, enriched library and providing modern laboratories.



Governor Lalji Tandon chaired a meeting of Vice-Chancellors of various Universities at Raj Bhawan in Bhopal on Thursday. Pioneer photo

Tandon told the Vice Chancellors that the work culture should be result oriented. The tendency of blaming lack of resources for not giving good results must be changed. There will be no shortage of resources for those who move ahead with the changing times. The University Grants Commission, NAC and RUSA grading, new projects and various schemes run by the central government

can provide ample resources to the university. The need is to work with progressive and pos-

itive thinking. Universities should plan their financial sources in such a way that 50 percent is generated by their own means and the remaining 25 percent each is generated by the government and other heads.

A university with high quality research and employment-oriented education will never fall back on resources.

The Governor said that many small things related to the university campus and management have a huge impact in the NAC grading of quality assessment. It is necessary that all universities pay special attention to cleanliness of their campus, enrichment of laboratory and library, water and energy conservation and self-reliance. An outlook with a dependent mindset has no future now.

The Governor said that university management is a medium of service to the nation.

The university is responsible for building the future of the

country. Today's education is the basis for future generation.

The high grading excellent premises and research accomplishments are equal to medals of service to the nation.

Tandon laid special emphasis on the strengthening of NAC grading efforts of the universities.

The Governor told to organise joint seminars of the universities with the NAC Directors, RUSA experts and representatives of University Grants Commission.

Principal Secretary Higher Education Hariranjana Rao informed that the state government has granted approval of ₹30 crore for Integrated University Management System and College Management System.

Secretary to the governor Manohar Dubey told to the universities to explore possibilities of developing sources of income through research projects.

Govindpura police have booked unidentified killers for killing a 34-year-old man who was found dead at Purana Nagar and body was found in decomposed state; throat was silted to kill the man.

Police said that it was revealed in the post mortem that throat of the deceased Bobby Valmiki was silted which caused his death. The mobile call details and location are under investigation and persons with whom the deceased was spotted would be searched said police.

The deceased was heavily addicted to liquor and it is possible that he had a fight during having liquor. Other possibility of killing over any dispute would also be investigated.

After the post mortem report was revealed police have registered a case under section 302 of the IPC and started investigation to identify the killers who killed and dumped the body.

Notably, panic prevailed at Purana Nagar area after a partially decomposed body was found on Tuesday of deceased who went missing on August 16. After spotting the body police was informed and on the receipt a team reached the spot and started investigation.

# 2 held for transporting illegally 500 bottles of country made liquor

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Ratibad police has nabbed two miscreants from Sarwar village and recovered illegally transported 500 bottles of country made liquor worth ₹30,000 on Wednesday.

According to the police, acting on a tip off two men were detained from Sarwar village and when they were searched 500 bottles of country made liquor were recovered from their possession.

The two accused were identified as Anil Tyagi and Kamal Kumar. The two were carrying liquor and failed to produce license regarding the liquor and were nabbed. The source from which the two have obtained the liquor and where it was scheduled to be delivered would be investigated. A case under section 34 (2) of the Excise Act was registered and further

investigation has been started.

Meanwhile, Shahjehanabad police have nabbed a miscreant from Regiment road and recovered illegally transported 370 bottles of country made liquor worth ₹19,000 on Wednesday. Police acted swiftly on a tip off and detained a man from Regiment road and when he was searched 370 bottles of country made liquor were recovered from his possession. Based on the information of illegal transport of liquor police started to search for the miscreants nabbed the accused who tried to escape the spot after the police personnel spotted him.

The accused was identified as Aman Sarkar who was carrying liquor without any license. After the preliminary investigation police have registered a case under section 34(2) of the Excise Act was registered and further investigation has been started.

# Babariya to submit report on PCC chief appointment soon

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Madhya Pradesh unit of the Congress party, already delayed process has been put back on track while the BJP as part of nationwide organisational elections starting from September.

Earlier, former Guna MP Jyotiraditya Scindia was the front runner in the list of a dozen probable candidates for the coveted post.

However, equations have a lot after former national president Rahul Gandhi moved out only to be replaced by mother Sonia Gandhi, the choices for MPCC president have been altered drastically. Under Rahul

## Earlier, former Guna MP Jyotiraditya Scindia was the front runner in the list of a dozen probable candidates for the coveted post

Madhya Pradesh Deepak Babariya has said that he would be submitting a report on the appointment of PCC head to Sonia Gandhi in a day or two after consulting over 200 leaders of the state.

Names like former MPCC chief Arun Yadav, Umang Singhar and Mukesh Nayak are also doing rounds, claimed sources in the party.

Gandhi's rein leaders like Bala Bachchan, Umang Singhar, Omkar Singh Markam, Pradyumn Singh Tomar, Govind Singh Rajput and former Leader of Opposition Ajay Singh were in the fray.

The name of Surendra Chaudhary, the former executive president of the MPCC was also in the hunt for the top post presently held by Chief Minister Kamal Nath which he assumed in May last year.

Name of former Guna MP Jyotiraditya Scindia who suffered a shocking loss in lok sabha polls was in contention earlier but was ruled out from the race later. However, sources in Congress party claimed that Scindia of late has emerged as the frontrunner.

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# MP police issues alert ahead of festivals

Bhopal: In the wake of upcoming festive season Madhya Pradesh police headquarters issued an alert to the Superintendents of Police of all the districts of the State to make adequate security arrangements during festivals so that people could celebrate all the festivals with peace and harmony and along with this meetings of peace committees should be held.

ADG Intelligence Kailash Makwana alerted the Superintendents of Police that recently IB has been arrested in connection with the infiltration of terrorists in India and this alert issued should be taken seriously. Keeping the alert in mind, during the festivals, along with a strong security system, sensitive areas should also be closely examined. In the ongoing month Janamasthami, Ganesh Chaturthi, Anant Chaturdashi and Moharram are scheduled

and require strong vigil to maintain law and order and peace.

ADG Makwana has instructed the Superintendents of Police to collect information of the statues and tableaux which are traditionally installed during festivals. Also it should be ensured that debris is removed and other obstructions from the path of religious processions during festivals, so that the traffic remains smooth and commuters do not face any problem in commuting.

The obstructions like trees and loose low lying electricity wires have to be managed before the scheduled processions are taken out in the city.

ADG Makwana has issued detailed guidelines to Superintendents of Police for the purpose of maintaining peace and law and order during the festivals. Additional police force has also been provided for Janmashtami festival. SR

# Woman robbed of gold chain worth ₹80,000

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

A 35-year old woman was robbed of her gold chain worth ₹80,000 at Marwari road under Kotwali police station area in the morning on Thursday.

Police said the victim Swati Garg was relieved of her gold chain when she was waiting for school bus near her house.

The incident took place when the victim was waiting for school bus of her kid and while she was waiting a man approached her and passed her and attacked her after passing and snatched gold chain she was wearing and escaped with another miscreant who was moving with the miscreants and waiting for the miscreant to snatch gold chain.

## Police said the victim Swati Garg was relieved of her gold chain when she was waiting for school bus near her house

The robbery has been captured in a CCTV in which the whole incident was revealed. The miscreants were spotted escaping on a motorbike after the robbery. Shocked with the attack victim raised alarm but the miscreants managed to escape. Victim is a resident of Marwari road. In her complaint victim claimed that the gold chain was worth ₹80,000.

The police have registered a case under section 392 of the IPC and have started further investigation. Based on the

details obtained from the CCTV grab police has started search for the miscreants.

Meanwhile, a 67-year-old woman was robbed of her gold chain at Hanuman temple under Awadhपुरi police station area in the evening on Wednesday.

According to the police, the victim Shobrani Gajarati was having a walk outside her house and was attacked by two bike borne miscreants and snatched the gold chain she was wearing.

A complaint was lodged with the police by the victim. Based on the complaint after the preliminary investigation the police have registered a case under section 392 of the IPC and have started further investigation.

# CS in favour of tough action against truant teachers

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Chief Secretary SR Mohanty has asked to pay special attention on presence of teachers in schools. He has also directed to take strict action against teachers who are absent from schools or negligent towards their responsibility and also strictly follow the ongoing special copy checking campaign in schools.

The Chief Secretary further stated that a system to check 5 to 10 percent copies of students by Head Masters should be ensured in each school. Strict action should be ensured against those who do not follow the directives. He told that publicity of achievements of those schools of district, where competency level is more than 90 percent should be ensured at wide scale at district level.

Mohanty was speaking at the meeting of Executive Committee of Madhya Pradesh Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan at Mantralaya on Thursday. Mohanty also gave suggestion

## The Chief Secretary further stated that a system to check 5 to 10 percent copies of students by Head Masters should be ensured in each school

for setting up registered committees at the sankul level. He said that many people are willing to donate to improve the infrastructure of schools and for their betterment. But no appropriate system is in place, where to make that donation. Appropriate system could be established to accept donations from these registered committees and to undertake the improvement works in schools.

In the meeting, consent was given to fill the vacant posts in the Development Resource Center offices, District Education Centre, primarily on outsourcing or on contractual basis. The com-

mittee approved the proposal for revision in travelling allowances of the staff working on the contractual basis and change in place more than once, under special circumstances. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan and schemes related to teachers' education were reviewed and decisions regarding their future implementation were taken in the meeting.

It was informed that this year identity cards will be provided to all teachers. Career guidance and counseling camps will be organized at state and each block level. Vocational education arrangement will be made in 574

schools of the state. Sports Curriculum will be implemented in schools in cooperation of SCRT.

Grant will be provided to establish libraries in primary, secondary and higher secondary schools of the state.

Under the Ek Parisar Ek Shala, 35113 schools were shifted in 16076 campuses. This has facilitated more students with the benefit of better infrastructure and management. Meetings of Parents-Teachers Association were organized on the same day in 99 percent of the schools, which was attended by 34 lakh parents.

In order to develop self-confidence, logical thinking in students, 5.62 lakh students of 1874 schools were included in Umang Life Skill Education. Besides, information was given about the conclusions of National

Achievement Survey, efficiency upgradation, exposure visits of teachers, Shala Siddhi Yojana, Mission 1000 and Shala Darpan schemes.

# Batteries worth ₹1L burgled

Bhopal: Miscreants targeted a factory and escaped with batteries worth ₹1 lakh at Kareem Baksh Colony under Gautam Nagar police station area.

According to the police, the victim Shoaib Qureshi received information that locks of the factory were broken and batteries were burgled. The incident took place on Wednesday. In his complaint victim stated that 43 batteries were burgled. The total loss in the burglary was around ₹1 lakh.

The victim is resident of the Ashoka Garden and on Wednesday he received information that locks of shop were broken and goods were burgled.

Based on the complaint after preliminary investigation the police have registered a case under sections 457 and 380 of the IPC and have started searching for the miscreant. Police would investigate CCTV footages of cameras installed at the factory and nearby areas.

Meanwhile gold and silver jewelry worth ₹90,000 were burgled from house of a retired MPSEB employee at Ayodhya Nagar; victim returned on Thursday and found valuables were burgled.

According to the police the victim Ghanashyam Sarathe had gone to meet his son in Hyderabad and when he returned in the morning on Thursday the locks of the main door were found broken and on entering the house it was found ransacked.

A complaint was lodged with the Ayodhya Nagar police regarding the burglary and in the complaint victim claimed that gold and silver jewelry and ₹80,000 cash were burgled. The total loss in the burglary is around ₹90,000. Police have started further investigation. SR

# Open Learning Day organised at IIFM

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

An Open Learning Day was organised at Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal.

The Indian Institute of Forest Management, which is one of the country's renowned B-schools, is trying to undertake an educational-learning initiative called "Open Learning Day".

The idea behind this Open Learning Day was to provide students with the opportunity to learn outside of classrooms through real-life activities and tasks.

## THE IDEA BEHIND THIS OPEN LEARNING DAY WAS TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN OUTSIDE OF CLASSROOMS THROUGH REAL-LIFE ACTIVITIES AND TASKS

uate programmes in Forest Management and Sustainability Management participated in the open day to sell their things by talking to customers in the market.

Students used all the necessary skills to sell their products to customers at various places in Bhopal such as New Market, Mata Mandir,

Limnabhathi, 10 Number Market, Bithan Market, MP Nagar and Shahpura Market.

The idea was to provide a platform for students to put creativity, innovation and critical thinking in a pleasant environment by breaking the monotony of learning in classrooms and encouraging practical learning. This is the second event of this series.

Notably it was a second 'Open Learning Day', was an empirical programme on sales and marketing in which the students of the institute will hold selected items in the form of illustrated fiction books and learning material from Eklavya.



Students going through the list at the notice board to seek admission at Government Sarojini Naidu Girls College in Bhopal on Thursday. Pioneer photo

# Motivational lecture held at Madhyanchal varsity

**STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL**

A motivational lecture was organised at Madhyanchal Professional University here on Thursday.

The motivational lecture began with the lighting of the lamp and with Saraswati Vandana.

In the motivational lecture all faculty members and students participated.

On this occasion, the director of the group and the advisor of the university Gyanendra Singh informed everyone about the university.

It is to be noted that Bhavna Dehriya who hoisted the flag of India on the Himalayas, the highest peak of the world, shared her experiences with the students, and gave other information to

achieve the goal by keeping concentration on her goal and removing her fears.

Prateek Sharma Sharma CEO Green and Grains and Ankit Rai C.E.O. Students were encouraged by their experiences with Green Energy.

To become a business-man, what should we do and what challenge can come before us.

The students described this motivational lecture as very beneficial and said that it has definitely inspired us to work hard for it by removing our inner fears and shortages.

All guests, staff and students were welcomed in the reception area by GS Chauhan Dean Agriculture and Administration.

Director of Pharmacy in

the program Prof. CJ Varma thanked everyone. University Professor Vice Chancellor Nk Tiwari explained the importance of the studies.

Later, an interactive session was held.

The students asked their various queries on stress management.

The students also asked about future endeavours according to their skills.

The interactive session was followed with the presentation, through which the students explored different stages of life.

The speaker also talked about various challenges that come in the way of a student.

The faculty members and commerce stream students were present on the occasion.

# Play 'Manto Khud' staged at Imphal

**STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL**

The magic of Sadat Hassan Manto was splendidly spread by the theatre artists of the city at Imphal. A play 'Manto Khud' depicting the plays by Sadat Hassan Manto was staged by city artists at Imphal on Thursday.

The play was performed by the artists of Rising Society of Art and Culture (RISAC) Bhopal and was brilliantly directed by Preeti Jha.

Preeti Jha recently received Sangeet Natak Academy Award in Imphal.

The play was a huge and beautiful collage of Manto's stories.

The plays from which the play was adapted includes 'License', 'Aankhien' and 'Khuda

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dominated society.

The artists were able to reach out to the audience and give the message.

The story of the drama reflects the exploitation by the male-dominated society, the atrocities faced with women, the physical and mental harassment being done on them on women.

The play was loved by the audience as it left an impact over them and think over the issues still harming the personality of a woman.

With simple costume design and enchanting light design the play was beautifully presented on stage.

The play was intelligently planned and staged before the Bhopalites and was appreciated by the audience.

On the last day of Azad Bansuri, two plays 'Rani Avanti Bai' 'Mandir Ki Jyot' were staged. The plays were performed at Shaheed Bhawan auditorium here on Thursday.

Azad Bansuri Children's Theatre Festival is being organized by the Directorate of Swaraj Sansthan. The event on Thursday began with play Rani Avanti Bai. It was directed by Sanjay Garg. It was performed by Narya Lok Sanskritik evam Samajik Sanstha, Jabalpur.

The story of bravery and bravery of the queen Avanti Bai of Ramgarh can be heard in folklores. Rani Avanti Bai was a freedom fighter, who waged a war against the British to protect her kingdom.

She was the wife of King Vikramaditya Singh, the ruler of the Indian state of Ramgarh. She was a Lodhi queen in the

# 2 plays staged on last day of 'Azad Bansuri'

area now in Madhya Pradesh. She took over the reins of the kingdom when the king fell into ill-health. She is remembered for her valiant fight against the British during the 1857 uprising for Independence.

Director of play Sanjay Garg said that the Queen's heroism and bravery was shown in the Rani Avanti Bai play. Standing in the front row of the battlefield, she was the brave hero who faced the British and fought against the British Empire despite being a woman and she still inspires young people.

The second play was Mandir Ki Jyot. It was directed by Shobha Chatterjee. The play was brilliantly performed by students of Sagar Public School. It was also performed beautifully and was much appreciated by the audience. SR

# Water level of river Yamuna recorded below danger mark

**STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DLEHI**

The water level receded further on Thursday and was recorded below the danger mark. Residents, who shifted to temporary makeshift tents after their houses flooded, started returning back.

According to report, the level of Yamuna water at Railway Bridge was 206.60 metres at 10 am. It is expected to recede further, a senior Government official said.

The water level of Yamuna reached the highest level of 206.60 metres on Wednesday morning. The river started receding from afternoon and flowed at 206.44 metres at 6

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pm. It had crossed the danger mark of 205.33 metres on Monday.

Around 23,000 affected people have been evacuated from the flood-plains to safer places. Over 18,000 of them were accommodated in more than 2700 relief tents set up by

the Delhi Government agencies. Some tents remained vacant as many residents at the Yamuna Khadar didn't vacate their shanties. Earlier on Wednesday, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal met people affected by the flood and said the Government will ensure that there is no shortage of relief materials.

The river flows through six districts of Delhi whose low-lying areas are prone to flooding. The administration has deployed 30 boats to prevent accidental drowning. In 1978, the water in the river rose to its highest-ever level of 207.49 metres, causing a devastating flood in the national Capital.



NSUI workers demonstrate in front of the CBI office protesting against the arrest of former Finance Minister P Chidambaram in relation to alleged corruption and money laundering, in Bhopal on Thursday

## IN BRIEF

- RECOVERY CAMP ORGANISED AT CENTRAL BANK**  
Bhopal: A mega recovery camp was organised here on Thursday at Regional Office, Bhopal of the Central Bank of India in the presence of P Mohapatra, CEO and MD, FGM SD Mhurkar, RM Bhopal, VN Singh and AGM ZO DK Jainini.
- EXTEMPORE SPEECH COMPETITION HELD AT BHEL**  
Bhopal: As a part of the ongoing Hindi Month celebration in BHEL, Bhopal Extempore Speech Competition was held today at STM Division Conference Hall. On this occasion RB Patil AGM (STM) was present as the Chief Guest. SP Singh, DGM (HRD) and Suresh Kumar Sonpure Deput Officer (P & PR) were present as the members of the Jury.
- SPS WINS TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP 7TH TIME IN A ROW**  
Bhopal: Sagar Public School Saket Nagar has won the Sahodaya Interscholar Table Tennis Championship 7th time in a row. Sahodaya Inter School Table Tennis Championship 2019-20 was organized at Sagar Public School, Saket Nagar on August 21-22, 2019 in which 95 players from 14 schools participated in Under 14, Under 17 and Under 19 categories respectively.
- WIFE DONATES EYES OF LATE HUSBAND TO SEWA SADAN**  
Bhopal: Eyes of late Dilip Kumar Peswani (44 years) have been donated to Sewa Sadan Eye Hospital by his wife Varsha. A resident of Vijay Nagar, Bhopal, late Dilip Kumar Peswani died on Wednesday. With this donation two blind persons would now get eye-sight.
- HARSH SECURES 49TH RANK IN MP JUDICIARY 2019**  
Shivpuri: Harsh Vardhan Dhakar of Shivpuri has cracked MP Judiciary 2019 with a rank of 49. The results were announced on Wednesday. He has also cracked UP Judiciary 2018-19 with a rank of 62. He is a son of Rati Ram Dhakar, National Awarde Teacher and Sudhma Dhakar, a housewife. He completed his graduation in May 2018 from school of Law, DAVV, Indore.
- SMART CLASSES NOW IN 33 EKLAVYA SCHOOLS**  
Bhopal: Approval has been given to start smart classes in 33 Eklavya residential schools being run for tribal students in the state. The Tribal Welfare Department has approved ICT centres for each Eklavya school at a cost of Rs 22 lakh. Computer labs and smart classes well-equipped with web cameras, projectors, sound-proof black boards etc. are being developed in Eklavya residential schools.
- GUJ, CM EXTEND GREETINGS ON JANMASHTAMI**  
Bhopal: Governor Lalji Tandon and Chief Minister Kamal Nath have extended greetings of Shree Krishna Janmashtami to the people of the state. In his greeting message, the Governor Tandon said that Yogiraj Krishna is considered as the 'Prabhapani' of devotion, love, knowledge, Karma and peace in Indian culture. His leelas and messages inspire humanity to be oriented towards truth, justice, love, sacrifice, penance, philanthropy, respect of women, harmony and peace. Governor Tandon has urged people of the state to celebrate Shree Krishna Janmashtami with the glorious tradition of endless devotion and faith. Chief Minister Kamal Nath has greeted people of the state on Shree Krishna Janmashtami.
- TULSIRAM MEETS TREHAN AT MEDANTA IN NEW DELHI**  
Bhopal: Public Health and Family Welfare Minister Tulsiram Silavat on Thursday called on Dr Naresh Trehan at Medanta Hospital in New Delhi. Silavat discussed about providing health services of experts to the citizens in Madhya Pradesh. Silavat said that Dr Trehan has appreciated the new plan of the state government to provide health services in backward tribal areas.



Women members of Royal Rajputana Club celebrate on the eve of Janmashtami festival in Bhopal on Thursday

# Ravidas Temple: Protesters go on rampage in S Delhi

**SHEKHAR SINGH ■ NEW DELHI**

A day after protest over demolition of Ravidas temple turned violent on Wednesday, Tughlaqabad in South east Delhi on Thursday limped back to normalcy as the Delhi Police deployed a strong posse of armed police personnel in Govindpuri, Alaknanda and Tughlaqabad to keep troublemakers at bay.

"Police keeping a tight vigil on each and every activity in the area. Around 60 CRP personnel along with police have been deployed on the temple site. Further pickets have been also installed at various points as a precautionary measure," said Chinmoy Biswal, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), South-East district.

Following the incident, police have installed a board at the temple site which says, "This land belongs to the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) according to a Supreme Court order. Occupying it is a punishable offence."

However, a group of people, after being denied entry to the temple site went on rampage and clashed with residents, passersby and Delhi

Police personnel on Wednesday night.

**RESIDENTS SPEAK**

"There has been a heavy police deployment since Wednesday morning as the temple site is on walking distance from here. At 6 pm police official came to us and asked us to close shops as soon as possible," said Kamal Gupta, who is running a sweet shop in Tughlaqabad Extension for the last 10 years.

"We were pulling down shutters of our shops when suddenly around 6.50 pm several people came and started pelting stones at our shops and vehicles standing on roadside. Seeing the situation we also locked up ourselves including few customers in the shop till 9 pm. They even broke the CCTV camera installed in front of my shop," said Gupta.

"They had vandalised a police bike in front of us and also broke several car glasses. They were also using wooden battens and whatever was coming in their way," said Hari Om, a shopkeeper in the area adding that the crowd dispersed in the residential colonies after police team arrived here.

**OKHLA ESTATE ROAD**

"After the group of pro-

testors entered in the area we had already locked us inside our houses. The crowd here broke several cars parked on main road and in residential area," said Atul Kashyap, a resident.

"When the mob had passed away from the area we came out of house and saw several vehicles were damaged by the mob," said Abdul, who runs a briyani shop and is resident of the area.

"If they were protesting why did they vandalise so many vehicles. They could have raised their demand in a peaceful manner not by disturbing peace and people in the area. Now we have a fear of this mob coming again," said Tushar, a resident.

**TIMELINE**

On Wednesday, around 4 pm, a group of Dalit activists who had gathered at the Ramliha Maidan began marching towards Tughlaqabad.

"To maintain law and order situation in the area police had already deployed heavy force in the area but around 4,000/5,000 agitators broke the barricades. When the police dissuaded the protesters, they dispersed but gathered again in small numbers near Nizamuddin," said a senior police official.

**बैंक ऑफ बड़ोदा Bank of Baroda E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE**

Appendix-IV-A (See proviso to rule 8(6))

**SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES**

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to Bank of Baroda the Secured Creditor the Constructive / Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of Amount mentioned below plus interest and other expenses due to Bank of Baroda the Secured Creditor from below mentioned Borrowers & Guarantors.

Sl. No.	Name of the Branch / Borrower / Guarantors / Mortgager	Description of Secured Assets (Moveable/Immovable Properties)	Reserve Price EMD Bid Increase Amt.	Demand Notice Date Possession Date Outstanding Amount
1	Borrowers : Mr. Shailendra Kumar Sharoti S/o Mr. Radhe Shyam Sharoti Guarantor : Mrs. Seema Sharoti W/o Mr. Shailendra Kumar Sharoti, H.No. 14 K, Neelam Colony, Lily Cinema Tehsil Huzur, Bhopal	Property Situated at Plot No. G-06, Abhinav Adhar City, Village Garhmurraa, Vidisha Road, Tehsil Huzur, Distt. Bhopal (M.P) Total Area- 104.47 sq.mt. in the name of Mr. Shailendra Sharoti and Mrs. Seema Sharoti. Boundaries: North-Plot No G-05, South -Plot No G-07, East-Plot No G-45, West-Road	₹ 4.50 Lacs ₹ 45000/- ₹ 10,000/-	14-04-2019 19-08-2019 as on 31.03.2019 ₹ 1,57,668/- + interest & other charges thereon.
2	Borrowers : Mr. Uma Shankar Namdev S/o Mr. Premnand Namdev Guarantor : Mrs. Anita Namdev W/o Mr. Uma Shankar Namdev, 17, Pant Nagar, Sethi Nagar, Mayur Vihar, Ward no. 65, Tehsil-Huzur, Bhopal (M.P.)	Property Situated at Plot No. K-19, Abhinav Adhar City, Village Garhmurraa, Vidisha Road, Tehsil Huzur, Distt. Bhopal (M.P) Area= 59.37 Sq. mtr. In the Name of Mr. Uma Shankar Namdev & Mrs. Anita namdev Boundaries: North-Plot No. K-20, South-Plot No. K-18, East - Road - West - Plot No. K-06	₹ 2.30 Lacs ₹ 23000/- ₹ 10,000/-	14-04-2019 19-08-2019 as on 31.03.2019 ₹ 2,03,991/- + interest & other charges thereon.
3	Borrowers : M/s Jai Girraj Tractors Prop. Shri Girraj Sharma S/o Mr. Gulab Chand Sharma Guarantor : Mrs. Mamta Sharma W/o Girraj Sharma	Ward No. 14, Part of Survey no. 1237/Min-05, Gram-Chhawani, Behind Mahal, Shivpuri (M.P.) Boundaries : North: Mahal Road South: Govt. Land then land B/T Hariballabh Sharma East: House B/T Rambabu Rawal, West:- House B/T Ravindra Singh Dang	₹ 20.00 Lacs ₹ 2.00 Lacs ₹ 10,000/-	03-10-2017 26-02-2018 ₹ 57,03,227/- + interest & other charges thereon.

**Date & Time of Auction : 24-09-2019, 1.00 PM To 4.00 PM**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Bank of Baroda website : <https://www.bankofbaroda.com/e-auction.htm>.

Date: 22.08.2019, Place: Bhopal

Authorised Officer

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**AIIMS-DM/M.Ch/MD (Hospital Administration) & Fellowship Programme JANUARY, 2020 SESSION**

All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi invites online applications for Entrance Examinations leading to admission in Post-Doctoral [DM/M.Ch(3 years)/MD (Hospital Administration) & Fellowship Programme] of AIIMS, New Delhi for January, 2020 session.

Online Registration for applications			
Course	Institutions	Opens on	Closes on
DM/M.Ch.(3 years)/ MD (Hospital Administration)	AIIMS - New Delhi and other AIIMS	03.09.2019	23.09.2019 at 5:00 PM
Fellowship Programme	AIIMS - New Delhi only	11.09.2019	01.10.2019 at 5:00 PM

Date of Entrance Examination			
Course	Date of Exams	Duration of Exam	Exam Centre
DM/M.Ch. (3 years)/ MD (Hospital Administration)	03.11.2019 (Sunday)	10:00 AM to 11:30 AM	4 Metro cities in India (Delhi/NCR, Mumbai, Kolkata & Chennai)
Fellowship Programme	09.11.2019 (Saturday)	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Delhi/NCR

**Important:** For Prospectus, detailed information etc. please visit the website [www.aiimsexam.org](http://www.aiimsexam.org). All applicants are required to visit the website regularly since all subsequent Corrigendum/Addendum/Updates will only be uploaded on the website.

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ASSISTANT CONTROLLER (EXAMS.)

**SOUTH EASTERN COALFIELDS LIMITED "A MINI RATNA COMPANY"**

**E-TENDER NOTICE**

**NIT No: SECL/SGP/MMW/OWT-039, Date 22.06.2019, TenderID: 2019\_SECL\_147533\_1**, Location of work: Sohagpur Area, Estimated Cost: 7,65,704.80/-, Description of Work: Anti Collision System for Dumper. Start date & time for submission of bid: 19.08.2019 at 06 PM, Last Date & Time for submission of bid: 19.09.2019 at 04 PM, Date & Time for opening of bid: 20.09.2019 at 04 PM. SO(MM),Sohagpur Area

Note: For details and submission of bid please visit website [www.eprocure.gov.in](http://www.eprocure.gov.in), and e-procurement portal of CIL [www.secl-cil.in](http://www.secl-cil.in). In Case of any Misprinting/ Error, details as per website document will be considered as final.

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**SOUTH EASTERN COALFIELDS LIMITED "A MINI RATNA COMPANY"**

**E-TENDER NOTICE**

**1.NIT NO: SECL/SGP/Excvt/19-20/49, Date 14.08.2019, Tender ID: 2019\_SECL\_147296\_1**, Location of work: Dismantling, loading at Bijari, Baroud OCP Raigarh Area & Unloading & erection at Dhanpuri OCM of Sohagpur Area, Estimated Cost : 7,65,704.80/-, Description of Work: Dismantling, loading of equipments (BE 1000 Hydraulic Excavator-01 no & BH60M Dumpers-02 nos) at Bijari, Baroud OCP Raigarh Area Transportation, unloading & erection at Dhanpuri OCM, Sohagpur Area as per scope of work (Tractor/ Trucks & Crane at DCM for unloading will be provided Departmentally. Start Date & Time for Submission of bid: 26.08.2019 at 10:00 AM, Last Date & Time for Submission of bid: 02.09.2019 at 05:00 PM, Date & Time for Opening of bid: 04.09.2019 at 11:00 AM. SO(Excvt),Sohagpur Area

**2.NIT NO: SECL/SGP/MMW/OWT-054, Date 14.08.2019, Tender ID: 2019\_SECL\_147296\_1**, Location of work: Automatic Fire detection suppression system spares for EKG Shovel. Start Date & Time for Submission of bid: 14.08.2019 at 06:00 PM, Last Date & Time for submission of bid: 13.09.2019 at 04:00 PM, Date & Time for Opening of bid: 14.09.2019 at 04:00 PM. SO(MM),Sohagpur Area

**3.NIT NO: SECL/SGP/So(EnM)/e-Tender/15/19-20/92, Date 14.08.2019, Tender ID: 2019\_SECL\_147289\_1**, Location of work: Amlai OCM of Sohagpur Area, Estimated Cost: 30,97,448.00/- Description of Work: Hiring of 02 (Two) Nos. Diesel jeep(LMV)(cabin type) hard top covered Bolero with AC or equivalent vehicle on rental basis, with One driver 12 hrs. (including staggered rest)(General Shift) for a period of 03 (three) years (i.e.1095 days) for operating with day to day activities of Sub Area Pool Duty (Mining & E&M Section) of Amlai OCM of SECL Sohagpur Area. As per following details: Hours of Engagement of vehicle per day 12 hrs with One driver (including staggered rest)(General Shift/day) and availability of Vehicle 24hrs. fuel efficiency 10km/litre, Average running 4500.km per month/ vehicle. Start Date & Time for Submission of bid: 20.08.2019 at 10:00 AM, Last Date for Submission of bid: 03.09.2019 at 05:00PM, Date for Opening of bid: 05.09.2019 at 11:00 AM. SO(E&M),Sohagpur Area

Note: For details and submission of bid please visit website [www.eprocure.gov.in](http://www.eprocure.gov.in), and e-procurement portal of CIL [www.secl-cil.in](http://www.secl-cil.in). In Case of any Misprinting/ Error, details as per website document will be considered as final.

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# Four more dists included in OMBADC

To get livelihood-based development projects CIPET, CTTC urged to open skill training centres in S'garh, K'jhar

**PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR**  
The State Government has decided to include Angul, Dhenkanal, Jharsuguda and Deogarh districts in the Odisha Mineral Bearing Areas Development Corporation (OMBADC) for undertaking developmental and livelihood programmes.

will rise to eight. Now, Keonjhar, Sundargarh, Jajpur and Mayurbhanj are covered under it. Under the OMBADC, livelihood-based developmental programmes will be undertaken in these districts out of its compensation money. Programmes like housing, drinking water supply, skill development and farm forestry will be taken up in the areas

affected by mining operations. Out of targeted 29,800 houses, more than 27,000 houses have been completed with utilization of Rs 350 crore against total allocation of Rs 400 crore. So far drinking water projects are concerned, 212 small pipe water projects have been planned to cover 286 villages. By now, 154 villages have been covered and the rest are in pipeline. Under the OMBADC, skill

development training is also being imparted to the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe youths. As skill development in hotel management is in high demand, the Odisha Skill Development Authority (OSDA) has given a proposal for imparting such training in State Institute of Hotel Management (SIHM), Balangir. Around Rs 18 crore would

be spent in providing skill training, said sources. Latest information has revealed that 195 trainees are now getting ITI training. Youths from only mining areas are being provided this facility. It has been decided to request the Central Institute of Plastic Engineering and Technology (CIPET) and the Central Tool Room and Training Centre (CTTC) to

open centres in Sundargarh and Keonjhar districts so that youths of mineral bearing district have access to skill trainings provided by them. Farm forestry projects have also been undertaken in these districts for which Rs 56 crore has been allocated. Green cover activities have been given focus as mining operations are affecting environment and living condition of the people.

# Indian cinema's timeless voyage of 125 years

**RADHIKA NAGRATH ■ HARIDWAR**  
Hundred and twenty five long years have passed since cinema first came to India. It was during July 1896, that the Lumiere brothers showcased six films at the Watson Hotel in Mumbai which marked the birth of Indian cinema.

Since then Indian cinema has undergone a dramatic change and now some film critics opine that it must be included in disciplines like humanities and others in universities. The Lumiere brothers were French cinematographers who had arrived in India after having proved their cinematic excellence in Paris. The screening of the films took place on July 7, 1896 at the Watson Hotel in Mumbai and the ticket was priced at Re one. The 'miracle of the century' as it was tagged publicised that in India, car and horses would run on big screen. Speaking to this correspondent, known film critic Brij Bhushan Chaturvedi said, "India's first full length film was made by Dadasaheb Phalke in 1913. He is known as the father of Indian cinema. The film was titled Raja Harishchandra and it was a silent film. The roles of females were played by men and the film was a great commercial success and was an inspiration for more such films." Many more religious and historical silent films came and then began feature film making.

The fees of the film actors and artists which started from few paise reached to multi crores in these 125 years, shares the veteran film reviewer. Indian cinema is a new creative and flourishing field and should be incorporated in the universities in syllabus of humanities and other disciplines suggest the film critics. In his book titled, 'Why we go to Movies' national award winner and film critic, Manmohan Chadha said, "Films are made of images and images are understood by human beings more easily than any other written language. In films the language of lens speaks more than the verbal language." Sharing the brief history and movements of Indian cinema, Chadha opines that in India, we have given too much significance to the story films which are being released regularly in theatres. Documentaries do not have the place for distribution and exhibition. A fiction film like Antheen (The Endless wait) or films like Damul (Bonded Until Death) based on the story Kaalsootra written by Shaiwal, that highlights the sufferings of bonded labour could receive national and international awards and retrieve the finances spent on their making by being telecast on Doordarshan. But the presentation of non-fiction films in India does not seem to be possible although they portray social realities, said Chadha. Discussing the documentary movies which have their own huge market, co-author of a book on Indian cinema, Sanjeev Sharma said, "In today's world, every young person can become a documentary film maker. The youth are increasingly turning towards documentary as a way to understand the realities with new perception of clarity. They make their own films about real events in a realistic way, even if that form is often rough and this is what is making them popular with social media coming as a handy tool for propagation. So documentaries are here to stay and impact, said Sharma.

## BP Das new OHRC Chairman

Post was vacant for seven years

**PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR**

Justice BP Das, a former judge of the Orissa High Court, has been appointed as Chairman of the Odisha Human Rights Commission (OHRC), official sources said on Thursday.

Besides, advocate Asim Amitabh Dash has been appointed as a new Member of the OHRC. The appointments of both have received the approval of Governor Prof Ganeshi Lal. The post of Chairman of the OHRC was vacant since



November 23, 2012. Justice Raghbir Dash had been officiating as the commission's Acting Chairman with effect from May 16, 2019.

## Delinking of junior, degree colleges to take 3-4 years

**PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR**

After separation of junior and degree colleges, the Odisha Government is now planning to take more time to delink the colleges for their smooth bifurcation.

The teaching and non-teaching staffs would remain in the +3 colleges in phases and fresh recruitment would be made in the +2 colleges. The delinking process would take three to four years, said Higher Education Minister Arun

Sahoo here on Thursday. After attending a joint meeting of the School & Mass Education and Higher Education Department on the issue of separation of the +2 and +3 colleges, Sahoo said that there would be separate infrastructures for both +2 and +3 colleges. However, the existing system operating in many composite colleges having both +2 and +3 teaching in one campus would continue till complete separation.

Even as there are composite colleges, the classes are being held separately, the Minister said. Notably, the State Government has separated +2 courses from the Higher Education Department. The bifurcation process was implemented in the 2016-17 academic session. While +2 came under the School and Mass Education Department, +3 continued to remain with the Higher Education Department.

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## Kejriwal wants matter should remain in court forever: Vijender Gupta

**STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI**

Reacting to the statement of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Sant Ravidas Temple in the Assembly on Thursday, Leader of Opposition Vijender Gupta said the Chief Minister has taken an irresponsible and impractical stand by rejecting his proposal to remove the land of temple from the forest category.



**'It is the responsibility of the Delhi Government to do so'**

Gupta said Kejriwal wants the matter should remain entangled in the Courts forever. "The Chief Minister is putting obstacles in the way to solution. I was marshaled out of the Assembly along with MLA O P Sharma after suggesting the solution on this matter after discussion with the Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar," he said. Addressing the House, Gupta suggested that the most appropriate and simple solution is to remove the temple land from the category of forest land. "It is the responsibility of the Delhi Government to do so," he said. He said that he had discussed the matter with Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar. He assured that if

## Justice Gaur, who paved way for PC's arrest, retires

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

Justice Sunil Gaur, who paved the way for former finance minister and senior Congress leader P Chidambaram's arrest in the INX Media case by dismissing his anticipatory bail plea, retired as a Delhi High Court judge on Thursday.

He had also passed an order clearing the decks for prosecution of top Congress leaders, including Sonia and Rahul Gandhi, in the National Herald case.

Justice Gaur was elevated to the high court in April 2008. He was designated as a permanent judge on April 11, 2012. During his tenure, he heard several other high profile



Justice Sunil Gaur of Delhi High Court who retired on Thursday

cases. On Monday, he denied anticipatory bail to businessman Ratul Puri, nephew of senior Congress leader and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath, in the Agusta Westland chopper scam. He had passed a judgement last year asking Associated Journals Ltd, the publisher of Congress mouth piece National Herald, to vacate its office at ITO here. The decision was upheld by a division bench of the high court, but was put on hold by the Supreme Court in April this year. The matter is still pending in the apex court. Justice Gaur also dealt with some issues arising out of corruption cases, including the money laundering case against controversial meat exporter Moin Qureshi. Denying anticipatory bail to Chidambaram in the INX Media case on Tuesday, the 62-year-old judge had described him as the "kingpin". The Congress leader, who was arrested by the Central Bureau of Investigation on Wednesday night, moved the Supreme Court against the order.

## NSUI leader blackens Savarkar's bust in DU

**STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI**

Amid the row over the installation of statue in the Delhi, the Congress backed National Student Union of India (NSUI) has blackened the bust of Veer Savarkar and garlanded the busts of Bhagat Singh and Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose installed by the Akhil Bhartiya Vidyarti Parishad (ABVP) led Delhi University Students' Union (DUSU) at Delhi University's Art Faculty.

The bust was installed by the DUSU president Shakti Singh on Tuesday, who was also earlier demanded to rename the DUSU office by Veer Savarkar. Criticising the move of ABVP, the leader of NSUI said, "Savarkar cannot be kept on the same pedestal as that of Bose and Singh". About 20 NSUI activists blackened the bust of Savarkar and offered a shoe

chain on the mid night of Thursday. They also raised slogans Bhagat Singh and Netaji amar rahe (long live). "How could they have put the bust of Savarkar alongside Netaji and Bhagat Singh, that too overnight? We had to take matter in our hands. The university administration has been silent about the issue. The varsity is working at the behest of ABVP, the child unit of RSS," said Akshay Lakra, NSUI leader. The ABVP called it a "heinous act". "Last night, the humiliation done by the NSUI to the statue of Veer Savarkar at Delhi University is a heinous act and such an act for trivial political interests reflects the Congress' thinking of the great freedom fighter of India," said Monika Chaudhary, the national media convener of ABVP. The ABVP will make students aware about this "negative

mindset" of the NSUI and its parent organisation, she said. "In the context of this deplorable act, the ABVP urges the administration to take stern action against those involved in insulting the statue of freedom fighter," Chaudhary said. Sources said DU Proctor Neeta Sehgal issued a show cause notice to former DUSU president Shakti Singh on Wednesday demanding an answer on his act of installing the bust without due permission from the authorities within 24 hours. Shakti Singh's tenure as DUSU president ended on August 21. The Delhi University Students' Union polls will be held on September 12. On Wednesday, the ABVP had said it has instructed its office-bearers in the DUSU to shift the busts to the office till the time the university administration grants permission.



Visitors enjoy the scenic beauty at Kaliasol Dam in Bhopal on Thursday



Laxmi Narayan Birla temple was illuminated on the occasion of Krishna Janmashtami festival in Bhopal on Thursday

## NMC launches three-day drive to sensitise about vector borne diseases

**STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI**

The North Delhi Municipal Corporation has launched a three day campaign in all 104 wards of North Delhi to sensitise residents about vector borne diseases like dengue, malaria and chikungunya.

A senior corporation said that in this awareness campaign, areas prone to mosquito breeding in government buildings, police stations and schools will be checked by public health department. The official said that insecticides are also being sprayed as per the requirement in such areas to control breeding.

Urmila Chaudhary, Chairperson of the anti-malaria committee also visited Rohini Zone to inspect schools, government offices and under construction premises in the area. In addition, the public health department staff and 'Dengue Breeding Checkers' (DBC) went door-to-door to check the breeding of mosquitoes and also distributed specially designed pamphlets on prevention of vector borne diseases. Besides, officials from health department in association of zonal officials also visited schools and briefed children about

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the diseases caused by mosquitoes and how to prevent breeding in their surrounding, the official said. Chaudhary appealed public to cooperate to prevent dengue, malaria and chikungunya. She expressed her concern over the rising outbreak of dengue and malaria this year, saying that prevention is the best option we have to prevent it as there is no treatment for dengue. The National Capital has witnessed a

spurt in cases of malaria as the number of patients suffering from the disease has crossed 300 marks. Also, 17 fresh cases of dengue traced last week, taking the total number of patients to 198. However, out of total cases of malaria, 183 cases diagnosed belong to the neighbouring states while 123 patients suffering from dengue traced in Delhi belong to other states. According to SDMC which tabulates the data on vector-borne diseases in the city all the three corporations have found mosquito-breeding in at least 75,133 households and 67,548 legal notices have been issued this year. Last year, 2,798 dengue cases and four deaths were recorded by the SDMC. Doctors in the city have advised people to use mosquito repellents, wear full sleeve clothes and avoid places that are more prone to the diseases. According to the SDMC, 10 people had died due to dengue in Delhi in 2017, of which five were not residents of the national capital. Overall, the vector-borne disease had affected 9,271 people in the city last year.

## 'Observe child safety week from Sept 9-14'

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In order to generate awareness among children about the concept of 'safe touch', the North Delhi Municipal Corporation (NMC) has directed its schools to observe a "Child Safety Week" from September 9-14. A safety team of the civic body will explain to the children about the concept of "safe touch".

A senior NMC official said that the school safety committee should include the head of the school, four students, four parents from the school management committee, a senior teacher, a primary teacher and a member of the non-teaching staff. It should also have a balanced representation of male and female members, he added.

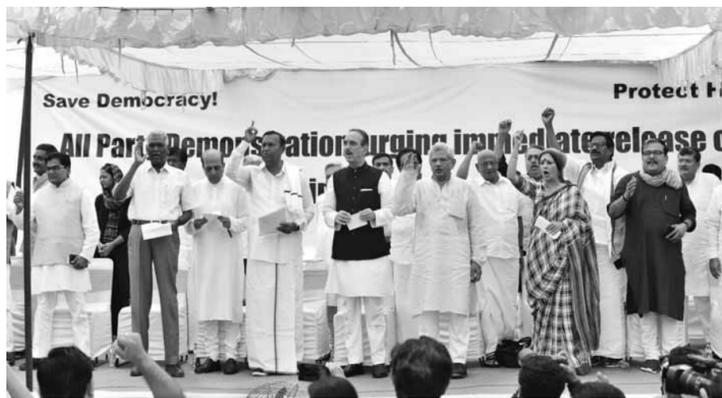
# Demonising PM not going to help: Jairam

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

At a time when the Congress is speaking with a forked tongue on the Government's move to abrogate the special status to Jammu & Kashmir under Article 370, there came a new one on Thursday as senior leader and former Union Minister Jairam Ramesh sought his party to introspect and see reason why Prime Minister Narendra Modi's governance model was not a "complete negative story".

Not recognising his work and demonising him all the time is not going to help, said Ramesh adding it is time we recognise Modi's work and what he did between 2014 and 2019 due to which he was voted back to power by over "30 per cent of the electorate".

Crisis-hit Congress, which remained headless for two and a half months following its president Rahul Gandhi's resignation owing up for the party's Lok Sabha debacle, has been speaking in different voices on the issue of Article 370 with its young turks backing the Modi Government's move. In the Lok Sabha elections, the Congress had run a very personalized campaign against Modi and sought to demolish his model of administration and governance.



Senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad, CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury, Polit Bureau member Brinda Karat, CPI leader D Raja, RJD MP Manoj Jha and others during Opposition parties protest, demanding the release of leaders detained in J&K, at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi on Thursday

"We talked about farmers' distress throughout our entire campaign, people realise there was farmers' distress but they did not hold Modi responsible for it. You saw what happened in the elections result thereafter. We have to understand what made him respectable," he said.

The BJP got 37.4 per cent of votes in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections and the NDA, as a whole, secured nearly 45 per cent of votes.

"Let me tell you it is not a

completely negative story when it comes to economics of the governance, the politics of the governance is completely different," he said, adding "the social relations that have been created out of his governance model is also completely different".

To prove his point, Ramesh gave the example of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUJ) and how successful it turned out for Modi. "In 2019, all of us in the political discourse made fun of one or two of his pro-

grammes, but it has turned out in all electoral studies that the PMUJ is one single program which has been able to connect him with crores and crores of women and given him the political traction which he didn't have in 2014," he pointed out.

"Now if we are going to run this down and say this is all hocus pocus and say these are wrong numbers, we are not going to confront this guy," he cautioned.

Ramesh made the remarks while launching a book,

"Malevolent Republic: A Short History of the New India" written by Kapil Satish Komireddi, a political analyst.

"He (Modi) talks in a language that connects him with the people. Unless we recognize that he is doing things which people recognise and which have not been done in the past, we are not going to be able to confront this guy," said the Congress leader.

"Also, if you are going to demonize him all the time, you are not going to be able to confront him," warned the former Union minister, who held the portfolios of Rural Development, and Drinking Water and Sanitation in the Manmohan Singh government.

Ramesh, however, sought to clarify that he is not asking anyone to praise or applaud the prime minister, but only wants the political class to at least recognise the traits he has brought to the governance -- particularly the "economics of governance".

Stating that something happened in the last decade, which catapulted Modi from a "non-entity in national politics" in the 2009 general elections to someone who won elections back to back, Ramesh said people of the country -- right or wrong -- are not relating "current distress to his presence".

# Sonia: Unity can be maintained by celebrating India's diversity

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Congress president Sonia Gandhi speaks during the 75th birth anniversary celebrations of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in New Delhi on Thursday

Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Thursday said that former Prime Minister late Rajiv Gandhi also got a massive poll mandate in 1984 but he did not use it to create an atmosphere of fear or to threaten people, in an indirect attack on the Modi Government.

Addressing an event marking Rajiv Gandhi's 75th birth anniversary, Sonia said that her husband gave the message that unity can be maintained by celebrating India's diversity.

Sonia said the former Prime Minister's 75th birth anniversary is not a ritual being marked by the Congress, but an occasion to reaffirm its resolve to uphold the values that inspired him. Rajiv Gandhi's birth anniversary is an occasion to resolve to stand up and confront forces determined to destroy the values that inspired him, she said in the presence of former PM Manmohan Singh, senior party leaders including Rahul Gandhi.

"Rajiv Gandhi never posed a threat to democracy, he never suppressed public opinion. His ethics and honesty always inspired him. The work done

held a firm conviction that India has to be a modern Nation," said Sonia.

She recalled how a section accused him of being elitist but it was he who crafted the new education policy in 1986 through which he looked upon rural India especially children and got a chain of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalyayas in every single district.

"His political adversaries accused him of being out of touch with reality with his fixation for computers. Yet it is this magnificent obsession with technology and modernity that has made millions of youth in our country ready to tackle the challenges of the digital era. I believe that his strategic reasons laid the foundations for prosperity of our country in the coming century," Sonia said.

On the occasion she also asserted that electoral ups and downs are inevitable and challenges facing the Congress are formidable, but it must continue with its ideological struggle against divisive forces. Sonia recently took over as the party's interim President following her son Rahul Gandhi stepping down as party chief owing the dismal performance in Lok Sabha this year.

# United to protect corruption, Naqvi takes jibe at Cong

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The BJP on Thursday attacked the Congress for supporting P Chidambaram, arrested in the INX Media case, saying it has "united to protect corruption" and that a court's decision to send him to four-day CBI custody shows a "prima facie case of corruption".

Senior BJP leader and Union Minister Prakash Javadekar also rejected the Congress accusation that the action against the former finance minister is "political

vendetta." "In fact, justice is happening," he said.

"The CBI court's decision to send him in remand makes it clear that it is a corruption case. There is a prima facie case and that is why the court has remanded him to the probe agency's custody. Therefore, the Congress accusation that it is political vendetta is wrong. In fact, justice is happening," Javadekar told PTI.

With top Congress leaders, including Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi, strongly defending Chidambaram and accusing

the Union government of political vendetta, Javadekar hit back at the opposition party.

The Congress has united to protect corruption. It is synonymous with corruption. When in power, it looted the country left right and centre," he said, and described the INX Media case as a "scam of massive corruption".

He referred to several alleged scams, including those involving coal block allocations, 2G spectrum and the Commonwealth Games, to say the Congress' rule during 2004-14 was "synonymous" with corruption. He also

spoke of "Jeeja ji scam", an apparent reference to controversial land deals involving Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's brother-in-law Robert Vadra.

Rejecting the Congress' allegation that the government was behind the action of investigation agencies, he said the matter should be left to investigation agencies and courts.

Another BJP leader and Union Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi said on Thursday that the opposition party was trying to convert corruption into revolution.

# Govt to relax lease rent of wind power projects

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Union Environment Ministry has decided to do away with the mandatory charging of lease rent of ₹30,000 per MW from wind power projects, a move aimed to boost the sector as well as bring it at par with the solar and hydroelectric power projects to attract investments.

In a review meeting held here on Thursday, Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar said the move will boost the investment in wind power projects and will help in

providing wind power at cheaper rate.

Currently, to establish wind power project over forest land, the existing procedure requires payment of mandatory charges for compensatory afforestation and Net Present Value (NPV). In addition to mandatory charges, the wind power companies had to pay additional lease rent of 30,000 per MW.

"The Government envisages to meet maximum energy requirement by tapping renewable energy resources and, to achieve the target of clean

energy in a time bound manner, various policies and regulations are being constantly updated," the Minister added.

This additional cost is not mandatory for other renewable energy projects such as solar power and hydel-electric projects. Additional cost for generation of clean energy through wind power, in turn escalate the per unit cost of power at consumer level, added a senior official from the Ministry.

The government has set an ambitious target of having 175 GW of clean energy capacity by

2022, including 100 GW solar and 60 GW of wind energy.

Also, "promotions of such projects also strengthen government's commitments towards international agreements, and one of the national commitments pledged in Paris in 2015 was to have 40 per cent of the power from renewable resources by 2030.

"It is noteworthy that currently India has over achieved the target and is well on track to ensure that more than 50 per cent of our installed capacity will come from renewable by 2030," said the official.

# Hindus kept worshipping at disputed site in Ayodhya: Litigant to apex court

HE ALSO SAID THAT BABRI MASJID WAS BUILT AFTER DEMOLISHING RAM TEMPLE

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Babri Masjid was built after demolishing a Ram temple at the disputed site in Ayodhya and Hindus kept worshipping there without giving up its possession, a Hindu litigant Thursday told the Supreme Court, while seeking enforcement of right to worship there.

Devotee Gopal Singh Visharad, who filed the lawsuit in the lower court in 1950 seeking right to pray, died in 1986 and is now represented by his son Rajendra Singh.

The five judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi heard the arguments on the 10th day in the

decades-old politically sensitive land dispute.

"The mosque was built after demolishing the Ram temple, and despite that Hindus continued worshipping there and did not give up possession...Moreover, Muslims were never in possession of the site," senior advocate Ranjit Kumar told the bench which also comprised Justices SA Bobde, DY Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and SA Nazeer.

"I am making my submissions with reference to Parasaran's and Vaidyanathan's submissions (both lawyers represented the deity) that the place is itself a divine site and that I being the worshipper, my right to worship, which is a civil right, should not be curtailed," he said.

Referring to records, the senior lawyer said magistrate Markandey Singh on December 29, 1949 had initiated proceedings to attach the disputed structure under the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) following communal disturbances.

The magistrate had sought responses from Hindu and Muslim parties in support of their claim and counter claim over the property.

Twenty affidavits were filed in 1950 by persons from both sides before the magistrate and they are also part of the judicial records of the Allahabad High Court.

"Filing affidavits, per se, is not enough to prove them. The deponents will have to appear to prove them... No court can say that the facts of these affidavits are proved," the bench said.

These affidavits were filed in 1950 and the trial on lawsuits took place "much much later", the lawyer said.

The high court did not accept the affidavits saying that the deponents were not available for cross examination, he said, adding that they are part of the judicial records and be accepted by the apex court as the magistrate had verified the statements and identity of the deponents (makers of the affidavits).

# Salem-Chennai road project is of national importance: NHA to SC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The National Highways Authority of India (NHA) told the Supreme Court Thursday that the Rs 10,000 crore Salem-Chennai 8-lane green corridor road project is of "national importance" and the Madras High Court had erred in quashing the land acquisition process.

The ambitious 277.3-km greenfield project connecting Salem and Chennai under the central government's 'Bharatmala Pariyojana' scheme aims to cut travel time between the two cities by half, to about two hours and 15 minutes.

The NHA told a bench headed by Justice N V Ramana that the high court had held that environmental clearance (EC) was mandatory for the project.

"The reasons given by the high court (in the judgement) are factually incorrect," Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the NHA, told the bench which also comprised

Justices M M Shantanagoudar and Ajay Rastogi.

Mehta said the high court erred in saying that grant of prior environmental clearance was necessary for the project.

"If we have to take environmental clearance first and then go for land acquisition then it will be like putting the cart before the horse," Mehta told the bench.

He said there was no dispute on the fact that EC is required before commencement of construction work for the project.

One of the advocates, appearing for the farmers who had moved the high court challenging land acquisition proceedings, told the bench that initially the project was for connecting Chennai and Madurai but later it was changed to Salem-Chennai.

The bench told Mehta that he should give a flow chart referring to legal questions as well as the factual matrix of the case.

# MoEF's empowered group grants approval to road widening project

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Regional Empowered Committee (REC), formed by the Environment Ministry, has granted approval to a road widening project from Pathankot to Kullu on the condition that it will involve minimum felling of trees. As per the project proponent, the road widening work involves felling of 1,537 trees.

The REC granted the Stage-I approval to the project, asking the State Public Works Department (PWD), the proposer, to deposit with it the Net Present Value of the forest land being diverted for non-forestry purpose. The project requires diversion of 7.67 hectare of protected forest land, the panel noted.

"Legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged. Efforts should be made to fell minimum number of trees. The trees should be felled under strict supervision of the state forest department," the REC said, adding that no damage should be done to the



adjoining forest land. Clearance under the Forest Conservation (FC) Act, is granted in two stages.

While in Stage-I, the proposal is agreed to in-principle in which usually compensatory afforestation, funds for raising compensatory afforestation thereof, realisation of Net Present Value (NPV) of forest are stipulated and after receipt of compliance report from the state government in respect of the stipulated conditions, formal approval under the FC Act is issued.

The in-principle agreement and formal approval under the FC Act are com-

monly referred to as stage-I and stage-II approval under the FC Act respectively.

"The User Agency (PWD) shall raise strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road at the project cost with maintenance of seven to ten years," the panel directed while approving the project.

The PWD, in its proposal, had submitted that the proposed alignment does not pass through any national park or wildlife sanctuary and involves felling of 1,537 trees. It said that compensatory afforestation has been proposed at 15.34 ha in Pathankot.

# Plea filed in SC challenging constitutional validity of UAPA



Argues that it infringed upon the fundamental rights of citizens

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A plea was filed in the Supreme Court on Thursday challenging the constitutional validity of the amendments to the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) on the ground that these infringed upon the fundamental rights of citizens.

The bill for amendments to the UAPA was passed by Parliament on August 2 and it received the President's ascent

on August 9. The amended Act allows the Centre to designate individuals as terrorists and seize their properties.

The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Act, 2019 also provides for putting a travel ban on such individuals once they are declared as terrorists. The petition has been filed by the Association for Protection of Civil Rights (APCR), an NGO, which said the amendments infringed upon the fundamental right to reputation and dignity under Article 21 of the Constitution, without substantive and procedural due process.

# ED attaches properties of fraudster booked under anti-money laundering law

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The Enforcement Directorate has attached properties worth over ₹19 lakh of a man booked under the anti-money laundering law for allegedly duping people by promising them secure admission in an Uttarakhand medical college.

Rohit Singh Chauhan is being probed for cheating people to the tune of ₹1.29 crore by dishonestly inducing them in getting admission in post-graduation courses under the management quota in HIHT Medical College, Dehradun, an official said.

The properties attached under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) are a 0.138-hectare plot valued at ₹4.83 lakh and a flat in New Delhi worth ₹14.69 lakh.

The plot is in the name of Chauhan and his father and the plot, in addition to the two, is in the name of his mother, the official said.

The ED had initiated the probe on the basis of an FIR and chargesheet filed by Uttarakhand police against Chauhan and other accused in the case.

Chauhan played an active role in duping the complainants and collected funds from them. He transferred the money to his and his family members' account and utilised it for personal use, the official said.

Chauhan and his associates fraudulently collected ₹1.29 crore from the complainants in cash and through banking channels and credited them into the account of a company he was a director of, he said.

# WTI conservationist felicitated at Geneva

New Delhi : Conservationist Vivek Menon, head of Delhi-based Wildlife Trust of India (WTI) has been awarded the prestigious Clark R Bavin Wildlife Law Enforcement Award-2019 recently by Iyonne Higuero, secretary general of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) at Geneva where the eighteenth meeting of Conference of Parties to CITES is currently being held. PNS

# FOUNDER CEO OF C-5 FOUNDATION AMONG 100 'GREEN TICKET' RECIPIENTS

New Delhi: Trivandrum-based climate activist and founder CEO of the C-5 Foundation (Change Can Change Climate Change) PR Vishnu is among the 100 'green ticket' recipients chosen by the United Nations from around the world who will resent the discussions in the UN Youth Climate Summit to be held on September 21 at the UN Headquarters in New York. PNS

# MCI raps varsity administration

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Medical Council of India (MCI) has taken exception to the alleged mass ragging at Saifai Medical University in Etawah asking it why it should not be fined and declared ineligible for new admissions for a minimum period of one year.

"Why exemplary fine of Rs 1 Lakh for each incident of ragging, that of 150X1 Lakh, that is equal to Rs 150 Lakhs be not imposed upon the institute," asked the Board of Governors in Supersession of Medical Council of India (MCI BoG).

It also asked why the senior

The Indian Medical Association (IMA) has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking revocation of an order suspending Uttar Pradesh-based paediatrician Kafeel Khan, an alleged accused in the death of infants at the BRD Medical College in Gorakhpur in 2017.

batches admitted to MBBS course be not suspended from attending classes for a minimum period of one month.

According to reports, several first-year students of the university were made to parade on the campus with their heads tonsured. A purported video clip on social media showed the students in white coats walking in a single file, bowing their tonsured heads and also making 'salaam' gestures. Another clip showed them in rows.

# Apex court refers decision on Oxytocin to larger bench

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Thursday referred to its larger bench the question whether it would be in public interest to restrict manufacture of life-saving drug, Oxytocin, for domestic use to a single public sector undertaking. PTI

# Book on PM Modi released

New Delhi: A book on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, 'The Modi Dynamic', written by Sanju Verma, has been released by Blue Rose Publishers. The first part of the book contains many interesting topic like how demonetization unearthed black money and how it was a game changer. The second part of the book exposes the weaknesses of "Gathbandhan politics and failure of "Raebareli-Amethi" model. PNS

# Trumping logic

The US President's attempt to buy Greenland and call off his Danish visit for being rebuffed is outrageous



US President Donald Trump has got away with making bewildering, puzzling and impossible statements by virtue of the high office he holds, giving his administration officials heartburn whether to treat them as an American sitcom joke or interpret them as layered diplomacy. For they simply cannot leave the words hanging there, especially when they impact relations between nations. Now that the world's most important man has escalated an international spat, by calling off his trip to Denmark because its Prime Minister rejected his idea to buy Greenland as an absurdity, eggs are splattered all over their faces. One, Denmark is well within its rights to decide on Greenland, its semi-autonomous Arctic island with a 50,000 plus population, and air views on its territorial sovereignty whenever anybody tries to belittle it. And Trump is trying to grab it by standards of a defunct barter economy, proposing an outright land deal. But to be told off by the US President, who impetuously threatens a hitback with comments like "nasty" and "You don't talk to the United States that way, at least under me," can assume serious proportions, considering that Trump has not only upended conventions but has also followed through with his absurd statements with a fair bit of doggedness and whimsy. This has surprised Denmark all the more because it is a key partner in the North Atlantic alliance, and was among the first countries to pledge military support in Iraq and Afghanistan. More than 40 Danish troops died in Helmand province, fighting alongside American and British soldiers. So it certainly doesn't deserve this blow-off.

Of course, the world's largest island comes with its strategic value in the Arctic region. Global warming and melting ice caps are making Greenland more accessible for harnessing potential oil and mineral resources. All the big powers — Russia, China, the US, Canada — are in a tussle to stake their claim on Arctic lands, hoping to own and leverage future riches. But would the US go so far with its Nordic conquest as to sink its perennial allies like the Titanic? Of course, the *Washington Post* reported that Trump had been peddling the idea for weeks and had "even discussed taking over Denmark's annual \$600 million subsidy to Greenland in perpetuity, and possibly tossing in an additional large payment to sweeten the deal." Considering that the US already has a military base in Denmark, one fails to understand the urgency of land acquisition. For by cancelling his trip, he has upset the royal household, which had formally invited Trump. He has also upset climatologists and scientists who say Greenland's massive ice sheet has seen one of its biggest melts on record this summer and economic exploitation would only worsen the scenario. Though this may not break down the cordial relations with the US yet, its Prime Minister assuring continuity despite the cancellation of Trump's visit, Danes have been put off by what they call a "farfical" and "grotesque" behaviour. Some observers have also speculated that Trump was looking for a pretext to call off his visit considering his predecessor Barack Obama was also scheduled to visit the country and enjoys more popularity and the former didn't want to appear dwarfed by comparison. But to go so far out, no matter what the strategic or personal intent, only makes the US fall from grace globally and its allies question the price of loyalty. For long, the US has been perceived as a global bully, can it afford to be more obnoxious now? Most importantly, nobody thought that Greenlanders should be asked what they want considering many wonder if Trump indeed remembered the location of Greenland from his geography lessons.

# Saving the economy

Scapegoats for the economic contagion will be found, but that there is a problem remains a fact



To be fair to Indian policy-makers, it is true that the economic slowdown is impacting countries across the world, and they could potentially use that as a crutch to explain away India's current problems. That would be wrong, because while global issues do impact India, particularly Indian exports, the fact is that the Indian economy is more self-contained than most people imagine. Besides many of our problems have been created by a combination of poor policy, poor implementation

and poor management. It is also true that a lot of the current trouble with reduced credit offtake can be traced back to the profligacy of banks during the UPA era, with politically connected people getting loans at extremely favourable terms. However, the task of fixing the mess has meant that the banks are now at the other extreme and routinely turn down loan requests even to viable corporations and entrepreneurs as well as private individuals. Yes, the fiasco of demonetisation and the chaotic implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) have a role to play in the situation that India finds herself in, but it is the extreme reticence of banks to lend money that is causing the contagion to worsen. Banks are rightly scared, and they will need assurance from the Government and the bureaucracy that they will not be punished for business failures. Now the RBI Governor's statement that our service sector is sluggish and the trough is a combination of multiple factors only deepens the sense of foreboding.

A lot of reassurance will need to come from smart policy makers, and there is seemingly a lack of smartness when it comes to economic and industrial policy. Half-baked ideas, such as the talk of abolishing income tax, a wet dream of certain 'economists' are being talked about. On the other hand, half-baked ideas such as additional surcharges on income tax for high income earners became a reality in the budget but papers lack details on having sums unaccounted for. The Economic Survey in parts reads like a theological text rather than what it was meant to be. The Government really needs to bring in some proper experts, even if those people might be opposed to some of the policies followed by the Government in other areas. There is no doubt that the Indian economy is a challenge, we have a lot of poor people and they have to be taken care of. However, the best way to do that is to ensure employment and grow the economy so that incomes rise across the board and social sector spending can also improve. It is a challenge that requires the cumulative brainpower of thousands of economists, statisticians and social scientists. The alacrity with which this government is dealing with national security issues is welcome but frankly it needs to show that concern for a sputtering economy and the fallout of lower growth, or perish the thought, a recession, could be more severe than any of us can imagine.

# opinion

## Culling corruption

While this issue is huge, it is not insurmountable. We can at least start adopting a different approach to tackle it by bringing about behavioural change



AJOY KUMAR

India's reputation as one of the world's most corrupt bureaucracies is well-documented. On the Corruption Perceptions Index, India ranks 78th and this outlook is with merit and cause. What is surprising, however, is that the civil services examination and the post of a civil servant are still one that attracts great attention and fanfare. Any aspirant, who "cracks" the examination, is treated with great respect. This is, perhaps, why lakhs of young aspirants spend days together, working towards the goal of being part of the Indian bureaucracy.

A large number of these students are from prestigious institutes like the Indian Institute of Technology and various National Law Schools, among others. As a former civil servant, I find that this desire to join the civil services, surprisingly, has not dwindled. A few pessimists would say that these young aspirants join the bureaucracy to extract their pound of flesh. As Theodore Roosevelt said, "A man who has never gone to school may steal a freight car; but if he has a university education, he may steal the whole railroad." But levity aside, I think this is unduly harsh and frankly not true. In fact, as is true in most avenues of life, corruption in the Indian bureaucracy, too, follows the Pareto principle (also known as the 80/20 rule) that is 80 per cent of all corruption in the bureaucracy is carried out by 20 per cent of the people. The problem is to identify and punish this 20 per cent, which is bringing the entire country and the service immense shame and disrepute.

Corruption has no rigid definition, but the most common academic connotation, which defines it as "the misuse of public office for private gain", seems to be the most appropriate. While most times the media appears to cover the "headline" scandals and/or instances of corruption — ie, the kind of scams that attract most eyeballs — rarely do we realise just what the magnitude of everyday corruption is in our country. Transparency International estimates that Indians end up paying bribes of over ₹21,000 crore (approx \$3.5 billion) every year to access Government services. Therefore, there are different types of corruption, which differ from service to service. MR Venkatesh, a Chartered Accountant-turned lawyer, said it best in these lines, "IAS officers are after the rich people, IRS officers are after the middle class and IPS officers are after the poor. This is the new *varnashrama* created by the bureaucracy." While this looks like oversimplifying a complex issue, the crux of the problem does ring true.

So what are the causes of corruption? There are a number of people who have endlessly theorised on the reasons why the Indian bureaucracy suffers from corruption. One such reason is the country's complex legal and regulatory framework. India remains an extremely difficult place to do business. To set up or operate any business here, an entrepreneur or businessman has to jump through var-



ious hoops and then hope to gain favour from the relevant bureaucrat even before starting his/her business. It is, therefore, no coincidence that India's low ranking on the Corruption Perceptions Index corresponds with its low position in the World Bank's indicators for doing business.

Just to give an idea about the ease of doing business in India, according to a World Bank survey, the act of obtaining a single construction permit in India involves 27 discrete procedures, takes 162 days and costs 46 per cent of the total outlay to a construction firm building a warehouse. The keyword here is "discretion". The minute it is brought in, the corrupt official gets an opportunity to make a quick buck.

Another reason as to why corruption persists in our country is the lack of respect towards entrepreneurs and businessmen. While we often get to hear praises about a Narayana Murthy or an Azim Premji, these examples are an exception rather than the norm. This is because we, as Indians, have been encouraged to treat a business as an entity that makes money by stealing someone else's buck. This is why any new business is looked at with suspicion first and then with admiration. While the conduct of some Indian promoters does

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indicate that there is some truth to this perception, our lack of openness and admiration towards entrepreneurs does the country more harm than good.

So what can be done? We need to change our attitudes towards businesses. There is no denying the fact that there should be a strict framework within which all businesses flourish. However, a strict framework does not necessarily mean that any new business ought to be treated with contempt. For example, it is important that every business operates within the realm of the law and obtains all relevant approvals. However, bureaucrats must not be given any reason to place more hurdles in helping them establish a business than those that are already present. It is evident that this Government needs cash and, therefore, is on a tax collection spree. However, in the long-run, it is impossible for any Government to collect taxes if it continues to act in a targeted and adversarial manner. It is, therefore, crucial for the Government to intimate and drive home the point to bureaucrats that their role is to facilitate the lives of honest citizens rather than acting as impediments.

Another way to mitigate the effects of corruption is to improve information dissemina-

tion and use technology. While the former is crucial and must be encouraged with zeal, the latter must be approached with greater care in a country like India where technology is really only to the benefit of a few rather than most. The best example of how this can provide benefit is the recent change in the law which allows drivers to carry scanned copies of their driving licences and RCs. Most people, however, have not heard about this change in the rules.

I have personally heard of many stories of traffic cops taking bribes from unassuming drivers merely because they tell them that they are required to carry physical copies of their documents. In such a case if people are informed about the change in rules and technology is used meaningfully, instances of bribes will automatically be reduced.

While the problem of corruption is huge, we can at least start adopting a different approach to tackle it. Bringing about a change in mindset will be of great help. This should be coupled with other innovative solutions. With these changes, I think, we will find that the problem of corruption is not as insurmountable as we think.

(The writer is former president of Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee)

## SOUNDBITE

Sometimes the process is incorrect. I am not talking about the legality. The way his (Chidambaram's) matter has been handled is depressing.

West Bengal Chief Minister —Mamata Banerjee

You get this feeling of doubt, that do you remember even to act? I was also going through that stage. Not a very good frame of mind.

Actor —Suniel Shetty

Countries like India, Iran, Russia and Turkey would have to fight against terrorists in Afghanistan at some point of time.

US President —Donald Trump

He (Modi) talks in a language that connects him with the people. If you are going to demonise him all the time, you are not going to be able to confront him.

Congress leader —Jairam Ramesh

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Save the forests

Sir — It is a matter of concern that there has been a 83 per cent increase in forest fires in the Amazon rainforest area in Brazil. Conservationists have blamed Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro for its plight, saying that he encouraged loggers and farmers to clear the land. Bolsonaro on the other hand has blamed non-governmental organisations, saying that they may have set the fires to embarrass his Government after it's decision to cut funding for them. Ironically, Bolsonaro has no evidence to support his claim.

Spread across millions of hectares in multiple countries, the Amazon basin not only hosts massive sinks of carbon that helps bring down the pace of global warming but is also home to three million species. The situation today is depressing. First and foremost, the Brazilian Government must realise the need to protect the forests. The international community must put diplomatic pressure on Brazil to convince it on the need to protect the forests and also help it seek higher funds.

Tanisha Shrivastava Ujjain

### Idea of India needs fresh outlook

This refers to the article, "Reunification of India a necessity" (August 21) by Markandey Katju. The learned writer has put forth a very noble idea, the successful implementation and sustainability of which will be a boon for the entire sub-continent. However, a look back into the history of Partition of India will reveal that ground realities are different and do not offer much hope on the lines of Vietnam or Germany or Italy where, unlike India's religious bigotry, differences were political in nature. In this connection, I would like to make two points.

First, noting the facts of history and the extent of communal discord in the country during the last 70 years, it will be incorrect to put the blame of India's Partition entirely on the British. At best, it can be said that the British took advantage of communal discord. In this connection, it would be worthwhile to recollect what Mahatma Gandhi had said during a prayer meet on the day the vital decision of Partition was taken. He said: "It is no use blaming the Viceroy for Partition. Look to yourselves and in your hearts for an explanation of what has happened." Second, it will also be worth recalling that the seeds of Two-Nation Theory were sown in the 19th Century. Ironically, after the formation of the Indian National Congress (INC), the queering pitch for Independence raised alarm bells in the minds of Muslims



at the prospect of being ruled by the Hindu majority. It is, thus, a deep-rooted problem which requires extraordinary efforts in cleansing the heart and mind. We would, therefore, do well to accept the reality and create an atmosphere of open heartedness where grievances are brought out in the open and healed forever so that the noble idea of unification of India can be achieved. Sadly, this has not happened so far and things have remained camouflaged in political language and interference.

BP Srivastava Noida

### Damage already done

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Chidambaram in a spot" (August 22). After a day-long drama, P Chidambaram did

show up for a surprise Press conference at the Congress headquarters, but by then, the damage had been done. During the Press conference, he claimed that no formal chargesheet was filed against him in the INX

Media case and that there was no question of him evading the law.

Had Chidambaram said the same thing after the Delhi High Court rejected his bail plea, he would have done much good not

only to himself but also to his party. The Congress leadership, too, had been crying hoarse, terming the action taken against Chidambaram a "political witch hunt" but the High Court has sound evidence against him. The case against him appears to be water-tight. All eyes are now on the courts. Only time will uncover the truth but certainly, the Congress has further lost credibility among the masses.

Jai Prakash Gupta Ambala Cantt

### Clarity needed

Sir — This refers to the article, "Upping deterrence ante?" (August 22) by Vivek Mishra. The Government must come clear if it is contemplating a change in its 'No First Use' policy to checkmate Pakistan or is this just another exercise to make the people believe that it can go to any extent to protect the nation's interests? This issue demands wider debate and discussion.

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FIRST COLUMN

# Disable the plastic bomb

An awareness campaign in regional languages, riding on social media platforms, must be undertaken by the Centre and pushed down to the panchayat level



KUMARDEEP BANERJEE

Mariam, an orphaned, baby dugong died somewhere in Thai waters this week. While she lived, 'Sleepyhead', so fondly nicknamed by the social media, ensured engaging moments for millions of her fans. Sadly, Mariam's life story ended tragically with her demise due to intestinal blockage caused by plastic waste. The little marine creature's suffering once again put the spotlight on the grave issue of plastic debris polluting our oceans.

A ticking bomb, that will inevitably lead to our destruction, microplastics, particles that are smaller than five millimeters, are making their way into our food and drinking water, yet, very little prevents us from asking the vegetable vendor for a plastic carry bag.

Let's take a look at some eye-popping statistics in order to understand the magnitude of the problem that we, with our callous attitude towards the environment, have created.

It is estimated that an average Indian ingests around five grams of microplastic every week, the equivalent of a credit card. A study conducted a few years ago by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) found that major Indian cities generate nearly 4,100 tons of plastic waste daily, which for the whole country translates to nearly 30,000 tons per day, out of which Delhi tops the chart at nearly 700 tons of plastic waste generated daily.

According to estimates, nearly 90 per cent of this untreated and non-recyclable plastic ends up in the soil, forests, mountains, landfills and oceans, harming humans and unsuspecting birds, marine creatures, cows and other animals.

Given the detrimental impact of plastic waste on human lives, particularly children, our oceans and the planet at large, it is commendable that a clarion call to defuse this bomb has come from Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself. Modi, during his Independence Day address urged citizens to eliminate single-use plastic and use cloth and jute bags instead. He asked for the first big step in this direction to be taken from October 2, 2019, to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

Thankfully, many government agencies and large private sector players have taken cognizance and have started taking steps to reduce or eliminate plastic under the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) policy approach. While the Parliament has banned use of non-reusable plastic items within the complex, the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) a subsidiary of the Indian Railways, has also banned plastic use from October 2. It has issued a circular which prevents vendors from using plastic carry bags and will ensure the return of plastic drinking water bottles by passengers. Encouragingly, some private firms like Mahindra and Hindustan Lever have also announced plastic reduction measures.

On the policy-making front, the CPCB is slated to submit a consolidated report on the use and management of plastic waste, after it gets data from State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs). The recommendations the CPCB will make are likely to bring in more norms on top of the Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2018.

However, good intentions and new guidelines are not enough to tackle this menace. There are a couple of measures that need to be implemented without any compromise to ensure compliance.

A mass awareness campaign in regional languages, riding on all social media platforms, needs to be undertaken by the central government and pushed right to the municipal and village panchayat level. Only mass campaigns on the lines of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan will create awareness at the grassroots and prevent indiscriminate and irresponsible plastic use. A key issue which needs urgent attention is coordination between the CPCB and SPCBs. Most often, like other areas of Federal Vs State policy overlaps, we find SPCBs passing "Shut with Immediate Effect" kind of orders that are not in line with Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2018.

A nodal ministry, looking into plastic waste management rules and their implementation, the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) should urgently set up a national-level co-ordination task force comprising state and CPCB representatives. There should be significant private sector and civil society representation as well. This body should be given targets to reduce plastic waste and co-ordinate on key matters between the Centre and states. In the absence of such a body, interpretation of key laws remains ambiguous and lands in No Man's Zone. This leads to non-compliance and missed targets. Finally, citizens need to get religious about plastic waste management. The festive season is approaching and tons of plastic will be used, that will most likely end up in the nearest water body. A conscious, collective effort has to be made by all to cut down plastic use. In fact, a zero plastic festival would be a welcome idea this season.

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POINT COUNTERPOINT

HE (CHIDAMBARAM) WAS BEING TARGETTED. SINCE TRUTH IS INCONVENIENT TO COWARDS, HE IS BEING SHAMEFULLY HUNTED DOWN.

—CONGRESS LEADER PRIYANKA GANDHI VADRA



PRIYANKA SHOULD BE TAKING CARE OF HER HUSBAND ROBERT VADRA. THERE ARE SEVERAL CASES AGAINST HIM.

—DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER OF UTTAR PRADESH KESHAV PRASAD MAURYA

# Breaking barriers

Vatsalya, an initiative to improve the health and nutritional status of women and children, was undertaken in 22 villages in Amreli's Rajula Block



SWAPNA MAJUMDAR

The small boat at Gujarat's bustling Pipavav Port bobs up and down as it waits to ferry passengers to Shiyal Bet Island barely 600 metres away. It's a rainy morning and the waters of the Arabian Sea are beginning to turn choppy. Fifty-year-old Dakuben jumps onto the boat with ease, having undertaken the 12-minute journey innumerable times to visit her daughter in Shiyal Bet. However, this time, her visit is mired in sorrow as she is going to mourn the death of her newborn granddaughter.

Gujarat's Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) is 30 deaths per 1,000 live births and the state ranked tenth in the country according to the NITI Aayog's 2016 IMR report. According to statistics 69 per cent of infant deaths in Gujarat were neonatal, higher than the national average of 67.60 per cent.

Anaemia is one of the major factors responsible for the rising neonatal, infant and maternal mortality in Gujarat, especially among rural women. According to the fourth National Family Health Survey (NFHS-4) conducted in 2014-15, 54.9 per cent women in the age group of 14-49 years are anaemic and 51.3 per cent of pregnant women have anaemia.

The NFHS-4 placed Gujarat among the top 15 states with the highest incidence of anaemia as the percentage of anaemic women there was higher than the national average of 53 per cent.

The survey revealed that lack of education played a major role and anaemia was particularly high among illiterate women due to lack of awareness about health-related issues.

At 31.2 per cent, Shiyal Bet's literacy rates are much lower than the state's 78.3 per cent (2011 census). With the island's female literacy rate being just 15.48 per cent, it's no surprise that awareness about anaemia and other health issues is low.

In order to change this scenario, Vatsalya, an initiative to improve the health and nutritional status of women, children, and adolescents was undertaken in Shiyal Bet and 21 villages with similar poor health and development indicators in Rajula Block in Amreli district. Launched in 2016 by the Centre for Health Education, Training, Nutrition Awareness (CHETNA), a not-for-profit organisation, the three-year programme has been able to bring down undernutrition, improve antenatal and postnatal care and ensure safe motherhood.

It has also been able to break myths related to early breastfeeding, promote healthy feeding practices, timely immunization and increase access to basic health services.

The intervention, supported by Gujarat Pipavav Port Limited (GPPL) APM Terminals under their corporate social responsibility initiative, used a multi-pronged strategy including games, Q&A sessions and street theatre to engage the community. Sustained efforts, coupled with community participation helped to bring down the number of children suffering from undernutrition from 30 per cent in 2016 to 14 per cent in 2019. The number of children who attained normal body mass index also rose.

The intervention marked up registration of pregnancies by almost 42 per cent and increased the number of women receiving antenatal care, tetanus injections and folic acid tablets. A rise in institutional deliveries by 9.42 per cent was also seen at the end of the three years.

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"We are committed to bringing change in the lives of marginalised communities. Therefore, empowering them with factual information and linking them to government schemes and programmes was imperative. This intervention was more challenging because we had to work in difficult-to-reach villages like Shiyal Bet and with migrating populations and communities that were isolated and neglected. But we were able to make a difference in their lives thanks to our dedicated field team, and our partnership with the community, frontline health workers and panchayat leaders," said Pallavi Patel, Director, CHETNA.

A key to this success was the strategy to train women from the community as Vatsalya mitras (friends). This gave the community a sense of ownership and led to increased participation. So when Shantuben Chauhan became a trained Vatsalya mitra, she used her influence as an anganwadi worker (AWW) to reach out to pregnant and lactating women. Chauhan, an AWW for the last 15 years, is a popular face in Shiyal Bet. With both her marital and natal home being in Shiyal Bet, Chauhan was able to mobilise the community very effectively.

However, when the CHETNA team first visited Shiyal Bet, they found that although Chauhan was articulate and good at her work as an AWW, she, like most of the others, believed in many myths related to reproductive and sexual health. One of the biggest misconceptions she had was related to menstruation. Not only was it a taboo subject, but neither she nor her three daughters practiced menstrual hygiene. Considering that only 54 per cent of rural women use a hygienic method of menstrual protection (NFHS-4), this was not surprising.

The fact that women with at least 12 years of schooling were more than twice as likely to be using a hygienic method (79 per cent) as against women with no schooling (34 per cent) meant that Chauhan who is uneducated, didn't get access to information which could help her practice menstrual hygiene.

So the first step was to demystify menstruation. The team knew that once they were able to get Chauhan on board then she would get the others. "I was ashamed to discuss this issue. The training helped me understand why I should not be ashamed and why menstrual hygiene is important. I used the scientific information to convince other women and adolescents during Vatsalya samwads (dialogue)," recalled Chauhan.

For Vatsalya mitra Vandanaaben Goswami, the training cured her of the belief that she was 'impure' during her periods and going to the temple or kitchen was wrong. "After I became better informed, I no longer forced my daughters to follow these customs. I used my own example to convince other women and girls," contended Goswami.

The monthly Vatsalya samwads proved to be a good move as they helped break the ice on many 'uncomfortable' issues like the tradition of early marriage and family planning in all 22 villages. Besides explaining the consequences of early marriage on the health of adolescents, the importance of antenatal care and postnatal care visits for pregnant and lactating women were discussed. Also addressed were myths related to early and exclusive breastfeeding. According to NFHS-4, just 50 per cent women in Gujarat start breastfeeding in the first hour of life as recommended by the World Health Organisation, thus depriving

newborns of the highly nutritious first milk, colostrums, and the antibodies it contains. In fact, about one in five children who were ever breastfed were given something other than breast milk during the first three days.

Raziben's three children were among them. She had followed the custom of feeding her children goat's milk or hot water mixed with jaggery immediately after birth. It was only after attending the Vatsalya samwads that she understood why this was not healthy for the newborn. This helped her initiate early breastfeeding for her fourth child born last year. Inspired by this, her friend and neighbour Manjunben also breastfed her daughter within 24 hours of her birth in June this year. In fact, there was an 22 per cent increase in early breastfeeding by the end of the project.

A big factor in the improving health and nutrition indicators was the partnership with local leaders and panchayats. Leaders like Gangabhai, the sarpanch of Kundaliya Village, played an active role in mobilizing the community and promoting awareness.

"There has been a big change in my village after CHETNA began their work. The AWWs have become more informed and active. More women are attending the monthly Mamta Divas. Earlier only 7-8 women had health cards, now 60 of them have cards. I also pay visits to support and motivate them," he said.

While the success has been encouraging, challenges remain. Considering the entrenched patriarchy and caste barriers in Gujarat, sustaining behavioural change requires greater investment of time and resources. Only then, will no one be left behind.

(The writer is a senior journalist)

# In denial of converging global crises

Artificial Intelligence and climate emergency are the two biggest threats facing economies today. We know a good deal about both but not enough to be confident about our choices — and besides, they may well mutate and head off in unforeseen directions



GWYNNE DYER

Maybe we can get through the climate crisis without a global catastrophe, although that door is closing fast. And maybe we can cope with the huge loss of jobs caused by the revolution in robotics and Artificial Intelligence (AI) without a social and political calamity. But can we do both at the same time?

We should know how to deal with the AI revolution because we have been down this road before. It's a bit different this time, of course, in the sense that the original industrial revolution in 1780-1850 created as many new jobs (in manufacturing) as it destroyed (in cottage industries and skilled trades).

The AI revolution, by contrast, is

not producing nearly enough replacement jobs but it is making us much wealthier. The value of manufactured goods doubled in the United States (US) in the past 30 years even as the number of good industrial jobs fell by a third (eight million jobs gone). Maybe we could use that extra wealth to ease the transition to a job-scarce future. The climate emergency is unlike any challenge we have faced before. Surmounting it would require an unprecedented level of global cooperation and very big changes in how people consume and behave, neither of which human beings have historically been good at.

These two crises are already interacting. The erosion of middle-class jobs and the stagnation (or worse) of real wage levels generates resentment and anger among the victims and is already creating populist, authoritarian regimes throughout the world. These regimes despise international cooperation and often deny climate change as well (Trump in the US, Bolsonaro in Brazil).

And there is a recession coming. Maybe not this year, although almost



all the storm signals are flying: Stock markets spooked, a rush into gold, nine major economies already in recession or on the verge of one, an "inverted yield curve" on bonds and trade wars spreading. Even US President Donald Trump is worried, which is why he postponed the harsher American trade tariffs against China, which were due next month.

Economists have predicted nine of the past five recessions as they say in the trade, so I'm not calling the turn on this one. But a recession is overdue and a lot of the damage done by the

Great Recession of 2008 has still not been repaired. Interest rates are still very low, so the banks have little room to cut rates and soften the next one. When it arrives, it could be a doozy.

So what can we do about all this? The first thing is to recognise that we cannot plot a course that takes us from here and now, through all the changes and past all the unpleasant surprises to ultimate safety, maybe 50 years from now.

We can plan how to get through the next five years and we should be thinking hard about what will be need-

ed later on. But we can't steer a safe and steady course to the year 2070 any more than intelligent decision-makers in 1790 could have planned how to get through to 1840 without too much upheaval. They might have seen steam engines but they would have had no idea what a railroad was.

We are in the same position as those people with regard to both AI and the global environmental emergency (which extends far beyond "climate change", although that is at its heart). We know a good deal about both issues but not enough to be confident about our choices — and besides, they may well mutate and head off in unforeseen directions as the crises deepen.

But there are two big things we can do right now. We need to stop the slide into populist and increasingly authoritarian Governments (because we are not going to stop the spread of AI). And we have to win ourselves more time to get our greenhouse gas emissions under control (because we are certainly going to go through 450 parts per million of carbon dioxide equivalent, which would give us +2°C

higher average global temperature).

The best bet for getting our politics back on track is a guaranteed minimum income, high enough to keep everybody comfortable — whether they are working or not. That is well within the reach of any developed country's economy and has the added benefit of putting enough money into people's pockets to save everybody's business model.

And the best way to win more time on the climate front is to start geo-engineering (direct intervention in the atmosphere to hold the global temperature down) as soon as we get anywhere near +2°C. To be ready then, we need to be doing open-air testing on a small scale now. There will be howls of protest from the right about a guaranteed minimum income and from the greener parts of the left about geo-engineering. However, both will probably be indispensable if we want to get through these huge changes without mass casualties or even civilisational collapse.

(The writer's new book is *Growing Pains, The Future of Democracy and Work*)



FOREIGN EYE



ON GREENLAND

As the seriousness of the climate crisis becomes more obvious, so does the fact that it can only be solved by coordinated international action, while competing nationalisms can only exacerbate it and make the easily foreseeable end worse for all competitors. A rules-based international order is the counsel of enlightened self-interest, not idealism. But today the most powerful nation is in the hands of a man who can recognise neither his own nor anyone else's legitimate self-interest.

(The Guardian editorial)

# Democracy in bad shape, Mamata on PC's arrest

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee broke her silence on Thursday linking the arrest of senior Congress leader P Chidambaram to the "sagging democratic culture" and the "suffocating the political climate" in the country.

Speaking to reporters, the Chief Minister said, "I will not say much about the legality of the matter as I am not the right person to do that but I am certainly concerned about the process of arresting such a senior politician ... the way he was arrested, reminding, "he was the former Finance Minister and Home Minister of India and a senior parliamentarian" who deserved a dignified treatment.

The high drama around Chidambaram's arrest was not worth it, the Chief Minister said, adding, "the way his matter was handled was sad and bad. It was really very bad and made me extremely sad."

All the pillars of Indian democracy were under attack under the present Government, Banerjee said reminding how the "Indian democracy is in a bad shape. It is literally crying in the wilderness."



Incidentally, a number of Trinamool Congress leaders, including Ministers and MPs, were facing corruption charges and were being investigated by the central investigating agencies like the CBI and ED.

Condemning the way the former Union Minister was arrested, another Trinamool leader and Minister Firhad Hakim said "this Government will not allow the Opposition to thrive in India. They have decided to put all the dissenting voices behind the bars.

Attacking the Narendra Modi Government for taking the entire Opposition hostage, Congress leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said "there is a deep-rooted conspiracy behind Chidambaram's

# CBI scaling walls of Chidambaram's home an insult to India: Stalin

Chennai: DMK president MK Stalin on Thursday lashed out at CBI officials for scaling the walls of Congress leader P Chidambaram's bungalow at Delhi on Wednesday to gain entry, saying he considered it as an "insult to India."

Stalin, whose DMK is an ally of the Congress, backed Chidambaram, reiterating his charge of "political vendetta" behind the former Union Minister's arrest.

"I saw on TV, the CBI officers scaling the walls (at Chidambaram's Delhi residence). I consider it as an insult to India. It is condemnable," he told reporters here.

On Wednesday, a CBI team had first knocked at the gates of Chidambaram's Jor Bagh residence to gain entry, but finding no response, had scaled the nearly five-ft high walls to get inside. Once three officers reached inside, they opened the gates to allow entry to other team members waiting outside.

Responding to a query on CBI's handling of the entire Chidambaram episode, Stalin recalled that he had already

# Yediyurappa to meet BJP top leadership on portfolio allocation

Bengaluru: Having a tightrope to walk by pacifying disgruntled MLAs who missed out on Cabinet berth, coupled with allocation of portfolios to new Ministers, Karnataka Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa on Thursday decided to consult BJP central leadership to deal with the situation.

Some disqualified former legislators of the Congress and JD(S) who helped bring down the coalition Government headed by HD Kumaraswamy reportedly are piling pressure on Yediyurappa, seeking their pound of flesh and plum portfolios.

"Today evening I will go to Delhi and meet our national President Amit Shah and Prime Minister Narendra Modi and will come back tomorrow evening or the day after morning," Yediyurappa said.

Asked whether the allocation of portfolios would take place after his return from Delhi, Yediyurappa said: "Today we will discuss and take a decision."

More than three weeks after he was sworn in as the Chief Minister, Yediyurappa expanded his cabinet last Tuesday, inducting 17 Ministers.

Though the expansion brought an end to the nearly month long wait for the cabinet

to take shape, it led to some heartburn in a section of the party as several MLAs continued to make no secret of their displeasure after missing the bus.

With several MLAs openly expressing displeasure over being left out, Yediyurappa has been making attempts to douse the embers, by reaching out to them.

The Chief Minister on Thursday too tried to pacify miffed legislators including Sullia MLA Angara S, even as the Bunt community threatened protest citing lack of representation in the ministry, and Bovi community members staged protest in front of his residence seeking induction of a minister from their community.

Even as attempts are on to pacify sulking MLAs, a phone conversation between eight-time Hukkeri MLA Umesh Katti, around whom several disgruntled MLAs are reportedly rallying, with Congress legislator party leader Siddaramaiah led to speculation about the former's next political move.

Speaking to a news channel Katti confirmed his talk with Siddaramaiah last night, but ruled out joining the Congress and clarified that he was with BJP.

"He (Siddaramaiah) called me last night and addressed me as minister, I told him I'm not minister to which he said he was aware of it and hence called.

He is my good friend... I may meet whenever we are both are in Bengaluru. But, I'm not joining Congress leaving BJP, I'm 100 per cent in BJP," he added.

Yediyurappa has kept 16 ministerial posts vacant to accommodate some more BJP members and from among those 17 disqualified former legislators who helped him come to power.

However, the disqualified MLAs seeking plum portfolios is said to be causing delay in the allocation of portfolios for the new ministers, despite rooms being allotted to them at Vidhana Soudha, the state secretariat.

Reflecting the situation by stating that this government too was a coalition government in a way, Minister V Somanan in response to a question about S A Ramdas not being made minister, in Mysuru said, "Now 17 of us have become ministers, still 16 berths are remaining.

When filling those 16 positions who all have to be considered that our state and national leaders will decide," he added.

# Disbelief grips Chidambaram supporters in Sivaganga

Sivaganga (TN): A sense of disbelief and outrage was palpable among supporters of Congress leader P Chidambaram in and around his native village of Karaikudi in Sivaganga district over his arrest, even as a section of people expressed indifference and some outrightly opposed him.

The former Finance Minister was arrested by the CBI on Wednesday night from his residence in Delhi in connection with INX media corruption case.

In the sleepy hamlet of Kandapur, about 10 km from Karaikudi, though life appeared to go on as usual, the arrest of Chidambaram set tongues wagging.

Expressing disbelief, V Nelliyan told PTI "this is nothing but an act of political vendetta." Condemning the arrest, the young man, before proceeding to a protest demonstration held by Congress against the Centre, said the only hope was the judiciary.

"The vindictive action has incensed the common man," he claimed, adding that the courts would render justice and the BJP-led government would be



Indian Air Force personnel who were involved in humanitarian and relief missions stand for a photograph at the headquarters of the South Western Air Command (SWAC) in Gandhinagar on Thursday

# Azam Khan moves HC for quashing of 27 FIRs against him

Allahabad: Senior Samajwadi Party leader Azam Khan on Thursday moved the Allahabad High Court for quashing of a spate of FIRs registered against him in a single week in a Rampur police station for allegedly grabbing farmers' lands to build a university there.

As the matter came up for hearing, a bench of justices Pritinker Diwaker and Justice Raj Beer Singh adjourned the hearing on the petition for August 29 on the request of Khan's counsel RK Jain.

As soon as the court began the hearing, advocate Vijay Gautam, appearing for farmers on whose complaints a total of the 27 FIRs have been registered against Khan in Rampur's Azeem Nagar police station, objected to the "maintainability" of the petition.

Gautam argued that the petition is not worth hearing and need to be dismissed at the outset as it is not maintainable for the petitioner has sought quashing of all 27 FIRs in a single petition.

He should have filed one petition each for quashing of each of the FIRs, he contended, prompting Khan's counsel Jain to seek adjournment of the hearing for another day.

The farmers on whose complaints the FIRs were registered had already filed a caveat in the court requesting it to give them an opportunity to have their say if Khan moved court for quashing of the FIRs.

# Assam man held for threatening to kill Indian cricket players

Mumbai: The Anti Terrorism Squad (ATS) of Maharashtra Police has arrested a man from Assam for allegedly threatening to kill Indian cricket players, an official said on Thursday.

Braja Mohan Das (19), resident of Shantipur in Morigaon district, was arrested by a team of ATS with the help of Assam police on Tuesday, the official said.

Das allegedly sent an e-mail to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on August 16, threatening to kill Indian cricket players, he said.

The Mumbai ATS started probe as the cricket body has its headquarters in the city. The ATS registered a case under IPC section 506 (criminal intimidation).

The investigating agency traced the IP address from which the email had been sent to Das, and arrested him.

The ATS obtained his transit remand after producing him before a local court in Assam and brought him here.

Probe revealed that he had sent the same threatening mail to cricket boards of some other countries too.

The Mazgaon court here sent him in ATS custody till Monday, the official said, adding that further probe was on.

# BJP clocks 77 lakh membership in WB Surpasses its 60L members target

Kolkata: Buoyed by its stupendous performance in the last Lok Sabha polls, the West Bengal BJP has clocked a record membership of 77 lakhs in the State, party leaders claimed on Thursday.

The Bengal BJP has surpassed the target set by the central leadership to enroll 60 lakhs members when the countrywide membership drive began on July 6, according to the party sources. "As per the latest data, the membership drive has been immensely successful in Bengal. The central leadership initially had set a target of 50 lakhs for Bengal, later it was increased to 60 lakhs.

"But we have surpassed that target too and with the membership drive closing on August 20, we have now 77 lakhs members across the State. It is indeed an achievement," BJP national secretary Rahul Sinha told reporters.

It is a massive jump from the membership campaign that was done a few years back when the party had managed to enroll 42 lakh members in its fold, he said.

Sinha said although the membership drive has closed in other parts of the country, but in a few states such as West Bengal, which are priority states for BJP, the exercise will continue till December this year.

# MNS chief grilled by ED in money laundering case

MNS chief Raj Thackeray was grilled for more than eight hours by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials about his financial involvement in M/s Kohinoor CTNL which is being investigated for alleged irregularities in the IL&FS's loans-cum-investments case.

Raj, whose questioning by the ED officials began around 12 noon and continued till well past 8 pm, emerged out of the ED office at around 8.15 pm.

Raj, who looked a bit tired, returned there and stepped inside his car without interacting with anybody and drove to his "Krishna Kunj" residence located near Shivaji Park at Dadar in north-central Mumbai. When Raj returned to his residence at around 9 pm, a huge crowd had gathered there to greet him.

Given that he had also only co-operated but also spent quite some time with the investigating officials, official sources said that he would not be returning to ED office for further questioning on Friday.

The MNS chief, who had left from his Shivaji Park residence at 10.30 am along with his wife Sharmila, daughter Urvashi and son Amit, appeared before the ED officials an hour later.

Raj was responding to summons issued to him last week in connection with the investments that he had made in M/s Kohinoor CTNL, a company funded by former Maharashtra CM Manohar Joshi's son Unmesh Joshi. The ED is investigating the alleged irregularities in the IL&FS's loans and investments worth over ₹860 crore in M/s Kohinoor CTNL.

M/s Kohinoor CTNL has been under ED scanner for being a prominent defaulter of IL&FS, amounting to an estimated ₹135 crore.

Unmesh along with son along with IL&FS and Raj Thackeray-owned Matoshree Construction had in 2005 jointly had made a bid and bought for the NTPC's Kohinoor Mill's 4.8-acre property for ₹421 crore.

In 2008, the IL&FS reneged from the deal and surrendered its shares for only ₹90 crore, as against an investment of ₹225 crore made in M/s Kohinoor CTNL. Following the IL &FS's exit, Raj also exited from the venture after selling his shares.

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# BSP distances itself from Dalit protest over Ravidas temple

Lucknow: The Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) on Thursday distanced itself from the violent Dalit protest in New Delhi's Tughlakabad area over the demolition of a Ravidas temple, stressing that all its struggles are carried out well within the ambit of law.

Taking to Twitter, BSP president Mayawati said, "The incidents of vandalism that have taken place in Delhi, especially in Tughlakabad, are unfair and the BSP has nothing to do with it. The BSP always respects the Constitution and the law. The struggles of the party are carried out well within the ambit of law."

In another related tweet, Mayawati said, "The tradition of BSP and its people not to take the law in their hands is completely intact even today, whereas it is common for other parties and organisations. We should not harm innocent people in the honour of our saints, gurus and great men."

She advised party workers not to violate Section 144 of the CrPC after any "unfortunate incident". "Do not try to forcibly go to the incident site so as not to give the government an opportunity to take an autocratic and vindictive action," she tweeted.

Tension prevailed in the Tughlakabad area of South Delhi on Wednesday following a protest by Dalits against the demolition of the Ravidas temple by the authorities on an apex court order recently.

# CO-OP BANK SCAM HC orders FIR against Ajit Pawar, 70 others

Mumbai: The Bombay High Court directed police to register FIR against NCP leader Ajit Pawar and over 70 others in the Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank scam on Thursday, observing that they seemed to have "complete knowledge" that their actions would cause a huge loss to the bank.

The court asked Mumbai police's Economic Offences Wing to register an FIR against the accused within five days. Prima facie there was "credible evidence" against the accused, it added. Pawar, PWP leader Jayant Patil and several former directors of the bank are accused of violating banking and RBI regulations while disbursing loans to sugar mills at very low rates and selling off assets of defaulter businesses at throw-away prices. Such sale of assets, disbursement of cheap loans and a failure to ensure repayment resulted in losses of over Rs 1,000 crore to the bank between 2007 and 2011, it is alleged.

The accused also forged records and fudged figures to show the bank was making profits, it is alleged.

Pawar was a director of the bank during the relevant period. Inquiries by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development and a charge sheet filed by a quasi-judicial inquiry commission under the Maharashtra Cooperative Societies Act had blamed Pawar and other accused for the bank's losses.

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# Restrictions eased in most Kashmir areas

Market still shut and mobile services suspended

**Srinagar:** Restrictions were eased in most areas of Kashmir with barricades being lifted and the movement of people and traffic increasing gradually, but markets remained shut and mobile and internet services suspended for the 18th day on Thursday.

Officials said the situation was peaceful and no untoward incident was reported from anywhere in the Kashmir Valley on Wednesday.

In view of the improving situation, the movement of people and traffic was slowly increasing in the city and other district headquarters of the Valley, they said.

Public transport stayed off the roads, but a few inter-dis-



A boy jumps from a boat in the waters of Dal Lake, covered with weeds for being unattended for days due to restrictions, in Srinagar on Thursday

trict cabs and auto-rickshaws were seen plying in some areas. The attendance of teachers in schools up to middle class-level and employees in government offices was also improving. However, most students

stayed away due to the prevailing situation, they added. The Government ordered the reopening of primary schools across the Valley from Monday and middle schools from Wednesday.

The officials said restrictions have been eased in several areas of Kashmir, including in most parts of Srinagar. Barricades have been removed from uptown and civil lines areas of the city as

well as from most areas in other districts. However, the deployment of security forces continues to avoid any law and order problems, they said.

The officials said markets were shut in most places in the Valley, as they have been since August 5 when the Centre revoked Jammu & Kashmir's special status under Article 370 and bifurcated the state into two Union territories — Jammu & Kashmir, and Ladakh. Shops and other business establishments remain shut though there is no strike call by any separatist group or other organisation.

Mobile services and internet remain suspended, the officials said, adding that landline telephone services have been restored at most places. However, they continue to be suspended in several areas, including in Srinagar's commercial hub of Lal Chowk and Press Enclave. **PTI**

## 700 eminent Kashmiri Pandits support Centre's decision on Article 370: Panun Kashmir

**Jammu:** Convener of Panun Kashmir, an organisation advocating the cause of displaced Kashmiri Pandits, Agnishekhar released a memorandum on Thursday in support of the abrogation of provisions of Article 370 and said that over 700 eminent Kashmiri Pandits have endorsed it. He claimed that all Kashmiri Pandits are on one page in support of the Centre scrapping provisions of Article 370 to pave the way for a new dawn of free environment in Jammu & Kashmir. "Over 700 top Kashmiri Pandits, including Padma Shri awardees, vice-chancellors, academicians and doctors, across the world have signed a memorandum in support of the abrogation of provisions of

Article 370 and reorganisation of Jammu & Kashmir," Agnishekhar told reporters here.

He said that Panun Kashmir was battling strongly for a Union Territory for the Kashmiri Pandits... And the demand has been finally met.

"It was an outcome of the struggle of Panun Kashmir for last 30 years. We welcome the decision of the Central government," Agnishekhar said.

Panun Kashmir Chairman Ajay Chrunog said that some Kashmiri Pandits, giving statements opposing the decision of the government of India do not represent Kashmiri Pandits at all.

"We condemn them... They do not represent any of Kashmiri Pandit organisation," he said. **PTI**

## AMU student arrested over Modi poster on Facebook

**Aligarh (UP):** An Aligarh Muslim University student was arrested after his Facebook page showed an objectionable poster on Prime Minister Narendra Modi carried recently by anti-India protesters in London, police said.

Mohammad Zaid Rashid (20), admitted at the university's off-campus centre in Bihar's Kishanganj this year, was here when he downloaded a picture from the protests over the scrapping of the special status for Jammu & Kashmir.

Some former AMU students complained online to the police after Rashid's post surfaced on social media.

In their complaint on Tuesday they alleged that the poster had been put up on the AMU campus here, but the local police and the AMU authorities found that this was not correct.

They traced the local address of the youth, a resident of the city's Hamdard Nagar.

AMU spokesman Shafay Kidwai said the incident was wrongly linked to the campus in Aligarh.

"We found that the youth had just been admitted to the off-campus centre in Bihar. We promptly traced him to his residence and filed an FIR," he told reporters.

"We will take further appropriate action in this matter after the investigation is complete," he said. Senior Superintendent of Police Akash Kulhari said a case under the IT Act and for promoting social discord has been filed against Rashid. **PTI**

## Opposition parties mock Nitish Govt over gunshot fiasco at ex-CMs funeral

**Patna:** Opposition parties in Bihar on Thursday took a dig at the Nitish Kumar Government over the embarrassing incident during former Chief Minister Jagannath Mishra's funeral when guns carried by police personnel for salute failed to fire a single shot.

The spectacle took place on Wednesday at Mishra's ancestral village Balua Bazar in Supaul district, where the Chief Minister was himself present.

Video clips beamed by news channels showed a senior official frantically testing guns of a couple of personnel before giving up helplessly.

The police headquarters here has, meanwhile, taken a strong note of the incident

and sought an explanation from the Supaul police.

However, the occasion provided the opposition with fresh ammunition to train its guns at the ruling dispensation, which takes pride in its claim of having brought rule of law to a state after over a decade of alleged lawlessness.

When the guns of the police fail at a ceremonial function where the Chief Minister is in attendance, can these be expected to be of any use while chasing criminals. It is a testimony to the fact that Nitish Kumar has no control of law and order, Rashtriya Lok Samata Party chief Upendra Kushwaha said in a statement.

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Chandra Mishra - echoed similar sentiments on twitter, saying when the Bihar police lacks the capability to fire gunshots during a guard of honour, would it not boost the morale of criminals. Not a single gunshot was fired when there should have been 21. What type of honour did you accord to the late Jagannath Mishra @NitishKumar.

RJD Rajya Sabha member and Lalu Prasad's daughter Misa Bharti also sought to have some fun as she shared a news clipping of the fiasco that has left the government headed by her fathers arched rival red-faced on her twitter handle without adding any comment. **PTI**

## ISRO releases first Moon image captured by Chandrayaan-2

**Bengaluru:** The first picture of Moon captured by India's Chandrayaan-2 satellite, currently in the lunar orbit, was released by space agency ISRO on Thursday.

The picture of Moon was taken by Chandrayaan-2's LI4 Camera from an altitude of about 2,650 km from the lunar surface on August 21, the city-headquarters Indian Space Research Organisation said.

"Take a look at the first Moon image captured by #Chandrayaan2 #VikramLander taken at a height of about 2,650 km from Lunar surface on August 21, 2019. Mare Orientale basin and Apollo craters are

identified in the picture," ISRO tweeted along with the picture.

The space agency had on August 4 released a first set of images of the earth captured by Chandrayaan-2 satellite.

ISRO had on Wednesday performed second lunar bound orbit maneuver for Chandrayaan-2 and said all spacecraft parameters are normal. There will be three more orbit manoeuvres before the lander's separation from the Orbiter on September 2 and eventual soft landing in the south polar region of the Moon, planned on September 7.

India's Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle, GSLV



MkIII-M1, had successfully launched the 3,840-kg Chandrayaan-2 spacecraft into the earth's orbit on July 22. **PTI**

## Pak Army shells forward posts, villages along LoC in Poonch for 3rd day

**Jammu:** Pakistani troops violated ceasefire for the third consecutive day on Thursday and resorted to firing mortars and small arms on forward posts and villages along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district, inviting a befitting reply from the Indian Army.

"Pakistan initiated unprovoked ceasefire violation by firing of small arms and shelling with mortars in the Sunderbani sector of Rajouri district at about 2045 hours Thursday," a defence spokesman said.

He said the Indian Army is retaliating befittingly and the exchange of fire between the two sides was continuing when last reports were received.

On Wednesday, Pakistan troops fired mortars and small arms on villages and forward

posts along LoC in the Sunderbani sector.

Mohammad Addul Karim was critically injured when a mortar shell, fired by Pakistan Army, hit his house at village Dabraj in Mendhar sector late Tuesday night, officials said, adding he was immediately shifted to a nearby hospital where he was declared dead.

Mendhar and Krishna Ghati sectors witnessed heavy mortar shelling and firing from across the LoC on Tuesday, resulting in the death of Army soldier Naik Ravi Ranjan Kumar and injuries to four other personnel. Nearly half a dozen houses were also damaged in the Pakistani firing, which had forced closure of schools within the firing range in the two sectors. **PTI**

## First case under triple talaq law registered in Guj

**Surat:** A case under the new law which bans instant triple talaq was registered in Surat on Thursday against a Muslim man for allegedly divorcing his wife on phone.

This was first case under The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act, 2019 filed in Gujarat after the law was passed by Parliament, said Deputy Commissioner of Police Panna Momaya.

As per the complainant woman, her husband Mohammad alias Vasim Pathan and his mother were ill-treating her for the last one and half years.

In June, following a quarrel, Pathan took her to her parents' house and left her there, she said.

On the same night he called her on phone and uttered talaq thrice, she alleged. She filed the complaint on Thursday. **PTI**

## ACTIVIST BLAMES MAHA GOVT

## Flood lines of Panchganga river 'redefined' to provide benefits to construction sector

**Pune:** An activist from Pune has blamed the Maharashtra Government for the recent deluge in Kolhapur, alleging that flood lines of the Panchganga river there were "redefined" to provide benefits to the construction sector.

Hundreds of villages in Kolhapur and neighbouring Sangli were flooded after heavy rains earlier this month. While 55 people died in flood and rain-related incidents, lakhs were evacuated in these western Maharashtra districts.

Environmentalist Sarang Yadwadkar, who claimed to have accessed some documents of the irrigation department through RTI, said around 500 hectares land along the Panchganga river, which should have been in the flood-affected area (prohibited zone), was marked as residential zone in Kolhapur's development plan (DP) by "redefining" the flood lines.

There are two types of flood lines - blue for the flood level that occurs once in 25 years and the red for that happens once in 100 years, he said.

"The irrigation department issued a circular in 1989 to mark the flood lines for all rivers in Maharashtra, but it was ignored. Instead of the flood lines, flood levels (general level of a particular flood)

were marked and these levels were later superimposed on the DP maps of Kolhapur," he claimed.

In one of the cases in 2015, the National Green Tribunal (NGT) issued directives to the irrigation department to mark both the flood lines over rivers across the state, the activist claimed.

"The irrigation department started the survey work in 2017 and by 2018 it identified the flood lines (considering water flow at 2.14 lakh cusec for blue line and 3.22 lakh cusec for red line) for the Panchganga river and submitted it to the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay," he said.

He said the IIT Bombay also verified the report and stated that the flood lines were correct.

But, when the Kolhapur chapter of the Confederation of Real Estate Developers Association of India (CREDAI) came to know about it, it found around 500 hectares land going below the blue line and by default becoming a 'no development' zone, Yadwadkar said.

The CREDAI, Kolhapur, in October 2018 wrote a letter to the chief minister, stating that the work of demarcation of flood lines is done by a private agency, Yadwadkar

said. "It also stated that the 1989 flood-level is marked on the DP and as the flood that year was the largest, it was pointless to mark new flood lines. It stated that new flood lines will create confusion and unrest among people," he said.

He said the CREDAI also stated in its letter that colonies and apartments were developed on most of the portion falling under the new flood lines.

"The chief minister, in his remarks on the same letter, addressing the irrigation department's secretary, wrote - 'the flood line marked with DP should be maintained'," Yadwadkar said. **PTI**

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## 19 killed in rain-related incidents in UP

**Lucknow:** As many as 19 people lost their lives in rain-related incidents in Uttar Pradesh where raging waters of major rivers have disrupted normal life, officials said on Thursday.

"As many as 15 persons have died due to rain related incidents in different districts of the state.

"The figure included three deaths in Amethi, two each in Raebareilly, Sonbhadra and Mirzapur and one death each in Saharanpur, Hamirpur, Pratapgarh, Fatehpur, Basti and Ayodhya," the Relief Commissioner's office said.

Besides the 15, four more persons have died in Ballia and Bhadohi, according to reports. **PTI**

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**E-TENDER NOTICE**

E-Tenders are invited from firms/contractors registered with UPLC Lucknow for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on NOIDA Authority's official website: [www.noidaauthorityonline.com](http://www.noidaauthorityonline.com) & <http://etender.up.nic.in>. Please ensure to see these websites for any changes/amendments/corrigendum etc.

S.No.	Job No.	Name of Work	Amount
1	01/Manager System/AMC - Server/H P /2019-20	A.M.C. of server for different departments of HP make	Rs. 28,95,720/-

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1. Open E-Tender Tender for Operation & Maintenance of Packaged Drinking Water Bottling Plant under brand name of Rail Neer at Nangloi for a period of 05 years

Pre-bid meeting: 26.08.2019 at 15:00 hrs at IRCTC Corporate Office, New Delhi. Last Date & Time of online Submission: 11.09.2019 up to 15:00 hrs.

2. Open E-Tender Tender for Operation & Maintenance of Packaged Drinking Water Bottling Plant including preforms manufacturing unit under brand name of Rail Neer at Ambernath for a period of 05 years

Pre-bid meeting: 26.08.2019 at 16:00 hrs at IRCTC Corporate Office, New Delhi. Last Date & Time of online Submission: 12.09.2019 up to 15:00 hrs.

Tender document downloading & participation can be done only on website: [www.tenderwizard.com/IRCTC](http://www.tenderwizard.com/IRCTC)

Note: "Any corrigendum/addendum issued on the above advertisement, will be published on IRCTC website: [www.tenderwizard.com/IRCTC](http://www.tenderwizard.com/IRCTC) only."

Group General Manager (Procurement), IRCTC Ltd. 11th Floor, Statesman House, B-14B, Barakhamba Road, Connaught Place, New Delhi-110 001, Fax: 011-23311259

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No. AIIMS-RPR/Rect. & Advt. Cell/2019/1815, Date: 21-08-2019

**E-TENDER CALL NOTICE**

Director, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Raipur Chhattisgarh, Gol, invites e-tender for following:

Tender Title	EMD Cost	Published on CPPP/Website	Pre-bid meeting date	Closing date
One Year Rate Contract for Alcohol Based Hand Rub for IPD/OPD Services at AIIMS Raipur	₹ 2,51,000.00	19-08-2019	26-08-2019 at 3:30 PM	11-09-2019 at 06:00 PM

The details terms & conditions are available on the website- [www.aiimsraipur.edu.in](http://www.aiimsraipur.edu.in) and CPP Portal [www.eprocure.gov.in](http://www.eprocure.gov.in) Stores Officer, AIIMS Raipur

# Trump flip-flops on tax cuts

**Says US has 'strong economy'**

AP ■ WASHINGTON

A day after considering cutting taxes to promote economic growth, President Donald Trump changed course and said he would abandon the idea because the nation already had "a strong economy."

Trump's flip-flop on Wednesday came after recent market volatility and economic uncertainty, and amid a debate about whether the United States was heading for a slowdown that would imperil his reelection chances.

Trump earlier this week acknowledged, for the first time, that his China trade policies may mean economic pain for Americans, though he insisted the tariffs are needed for more important long-term benefits. But his consideration of cutting payroll taxes appeared short-lived.

"I'm not looking at a tax cut now," he told reporters at the White House.

"We don't need it. We have a strong economy."

Trump also knocked down the idea of indexing to the cap-

ital gains tax, which applies when investors sell assets, to inflation. He said he feared "it will be perceived, if I do it, as somewhat elitist."

Analysts have warned that a slowdown, if not full-blown recession, could hit before next year's election. Trump, however, has largely praised the economy's performance and his handling of it.

He has often blamed the Federal Reserve (and Chairman Jerome Powell) and the global slowdown for creating dark clouds at home.

"Jay Powell and the Federal Reserve have totally missed the call. I was right and just about everybody admits that," Trump said Wednesday.

"He raised interest rates too fast, too furious, and we have a normalised rate. And now we have to go the other direction."

Some White House advisers fear Trump has undercut Powell's credibility.

They worry that the president's calls for rate cuts and his discussion of indexing or a payroll tax cut could spook, rather than reassure markets.

Trump indicated he had no choice but to impose the trade penalties that have been a drag on US manufacturers, financial markets and, by some mea-

sures, American consumers.

"Somebody had to do it. I am the chosen one," Trump said on the White House lawn, looking skyward.

"Somebody had to do it. So, I'm taking on China. I'm taking on China on trade."

China, though, said trade with the US has been "mutually beneficial" and appealed to Washington to "get along with us."

A foreign ministry spokesman, Geng Shuang, expressed hope Washington can "meet China halfway" in settling disagreements.

The US economy appears to be showing vulnerabilities after more than 10 years of growth. Factory output has fallen and consumer confidence has waned as he has ramped up his trade fight with China. Trump rattled the stock and bond markets this month when he announced plans to put a 10 per cent tax on \$300 billion worth of Chinese imports.

The market reaction suggested a recession might be on the horizon and led Trump to delay some of the tariffs that were scheduled to begin in September, though 25 per cent tariffs are already in place for \$250 million in other Chinese goods.

## UAE to be first Middle East country to launch RuPay Card

PTI ■ DUBAI

The UAE will be the first Middle East country to launch the RuPay Card during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the Gulf nation on Friday, according to a media report.

The RuPay card is a first-of-its-kind Indian domestic Debit and Credit Card payment network, with acceptance at ATMs, POS devices and e-commerce websites. It was launched in 2012.

"A Memorandum of Understanding to establish a technology interface between the payment platforms in India and UAE, would be exchanged between the National Payments Corporation of India and UAE's Mercury Payments Services," Navdeep Singh Suri, the Indian Ambassador to the UAE, told the UAE's state-run WAM news agency.

"This will enable the RuPay card to be used at point-of-sale terminals across the UAE," he said.

"The UAE is the largest and most vibrant business hub in the region. It hosts the largest Indian community, receives the largest number of Indian tourists and has the largest trade with India. By becoming the first country in the region to introduce the RuPay card, we expect that each of these ele-

ments of tourism, trade and the Indian diaspora will benefit," Suri said.

India has already launched the RuPay card in Singapore and Bhutan.

Prime Minister Modi's third official visit to the UAE on August 23-24 is another important milestone in the bilateral comprehensive strategic partnership, the Indian envoy said.

During the visit, Modi will receive the 'Order of Zayed', the highest civil decoration of the country for "giving a big boost to bilateral relations between the two countries."

Modi would also meet the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan to discuss bilateral, regional and international matters of mutual interest.

The India-UAE bilateral trade touched almost \$60 billion last year with a fairly balanced profile of about \$30 billion of exports and \$30 billion of imports, the envoy said.

"On the investment side, we have already seen sizable inflows from India to the UAE in free zones like Jebel Ali, Hamriyah Free Zone Sharjah and Ras Al Khaimah Economic Zone and also in sectors ranging from manufacturing and real estate to trade and services," he said.

## Goyal: WTO reforms should be holistic, comprehensive

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Thursday made a case for holistic and comprehensive reforms of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) without ignoring the ground realities, especially the stark inequality among developed and developing nations.

He said instead of going for a piecemeal reform, the members should take on board issues of all countries of the WTO. "It is the time when all members of the WTO start looking at some of those reforms that have been pending for long. When we look at reforming the WTO, (it should be done) holistically and comprehensively. It cannot be pick and choose," Goyal said.

He was speaking at a programme of South-South and Triangular Cooperation here. "I do hope that as we look at reforming the WTO, a little bit more relevance to today and 21st century realities will come into play," he added.

The statement comes at a time when the US has called for reforming the world trade body. The US wants formulation of some guidelines regarding special and differential treatment (S&DT), which is meant for developing nations.

## Business Corner



To inculcate the habit of learning and quizzing, NTPC organises Medha Pratiyogita i.e. quiz competition for its employees and School Children all across its Regional Headquarters and Stations. The regional round of Medha Pratiyogita (DBF & Hydro Region) was organised by DBF-HQ at NTPC Dadri



K Sreekanth has assumed the charge of Chairman and Managing Director of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) on 5th August, 2019. Prior to taking up this assignment, he was serving as Director (Finance) POWERGRID



Rajeev Mehrotra, CMD (RITES) received the National Project Excellence Award of PMA(India) for the Project Bogibeel Rail cum Road Bridge from Amitabh Kant CEO, NITI Aayog in the inaugural function of Project Managers Global Summit 2019 on "Sustainability Through Competent Project Leadership". RITES worked as the design consultant for this project near Dibrugarh, Assam, across mighty River Brahmaputra



Atul Sobti has taken over as the Director General of SCOPE (Standing Conference of Public Enterprises), which is an apex organisation of Public Enterprises. Atul Sobti who recently superannuated as CMD of BHEL, a Maharatna Public Sector Enterprise, is a graduate Mechanical engineer with post-graduation in international management and diploma in project management

## WEDDINGZ.IN GROWS 480% POST-OYO ACQUISITION, EXPANDS TO OVER 30 CITIES IN INDIA

New Delhi: Weddingz.in, a wedding company posted that it has grown 480% since the acquisition of OYO. A year after its acquisition by OYO Hotels & Homes, India's largest, world's 3rd largest and fastest-growing chain of leased and franchised hotels, homes, living and workspaces, Weddingz.in has witnessed 480% growth in revenue. Backed by OYO's operational capabilities, a unique offering of providing hassle-free wedding experience and 1500+ talented employees, Weddingz.in has become a household name for a great wedding experience. Weddingz.in has witnessed 636% growth in bookings since August 2018 and enjoys high customer delight. PNS

## Mines tribunal stays K'taka Govt order that bars NMDC from mining

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Mines tribunal, hearing the petition filed by NMDC challenging the Government of Karnataka order withdrawing the extension of mining lease of Donimalai Iron Ore granted to the former in 2018, has stayed the Karnataka Government's order till next hearing. The tribunal on Wednesday in its order said that "accordingly the impugned order dated August 17, 2019 and any consequent action thereon are stayed until the next date of hearing"



The said stay order would prohibit the Government of Karnataka to take any further action regarding mining lease or initiate auction process of Donimalai mine.

NMDC on August 19, 2019 filed a Revision Petition before the Mines Tribunal, challenging the Government of Karnataka's arbitrary order of withdrawing the extension of mining lease of Donimalai Iron Ore Mine granted to it on November 2, 2018, according to a press note issued by the Government of India enterprise.

The petition challenges the Karnataka Government's August 17 order that withdraws the extension of lease of Donimalai Iron Ore Mine, granted earlier for a period of 20 years till November 3, 2038.

## Govt classifies ocean power as renewable energy

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Power and New & Renewable Energy Minister R K Singh on Thursday approved a proposal to declare ocean energy as renewable energy.

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has clarified to all stakeholders that energy produced using various forms of ocean energy, such as tidal, wave, ocean thermal energy conversion, shall be considered as renewable ener-

gy and shall be eligible for meeting non-solar renewable purchase obligations (RPO), a statement by the MNRE said.

This step has been taken by the MNRE after some renewable energy developers sought clarification in this regard, according to the statement.

Under the RPO, distribution companies (discoms) are required to have certain proportion of clean energy supplies. The proportion is fixed by state power regulators. The discoms can also buy renew-

able energy certificates in lieu of mandated clean energy supplies, from the developers or renewable power generators.

Oceans cover 70 per cent of the earth's surface and represent an enormous amount of energy in the form of wave, tidal, marine current and thermal gradient.

A variety of different technologies are currently under development throughout the world to harness this energy in all its forms.

Deployment is currently

limited but the sector has the potential to grow, fuelling economic growth, reducing carbon footprint and creating jobs not only along the coasts but also inland along its supply chains.

As India steps up its effort to contemplate its renewable energy and climate change objectives after 2022, it is opportune to explore all possible avenues to stimulate innovation, create economic growth and new jobs as well as to reduce our carbon footprint, the statement said.

## VAKILSEARCH TO INCORPORATE 10,000 FREE COMPANY INCORPORATIONS

New Delhi: VakilSearch, a legal-tech company which offers online legal, tax and compliance technology services has launched Swadeshi Startup Movement to encourage citizens of India to become entrepreneurs. Inspired by the Swadeshi Movement that ensued during the freedom struggle era, this campaign is being launched to commemorate the Make in India initiative, in-line with Startup India spearheaded by the Government of India. PNS

## NTPC gets shareholders' nod to raise up to ₹15k cr via bonds, hike borrowing limit

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

State-run power giant NTPC on Thursday it has got shareholders' approval to raise up to ₹15,000 crore through issuance of bonds and to raise its borrowing limit to ₹2 lakh crore.

The company got shareholders' nod through a special resolution to raise funds up to ₹15,000 crore through issue of bonds/debentures on private

placement basis in the domestic market at its annual general meeting (AGM) held on Wednesday, it said in a BSE filing.

According to the AGM notice, the funds raised will be used for capital expenditure, working capital and general corporate purposes.

NTPC has also got shareholders' approval to increase its borrowing limit from ₹1.5 lakh crore to ₹2 lakh crore.

## Goodyear India unveils new Car, SUV range of tyres

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Goodyear India on Thursday launched two new products Assurance DuraPlus 2 and Wrangler AT SilentTrac for the Indian market. While Assurance Duraplus 2 is designed for small-to-mid-sized passenger cars, Wrangler AT SilentTrac is tailored for confident SUV drivers with a strong desire for adventure and the freedom to explore with full control over the wheels.

**The Empowered Officer, TRRDA, PWD(PMGSY), 7th Block, 2nd Floor, Secretariat Building, Agartala, Tripura** invites sealed tender(s) against press NleT No : 11/EOP/TRRDA/ 2019-20 date: 14.08.2019.

For Upgradation of Road & CDs including LS Bridges of PMGSY Works (RRP-II WB-AF and G&CR);

1. TR-08-01 P2, TR-08-02 P2 & TR-08-03 P2: With Estimated cost: a) Upgradation: ₹ 1317.55 Lakh b) Maintenance: ₹ 149.22 Lakh c) Earnest money: ₹ 29.34 lakh

2. TR-03-02 P2, TR-03-01 P2 TR-03-03 & TR-03-04 P2 :With Estimated cost: a) Upgradation: ₹1831.51 Lakh b) Maintenance: ₹ 209.36 Lakh c) Earnest money: ₹ 40.82 lakh

**Time of completion-12 (twelve) months.** Last Date of dropping of tenders -12th September, 2019 up to 1500 hrs (the time settings fixed on the server & displayed at the top of the tender site).

For details please visit: [www.pmgstenderstrp.gov.in](http://www.pmgstenderstrp.gov.in)

Pre-bid meeting will be held on 22nd August, 2019 at 1100 hrs. in the office of the Empowered Officer, TRRDA, PWD (PMGSY), 7th Block, 2nd Floor, Secretariat Building, Agartala, Tripura.

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**e-Tender Notice**

Office of the Executive Engineer (C&M), MB-II, Joshiyara (Uttarkashi) invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:

Tender No.	01 / EE(C&M) / MB-II / 2019-20
Name of work	Annual Civil Repair & Maintenance of Joshiyara Barrage, Uttarkashi.
Estimated Cost	Rs. 4003515.00 (including GST)
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 100100.00
Tender Fee	Rs. 2360.00 (Including GST)
Date & time of availability of bid document on website	23.08.2019 from 17:00 Hrs.
Last date & time of submission of bids on website	16.09.2019 upto 17:00 Hrs.
Last date & time of submission of hard copies of bids	19.09.2019 upto 15:00 Hrs.
Date & time of opening of bids on website	21.09.2019 at 11:00 Hrs.

For fuller & further detail, kindly visit e-procurement portal "http://uktenders.gov.in"

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**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON**

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

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Babli @ Bauo, S/o** Gurdeep Singh, R/o J-232, Sardar Colony, Sec-16, Rohini, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 296/12 u/s 323/341/506 IPC** has been registered at **P.S. K.N.K. Marg, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Babli @ Bauo** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Babli @ Bauo** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Babli @ Bauo** accused of **FIR No. 296/12 u/s 323/341/506 IPC** is required to appear before this court to answer said complaint on or before **17.10.2019**.

By Order  
Ms. Richa Sharma, Metropolitan Magistrate(08),  
Room No. 306,  
Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/3178/RD/19-(Court Matter)

**APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION**

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Namely : Unknown S/o Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: approx. 28-30 years, Height: 5' 6", Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: Red T-shirt with strips blue and cocka colour blue Jeans pant, camel colour belt, black dora around neck bare foot and French cut beard, who was found dead at Haiderpur water treatment plant, Delhi. In this regard a case DD No. 14-A, dated 18.08.2019 has been registered at P.S. K.N.K Marg, Delhi.**

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

Sd/- SHO  
P.S. K.N.K Marg, Delhi  
Tel. No. 011-27571162

DP/3193/RD/19

**SEARCH FOR MISSING**

General public is hereby informed that a Male namely **Manoj S/o Munna Lal, R/o B-742, Ambika Enclave, Nihal Vihar, Delhi, Age : 29 yrs., Height : 5'5", Complexion : Fair, Face : Round, Wearing : Black Colour T-Shirt, Blue Colour Jeans and Hawai Chappal in Feet,** has been missing / kidnapped since **02.08.2019** from the area of P.S. Nihal Vihar. In this regard a case **DD. No. 93-A dated 03.08.2019** has been lodged at PS. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local Police to trace out the missing / kidnapped Male but no clue has come to light so far.

if anyone have any information about this missing / kidnapped Male please inform undersigned.  
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>, Email: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in), Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641, Fax: 011-24368639

SHO  
PS. Nihal Vihar, Delhi  
Ph.: 011-25946700, 25946710

DP/2575/OD/19.

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED**

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

Where as complaint has been made before me that **Ibrahim@Malik, S/o** Md. Akbar, R/o Plot No. 507, Ishwar Colony, Bawana, Delhi is involved in case **FIR No. 204/19, dated 06.05.19 u/s 392/397/120B/34 IPC, P.S. Bawana, 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 **Ibrahim@Malik** cannot be found and where as it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Ibrahim@Malik** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Ibrahim@Malik, FIR No. 204/19 u/s 392/397/120B/34 IPC, P.S. Bawana, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 27-09-2019.

By Order  
Ms. Manu Goel Kharb  
Metropolitan Magistrate-05 (North)  
DP/533/ON/19 Room No. 114, 1st, Floor, Rohini Court, Delhi

**APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION**

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified body of a person namely **Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, was admitted on 19.08.2019 at Rajan Babu TB Hospital, Kingsway Camp, from the area of P.S. Kashmere Gate. In this regard proceeding DD No. 19-A dated 19.08.2019** has been lodged at Police Station, Kashmere Gate, Delhi. During the Treatment Doctor Declared him Dead. Identification of unidentified dead body of a male is as under:

**Name: Unknown, Age: 32 Years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: White Lining Shirt & Black Lower.**

If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

SHO  
Police Station Kashmere Gate, Delhi.  
Ph.: 011-23967889, 8750870123

DP/352/N/19

**SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED PERSON**

General public is hereby informed that this person namely **Tilak Raj S/o Ram Singh R/o H.No. 1164, 1st Floor, Chota Shiv Mandir, Alipur, Delhi Age : 39 years, Height : 5'7", Face : Long, Complexion : Fair, Build : Normal, wearing cream colour T-shirt, blue colour pant and shoes in feet, has been missing/ kidnapped since 16.07.2019 from the area of P.S. Alipur, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 64-A dated 01.08.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Alipur, Delhi.**

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

E-mail: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) SHO : P.S. Alipur, Delhi  
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> Ph. : 011-27202290  
Fax: 24368639, 27202290  
Tel.: 24368638/24368641

DP/519/ON/19

# Macron, Johnson set for bruising Brexit talks

AFP ■ PARIS

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson heads to Paris on Thursday for talks with French President Emmanuel Macron who is expected to rebuff his last-ditch efforts to renegotiate the UK's withdrawal from the European Union.

Macron, who has said previously he is happy to be the "bad guy" on Brexit, roundly rejected Johnson's calls to scrap a key plank of a deal negotiated between the EU and former British premier Theresa May.

"Renegotiation on the terms currently proposed by the British is not an option that exists, and that has always been made clear by (EU) President Tusk," Macron told reporters on Wednesday evening.

At stake is the so-called "backstop", an arrangement guaranteeing that border checks will not return between EU member Ireland and Northern Ireland which is part of Britain.

Johnson considers the backstop to be "anti-democratic" and an affront to British sovereignty because it will require London to keep its regulations aligned with the EU



French President Emmanuel Macron talks to Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson during their meeting at the Elysee Palace on Thursday

during a transition exit period.

The EU argues this is necessary to avoid the re-emergence of border checkpoints which could lead to a return of fighting on the divided island where anti-British violence has claimed thousands of lives.

More evidence of deadlock on Thursday would raise the chances of a "no deal" Brexit, which France now sees as the most likely scenario despite the expectation that it will wreak economic damage on Britain and the EU.

"The EU and member

states need to take the possibility of a 'no deal' outcome much more seriously than before," a senior EU official told reporters in Brussels on Thursday on condition of anonymity.

The Paris visit is the second leg of Johnson's first foreign trip since he became prime minister a month ago.

On Wednesday, he told German Chancellor Angela Merkel in Berlin that the backstop has "grave defects for a sovereign, democratic country like the UK" and insisted the provision "has to go".

# 'Seriously looking' to end birthright citizenship: Trump

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

President Donald Trump has threatened to end what he called the "ridiculous" US policy of birthright citizenship, which gives citizenship automatically to those born in America, as he sought ways to check illegal immigration.

"We're looking at that very seriously, birthright citizenship. It's frankly ridiculous," Trump said Wednesday outside the White House while responding to a question on the birthright citizenship, which grants automatic citizenship to those born in the US.

His comments echoes his administration's previous vow to unilaterally end the process by which babies born in the country automatically become US citizens.

"Birthright citizenship where you have a baby on our land, you walk over the border, have a baby, congratulations, the baby is now a US citizen. We're looking at it very, very seriously," Trump said.

During his 2016 presidential campaign, Trump had said that he will end the birthright citizenship.

The 14th Amendment of



the US Constitution guarantees birthright citizenship and states: "All persons born or naturalised in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside."

Indian-origin Presidential candidate Kamala Harris, a Democratic senator from California, mocked Trump's comments on Twitter Wednesday, stating the President "should 'seriously' consider reading the Constitution."

Trump's statement came as the administration announced a proposal to detain undocumented families together indefinitely, replacing the agreement that set a 20-day limit for holding children, The Hill reported.

# China 'will not sit idly by' over US arms sale to Taiwan

AP ■ BEIJING

A senior Chinese officer says the country "will not sit idly by" if the US proceeds with a sale of advanced F-16V fighter jets to Taiwan, and warned of other potential countermeasures in addition to punishing foreign firms involved in the deal.

Col. Chen Rongdi, chief of the Institute of War Studies at the Academy of Military Sciences, said at a defense

forum Thursday that Beijing considered the sale a violation of previous US commitments to China regarding the island it considers its own territory to be annexed by force if necessary.

He did not elaborate on what additional measures China might take.

Beijing has repeatedly said it will levy sanctions against US companies linked to a planned USD 8 billion sale and demanded Washington cancel it immediately.

# Iran's Prez says 'talks are useless' in dealing with US

AP ■ TEHRAN

Iran's President struck a muscular tone on dealings with the US, saying Thursday that "talks are useless" as Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers crumbles further. President Hassan Rouhani made the comment in a speech in Tehran during the unveiling of the Bavar-373, a long-range surface-to-air missile system that he described as an improvement to the Russian S-300.

"Now that our enemies do not accept logic, we cannot respond with logic," Rouhani said in the televised speech.

He added: "When the enemy launches a missile against us, we cannot give a speech and say: 'Mr. Rocket, please do not hit our country and our innocent people. Rocket-launching sir, if you can please hit a button and self-destruct the missile in the air.'"

On Wednesday, Iran's state TV reported that the Bavar-373 is able to recognize up to 100 targets at a same time and confront them with six different weapons.

Since 1992, Iran has developed a homegrown defense industry that has produced light and heavy weapons ranging from mortars and torpedoes to tanks and submarines.

# N Korea dismisses nuclear talks if US 'hostile military moves' continue

AFP ■ SEOUL

North Korea said Thursday it has "no interest" in dialogue unless Washington stops "escalating hostile military moves", as a senior US envoy visited Seoul with an eye on reviving nuclear talks with Pyongyang.

Talks between Pyongyang and Washington have stalled since a second summit between US President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in Hanoi collapsed without an agreement.

The pair met again in June

in the Demilitarised Zone and agreed to restart working-level dialogue. Meanwhile, North Korea has carried out several short-range missile tests in recent weeks in protest against annual US-South Korea joint military drills that it sees as a rehearsal for invasion.

Stephen Biegun, the US special envoy for North Korea who leads the working-level talks, arrived in Seoul late Tuesday for a three-day trip, and said Washington was "prepared to engage" as soon as it hears from Pyongyang.

# Merkel gives Britain until Oct 31 for Brexit solution

AFP ■ THE HAGUE

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said Thursday that Britain could have until the day of its scheduled EU departure to avoid a chaotic no-deal Brexit, clarifying that she had not set London a 30-day deadline. Merkel had appeared to lay down the 30-day rule to solve the vexed issue of the Irish border "backstop" when she met British Prime Minister Boris Johnson in Berlin on Wednesday.

"I said that what you want to do in three or two years, you

can do in 30 days -- or rather, you would have to say: you can do it by October 31," Merkel said at a press conference in The Hague with Dutch premier Mark Rutte.

"So it's not about 30 days, but they were symbolic for the fact that you can do it in a short period of time."

Merkel said she was giving the new date "because Great Britain said they would like to leave the European Union on 31 October."

"And until then we have to work on it -- work on it if the will exists on both sides."

The German leader said the aim was to find a regime that both respects the two-decade old peace agreement in the British province of Northern Ireland "and at the same time we can ensure the integrity of the (EU's) internal market."

In Berlin on Wednesday night, Merkel had appeared to give London its biggest glimmer of hope in weeks when she said that "we have said we would probably find it in the next two years, but maybe we can do it in the next 30 days, why not?"

# Hong Kong students plan class boycott for protest demands

AP ■ HONG KONG

Hong Kong university student leaders said on Thursday they'll call for a boycott of the start of classes to pressure the government to respond to the protest movement gripping the city since June.

Student union leaders from 10 universities said they want students to skip the first two weeks of classes in September.

They vowed to escalate their action if the city's Beijing-backed leader, Carrie Lam, fails to respond by Sept. 13.

Young people have been at the forefront of the Chinese city's protest movement, which was sparked by calls for the withdrawal of an unpopular extradition bill.

The bill, which would have allowed suspects to be extradited to mainland China where the judiciary is not indepen-

# Second day of Italy crisis talks after PM resigns

Rome: Italy's President began a second day of talks Thursday aimed at solving the political crisis shaking the country after the disintegration of the populist Government.

President Sergio Mattarella was set to meet all the main parties, including the anti-establishment Five Star Movement (M5S) and far-right League. Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte resigned Tuesday after months of alliance sniping and a bid by League leader and Interior Minister Matteo Salvini to force a snap election, just 14 months after coming to power. AFP

# Turkey to host Syria summit with Russia, Iran on Sept 16

AFP ■ ANKARA

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan will host his Russian and Iranian counterparts for a summit on Syria in Ankara on September 16, the presidential spokesman said.

Despite being on opposing sides in the Syrian conflict, Syria regime backers Iran and Russia have worked closely with rebel supporter Turkey to find a political solution.

"The president will host a three-way summit with the participation of Russia and Iran in Ankara," spokesman Ibrahim Kalin said late Wednesday.

The announcement of the meeting between President Vladimir Putin, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani and Erdogan comes at a time when Syrian forces have made advances into the last rebel stronghold of Idlib in Syria's northwest.

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6.	Shiv Vishnoi/ Harpreet Kaur/ LBGUR00002048432	Flat No. 550, Second Floor "Akme Homes" Block Derby, Akme Polis, NH 95 Ludhiana Chandigarh Road, Village Jandiali Ludhiana-141001 Punjab / Aug 16, 2019	December 31, 2015 Rs. 43,50,446/-	Del/Ncr
7.	Vinay Dixit/ Prabha Dixit/ LBNOD00002056380	Flat No.- 534- GF- FF- SF On The Ground, 1st And 2nd Floor Akme Homes Block Derby, Akme Polis NH-95 Ludhiana- Chandigarh Road Village Jandiali, Ludhiana Punjab, Ludhiana- 141005/ August 16, 2019	July 31, 2015 Rs. 88,05,471/-	Del/Ncr
8.	Richa Rathi/ Ashish Rathi/ LBNOD00002066925	Flat No.- 525 SF On The Second Floor Akme Homes At Akme Polis NH- 95 Block Derby Ludhiana- Chandigarh Road Village Jandiali, Ludhiana Punjab, Ludhiana- 141005/ August 16, 2019	July 31, 2015 Rs. 36,33,984/-	Del/Ncr
9.	Sameer Sharma/ Ruchika/ LBGUR00002118907	Flat No.- 510 SF On The Second Floor Akme Homes Akme Polis NH-95 Ludhiana- Chandigarh Road Village Jandiali, Ludhiana Punjab, Ludhiana-141005/ August 16, 2019	August 31, 2015 Rs. 31,26,219/-	Del/Ncr
10.	Abhishek Gupta/ Neha/ LBNOD00002062677	Flat No.- 532 SF, 2nd Floor Akme Homes Block Derby, Akme Polis NH-95 Ludhiana- Chandigarh Road Village Jandiali, Ludhiana Punjab, Ludhiana-141005/ August 16, 2019	August 31, 2015 Rs. 32,86,786/-	Del/Ncr
11.	Mahender Kumar/ Meena Verma/ LBDEL00002048071	Flat No.- 508 SF On The Second Floor Akme Homes Akme Polis, NH-95 Ludhiana-Chandigarh Road Village Jandiali, Ludhiana Punjab, Ludhiana-141001/ August 16, 2019	December 31, 2015 Rs. 32,60,897/-	Del/Ncr
12.	Vivek Mehrotra/ Shweta Mehrotra/ LBNOD00002073190	Flat No.- 530 (GF-FF-SF), Block- Derby Akme Township Ludhiana/ August 16, 2019	April 22, 2016 Rs. 92,27,293/-	Del/Ncr
13.	Vivek Mehrotra/ Shweta Mehrotra/ LBNOD00002073188	Flat No.- 529 SF, Block- Derby Akme Township Ludhiana/ August 16, 2019	April 22, 2016 Rs. 26,69,837/-	Del/Ncr

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

Date : 23-08-2019  
Place: Delhi/ NCR

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### NORTHERN RAILWAY

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No.: 23AC/EOI/Non Plastic/NZM/2019 Date: 08.2019

Delhi Division, Northern Railway invites "Expression of Interest" from Entrepreneurs/Sole proprietorships/Partnerships/Limited Liability Partnerships/Companies/ Cooperative societies/NGOs for free supply of biodegradable/Oxo-biodegradable/eco-friendly Sustainable alternatives for single-use plastics and other plastic-based food packaging materials used at Catering units/stalls of Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station for a period of 1 year. The detailed information regarding EOI is available on the website of Northern Railway [www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in). Last date of submission of EOI is upto 15.00 hrs. on 05.09.2019. 2705/2019

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4. In case of any clarifications you may get in touch at 40641100-88 or you can mail us at E-mail: info@perfectbuildwell.com  
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### The Executive Engineer, LTV Division, PWD(R&B), Manu, Dhalai Tripura invites e-tender against press NIT no.- 03/EE/LTV/PWD/M/2019-20, Date:- 07/08/2019

For "Proposed construction of 12(twelve) Nos. Staff Quarters building [Type-I quarter-04 units (one block-twin double storey), Type-II quarter-04 units (one block-twin double storey) and Type-III quarter-04 units (one block-twin double storey)] at Manu Community Health Centre (CHC), L.T. Valley Sub-division under Dhalai District, Tripura/SH: Building portion including internal water supply. Sanitary installation, Sewage and Drainage works (2nd CALL).

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### NORTHERN RAILWAY

#### TENDER NOTICE

The Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/Coaching, Northern Railway, Delhi division, New Delhi invites e-tender for the following work: 1. Name of work with its location: Installation and operation of 44 Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) at 30 Railway Stations over Delhi Division for five years. 2. E-tender Notice Number on IREPS: Publicity ATM118-2019 to Publicity ATM161-2019=44 tenders. 3. Approximate cost of work: As per NIT on ireps.gov.in 4. Date of opening of Tender : 16.09.2019 at 11:00 hrs 5. Cost of Tender document & 18% GST : As per NIT on ireps.gov.in 6. Earnest Money Deposit : As per NIT on ireps.gov.in 7. Website particulars where complete details of tender document can be seen : <http://www.ireps.gov.in/> No.:3PUB/Tender/ATM/DLI-DIV/2018 Date : 16.08.2019 2708/19

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### NORTHERN RAILWAY

#### OPEN TENDER NOTICE (E-TENDER)

For and on behalf of President of India, the Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer/ Freight, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-tender for following work from experienced and capable tenderers.

1. Tender No.	197-S/181/Hiring of Truck/CC-9T/TKD/19/MC-IV
2. Name of work	Hiring of Full body Truck (Carrying capacity -9T) at Wagon Care Centre, TKD for transportation of Railway material between depot. over Delhi Division and JUDW for two years.
3. Advertised Tender Value	Rs. 23,84,025/- (Including GST & ECC)
4. Earnest Money in favour of Sr. DFM/NR, New Delhi	Rs. 47,700/- (Note: It should be in the form of net banking or gateway only. FDR not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS)
5. Date & time of submission of tender bid	Upto 20.09.2019 at 12:00 hrs.
6. Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen	<a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a>

No. 197-S/181/Hiring of Truck/CC-9T/TKD/19/MC-IV dated : 21.08.2019 2714/19

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#### Time Extension Notice

The last date for submission and opening of tender specification no. 04/EE(E&M-I)/LP/2019-20 (Operation & maintenance of 33/11 KV Lakhwar substation) invited by Executive Engineer (E&M-I), Lakhwar Project, Dakpathar is hereby extended as under -

Last date for downloading of tender document - 30/08/2019  
Last date for submitting the tender Documents - 31/08/2019 up to 6:00 Hrs.  
Due date for opening of tender Documents - 03/09/2019 at 11:00Hrs.

All other terms & conditions will remain unchanged.  
पत्र सं. 454 / रिनांक 21.08.2019 Executive Engineer (E&M-I)  
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### WESTERN RAILWAY

#### VARIOUS WORKS

Sr. No. & Date	Name of work	Tender Cost (₹)	EMD (₹)
1 BCT/19-20/215 dt. 21/08/19	Virar- Surat Section:- Conducting "Continuous Scour Monitoring" of foundations of Bridge No. 92 Between station of VTN-SAH Section of Mumbai Central Division "using Sonar Echo-rang technology" by Airmar Echorange SS Smart sensor of similar equipment on trial basis & submitting continuous monitoring data, analysis and preparation/ submission of detailed reports of continuous scour monitoring data, generating alarms/SMS alerts and validations of reports with grounds levels.	38,38,464/-	76,800/-
2 BCT/19-20/216 dt. 21/08/19	Virar- Surat Section:- ADEN/Valsad (i) TRR(P)= 7.274km TSR(P)=7.683. (ii) Thick-Wall Switch Renewal (iii) Casual renewal of rails for a section of under ADEN-BL (iv) Painting of AT weld collars & rails under ADEN/Valsad Section.	3,27,38,108.47	3,13,700/-
3 BCT/19-20/217 dt. 21/08/19	Virar- Surat Section:- ADEN/Valsad (i) Complete Track Renewal of existing 60kg rails on PRC sleepers at 1660 No./km including deep screening and recoumpment of ballast to 300mm on various location. i.e Total CTR(P) = 5.854km, CTR(S) = 3.110kms. (ii) Deep Screening of P&C (iii) TFR= 56.04km & TBR= 4.523km (iv) Rectification of bad layouts and TBR of P&C by use of T-28, JCS, Crane etc. under ADEN/Valsad Section.	3,16,55,349.83	3,08,300/-

Sr. No. 1, Date of opening : 19.09.2019 (15.30 hrs.), Sr. No. 2 & 3, Date of opening : 18.09.2019 (15.30 hrs.). For more details please visit [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). Manual offers will not be considered.

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### GLOBE TROTTER

#### EXTREMISTS KILL 5 SOLDIERS IN MALI

Bamako (Mali): Mali's military says that extremists ambushed an army convoy in central Mali on Wednesday killing at least five soldiers. Army spokesman Col. Diarran Kone said Thursday that several others were wounded, and the assailants also damaged materials in the attack on the escort mission. The attack was claimed by the al-Qaida-linked group Jama'at Nusrat al-Islam Muslimin, known as JNIM, which also says it is holding two Malian soldiers hostage.

#### SEVERAL KILLED IN STORM IN POLAND

Warsaw: "A few" people died and 12 were injured on Thursday during a sudden thunderstorm that saw lightning strike a metal cross in the Tatra mountains in southern Poland, rescuers said.

#### 'CHINA LAUNCHES UNMANNED WARSHIP'

Beijing: China has launched an unmanned warship, which its developer claims is combat-ready. The ship, jointly developed by No. 716 and No. 702 research institutes under China's state-owned China Shipbuilding Industry Corporation (CSIC), has a length of about only 15 meters and a displacement of 20 tonnes. The JARI multi-purpose unmanned combat vessel held its launch ceremony on Wednesday at an undisclosed location, state-run Global Times reported on Thursday, quoting a statement issued by the CSIC.



मध्यप्रदेश शासन

# किसानों के नाम

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अलीराजपुर	24209	देवास	95561	रीवा	36431
इन्दौर	24278	धार	59421	विदिशा	85356
उज्जैन	62693	नरसिंहपुर	21164	श्योपुर	20635
उमरिया	11151	नीमच	39916	शहडोल	13974
कटनी	23041	पन्ना	38429	शाजापुर	53830
खण्डवा	46026	बड़वानी	43841	शिवपुरी	39562
खरगौन	66611	बैतूल	65949	सतना	36213
गुना	17702	बुरहानपुर	11990	सागर	50993
ग्वालियर	24516	बालाघाट	71292	सिंगरौली	9573
छतरपुर	64103	भिण्ड	26673	सिवनी	48270
छिन्दवाड़ा	57542	भोपाल	16176	सीधी	13642
जबलपुर	18294	मण्डला	20474	सीहोर	82590
झाबुआ	53349	मन्दसौर	78050	हरदा	16164
टीकमगढ़	46383	मुरैना	27852	होशंगाबाद	36480

जिन किसानों के ऋण माफ नहीं हुए हैं वह बेसब्री के साथ अपनी ऋण माफी का इंतजार कर रहे हैं। मैं ऐसे किसान भाइयों की चिंता को समझ सकता हूँ। आप सभी धैर्य रखें। हम अपने वचन के अनुसार सभी पात्र किसानों का ऋण माफ करेंगे। आपके ऋण माफी की प्रक्रिया में कुछ कठिनाइयाँ आ रही हैं, जिनके कारण देरी हो रही है। मैं आपको प्रक्रिया में देरी के कारणों और उन कठिनाइयों को हल करने के हमारे प्रयासों के बारे में समझाना चाहता हूँ।

हमने जब "जय किसान फसल ऋण माफी योजना" के तहत ऋण माफी की प्रक्रिया प्रारंभ की, तो बैंकों के द्वारा 55 लाख किसान ऋण खातों की सूची उपलब्ध कराई गई थी। इनके तुरंत निपटान के लिए किसानों से हरा, सफेद या गुलाबी रंग के आवेदन लिए गए। इस प्रक्रिया में 48 लाख आवेदन प्राप्त हुए, जो 37 लाख किसानों के थे।

हमने उपलब्ध वित्तीय संसाधनों से अधिकाधिक जरूरतमंद किसानों को योजनान्तर्गत लाभ देने के लिए चरणबद्ध आधार पर ऋण माफी स्वीकृत करने का निर्णय लिया।

प्रथम चरण में 2 लाख रुपये तक के N.P.A. एवं 50,000 रुपये तक के चालू खातों की ऋण माफी स्वीकृत की गई।

लोकसभा चुनाव के बाद किसानों द्वारा दिये गये आवेदनों की छानबीन में पता चला कि प्रदेश में लाखों किसान ऐसे हैं, जिन्होंने अपने खेत पर एक साथ एक से अधिक बैंकों, जिसमें सहकारी, क्षेत्रीय ग्रामीण एवं राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक शामिल हैं, से फसल ऋण ले रखे हैं। इन सभी बैंकों में प्रकरणों की छानबीन की जानी है, जिससे कि कोई गड़बड़ी न हो। छानबीन में कुछ अन्य विसंगतियाँ जैसे खाताधारक की मृत्यु, आधार कार्ड नहीं होने जैसी जानकारी भी मिली।

मध्यप्रदेश सरकार ज्यादा से ज्यादा छोटे किसानों की मदद करने, अपने वचन के अनुसार ऐसे सभी किसान, जिनके ऋण की राशि 2 लाख रुपये या उससे कम है, के एक ही ऋण होने पर उसे अथवा एक से अधिक ऋण होने पर प्राथमिकता क्रम के अनुसार एक ऋण माफ करेगी।

ऐसे किसान जिनके एक से अधिक ऋण खाते हैं, उनके प्रथमतः कालातीत (NPA) ऋण खातों की माफी एवं (NPA) ऋण नहीं होने की परिस्थिति में चालू (PA) ऋण खातों की माफी की स्वीकृति हेतु प्राथमिकता क्रम निर्धारित किया गया है।

हम ऐसे सभी प्रकरण जो सरकार द्वारा निर्धारित प्राथमिकता क्रम में शामिल हैं और जिनमें बैंक द्वारा कमी पाई गई है या वे प्रकरण जिनमें किसान द्वारा आपत्ति लेकर गुलाबी-1 एवं गुलाबी-2 फार्म भरे गए हैं, उन्हें कारण सहित संबंधित बैंक शाखा को भेजकर किसान को भी सूचना देंगे। किसान भाइयों से निवेदन है कि शाखा से सूचना प्राप्त होने पर संपर्क कर उक्त कमी को तत्काल दूर कराएं ताकि आपके ऋण माफी की कार्यवाही शीघ्र कराई जा सके। जिला कलेक्टर एवं उप संचालक कृषि द्वारा ऐसे सभी प्रकरणों की समीक्षा की जाएगी। इन प्रकरणों में सुधार की आवश्यकता है और सुधारवाने में सरकार भी अपने स्तर पर मदद कर रही है।

इस छानबीन की प्रक्रिया में सहकारी बैंकों और क्षेत्रीय ग्रामीण बैंकों के खातों की छानबीन पूरी हो चुकी है। इसलिए सहकारी बैंकों और क्षेत्रीय ग्रामीण बैंकों के खातों पर फसल ऋण माफी को वर्तमान चरण में स्वीकृति हेतु लिया जा रहा है। सहकारी बैंक से किसान खाद-बीज के लिए ऋण भी लेते हैं, अतः इससे उन्हें आगे अपनी खेती करने में आसानी भी होती है। ऋण माफी प्रक्रिया में सर्वप्रथम किसानों के सहकारी बैंक एवं सहकारी बैंक का ऋण न होने की स्थिति में क्षेत्रीय ग्रामीण बैंक एवं क्षेत्रीय ग्रामीण बैंक में ऋण न होने की स्थिति में राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंकों के ऋण माफी स्वीकृत किए जाने का निर्णय लिया गया है। आप किसान भाइयों की मदद करने के लिए सरकार प्रक्रिया को सरल बना रही है। आप धैर्य रखकर अपना खेती का कार्य करते रहें। हम अपने वचन के मुताबिक फसल ऋण अवश्य माफ करेंगे।

सभी किसान भाइयों को उनके ऋण माफी की वर्तमान स्थिति ज्ञात करने की भी पृथक व्यवस्था बनाई जा रही है, ताकि किसी प्रकार की भ्रम की स्थिति न रहे।

मैं काफी दिनों से आपसे फसल ऋण माफी में हो रही देरी के इन कारणों पर चर्चा करने की सोच रहा था, किन्तु मुझे लगा कि आप लोगों से सिर्फ कठिनाइयों पर ही नहीं बल्कि उनके समाधान के लिए हमारे द्वारा किये जा रहे प्रयासों और तय की गई प्रक्रिया की भी चर्चा आवश्यक है। इसलिए आज आपको यह चिट्ठी लिखी है।

अंत में मैं आप सभी किसानों से यह भी अनुरोध करना चाहता हूँ कि जब तक आपका ऋण माफ होता है, तब तक चालू ऋण का नवीनीकरण अवश्य करा लें, इससे आपकी ऋण माफी की पात्रता पर कोई असर नहीं पड़ेगा।

आपको यह भी बताना चाहता हूँ कि हम इस योजना से अलग भी प्रदेश के किसानों को लाभ पहुँचाने के लिए कई नई योजनाओं पर विचार कर रहे हैं। हम चाहते हैं कि प्रदेश के किसान खुशहाल एवं समृद्ध रहें और प्रदेश के विकास में अपना योगदान दें। आपका विश्वास ही सरकार के लिए सबसे महत्वपूर्ण है।

आप सभी को शुभकामनाएं।

  
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## Washing hands defence against infection

Washing your hands properly can prevent you from acquiring germs like bacteria and viruses that can cause serious diseases, says TEAM VIVA



A number of infectious diseases can be spread from one person to another by contaminated hands. These diseases include gastrointestinal infections, such as Salmonella, and respiratory infections, such as influenza.

Some forms of gastrointestinal and respiratory infections can cause serious complications, especially for young children, the elderly, or those with a weakened immune system.

Keeping hands clean through improved hand hygiene is one of the most important steps we can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. Many conditions are spread by not washing hands with soap and clean, running water. If clean, running water is not accessible, as is common in many parts of the world, use soap and available water. If soap and water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol to clean hands.

Bacterium is everywhere. We have them inside our bodies too! Some of them are good and we need them to function properly, but the others can create havoc. If they take over the immune system, you may become ill.

where bacteria are most likely to have spread is the bathroom. For obvious reasons, bathrooms are thriving places for bacteria to fester until they can be carried and transferred to other objects by contact. The bacteria eventually gets on your mobile phones, clothes, door knobs and into your body. This is why it is important to properly wash the hands since that is the first line of defense against the bacterial contagion.

There are troubling statistics that indicate a large percentage of credit cards and mobile phones have tested positive for traces of faecal waste on them.

Washing hands with soap and water is the best way to reduce the number of germs on them in most situations. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers can quickly reduce the number of germs on hands in some situations, but sanitizers do not eliminate all types of germs and might not remove harmful chemicals.

Most germs that cause serious infections in healthcare are spread by people's actions.

Hand hygiene is a great way to prevent infections. However, studies show that on

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average, healthcare providers clean their hands less than half of the times they should. This contributes to the spread of healthcare-associated infections that affect 1 in 25 hospital patients on any given day. Every patient is at risk of getting an infection while they are being treated for something else. Even healthcare providers are at risk of getting an infection while they are treating patients. Preventing the spread of germs is especially important in hospitals and other facilities

such as dialysis centers and nursing homes.

Wet your hands with clean, running water, turn off the tap. Apply soap and lather well for 20 seconds (or longer if the dirt is ingrained). Rub hands together rapidly across all surfaces of your hands and wrists. Don't forget the backs of your hands, your wrists, between your fingers and under your fingernails. If possible, remove rings and watches before you wash your hands, or ensure you move the rings to wash under

them, as microorganisms can exist under them. Rinse well under running water and make sure all traces of soap are removed. Dry your hands using a clean towel or air dry them. It is best to use paper towels (or single-use cloth towel). Dry under any rings, as they can be a source of future contamination if they remain moist. Hot air driers can be used.

Use running water instead of a basin of standing water that could become contaminated through use. Warm

water may be better than cold for handwashing as soap lathers (soaps up) better with warm water. However, cold water and soap are still suitable. Hot water can damage the skin's natural oils. Over time, this can cause dermatitis.

Washing hands with soap and water will remove substantially more disease causing organisms than washing hands with water alone. For people who find that soap causes skin irritation, it is useful to note that soaps can have a different pH - they may be neutral, slightly alkaline or slightly acidic, and perfumes in soap may also cause irritation. Changing soap may help some people.

Generally, it is better to use liquid soap than bar soap, particularly at work. However, bar soap is better than no soap.

The nature of many kinds of medical procedures is very delicate. It usually deals with exposed internal organs or passing drugs into the body. So in these particular cases hand washing has to be taken seriously because harmful bacteria can easily get into our bodies to cause more harm.

Good medical facilities have the basic facilities for hand washing easily accessible. These facilities should be used regularly by the doctors,

patients, and visitors.

Additionally, those facilities need to be absolutely sanitary and the soap dispensers, sanitizers and other items need to be replenished regularly. Also, special waste disposal units need to be in the washroom, as well.

The efforts for creating a safer working environment also include a more thorough and more detailed hand scrubbing than it is expected from other employees. There is a certain way medical personal prepares for the surgeries and interventions and it requires a lot of high-quality soap.

Prevention of diarrhoea and uncomfortable intestinal diseases Contact with faecal matter laden with the causative bacteria can lead to diarrhoea and intestinal illnesses.

Regular washing of the hands will remove this faecal matter and bacteria from our hands even when we have contacted them from other people or objects.

If this contamination happens over and over again, it is possible that your employees develop chronic issues with the intestinal bacteria. The new bacteria that a person introduces to their intestinal system by dirty hands destroys the balance which is difficult to restore.

Trend Blazer

Chitrangda to make her digital debut

Actress **CHITRANGDA SINGH** is all set to make her digital debut as an actress and a producer, with a musical drama web series. The shoot of the series begins at the end of the year.

"I will be starting to shoot for a web series at the end of the year or the beginning of next year. I am excited because I was waiting to do something interesting. It's been a long time since I have acted in a project," said Chitrangda.

The actress was last seen onscreen in *Baazaar*. She played Saif Ali Khan's wife in the film.



'The War team tried to create a visual spectacle for the trailer

launch but no matter how big the plans were, the event was not able to match the scale of the film. An event for a film like this needs to be at par with what we are promising to the audience. It's impossible to create it from an event viewpoint. So we have scrapped the idea of the launch.'

—Sidharth Anand

National Award-winning actor **AKSHAY KUMAR** has made it to the fourth position on the Forbes magazine's Worlds Highest-Paid Actors of 2019 list, beating Hollywood stars like **Bradley Cooper**, **Adam Sandler** and **Will Smith**. Akshay has raked in \$65 million (approximately ₹467 crore).



The actor, has been on a roll in Bollywood, with almost all his recent films crossing the ₹100-crore mark. Between 2018 and 2019, Akshay was seen in films such as *Pad Man*, *Gold*, *2.0*, *Kesari* and *Mission Mangal*.

Kim poses with her four kids



**KIM KARDASHIAN** took to Instagram to share her first-ever picture with all four of her kids in Bahamas.

In the pic, Kim is on the beach with her junior quartet of North West, Saint West, Chicago West and Psalm West. The group makes for a great photo-op.

"I thought taking a pic with three kids was hard but OMG this is almost impossible!" Kim captioned the snapshot.

In the picture Kim's swimsuit is colour-coordinated with that of her daughters, Chicago and North. They are all turned up for beach action in silver swimsuits, while sons Psalm and Saint wore shorts.

Did you know *dabu* or *daboo* is an ancient mud resist hand block printing technique from Rajasthan? The practice almost died in the last century but was revived and is a flourishing business today. Day two of the Lakme Fashion Week Winter/Festive 2019, saw designer Alka Sharma with her sustainable label of Udaipur, Aavaran. She presented her collection *Miniature Moon*, which has been done by the same old-age *dabu* technique. It has been embraced for printing intricate motifs on the finest natural fabrics like *mushru*, *mulberry* silk and *chanderi*. Delicate and ethnic embroidery like *pit-tan* have been used for embellishing the clothes. Regalia inspired silhouettes have been blended with modern designs to create this timeless and aesthetic collection.

The contemporary clothing label specialises in *dabu* mud resist, hand dyed and block printed apparel. The fabrics were eco-friendly, organic and natural, which were in perfect sync with the brand's ethics of sustainability.

The process of *dabu* printing is quite complicated, involving many workers and multiple stages of printing, washing and dyeing. First, the plain fabric received from the mills is carefully washed to remove any impurities which may interfere with the dyeing process. Then, designs are meticulously and painstakingly hand printed on to the fabric using blocks which are dipped into fast dyes. The next and crucial step involves the use of the mud resist which makes this print so unique. Ingredients like mud, gum, lime and waste wheat chaff are combined to make the 'dhabu' or mud resist paste which is then patted over certain parts of the design. The paste is dried with sprinkled sawdust. This covering essentially protects these parts of the fabric from the dye used later on, creating a unique and colorful effect.

After this process of printing, the fabric is spread out in the sun where it completely dries out. It is then dipped into a vat of dye, dried again and finally given a thorough washing to remove the paste and any excess dye. The dyes used are typ-



REMAIN A CLASSIC

The Lakme Fashion Week has seen designers use forgotten techniques while extending their frontiers further



ically natural vegetable dyes and pastes. Thus the unprotected parts of the fabric catch the colour while the *dhabu* covered bits remain plain. The fabric may be dyed more than once in different colors to give each part of the design a different hue.

Speaking about her debut at the fashion week, Alka said, "The label was launched to sustain and revive the ancient, traditional craft of *dabu* print and provide economic empowerment to the indigenous craftsmen of the region. The designs are very similar to the motifs used in all traditional Rajasthani textiles, since the 'blocks' used for printing are common to most of these techniques. They tend to be nature inspired designs of plants, birds, flowers, fruits as well as artistic ethnic motifs."

Actresses Mrunal Thakur walked the ramp for Aavaran. She said, "I am

excited to be walking the ramp for Aavaran. This is truly thrilling as it will be a debut for us both at the week."

Designer Amit Aggarwal on Wednesday launched his luxury pret collection, *Flux*, with cricketer Hardik Pandya and actress Lisa Haydon walking on the ramp as showstoppers. Aggarwal, who is known for engineering recycled products in the garments he designs, has this time tied up with Reliance Industries' textile arm — to create the grandeur pieces in fluid, free flowing fabrics.

The designer used recycled polymer strips to add structure to the gowns, dresses and skirts that comprised the collection. Sheer wraps, exaggerated sleeves, power shoulders and billowing skirts were the highlight of the show. There was the use of techniques like as plisse, fine draping and three-dimensional embroidery that added texture of

the pieces. Use of electric colours, shiny metallic shades of silver, blue, purple and green, hues of emerald, petrol, neutrals like gold, blush and ivory made the collection pop up.

Speaking about his collection, Aggarwal said, "The entire collection is about free flow. The fabric had a such a large plethora of different colourations... It never really stopped inspiring me. Going ahead and creating 100 more looks."

Haydon, who wore a purple drape gown said, "I really admire what Amit does. And especially this collection. It's a great play of contrasts, structures. Each time a model walked the ramp wearing one of his pieces, I felt like 'Oh my gosh, I want to wear that. And that's always a great sign, it means this is an excellent collection.'"

—With inputs from agencies

'I don't want to lose my rawness'

Actress **RAGINI KHANNA** tells **SAKSHI SHARMA** that her role in *Posham Pa* made her inhabit a scary headspace which grossed her out and intrigued her in equal measure



Imagine yourself in a situation where your mother forces you to become a murderer and you can only survive by hunting food like animals and eating it from dustbins.

When *Sasural Genda Phool* fame Ragini Khanna heard the script of her short film, *Posham Pa*, it fired a million questions in her head and caught her attention like nothing else had before. She knew that it was going to be one of her most challenging roles but was sure of doing it as she wanted the audience to see her in characters with different shades and break her established image of a happy bubbly girl next door.

When asked as to what appealed her the most? She said, "The script. As I read it, it generated a lot of emotions in me which I can't even express in words. I was grossed, I was intrigued, I was curious that how can something so dark be true?"

*Posham Pa* is a psychological thriller inspired by true events. It talks about a disturbed mother who forces her daughter to be a part of heinous crimes and murders which in turn leads them to be charged with death penalty. The film, naturally, forces one to think.

Ragini feels that the film plunges you into such depths that you start questioning everything. She was impressed by simplistic storytelling which sends a deep message. Ragini said, "I always wanted to work with Sumon Mukhopadhyay Sir (director). He has done films that have redefined various conventions. In this film, it is pure and honest story telling. The truth is kept intact and very little is left to imagination. The way he has retained the authenticity of characters was on point." The actress is happy with the creative liberty the film offered. She shared that during the shoots everyone was on the same page in terms of creativity and there was a smooth exchange of ideas. You subconsciously unite when your cause is bigger and you have a similar motive, the universe just conspires to bring you together. "That's what happened with this film,

we shared an unsaid bonding which was magical. This translated on camera beautifully as it sensitive and catches your aura and energy," she added. This helps the film to connect closely to the audience and impact deeply," she explained.

Talking about her character in the film, Shikha Deshpande, Ragini shared, "My journey is from an infant to a 30-32 year old. I have played a street child who is raised with no sense of societal boundaries. She is raised like an animal at the cost of her relationships and is willing to go to any extent for her survival." She questioned, "How can someone have an animalistic motivation towards their choices? It is extremely scary." But, the other side of Shikha is that she is an extremely intelligent girl with a brilliant mind. If she had been raised as a child and not animal, things would have been different. It's all about how you nurture. Ragini shared that the writers wanted to point out the concept of nature versus nurture. Giving birth to a child is very different from raising him/her. The former is a natural process but the latter is a life long commitment. Upbringing and education empowers you as it gives you a sense of right and wrong.

The dark role

that the film offered made it challenging for the actor to get into the skin of the character. Ragini said, "While playing this role I developed an unsaid bonding with Shikha. In the process of trying to understand what she has gone through I experienced immense pain as it was difficult for me to analyse my own behaviour. Half the time I was shocked by my own acts. I had mood swings, I used to laugh and cry on the set without reason." She talked about a scene of the film where she says, 'Maine kachre ki peti mei se khaana nikaal ke khaaya,' which involved a lot of self-pity. She also tried to justify herself that 'I am so because of what I am going through and not by choice.' Ragini further shared that the role made her inhabit a scary headspace and she wanted to let go of this character very soon as it was troubling her. "When I was traveling for the shoot on the second day, I felt Shikha in my skin. I was so grossed by that because I am raised on a moral conditioning which doesn't belong to the value structure Shikha comes from," she added.

In recent times we have seen that more and more films are inspired by true events. Ragini's last one, *Gurgaon*, was also one such. She said,

"We live in a fast moving world where something is always happening somewhere. This is enhancing real story telling. However, there are also stories which the human mind has not experienced and are a fragment of the directors' imagination."

Short films have a very limited time frame to leave the audience with thought-provoking ideas but they are still gaining attention in today's scenario. "They require a low attention span as it is only asking for 20 minutes from you. A three-hour film or series is a long commitment while short films are quick," said she. This digital era has paved the way for newer platforms and opportunities. Ragini feels that it is giving her the opportunity to play negative roles which she is not sure would have been possible in television. It is a blessing for her as she feels it provides her the chance to explore herself as an artist. She also emphasised on the responsibility attached to digital content in the past three to four years. Ragini said, "There is a lot of good work happening. We are directly competing with the international content." With this increasing competition the content is getting better and everything with higher accessibility.

Talking about her journey she shared that her mind has expanded with it she has led and the people she has been with. "The more I get enriched with life's experiences, the better my art will be. It will have far more depth and intensity. But at the same time I don't want to lose my unabashed rawness and candidness," she added.

(The film is streaming on Zee5.)



Ayushmann's fan in frenzy

Actor Ayushmann Khurrana is riding high on success of all his films. The actor who won a National Award, (Best Actor) for *Andhadhun*, was celebrating the success of the film at a party when, in a surprising event, he came across a fan who had gaterashed the party.

The fun fact about this whole event was that, the fan was dressed in a cotton yellow saree, imitating Ayushmann from the poster of his forthcoming film *Dream Girl*, and she stormed through the venue holding his *pallu*, eager to meet his favourite superstar. Ayushmann, who is known to be very cordial and loving towards his fan, thanked him and took pictures with the fan.

Right after the trailer was released, it became the top trending video on YouTube and garnered over 15 million views in less than 24 hours. Audience all across the country and the world are appreciating the actor and lauding him for his unique choices and him being at the helm of changing the course of Indian cinema by putting content based films on the top.

Fans have been going berserk over the trailer so much so that they have been trying to call Pooja aka the dream girl on the number given at the end of the trailer.

The poster of *Dreamgirl* has the star looking quirky in a cotton saree and sitting on a rickshaw. Nushrat Bharucha is the lead actress paired alongside the actor with Vijay Raaz, Manoj Singh, Annu Kapoor and Rajesh Sharma among others in the cast. Directed by Raaj Shandilya, produced by Ekta Kapoor, Shobha Kapoor and Aashish Singh, the film is set to release on September 13.

TAPPA explores and blends the flavours in dishes to offer something familiar while extending food boundaries, says DHRUVIKA BHANOT



# Five point dimsums

The essence of Tappa lies in the name itself, which implies to bounce back. It also makes one reminiscent of a game from childhood days. And in the array of dishes that gracefully crowd the menu, the knowledge of a well-travelled chef is present but so is the taste of the food we had as children.

While there was a separate 'bloggers menu' which catalogued the dishes that the chefs were most proud of, we oscillated between that and the a la carte menu to diversify the dinner as well as to have panoramic view of the delicacies that are prepared at the restaurant. Six months went in curating the menu which reflected in the most enticing array of dishes. I had never felt as blown away, figuratively speaking.

One of the best things, apart from the food, which will shortly be on the receiving end of my evaluation, were the chefs who were more eager than ever to describe the menu to us, and acquainted us with the fusion dishes, an amiable mix of the Indian and international flavours.

I have seldom had the experience of what people quote as bad service and my luck seemed to be on my side this time around too the flawless service meant that the record remained unscathed. A pleasant smile and an incredibly hospitable attitude made our evening more special, a little corny but the truth nonetheless.

Before our ordered dishes were brought, chef Parul served us amuse bouche, which I have only ever heard Monica Geller rave about, in a little wooden box. It had the flavour of the

Indian *chat* put on a tart and it was in that moment that I knew that this dinner would soar past any expectations that I harboured. And close behind were our dim sums. The chef who makes the dim sums has about 17 years of experience and it showed in the variety that he showcased.

The cream cheese, water chestnut and chilli oil dim sums were suggestive of a cheesy encounter but it's not it. Instead of the chewy cheese the soft skin of the dough was filled with warm cream cheese which completely melts in the mouth, and I say it without an ounce of exaggeration. They were served with chilli oil, so the spiciness is not too far behind the warmth of the cheese.

There was five spice chicken dimsums but if you are looking for an 'authentic' Chinese flavour from this dish, it is not the one for you. But then, that's exactly the aim of the chefs. The five spices used were not just Chinese but also Indian where the kick of the latter flavour was quite prominent. It was interesting to know that the blend was made by the chef himself rather than being a store-bought concoction which many rely on. You will taste the Indian-ness as well as the Chinese-ness in the dim sums.

One of my most favourite dishes of the night, undoubtedly, were the dim sums, had I sat there longer, I would have waxed poetry of how soft and appetising they were, delicately wrapped, and the chopsticks dug in the skin of the dim sums so deliciously. I could feel the softness even before they had the opportunity to sit on my tongue.



*Chillas* were up next, and as chef Parul shared with us, they were a product of endless trials and errors. Initially, *chillas* were planned like soft crepes but the chef did not want to design and make something borne out of imitation.

We chose goat cheese *chilla*, it was crispy and you might get a feel of a *dosa*, but this was not quite that. It was made from sprouted wheat flour and though different from the *besan* ones that are made at home, it still hits a nerve there. It was made in vinegar and enveloped capicum, spinach goat cheese and beet root, which gave it a slight pungent taste. And though the chef had warned that it would be spicy, it had a balanced flavour. It was a different experience altogether. While I did not find any flavour amiss, the *chilla* gave me flashbacks of the beet root and kale salad I had at La Roca.

I have said it before, most of my excursions at restaurants are incomplete without pizza. And what is different about Tappa's menu is that instead of the classic round style, they offer *pide* which is a rich bread from Turkey. And from the plethora of options, we picked *Chauka* which was a

remained after the incredible service were given for the style of serving.

The green chutney, tangy in taste and spicy in flavour, complemented the *dosa* exceedingly well. The spiciness sits on the tongue, but that's what makes it good. The flavour isn't passable, rather it was impressive and establishes its taste well enough. Definitely a must try.

I ordered three things for mains of which *Dosa a la Tappa* was also one along with *Kladi Kulcha* and Manglore fried chicken. Each stuffed *kulcha* on the menu had a different preparation, different style and the taste of a different city all together.

The chicken was marinated in Manglorean flavours, deep fried and was topped with lemon yogurt on top with some jalapenos and chilli. The chicken was tender, super soft. If I would call something that is absolutely flavour, it would be this dish.

I was a little perplexed when it came to dessert but sided with dark chocolate and litchi fudge. A great judgement on my part. The fudge was buried under a thick spread of meringue, and pieces of litchi coated in dark chocolate served with a scoop of ice-cream. If I think hard enough, I might still be able to taste the fudge.

Tappa also offers in-house ice cream and the special of the evening was bourbon and fig. The bitter taste of the bourbon found a truce with the sweetness of the ice cream, I couldn't hold myself it was such a delight. This restaurant has engraved itself on my recommendation list.

## CHEF TALK

# A disruptive fusion

As chef OSCAR BALCON goes against convention by pairing Italian cuisine with whisky rather than wine, he says that food connoisseurs should always be open-minded to give space to culinary adventures. By TEAM VIVA

When you decide to indulge in authentic Italian cuisine, you have to pair wine with it. And it cannot be just any wine. The idea is that the flavour of your drink should match the intensity of the meal's sauce. However, ever heard of authentic Italian meal being paired with whisky?

Angad Singh Gandhi, Glenfiddich brand ambassador, celebrated the disruptive fusion of a fine single-malt whisky with modern Italian cuisine, prepared by Artusi Ristorante chef Oscar Balcon. The idea was to create an "unusual pairing for today's consumers," who are looking for experiences that are extraordinary, and such practices also pave a way for experimentation for both consumers and chefs.

Here's a take of chef Balcon who has carefully handcrafted the four-course dinner, which married the flavours of the versatile Glenfiddich's 12-year-old, 15-year-old and 18-year-old varieties.

**Tell us about the special four-course menu.**

The menu includes a journey that takes us through different time and places. Just like fine whisky, it has firm roots in traditional methods, a foundation that is built on the quality of natural ingredients. But at the same time, it has a bright-eyed glance of contemporary possibilities. It is a menu that showcases how wide-ranging the pairing options in Italian cuisine truly are.

**How did you curate it? What inspired this special menu?**

At the Artusi Ristorante, our culinary inspiration is always the traditional cuisine of the Emilia Romagna region in Northern Italy as it has a rich and incredible quality of natural products. But this time we chose to look beyond the borders and the quality of some of the finest whiskies from Scotland, such as Glenfiddich, fascinated me and inspired this spirit-paired dinner.

Just like fine wine, the tasting notes of fine whisky also



cuisine is the one that perfectly balances the nutrition and sensuous elements.

**How do you source your ingredients?**

Mostly from Italy but also other great sources of top-notch ingredients globally. Also, from the small farmers in India who are growing and creating a market for high-end specialist produce, when in season.

**European and Italian cuisines are known to be blended or tasted with wine. But here, you have blended your menu with whisky. Why? What was the idea behind it. Did it turn out to be as amazing as the regular menu tasted with wine?**

Wine is the traditional pairing beverage for a fine Italian meal and I believe that will never change. However, every now and then, I think we should be open-minded enough for culinary adventures. And, more often than not, we end up with a positive surprise and great memories, much like the innovative partnership with Glenfiddich.

**How do you think such experiments can help bring a change in the way people look at the Italian cuisine?**

Like often in life, an individual act rarely propels a long-lasting change, yet we know that repeated adventures are the spice of life and as humans, we become richer with each new one. So, I would say, it's a toast to breaking barriers and to new and exciting discoveries.

guide us in understanding its aroma, taste and finish. Hence, we will deduct that smokey elements that pair well with grilled meats, while more mellow, round and sweetish notes might make a match with the dessert. And thus, layer by layer, we have curated a menu that marries cheese, vegetables, home-made pasta and flaming desserts with the corresponding notes of peat, smoke or round honey. We were indeed very pleased with the resulting symphony.

**What has shaped your food logic while growing up? Any anecdotes to share...**

Family, traditions and good fortune. My food logic has been shaped with the fortune to be living in the vortex of the "age of great food" (nowadays, you can get great food anywhere in the world) and the good fortune to have had the possibility to experience the best dishes both in my home country as well as with extensive travels and living all over the world.

**Which cuisine in the world would you say comes closest to the perfect sensory and nutritional balance?**

Apart from our own, perhaps the traditional Japanese

## gorge us

Hilton Garden Inn organises Janmashtami special dinner buffet. It offers authentic dishes from the streets of Mathura and Vrindavan and an array of delicacies like *Mathura ke pede*, *Sandesh*, *Hing dhaniya ke chatpate aloo*, *Aloo akhrot ki tikki*, *Methi paneer*, *Coconut laddoo* and many more. **Date:** August 24 **Time:** 7 pm onwards **Price:** ₹1,500 **Venue:** Hilton Garden Inn, New Saket.



Gulati restaurant celebrates the love for Lord Krishna by indulging in their traditional delicacy *Moong dal ka halwa*, which is a flavourful delight and makes the meal more fulfilling. **Venue:** Pandara Road Market.



Pullman hotel hosts the Turkish food festival, in which a special menu has been curated by its expert chefs, Ibrahim Yaman and Abdullah Olgun from Swissotel Istanbul. The menu offers local favourites of Turkey such as *Adana kebab*, *Purslane* with yoghurt, *Muhammara*, *Haydari* and more. **Date:** Till September 1 **Time:** 7 pm onwards **Venue:** Pluck, Pullman Aerocity.

Smaaash presents the *Kulcha* and *Kebab* Ffest that brings together a diverse range of delicacies. They have come up with delicious variants like *Murgh tikka*, *Gilafi* chicken, *Afghani* lollipop with *Bheega kulchas* for the non-vegetarians and *Paneer tikka*, *Veg gilafi kebab* and *Hara bhara kebab* with *Bheega kulchas* for vegetarians. **Date:** Till September 16 **Time:** 2 pm to 11 pm **Venue:** Available at all outlets.



Soy Soi offers an aromatic and flavourful range of dimsums from Green curry to Prawn *hargau*. Devour chilli *hoisin* and Korean fried chicken baos, tantalising soups and salads to dynamic sushi, *sashimi* and *nigiris*. **Date:** Till September **Price:** ₹2,000 (plus taxes) **Venue:** Ardee mall, Gurugram.

Nueva offers Peruvian and modern cuisine, tender and juicy Creole-style pork belly, Prawns *pintxo* with cilantro infusion, Filo pastry pizza. Devour burritos, Charcoal burger *la hamburguesa* and their signature Nueva-style tacos. **Date:** Till August **Time:** 11.30 pm to 12 am **Price:** ₹3,000 (plus taxes) **Venue:** Sangam courtyard, RK Puram.



## RECIPES



**GULAAB PAAN KI KHEER**

- WHAT YOU NEED**
- Milk full cream: 1 ltr
  - Basmati rice: 100 gm
  - Green cardamom: 10 gm
  - Cashewnut broken: 20 gm
  - Almond: 10 gm
  - Chironji: 10 gm
  - Pista: 10 gm
  - Beetle leaf: 5
  - Rose petal: as per requirement
  - Gulkand: 50 gm
  - Sugar: 100 gm
  - Paan leaves: 2

- METHOD**
- Boil milk and keep stirring. Then add cardamom.
  - Soak rice for half an hour and add rice in the boiled milk.
  - Keep stirring till rice is cooked and has thickened.
  - Add cashewnut, *kishmish*, *chironji*, sugar and then stir. Keep aside to cool.
  - Add puree of *gulkand* and shredded *paan patta*.
  - Garnish with rose petals and *paan* leaves.
  - Serve chilled.

Courtesy: Chef Shivanda Kain from Jaypee Green Golf and Spa Resort.

## STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST

- WHAT YOU NEED**
- Boneless chicken breasts: 5-6
  - Spinach: 2 bunches
  - Italian seasoning: 3-4 tsp
  - Mayonnaise: 3-4 tsp
  - Cream cheese: 4 ounces
  - Grated parmesan cheese: 2 cup
  - Garlic powder: ¼ tsp
  - Oregano: 1 tsp
  - Paprika: 1-2 tsp
  - Salt and pepper
  - Olive oil: 4-5 tsp
- METHOD**



- Preheat the oven to 190 degree celsius.
- Wash the spinach leaves and boil them. Chop them into fine and small pieces.
- Take a deep bowl, add spinach, cream cheese, grated parmesan, mayonnaise and mix all them all together.
- Take chicken breasts on a

parchment paper then to the cutting board and make pockets on each with a sharp knife. Make sure you don't make a hole.

- Season each breast with Italian seasoning, salt and pepper.
- Stuff each chicken breast with the spinach mixture and lock the edge with the help of toothpick.
- Sprinkle with some more salt, pepper, paprika, garlic powder and oregano. Dizzle with olive oil and bake for 25-30 minutes until chicken is well cooked.
- Garnish with parsley leaves.

Courtesy: Chef Sahaurya Veer Kapoor at Cafe Hawker's, CP.

## KUKAD SINGH TALLI

- WHAT YOU NEED**
- To soak:**
- Tandoori chicken: 700-800 gm
  - Beer: 1 lit
  - Garlic clove: 5 to 6
  - Cinnamon stick: 2 inch
  - Black pepper whole: 10 to 15
- For marination:**
- Hung curd: 300 gm
  - Degi mirch: 20 gm
  - Garam masala: 5 gm
  - Mustard oil: 50 ml
  - Tandoori chicken masala: 10 gm



- Black salt: 5 gm
- Lemon juice: 5 ml
- Whisky: 20 ml

**METHOD**

- Clean the whole chicken. Then

deep cut the chicken and put it in a bowl with beer. Add clove, garlic, black pepper in the bowl and leave it over night.

- Mix all the ingredients in a big mixing bowl.
- Take out the chicken from the bowl and marinate it. Keep aside for another few hours.
- Now roast the chicken in tandoor or pre-heated oven or barbeque grill, basting it with butter.
- Serve hot with mint chutney, green chilli and onion.

Courtesy: Corporate Chef, Sanjay Singh Yadav at Vapour Bar Exchange.

# Griezmann could be key against Betis

## Neymar future remains up in air

AFP ■ PARIS



Antoine Griezmann celebrates after scoring his maiden goal for Barcelona during pre-season friendly game against Inter Milan

Griezmann/Twitter

AFP ■ BARCELONA

If Lionel Messi listens to Real Betis and sits out another match, Barcelona will likely have to rely on Antoine Griezmann to finally get some points on the board.

Betis, which visits the Camp Nou on Sunday, responded to a tweet by Barcelona that Messi was back to practicing with the team for the first time since being injured in the pre-season by saying: "Don't rush, Leo. No need for you to force it!" Barcelona couldn't make up for

Messi's absence last weekend when its attack was held scoreless in a 1-0 loss at Athletic Bilbao.

That was the first time the two-time defending champions had lost a Spanish league opener in a decade. And after both Real Madrid and Atlético Madrid won, the pressure is on.

Barcelona acquired Griezmann after triggering the 120 million euro (\$133 million) buyout clause in his contract with rival Atlético. The France forward was supposed to be the fourth piece to an already world class attack featuring Messi,

Luis Suárez and Ousmane Dembele. But Griezmann may be left with all the scoring responsibility in his competitive home debut.

Messi strained his right calf in the team's first practice of the season on August 5 and hasn't played since. Although it is possible he will be back to face Betis, Suárez won't be after he injured a right leg muscle in the first half at Bilbao. Dembele has also been ruled out for several weeks with a left thigh injury.

Philippe Coutinho, who could have helped out as an attacking

player, is no longer with the team after being loaned out to Bayern Munich this week. Malcom, a Brazilian forward who played sparingly for Barcelona last season, was sold to Zenit St Petersburg.

Griezmann had a lackluster match at Bilbao. His only good scoring chance at San Mames Stadium came in the final minutes with a header.

The Frenchman, however, is used to carrying a team on his back.

Griezmann was a consistent scorer for Atlético, tallying more than 20 goals a season for five con-

## Messi back in Barca training

AFP ■ BARCELONA

Lionel Messi gave Barcelona a timely boost on Wednesday by returning to training with the rest of the squad after a calf injury.

Messi trained alone in the morning before joining his teammates in the afternoon, increasing hopes that Barça's captain could play a role against Real Betis in La Liga on Sunday.

He strained his calf on August 5 in his first training session back following the Copa America and subsequently missed the club's pre-season.

It would be a surprise if Messi started at Camp Nou, but Barcelona coach Ernesto Valverde will be eager to have his star available again, particularly after his team suffered a surprise 1-0 defeat by Athletic Bilbao in their opening league game last weekend.

Messi's absence has been compounded by injuries to other strikers.

Luis Suarez is expected to be out for around a month after hobbling off with a calf problem against Bilbao. Ousmane Dembele injured his hamstring and will need five weeks to recover.

Antoine Griezmann, the 120



Lionel Messi trains during Barcelona practice session on Wednesday

FCB/Twitter

million summer signing from Atletico Madrid, is the only fully-fit forward, with Rafinha and 21-year-old Carles Perez possible options to play behind him.

The shortage up front has intensified speculation that Paris Saint-Germain's Neymar could return to Barcelona before the transfer window closes in Spain on September 2.

PSG sporting director Leonardo admitted earlier this month that the club were in "advanced negotiations" to sell Neymar but a deal is yet to be agreed with Barça, who have already spent around 250 million euros this summer.

secutive years despite the team often not having another attacking threat to draw away some of the attention of opposing defenses.

The problem at Bilbao, he said, was simply "the ball didn't go in." The other player who could make the most of the opportunity created by the injuries is 21-year-old Carles Pérez, a member of Barcelona's reserve team. He impressed in the pre-season, even scoring two goals in a 2-0 win over Japanese club Vissel Kobe, where former Barcelona great Andrés Iniesta now plays.

Barcelona coach Ernesto Valverde included Pérez in Wednesday's team practice. Betis

was the only team to beat Barcelona at its home stadium last season, outgunning the hosts 4-3.

Since then it has changed coaches, replacing the attack-minded Quique Setién with the more conservative Joan "Rubi" Ferrer, who led Espanyol to a Europa League berth.

Barcelona also poached one of its top players, left back Junior Firpo. Betis lost its Spanish league opener, falling 2-1 to Valladolid at home. The last time Betis played Barcelona was in Seville in March. Messi scored three goals and received a standing ovation from the Betis fans.

Neymar remains no closer to getting his desired move away from Paris Saint-Germain amid reports on Thursday the French club have rejected an offer from Real Madrid of 100 million euros (\$111 million) plus players.

French sports daily *L'Equipe* said Real had offered cash plus Gareth Bale, James Rodriguez and goalkeeper Keylor Navas, but PSG turned it down because "the overall value of the offer did not match their expectations".

Paris paid 222 million euros to sign Neymar from Barcelona two years ago and their sporting director Leonardo is understood to be determined to only sell the forward for a deal considered to be of the same value.

Real have spent the summer trying to offload Bale, while James is unwanted after returning from a loan at Bayern Munich and Navas is no longer the club's first-choice goalkeeper.

Meanwhile, Barcelona remain hopeful of bringing Neymar back to the Camp Nou, but Catalan daily *Sport* claims an attempt to sign the player on loan with an obligation to buy for 160 million euros at the end of the season has been firmly rejected in Paris.

PSG claims Barcelona feel "it is very clear that PSG are trying to prevent the Brazilian from returning to the Camp Nou in any scenario".

PSG had previously reportedly turned down an offer from Barcelona of 40 million euros plus Philippe Coutinho and Ivan Rakitic. Coutinho has since joined Bayern on loan.

Juventus are also believed to have stated an interest in signing the 27-year-old,

who has not featured in any of PSG's matches so far this season having been frozen out amid the uncertainty over his future.

The transfer window closes in France, Spain and Italy on September 2, meaning time is fast running out for a deal to be done.



## Henry desires to succeed as manager



Thierry Henry reacts after Monaco suffer defeat during Ligue 1 match

AP/File Photo

AFP ■ LONDON

France football legend Thierry Henry is keen for another chance to prove he can be a successful manager despite his unhappy brief tenure at Ligue 1 side Monaco.

The 42-year-old — Arsenal's record goalscorer — told the *Daily Telegraph* that although his phone did not ring for four months following his sacking, things have picked up since then and he has received five offers.

Henry's dream return last October to manage Monaco, the club where he established his reputation as a top class striker, turned into a nightmare.

Having been part of Belgium manager Roberto Martinez's backroom team at the World Cup — where they reached the semi-finals — he lasted just over 100 days after only four league wins.

"Call me crazy if you want, but I love football and I believe I can be a successful coach," he said.

"I'm not thinking about the pain, I'm not thinking about failure. I don't like easy.

"I like to lead and it's on me to make it happen. The same when I joined Arsenal as a player, the same when I went to Belgium with Roberto. It's an

evolution."

Henry, who was a member of the France squads that won both the 1998 World Cup and the Euro 2000 title, said although he has been contacted over jobs, he has yet to find the right fit. "My phone didn't ring for four months after I left Monaco and then all of a sudden I got five calls," he said.

"Some were not what I was looking for and some were as a number two."

"I won't do a number two job because I want to be a number one."

Henry says it is frustrating having to wait around for another opportunity but he is convinced football coaching is where his future lies.

"I came out of it fully reassured that's what I want to do, zero doubt about it," he said.

All Henry asks is for transparency from his employers.

"Communication and honesty from the start is key," he said.

"What's the job? Is the job to stay up, is the job to win the League or be in the Champions League?"

"But how and what is success? Is success improving players? Ultimately, results are the most important thing, but I want to improve players as well."

## Messi 'made me better player': Cristiano

AFP ■ TURIN

Cristiano Ronaldo admitted on Wednesday his long-time rivalry with Lionel Messi has made him "a better player" and that he enjoys a "healthy" rivalry with the Argentine great.

However, Portuguese star Ronaldo, whose influence at Real Madrid mirrored that of Messi at Barcelona before he left for Juventus, admitted that the pair have never socialised together.

"I really admire the career he has had and from his side, he has already talked of the disappointment when I left Spain because it was a rivalry that he appreciated," Ronaldo told *TVI* in Portugal.

"It's a good rivalry but it's not unique — Michael Jordan had rivalries in basketball, there was Ayrton Senna and Alain Prost in Formula 1. The thing they all had in common is that they were healthy rivalries."

Ronaldo and Messi have won the coveted Ballon d'Or five times each, a factor that helps each player flourish.

"I have no doubt that Messi has made me a better player and vice-versa. When I am win-



Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi on the field during a match

ning trophies it must sting him and it's the same for me when he wins," he said.

"I have an excellent relationship because we have been sharing the same moments for 15 years.

He added: "We've never had dinner together but I don't see why we can't in the future. I don't see a problem with that."

## Coutinho will not start against Schalke: Kovac

AFP ■ MUNICH

Brazilian star midfielder Philippe Coutinho will not make his first Bundesliga start when Bayern Munich travel to Schalke on Saturday, said coach Niko Kovac on Thursday.

Coutinho, 27, has been the talk of Germany since joining Bayern on a one-year loan deal from Barcelona earlier this week.

Yet at a press conference on Thursday, Kovac confirmed the Brazilian would begin his first game as a Bayern player on the bench.

"He is not quite at the level of fitness he needs to play for 90 minutes," said Kovac.

"He has said that himself, and we don't want to take any risks. He has only been training for the last two weeks, so he needs to catch up," he added, but confirmed Coutinho would be in the matchday squad.



He is not quite at the level of fitness he needs to play for 90 minutes. He has said that himself, and we don't want to take any risks — NIKO KOVAC

"I know a lot of people want us to play him straight away, but everything has to be right."

Kovac said Bayern's other new attacking signing, Croatia winger Ivan Perisic, could make the starting eleven against Schalke.

"Ivan is much further along, he started training at the same time as we did, and played several games for Inter Milan in pre-season," he said.

Bayern are under pressure to pick up three points against David Wagner's Schalke side, having been held to a draw in their opening Bundesliga game against Hertha Berlin last week.

## Novak, Osaka take US Open top seeds



AFP ■ NEW YORK

World number ones and defending champions Novak Djokovic and Naomi Osaka were named as top seeds for the US Open on Wednesday.

Djokovic, who will be chasing a 17th Grand Slam singles title in New York next week, heads the men's field with Spain's Rafael Nadal seeded second.

Former world number one Roger Federer, seeking a 21st Grand Slam crown, is seeded third for the tour-

nament.

The draw for the men's and women's singles takes place on Thursday.

In the women's draw, Osaka is ranked number one while 2018 runner-up Serena Williams is seeded eight.

Japanese ace Osaka won her first Grand Slam title in a controversial final victory over Williams last year and then followed it up with her second Slam at the Australian Open in January.

The two other reigning Grand

## Ankita out of qualifiers

PTI ■ NEW YORK

India's top women's singles player Ankita Raina crashed out of the women's singles US Open qualifying event after a hard fought three-set loss to Czech Republic's Denisa Allertova.

The world No 194 went down 7-6(5), 4-6, 2-6 to her Czech rival in a match that lasted two hours and 17 minutes, on Wednesday night.

Ankita won the first set in a tie-breaker but failed to keep her momentum as Allertova broke the Indian to take the second set comfortably.

In the decider, Ankita was broken again as she conceded the match.

Sumit Nagal is the only Indian left in the qualifiers. He is scheduled to play Peter Polansky of Canada in the second round of the qualifiers.

Slam champions are seeded in the top four, with Australia's French Open champion Ashleigh Barty seeded second and Romania's Wimbledon champion Simona Halep seeded fourth.

Former world number one Karolina Pliskova of the Czech Republic is seeded third in the women's draw.

## Praneeth enter World C'ship quarters, Prannoy loses

PTI ■ BASEL

India's B Sai Praneeth dished out a superlative performance to stun world No 8 Anthony Sinisuka Ginting and progress to the quarter-finals but H S Prannoy's fight ended with a narrow loss to the BWF World Championships here on Thursday.

World No 19 Praneeth, who had reached the finals at Swiss Open this year, took just 42 minutes to dispatch sixth seeded Anthony of Indonesia 21-19, 21-13 to set up a likely clash with another Indonesian Jonatan Christie, seeded fourth and the reigning Asian Games champion.

Earlier, Prannoy showed glimpses of brilliance, especially in the opening game, but couldn't stop World No 1 Kento Momota from registering a 21-19, 21-12 win, his fifth victory over the Indian in as many encounters.

In the opening game, Praneeth quickly erased a 0-3 deficit to move to a 8-5 deficit. The Indian, who has had success against Anthony at the 2018 Asia Team championship and the 2017 World Championship, kept his stranglehold to enter the break with a 11-8 advantage.

In the second game, Praneeth zoomed to 6-2 but Anthony made his

way to manage a 11-8 lead at the breather. After the break, the Indian reeled off six straight points to make it 14-12. He kept marching ahead as Anthony crumbled.

Earlier, Momota dominated the proceedings initially against Prannoy as he moved from a 8-4 lead to grab a 11-7 advantage at the break.

Prannoy started putting pressure on his rival after the breather with an attacking game to claw back at 12-12 and kept snapping at Momota's heels.

At one stage, after the end of the 57-shot rally, an exhausted Prannoy was left prostrated on the floor following a perfect net return from the World No 1. The point gave Momota a two-point cushion at 19-17.

But the Indian stuck to his guns and a precise straight smash helped him to level at 19-19.

Momota, however, upped the pace to grab the game point with a return on the backline and then sealed it with a powerful smash.

After the change of sides, Momota once again found his way out of tricky situations to run up a lead of 11-5 at the break. Prannoy tried his best but Momota ensured he had the last laugh as he converted soon after gaining nine match points.