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Schools deserted as Valley edgy

Only 10 students mark attendance in 196 schools in Srinagar

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Majority of primary schools reported "zero" to very thin attendance on Monday after the authorities decided to re-open 196 schools across Srinagar following two weeks of clampdown in the State in the wake of abrogation of Article 370. In most cases, parents refused to drop their children to schools citing strict security restrictions. Other districts in the Valley too registered zero attendance of students.

The only saving grace was the presence of schoolteachers and other staff who made it to the schools despite facing many hardships en route.

Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar, Shahid Iqbal Choudhary told *The Pioneer* that out of 196 schools, staff and teachers reported on duty in around 170 schools in Srinagar on Monday, but less than 10 students marked their



A Kashmiri school staff member cleans a deserted classroom in Srinagar on Monday

presence on day one.

He, however, expressed hope that the situation will improve from Tuesday as several private school authorities were approached to re-open their schools.

Choudhary also convened a meeting with representatives of Presentation Convent, DPS, Burn Hall and other schools. The meeting was attended by Education Director, Additional Commissioner, Joint Director

Planning and heads/representatives of private schools.

The Government also decided to re-open all middle level schools across Kashmir valley from

Wednesday.

Meanwhile, after his two week stay in the Kashmir for monitoring the situation, National Security Adviser Ajit Doval returned to Delhi on Monday and briefed Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

Union Home Secretary Rajiv Gauba, Intelligence Bureau chief Arvind Kumar and other top officials attended the meeting that reviewed the steps taken to maintain the law and order situation in the State.

The issues related to restrictions imposed in various parts of Jammu & Kashmir also figured in the meeting.

At several places in Anantnag, Shopian, Pulwama, Kulgam, Kupwara, schools reported zero attendance and efforts are being made to motivate people to send their children to schools to restore normalcy.

Bhagwat's quota debate call fires Opp with anger

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat's call for debate on reservation has set off a major political row with several Opposition parties condemning any attempt to dilute the provisions of caste-based quota in Government jobs and educational institutions.

While RSS dismissed as "needless" the row over Bhagwat's remarks, asserting that he merely stressed on the need for talks in harmony within society to address any issue, the Congress, the BSP and the RJD alleged that the "anti Dalit-backward face" of the RSS-BJP has been exposed.

"A needless controversy is being sought to be created over RSS chief Mohan



Bhagwat's address at a programme in Delhi. He merely stressed on the importance of addressing issues in society through mutual talks in harmony and called for considering a sensitive issue like reservation in a similar manner," RSS' 'prachar pramukh' (publicity head) Arun Kumar said in a tweet.

CAPSULE

MODI SPEAKS TO TRUMP, RAISES PAK'S RHETORIC

New Delhi: In the first highest-level interaction after India's announcement on Jammu & Kashmir, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday held a telephonic conversation with US President Donald Trump, and conveyed that extreme rhetoric and incitement to anti-India violence by certain leaders in the region (Pakistan) was not conducive to peace.

UNNAO: SC ASKS CBI TO FINISH PROBE BY SEPT 6

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday granted the CBI time till September 6 to complete the investigation into the road accident in which the Unnao rape survivor and her lawyer were critically injured and two of her aunts killed.

CELLING OFF SOLICITOR GEN'S WIFE SNATCHED

New Delhi: Two bike-borne men allegedly snatched the mobile phone of Solicitor General of India Tushar Mehta's wife in front of the FICCI auditorium in Mandi House, police said on Monday.

Bihar's last Congress CM Jagannath Mishra dies

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Former Bihar Chief Minister Jagannath Mishra, 82, passed away in Delhi on Tuesday after a prolonged illness. Mishra was one of the tallest political leaders of Bihar before Lalu Prasad became the face of the State politics.

Apart from holding the post of Chief Minister thrice as a Congress stalwart, Mishra served as a Union Cabinet Minister.

Mishra was convicted along with 44 others in the infamous fodder scam in 2013.

Ex-MPs asked to vacate bungalows within week

Advani, Joshi to retain residences due to security reasons

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre on Monday asked all former Members of Parliament (MPs) to vacate Government bungalows within a week. Majority of such Government bungalows are located in the posh Lutyens zone in the national Capital.

A high-level meeting convened by the Housing Committee of the Lok Sabha on Monday decided that if these "squatters" failed to vacate the bungalows, their power, water and gas connections will be cut within three days and heavy penalty will be



Senior BJP leaders and former Deputy Prime Minister LK Advani and Murli Manohar Joshi will retain their bungalow

imposed on them.

due to security reasons.

The committee had earlier directed several senior Congress leaders, including Jyotiraditya Scindia and Mallikarjun Kharge, to vacate their Government bungalows since they have lost the Lok Sabha elections last month.

Normally, leaders who lose elections to Parliament are supposed to vacate their bungalows, but over the years there has been a trend among several leaders, including former Ministers, refusing to vacate their bungalows citing various reasons.

CM's dream Puri project kicks off



- Eviction around Shreemandir begins
- Govt to consult those losing houses: Puri DM
- Mutts, temples to be spared

PNS ■ PURI/ BHUBANESWAR

The first step for Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik's dream project for Puri by making the Jagannath Temple's surroundings encroachment-free and for development of the pilgrimage and tourism city as a world-class urban centre began on Monday.

Amid tight security with deployment of two dozen

police platoons, the district administration carried out evictions of structures close to the Meghanada Pacheri (shrine wall) of the Jagannath Temple.

Looking at the palpable tension in the localities on the decision to evict private buildings within a 75-meter radius from temple wall, forces blocked all routes to temple's surrounding and started dis-

mantling Government structures which were near the temple wall.

Around half a dozen bulldozers with a dozen of trucks and tractors were in place under supervision of seven executive magistrates.

Puri Collector Balwant Singh and SP Umasankar Dash led the drive near the temple and by evening, no untoward incidents had been reported.

Despite apprehensions within the localities over future of their houses, temples and mutts, nobody really came for opposition of eviction as it was near the temple wall.

Collector Singh said there is nothing to panic over the proposed eviction within 75

meter. He said that before taking a final decision, residents losing houses would be consulted first and then steps would be taken.

Notably, as many ten structures close to the Maghanad Pacheri used as Government facilities like outpost, information centre, shoe-stand, pump house, electric office, besides some private encroachments would be dismantled. The eviction drive is likely to take a day or two to complete.

However, the mutts, temples and ashrams situated near the Meghanada Pacheri would not be demolished right now, which would be renovated from dilapidated conditions, said officials.

IndiGo, SpiceJet's T2 flights to shift to T3 from Sept 5

After infrastructure boost, IndiGo and GoAir to resume op from IGA's T2

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

At a time when Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) has initiated work to enhance Terminal-II infrastructure, two major airlines — SpiceJet and IndiGo — will shift to Terminal-III of the IGA from September 5.

On Monday, DIAL in its official statement said the shift is to pave way for infra enhancement of T-II, after which its capacity will increase from 15 million passengers per annum (MPPA) to 18MPPA. "This will enhance the passenger experience at T-II terminal after the movement. GoAir and IndiGo will be the two major airlines operating from T-II," DIAL notification reads.

Notably, IndiGo will operate partially from T-III also. IndiGo flights of 5,000 series will shift from T2 to T3 and but flight operations of IndiGo and SpiceJet at T1 will remain unaffected.

DIAL official said, "The

move comes as part of DIAL's efforts to enhance passenger experience at Delhi Airport at a time when SpiceJet, IndiGo and GoAir, operating from Terminal 2, have witnessed a steep traffic growth compounded by the re-allocation of Jet Airways traffic."

"The shifting will enable the airport operator to enhance the overall infrastructure of T2, which is being enhanced to handle rising passenger traffic," he added.

When asked what new changes will incorporate for passengers' comfort, DIAL official said, "Under T2 capacity enhancement initiatives, the Security Hold Area (SHA), bus gate hold area, new arrivals area and passengers waiting areas would be expanded, while Pre-Embarkation Security Checks (PESC) area would be relocated and Automated Tray Retrieval System (ATRS) would be installed." This may be noted that several passengers have complained about the missing sitting area at T-II



while T-II operates domestic flight operations where passenger number is relatively higher. After the move, passenger load at T-II will reduce by 27percent.

Commenting on the development, Videh Kumar Jaipuria, CEO-DIAL said, "With Delhi Airport witnessing a surge in passenger traffic, DIAL is enhancing the capacity of T2. The move will ease the pressure of fast growing traffic, so that the capacity enhancement works at Terminal 2 can be carried out effectively and efficiently. We appreciate SpiceJet and IndiGo for their agreement to shift their operations from Terminal

2 to Terminal 3".

Presently, GoAir fully and SpiceJet and IndiGo partially operate their respective domestic flights from T2, while Air India, Vistara and Air Asia India operate completely out of T3. The revamped Terminal 2 was operationalized in October 2017, which saw partial shifting of SpiceJet and IndiGo, and complete shifting of GoAir from Terminal 1.

Meanwhile, DIAL has started Phase 3A expansion works of airside as well as Terminal 1 and Terminal 3 to make Delhi Airport future-ready. This will increase the airside capacity to 140 MPPA from 100 MPPA by July 2022.

Yamuna breaches danger mark

10,000 people in low-lying areas moved to safety

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

Heavy rain in northern India and the release of 8.28 lakh cusecs water from the Hathnikund barrage by Haryana on Monday caused flood-like situation in the low-lying areas of the national Capital with the river Yamuna flowing at 205.36 metres, breaching the danger mark of 205.33 metres.



Around 10,000 people have been evacuated from flood-plain and shifted to relief tents erected by the Government agencies, a senior official said. So far 2,120 temporary shelters have been set up, where

food, water and other amenities are being provided by Government agencies.

To reach people, the Delhi Government also provides helpline numbers: 22421656 and 21210849.

SC dismisses Tejpal's plea to quash sexual assault charges

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed a plea by *Tehelka* magazine's founder Tarun Tejpal seeking quashing of charges framed against him in a sexual assault case filed by a former woman colleague.

A Bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra asked Goa's lower court to complete the trial preferably within six months in the case against Tejpal.

Saranghi new city Police Commissioner

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The State Government on Monday carried out a major reshuffle in the IPS cadre and posted Sudhanshu Sarangi as the new Twin City Commissioner of Police.

Incumbent Police Commissioner Satyajit Mohanty was appointed as Jail ADG and Director of Correctional Services. Mahendra Pratap was posted as Director, Printing



Press and Stationary, Cuttack. Sanjeeb Panda was appointed as the Transport Commissioner.

RP Koche was given the charge of ADG Law and Order. Rajesh Kumar was appointed as SCRB Director.

PS Ranipise was appointed as new Vigilance IG. Amitendra Nath Sinha was appointed as Crime Branch DIG and Ashish Kumar Singh as the Central Range DIG.

High Court reinstates Jharsuguda DM

PNS ■ CUTTACK

The Orissa High Court on Monday recalled its August 13 direction and asked the State Government, through a fresh order, to reinstate Jyoti Ranjan Pradhan as Collector of Jharsuguda district.

In its August 13 order, the High Court had directed the Government to place the Collector under suspension for violating its earlier order. Accordingly, the Government suspended Pradhan on August 14 and gave additional charge of district Collector to the ADM. However, allowing an application of the

Government, the same Bench headed by Chief Justice KS Jhaveri recalled its August 13 order and, after reconsideration, gave a fresh order asking the Government to reinstate the suspended officer.

Notably, Pradhan had earned the ire of the court for violating a direction given five months ago.

The court had on March 19 directed the Government not to take any coercive action against a local prospective liquor shop owner, who had obtained a licence to trade in liquor. However on April 25, Pradhan cancelled the licence of the liquor shop owner.

7 more Hirakud gates opened

PNS ■ SAMBALPUR

In view of heavy water inflow into the Hirakud reservoir following heavy downpours in upper catchment areas of Mahanadi river, the dam authorities opened seven more gates on Monday to release the excess floodwater.

With opening of the seven more gates, more than 2.2 lakh cusecs water was being discharged from the dam through 14 gates.

Sources said the water level at Hirakud dam was 620.89 ft by 8.00 am on August 19 against total storage capacity of 630 ft.

The expected maximum flood flow at the Mundali point would be about four lakh cusec on the day.

Rift among cadres: Maoists face tough time in Odisha

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Maoists operating in Odisha are facing a tough time due to quarrels between Odia, Telugu and Chhattisgarhi cadres for which top commanders are left in a worried state. While luring Odia youths to join in Left Wing Extremist (LWE) group is getting more and more difficult, of late incidents of quarrel, scuffle and most importantly their disaffection for Guerrillas of other neighbouring States is posing a serious problem.

Intelligence inputs reveal that in Andhra Odisha Border (AOB) Region there are more

instances of scuffles and quarrels between the cadres, for which Left Wing outfits are not able to scale up their activities.

While Maoists are recruiting low level cadres from Chhattisgarh, they are facing compatibility with seniors of Andhra Pradesh and middle rank cadre of Odisha, said sources. So, Maoists are facing tough time as to how to handle such emotional issues, which is telling upon their poor growth in the region.

Odia cadres are feeling alienated and this has resulted in more number of surrenders and setbacks for the LWE organization, reveal top cops work-

While Maoists are facing adverse conditions in AOB region; however, they are now active in Central Odisha, where only Chhattisgarhi cadres are engaged in operation

ing in the region. Aggressive nature of Chhattisgarhi cadres and non compatibility with Odia and Telugu cadres has almost halted their activities in border region, admit officials.

According to sources, Maoists are still active in the region and more operations are

required in cut off areas, which are now connected after major bridge on river Gurupriya.

While Maoists are facing adverse conditions in AOB region; however, they are now active in Central Odisha, where only Chhattisgarhi cadres are engaged in operation.

In areas like Kandhamal, Kalahandi, Rayagada and adjoining areas of Chhattisgarh they are active and trying to scale up their operations, sources said.

In Kalahandi these Maoists are active in Niyamgiri areas and trying to sabotage industrial and mining activities and raising their voice through var-

ious frontal organisations, revealed a top cop.

Hyperactive frontal organisations of Maoists are trying to mislead people on industrial development and mining operations, which are key to the development of these far flung areas. Land encroachers, mining mafias and others are trying to help the Ultras and their frontal organisations for malicious propaganda, police admit. Looking at the scenario, the State Government has time and again demanded to include Kalahandi as "Worst LWE Affected District", so that operations by security forces of both State and Union

Governments can be boosted.

However, repeated request by the State Government has not been accepted by the Union Government, pointed out a senior officer in the Department of Home.

Similarly, a request for deploying two more Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) for Odisha has not been accepted by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

However, the State police are chalking out a strategy to actively seek engagements with the Ultras while on the other, joint operations are being chalked out to combat the Maoists, said sources.

IN CUTTACK

Now, mobile app for info on doctors

'Mr Docto' also offers discounts on radiology, pathology tests

PNS ■ CUTTACK

With an aim to serve the needy and far-away patients, who wish to consult reputed doctors in Cuttack district on different ailments, a passionate entrepreneur and Computer Science graduate, Rakesh Kumar Swain, with the trending technology has come up with an application 'Mr Docto', exploring his entrepreneurial business ideas.

Mr Docto, with the tagline "No Line Book Online", is an online healthcare platform that provides end-to-end services, including information on various medical ailments, doctors, hospitals, treatments and their

implications and post-treatment care.

Swain said, "In the era of digitalisation, Mr Docto connects hundreds of eminent doctors to thousands of people within a click.

It connects people to the healthcare professionals for better consultation and better service that will create a digital healthy consultancy for a better lifestyle."

"The application provides customers with detailed information about hospitals and healthcare providers and help people to find doctors and hospitals in the district, book appointments with them," he added. Pointing out that the

radiological and pathological tests are too expensive, Swain said the platform would help people for booking different diagnosis and other tests such as CT scan, MRI and lab tests at minimal rates at best places.

The entrepreneur has a strong vision to provide the best service and bring a "smile" with a "wahh" in patients by connecting them to the best doctors, physiotherapists, laboratories. He also thinks of to bring all on one platform to start a new era of a healthy lifestyle.

Swain, a former medicine representative (MR), after viewing the pains of people during his MR tenure thought of helping people on a click and started the Mr Docto, which got recognized by the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Department's Startup Odisha and Odisha Opportunities ini-

tatives.

Sharing his experience, the founder said nowadays healthcare systems is too expensive. Many people from across the country come to Cuttack hoping that they would get better treatment but due to middlemen they are unable to reach the best doctors and diagnosis centres. Now, the application would help them in solving these problems.

He said Mr Docto uses would no more stand in a line to consult a doctor. For any queries, they can contact helpline number +91-9090007919 or visit <https://www.mrdocto.com/>.

Swain with the support of his batch mates Pujalin Dandapat, Sobhan Thakur, Bichitra Pradhan and Smrutti Patra has developed the application.

Hostel warden thrashes students; video goes viral

College authorities sack accused; lodge FIR

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

A hostel warden of a private science college in the city landed himself in a soup after a video of him thrashing two students surfaced on social media platforms on August 17.

The incident came to the fore after the video went viral on Facebook and WhatsApp.

Sources said Gandhi Science College hostel warden Biswaranjan Rana was caught on camera while beating up two Plus Two students, who were from Keonjhar and Jajpur districts respectively, with a stick on premises of the hostel.

"The two students were enrolled at the college following recommendation by the hostel warden. Their parents had also asked him to review their performance for better results. But angry over repeated poor performance by these two students in the examinations, he beat them," said Gandhi College Principal Sudhansu Sekhar Moharana.

The college authorities also condemned the act by the hostel warden.

"Rana has been terminated from the hostel after we found the video on various social media platforms on August 17 morning. The college would also file an FIR seeking action against him. The police may take action as per the law," Moharana said.

IN GANJAM

Show-cause to teacher for wearing jeans

BRAHMAPUR: In an instance of disciplinary action for violation of the dress code, the authorities have served a show-cause notice to a primary school teacher in Ganjam district for not wearing the proper uniform.

The notice was served by the Community Education Officer (CEO) of Khallikote to Assistant Teacher Purnachandra Jani of the Chikili Nodal Upper Primary School asking him to submit a reply within three days.

According to reports, the teacher was found wearing jeans instead of following the dress code while on duty at the school on August 16.

It may be noted that the School & Mass Education Department has introduced the dress code for teachers to encourage equality and discipline in schools. As per the norms, uniform is mandatory for the teachers in all Government-run elementary, upper primary and high schools. PNS

Vehicles at MLA quarter torched



PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Tension gripped residents of MLA Colony at Unit-IV here when vehicles parked at the official residence of Talcher BJD MLA Braja Kishore Pradhan were found gutted early on Monday morning.

Two cars, two motorbikes and a bicycle were completely destroyed in the fire. It was suspected that some miscreants might have set the vehicles on fire late on Sunday night to settle a score with the MLA. The Capital police came to the spot and initiated an investigation into the incident.

Govt clears projects worth ₹2 lakh crore

IOCL, HPL, Jindal, Talcher Fertiliser to create 28K jobs

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The High Level Clearance Authority (HLCA) headed by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Monday cleared five mega investment proposals worth ₹2,04,069 crore. The projects together would create job opportunities for over 28,000 people.

The Haldia Petrochemicals Ltd (HPL)'s proposal of hydrocarbon processing complex comprising light

crude oil refinery, aromatics complex and ethylene cracker complex near the proposed Subarnarekha Port in Baleswar was approved.

All the projects will come up at an estimated cost of ₹78,255 crore and would provide jobs to 10,000 people. The Jindal Limited's proposed Cold Rolling Complex of 0.50 MTPA and Steel Processing Plant at Kalinga Nagar Industrial Complex in Jajpur district was approved.

The complex would come up at total cost of ₹1,676 crore and generate employments for 1,300 people.

The Indian Oil Corporation Limited's proposals of expansion of existing refinery unit and establishment of a petrochemical complex at Paradip were also approved.

The IOCL would invest ₹1,00,300 crore for the projects which would create employments for 12,595 persons.

A proposal of the Talcher Fertilizer Limited for establishment of coal-based urea fertilizer complex of 1.99 MMTPA capacity at Talcher was approved. While the project will come up at an investment of ₹14,732 crore, it will give employments to 550 persons.

The IOCL's manufacturing unit for production of Purified Terephthalic Acid (PTA) of 1.2 MMTPA capacity in its existing refinery at Paradip was also approved. The PSU would invest ₹9,136 crore and create employment for 3,200 people.

Now, 'Smart meters' to curb power theft

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

In view of the power distribution companies incurring heavy losses due to unbilled consumption and unlawful usage, 'smart meters' would soon be installed in the State's urban areas to curb meter tampering and power theft.

The State Government would instal smart meters on a pilot basis in Sambalpur and Rourkela For Sambalpur, the Government would procure 4,500 prepaid meters.

"The purpose of installing smart meter is to put a check on meter tampering. The prepaid smart meters will have digital cards which can be

Monday.

Based on the result of the system in these towns, the model would be replicated across the State, he said.

Notably, smart meters consist of two units: the metering device, which is with the distribution or utility company and a display unit that is installed at the consumer's house.

The distribution firms can detect unusually heavy demand, which may point to tapping of wires.

The Governments of Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, New Delhi and Puducherry have already implemented this system.



recharged like mobile phones, DTH service, etc. We can detect tampering and the suspect's meter can be stopped remotely," Energy Diba Shankar Mishra said on

BBSR-Junagarh express train soon

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Railway Minister Piyush Goyal has acceded to Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan's request for running a new train between Bhubaneswar and Junagarh.

Bhubaneswar-Junagarh Road Express (Train no. 18437/18438) between Bhubaneswar and Junagarh Road, and Bhubaneswar-Jagdulpur Hirakhand Express (Train no. 18447/18448) between Bhubaneswar and Jagdulpur will run separately,

Tweeted Pradhan on Monday.

This would go a long way in providing better connectivity to passengers travelling to and from Odisha, he added.

Pradhan had earlier written to Goyal urging the latter for two independent trains between Bhubaneswar-Jagdulpur-Bhubaneswar and Bhubaneswar-Junagarh-Bhubaneswar in view of the longstanding demands of the people of Bhawanipatna and Junagarh in Kalahandi district.

Tripathy takes charge as 43rd CS

STRESSES ON 5T EXECUTION, 'ROCKET SPEED' MOVEMENT OF FILES

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Senior IAS officer Asit Kumar Tripathy took over as the 43rd Chief Secretary of the State on Monday.

Tripathy took charge from outgoing CS Aditya Prasad Padhi in the presence of Secretaries of various departments and other senior bureaucrats. He was greeted by senior bureaucrats, top police officers and other Government officials. "On taking charge, Tripathy said that he would



stress on a 'rocket speed' movement of files and expedite decision making processes.

With long experiences in various Central and State Government assignments, Tripathy is known for his dynamic approach and faster decision making.

Tripathy said he would give stress on implementation

of "5Ts" (Teamwork, Transparency, Technology, Transformation and Time) in all departments. With the State Government pumping more and more funds in the infrastructure sector, faster decision making at the level of Chief Secretary would boost development in the sector, said a senior officer.

'Claims of rising tiger population, forest cover false'

Das advises Govt to create forests to protect wildlife, water sources

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Noted environmentalist and wildlife activist Bibbudhendra Pratap Das has refuted the claim of the Union Ministry of Environment and Forest that the number of the country's tiger population has increased by 741 in 2018 compared to 2014.

"The National Tiger Conservation Authority works

Das, a former Pallahara MLA, said that there were about 40,000 tigers in the country, including about 5,000 in Odisha before Independence.

He said the number of tigers in Odisha had dwindled to 45 in 2006 and it came down to 28 in 2016 as per data furnished by Ministers in the State Assembly on March 17, 2015.

Das expressed unhappiness that various suggestions made to the Government by as many as 40 MLAs across party lines during the last 25 years had not been implemented. The sug-

gestions included deployment of mobile squads involving Ex Servicemen, awarding poacher informers with money between Rs 50,000 and Rs 1,00,000 and establishment of a special court for disposal of forest and wildlife-related cases, he said.

Das said that the Union Forest and Environment Minister has told the Parliament that 657 tigers died between 2012 and 2018. "Thus, 80 tigers died every year in the country.

If this trend continues, the tiger population will vanish from the country's jungle in coming 40 years," he said quot-

ing a Russian wildlife expert's view.

Das too refuted the Union Government's claim that the forest cover of the country has increased. "The Forest Survey of India has reported that the forest cover has increased. But it is not true. As all areas of sugarcane and fruits cultivation across the country and ganja cultivations on thousands of acres of land in Odisha have come under the lens of the organisation's smart life photo," he said.

Justifying his point further Das said about Sal and other valuable trees have died on 95 per cent of hills and 90

per cent of fountains have dried due to dwindling of forest cover over the years.

Das said the Government has felled over one crore trees for establishment industries that came upon 69.45 km between 2001 and 2012.

He suggested that the Government take early steps for creation of more forest cover to protect wild animals like tigers and elephants and birds and water sources.

He said if necessary steps are not taken as per suggestions made above, the population of tigers will be vanished and famine-like situation will hit the State in seven years.

Flyover at Hanspal to be built in 18 months

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) would construct a flyover at Hanspal in the city in 18 months, informed Bhubaneswar MP Aparajita Sarangi on Monday.

The project would cost about Rs 30 crore, she said after having a discussion with NHAI officials in the morning.

"Residents of the area will have ease of living. I am immensely grateful to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Road Transport & Highways

Minister Nitin Gadkari for their support," Sarangi Tweeted.

"In the next 120 days, a tender will be finalised and work order will be issued. In 18 months from the date of award of contract, the project will be completed. Timelines have been set and a committee of local residents with PD, NHAI, formed to oversee, I will personally monitor it," she added.

Earlier in July, Sarangi had held a meeting with Gadkari over the issue of flyover construction at Hanspal, which is an accident-prone spot.

'Undue' tax collection by RMCs opposed

Traders' body also warns big firms against rebate discrepancies

PNS ■ BRAHMAPUR

The Odisha Traders' Federation has threatened to take to the streets against the collection of "undue" taxes by the State Government through the Regulated Marketing Committees (RMCs).

Addressing a Press meet here on Sunday, federation members alleged that the Government is collecting undue taxes through RMCs and is not paying any heed to



their requests. The traders too opposed the different percentage of rebates being given by large companies to shopping malls

and small traders. While the companies are giving 40 to 50 per cent rebate to big shopping malls, they are providing only 16 per cent to

general traders. "If the large companies don't do away with rebate discrepancies, we will not allow their products to enter Odisha

market," threatened Federation members.

Besides, they urged both the State and Union Governments to resolve GST complexities at the earliest.

Earlier, federation new president Ch Rabindra Nath, general secretary Sudhakar Panda, Ganjam Chamber of Commerce president E Siva Prasad Rao and secretary V Santosh Kumar were greeted, among 12 persons, at a special programme held by the Ganjam Chamber of Commerce.

Among others, two former presidents of Chamber of Commerce, K Siva Prasad Subudhi and VVRN Rao, were present.

FORGED IDENTITY DOCUMENTS

7 UP youths held at Army recruitment drive

PNS ■ PARADIP

Police arrested seven youths on the charges of producing forged documents while appearing at a recruitment drive of Indian Army here on Monday. All the accused are residents of Uttar Pradesh.

The arrested were Agman Singh (19) and Sugrim Kumar (19) of Gazhipur district, and Akhilesh Tiwari (22), Rahul Kumar Yadav, Shiva Shankar Yadav, Gudu Singh and Azad Kumar Tiwari of Balia district of UP.

The Army recruitment drive was underway at the Gopabandhu Stadium here, in which candidates from all over



Odisha took part. As part of the requirement process, candidates were asked to furnish identity proof and certificates of educational qualifications. In the meantime, the officials caught the seven candidates, who had produced forged doc-

uments with fake address proof of Nayagarh district. The officials handed the accused over to the Paradip Model police. The cops detained the accused for interrogation and launched a probe into the matter.

32 workers rescued while being trafficked to TN

Two middlemen held

PNS ■ NABARANGPUR

Police rescued 32 bonded labourers including 21 minor boys from a bus at Majhiguda Chhak in the district late on Sunday night. Two middlemen were also arrested in this connection.

The cops found 32 labourers, including 21 minor boys and nine women all hailing from Kandagaon area of Chhattisgarh and took them to custody for questioning

Sources said under the direction of Nabarangpur district Superintendent of Police Nitin Kusalkar, a police team conducted a raid at Majhiguda here and intercepted a bus on its way to Visakhapatnam from Umakote.

The cops found 32 labourers, including 21 minor boys and nine women all hailing from Kandagaon area of Chhattisgarh and took them to custody for questioning.

Police said the labourers were being trafficked to Tamil Nadu. They would be handed over to their family members. Besides, the accused middlemen would be forwarded to court, said police.

Manav Adhikar decries CBSE fee hike

Holds 102nd Ghanta Yatra

PNS ■ BRAHMAPUR

The Manav Adhikar Suraksha Manch on Monday held its 102nd Ghanta Yatra (cymbal beating rally) demanding withdrawal of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) decision to increase the fees of Class-X and XII board examinations for SC and ST students.

The CBSE had recently announced hike in examination fees from ₹50 to ₹1,200 and from ₹750 to ₹1,500 for SC and ST and general students,



respectively. The Manch submitted a memorandum to Prime Minister

Narendra Modi to the decision. The Manch convener Abani Kumar Gaya said, "Besides the

examination fee, the CBSE has also imposed a late fee of ₹2,000 per candidate. It is illegal to impose late fee for poor and needy students.

For appearing in an additional subject in Class X-XII, both SC and ST and general students will now have to pay ₹300.

Earlier, it was not charged for SC and ST students and ₹15 was charged for general students. We strongly oppose the move."

Among others, Sankar Sahu, Kali Das, Pradeep Behera, Subhanshi Sahu, Shyam Sundar, Maguni Nahak, Basudev Sahukar and Guru Charan Patra were present.

SP demands withdrawal of CBSE fee hike

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The Samajwadi Party, State unit on Monday submitted a memorandum to Governor Prof Ganeshi Lal seeking his intervention for early withdrawal of the CBSE examination fee hike decision.

"The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has suddenly increased the examination fees Class X and XII students by 24 times from ₹50 to ₹1,200 for SC and ST students and by two times from 750 to ₹1500 for General category students. The migration fee, which was earlier ₹150 has

now been increased to ₹350. Such arbitrary hikes betray the universalization of free and compulsory education. The decision should be withdrawn," read the memorandum.

The delegates comprised party president Rabi Behera, general secretary Sudarshan Pradhan, leaders Sanjay Nayak and Bijay Behera and CBSE School Guardians' Committee representative Nirranjan Nayak handed over the memorandum to the Governor. The Governor assured them that he would take up the matter with the Ministry of Human Resource Development soon.

Submits memo to Governor

4-year-old girl raped in Baleswar

Accused absconding

PNS ■ BALESWAR

In yet another incident of sexual abuse of minors, a four-year-old girl was raped by a youth in the Singla police station area of the district on August 17.

The incident came to light after the grandfather of the victim lodged a complaint with the Singla police on Monday.

In the complaint it is alleged that a youth of the same village

lured the girl to his house on the fateful day and raped her. After the girl narrated her ordeal to her family members, the latter brought the matter to the notice of the village committee. As the committee did not take any action, the family approached the police seeking justice. The police registered a case in the connection, began investigation and launched a manhunt to nab the absconding accused. Besides, the girl was sent to hospital for medical examination, sources said.

IN ANGUL

Man kills 2nd wife, flees with first

PNS ■ ANGUL

A man allegedly killed his second wife at Gadadharpur village under the Athmallik police station in the district and fled with the first wife on Monday.

According to reports, one Susha Kudei of the village hacked his second wife Raseshwari with a sharp

weapon to death at the backyard of his house.

He attacked the deceased suspecting her fidelity and later absconded with his first wife, locals said.

On being informed by neighbours, police reached the village, recovered the body and sent it for postmortem. Cops have launched a manhunt to apprehend the accused.

Bus falls off bridge in K'mal; 30 hurt

PNS ■ PHULBANI

A bus fell off a bridge at Daduma Ghat in Kotagarh block of Kandhamal district on Monday leaving more than 30 passengers injured.

Reports said the bus, carrying 50 to 60 passengers, was on its way from Kotagarh towards Jubaguda when the driver of the vehicle lost control over the wheels, following which it fell off the bridge.

The injured were admitted to the Kotagarh hospital while those who sustained critical injuries were shifted to the Baliguda Sub-Divisional Hospital.

It's now Central University of Odisha

PNS ■ KORAPUT

The Central University of Orissa (CUO) is hereafter being called as Central University of Odisha as per the recent gazette notification of the Central Universities (Amendment) Act, 2019 by the Union Ministry of Law and Justice (Legislative Department). The Act of Parliament received the assent of

President Ram Nath Kovind. Vice-Chancellor-in-Charge Prof Sharat Kumar Palita announced on the Independence Day. Prof Palita said "Since the name of the State was changed from Orissa to Odisha in 2011, this change was long due."

He also said all signboards, nameplates, official seals, letter heads etc. would be changed accordingly at the earliest.

Youth pushed off rooftop after drunken brawl

One accused detained; another absconding

PNS ■ JHARSUGUDA

A body of a youth was found in front of the Durlaga gram panchayat office under the Talapatia police station in the district on Monday morning. The deceased was identified as Tapan Sahu (22).

Family members of Sahu alleged that he was pushed from the Panchayat office rooftop by his friends following which he died. Police have

detained a person in the connection while another is absconding.

Sources said Sahu had gone outside on Sunday evening to have dinner with his two friends.

But after consuming liquor atop the Panchayat office, he had a heated altercation with his friends. In a fit of rage, the two other friends allegedly pushed Sahu off the terrace killing him on the spot.

On receiving information, the Talapatia police reached the spot in the morning and sent the body to the District Headquarters Hospital (DHH),

where he was declared dead.

"One Debraj Singh had come to Sahu's house at around 11 pm yesterday. When Tapan's mother called the two for dinner, the former asked her to pack the food saying that they will have it together at the Panchayat office rooftop. Later, at around 1.30 am, Debraj knocked at the door of Sahu's house and asked their parents to go the Panchayat office before vanishing from the spot. When Sahu's parents reached there, they found him lying on the ground unconscious," said a local resident on the condition of anonymity.

MBBS, BDS ADMISSIONS

OJEE to conduct another spot counselling

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The Board of Odisha Joint Entrance Examination (OJEE) will conduct another round of spot counselling for both registered and merit-list candidates in August.

The counselling will be held at JEE Cell at Gandamunda here on August 21 and 22. A notification in this regard has been issued by the board.

The counseling will be held for admission of students to newly-added seats of BDS course in the SCB Dental College in Cuttack and MBBS course in the Hi-Tech Medical College, Rourkela. Counseling will also be held in case any vacan-

cy arises for seats in other colleges. The board has advised interested candidates to participate in the counseling irrespective of the status of their admission in the previous rounds.

"All interested candidates are informed that, they have to be in touch with OJEE website for detailed rank-wise schedule of reporting and vacant seat matrix, which will be notified soon," mentioned the OJEE notification.

Earlier, the board has completed two rounds of counseling. The second round provisional admission was held from July 27 to July 30.

Youth dead in S'garh; murder suspected

PNS ■ ROURKELA

A body of a 25-year-old youth was recovered from a field near the Samara slum under the Tangarapali police station in Sundargarh district on Monday morning.

The deceased was identified as Sushil Oram of Samara slum area.

Sources said Sushil went outside on Sunday night and did not return home. In the morning, some

locals first spotted the body with multiple injuries in his abdomen, head and neck.

Though the exact reason behind the death is yet to be ascertained, it is suspected that some miscreants might have killed him.

On receiving information, the Tangarapali police and IDL police outpost personnel along with a forensic team reached the spot and began an investigation.

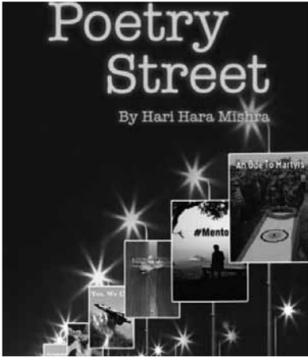
B'ngir man's poems published in Mumbai journal

Available on Amazon

PNS ■ BALANGIR

The "Poetry Street" by financial columnist Hari Hara Mishra is an anthology of 34 poems published by "Daily Mirror", a Mumbai-based literary publication and is now available on Amazon's Kindle Light edition.

In the age of Twitter, a new generation of poems have started emerging as the new trend. Like Twitter have restricted the number of characters to 280, these poems are restrict-



ed to 100-150 words, a one -minute read. And the themes are based on contemporary trending issues on sociological discourses ,says Hari Hara Mishra.

It is a good read for various aspects relating to life, living with focus on individual and nation , solitary freedom, collective emotions and walking across different streets like. Already it has

evoked good response among readers.

It is a nice collection of poetry, says Ashish Petty.

Another reader says Simirin says, it is an inspiring book.

This book is a perfect blend of Indian Army ,motherhood, friendship, attack on Phulwama

and friend. The poet has taken the poetry to next level. In 2013, Mishra won Readers Choice Award in a global competition held by Market watch ,the Web portal of Wall Street Journal.

Man attacked, looted in Jagatsinghpur dist

JAGATSINGHPUR :

Miscreants looted cash and gold ornament from a person after launching a murderous attack on him near Balitutha Bazar under the Kujang police station in Jagatsinghpur district on Monday.

Prakash Mohapatra was returning home from his brother-in-law's house carrying Rs 50,000 at around 10 am when five miscreants attacked him with sharp weapons. They looted the cash and a gold chain from his possession.

Mohapatra was rescued in a critical condition and admitted to the Kujang hospital before being shifted to the SCB Medical College Hospital in Cuttack as his condition deteriorated.

"The incident was fallout of past enmity. On the basis of a complaint lodged by the family members of the victim, a case has been registered under Sections 395 and 307 of the IPC. We have arrested an accused and efforts are on to apprehend others," a police official said. PNS

CORRECTION

The report published under caption "TuitionProtested" on August 19, 2019 on Page 3 should read as 'St Vincent Convent School' and not 'St Joseph'. The inadvertent error is regretted.

HDFC bank plantation drive kicks off

25K saplings to be planted in 14 Fani-hit dists

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The HDFC Bank will plant 25,000 saplings in 14 districts affected by cyclone Fani, said Zonal Head, Odisha, HDFC Bank, Rajesh Srivastava.

Speaking on the launching ceremony of the massive green initiative, Srivastava said that the bank has launched 'My Green Legacy', a tree plantation drive to generate awareness on afforestation post Fani.

Chief guest Chief Secretary AP Padhi and Srivastava kicked-started the drive on August 18.



Finance, Ashok Kumar Meena, Bishnupada Sethi, PCCF Commissioner and BDA Vice Chairman Prem Chandra, and other senior officers of the State

Government and HDFC Bank were present.

Chief Secretary Padhi said that the State Government has planned to plant 5 lakh saplings in the cyclone devastated zones.

Padhi said the Department of Forest and Environment has chalked out plans for a massive plantation programme.

It has been decided that over 25,000 saplings will be planted throughout the month of August in 38 cities and villages of the 14 cyclone affected districts, said Srivastava.

Recently, the bank had adopted 20 schools and donated Rs 10 crore for the rehabilitation process under its Parivartan initiative.

Srivastava said the HDFC Bank also works to raise customer awareness on environmental sustainability.

Hansdah new Nalco CVO

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

So man a th Hansdah took charge as Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO) of the National Aluminium Company Ltd (Nalco) on Monday.

He also holds the additional charge of CVO in Hindustan Copper Limited.

Hansdah belongs to 1995 batch Indian Railway Stores Service (IRSS) cadre.



Nalco CMD Dr Tapan Kumar Chand and employees welcomed Hansdah for taking charge as CVO.

JSpur karate school opened; demo held

PNS ■ JAGATSINGHPUR

For imparting physical and self defence training to boys and girls, a karate school was opened here near SVM College here on Sunday by Collector SK Mohapatra.

Speaking on the occasion, Mohapatra stressed on maintaining physical fitness for everyone.

Okinawa Uechi-Ryu Karate Do Association of India supports the school, whose Odisha headquarters functions at Nabarangpur and its branch opened in Jagatsinghpur, informed Sansei Sarat Kumar Rout, a black belt third Dan who is the Odisha head.

Informing about karate, Sansei Rout claimed karate martial art is not only for self defence but it gives mental and physical concentration to learners. So, he requested guardians should send their children to the school.

A karate training demonstration was presented by Sansei Rout and his student black belt Biswajit Patnaik.

The opening ceremony was attended by State Cashew Development Corporation chairman Amarendra Das, cine star Mitu Mithun, district instructor black belt Tammaya Kanta Panda, school manager Sabasini Behera and coordinators Ekbal Ahemmed Shah and Kanaklata Satapaty.

\$ 5-TRILLION ECONOMY IN 5 YEARS

SBI 1st bottom-up ideation exercise ends

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The State Bank of India (SBI), Bhubaneswar Circle on Sunday completed the first round of bottom-up ideation exercise for further streamlining the banking sector to help the nation become a \$ 5-trillion economy in five years.

SBI Bhubaneswar Circle CGM Praveena Kala emphasised that the bank and its branches has embarked on a month-long campaign on the direction of Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance with the aim to generate suggestions and ideas from the branch-level for preparing roadmap for the future growth of the banking sector.



The suggestion and ideas solicited for smooth and enhanced credit absorption by senior citizens, agricultural farmers, students, small enterprisers, tiny sector, woman keeping close view on their requirements and expectations.

The meet also reviewed the bank's performance and its alignment with national priorities in areas such as credit support to infrastructure, industry, farm sector and blue economy, Jal Shakti, SME Sector and MUDRA loans, educational loans, export credit, and others.

The consultative process aimed at renewed sense of involvement down to the branch-level to improve performance and align with national aim of \$ 5-trillion economy in next 5 years.

Childhood Dev Centre, expo opened in city



PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

As part of its programme, Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE), Women and Child Development and Mission Shakti Minister Tukuni Sahu on Monday inaugurated an exhibition of low cost child friendly teaching and learning materials (TLM) and 'Prambhika': Early Childhood Development (ECD) Centre at the Home Economic Training Centre

(HETC) at Laxmisagar here on Monday.

She also launched Parents+Module, TLM booklets, Information Education Communication (IEC) materials (posters and flipcharts), revised Nua Arunima, pictorial handbooks on ECCE and handbook for observation of ECCE day.

Among others department Secretary Anu Garg, BvLF Country Representative Rushda Majeed and

Unicef Chief Field Officer Dr Monika Nielson were present.

While data says that brain grows 80 per cent during first two years of early childhood and neglect during this stage renders cumulative adverse impacts on human development, the ECD and exhibition are expected to help parents a lot.

To sensitise parents and community about the importance of nutrition and early stimulation in

the brain development of a child in early years through parents+ programme, communicators and facilitators manuals have been developed for the purpose.

To encourage the parents, members of family and community to help prepare TLMs and to partner in ECCE activities, standardized flipcharts, posters, pictorial handbooks would be circulated, informed an official release.

MCL holds pipping ceremony 33 security personnel get promotion



PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

MCL Director KR Vasudevan pinned new ranks to 33 security personnel at a 'pipping ceremony' organised at the company headquarters here on Monday in the presence of Chief of Security retired Lt

Col B K Singh.

While two Security Sub-Inspectors have been promoted to the rank of Security Inspector (T and S-B), 13 Assistant Security Sub-Inspectors elevated to the rank of Security Sub-Inspector (T and S-C) and 18 Head Security Guard to the

rank of Assistant Security Sub-Inspector (T and S-D).

All the promoted security personnel were motivated to undertake new assignments at various units of MCL spread over Angul, Jharsuguda, Sundargarh and Sambalpur districts.

Food bank for 'Hunger-Free Odisha' opened SAI aims to fight against hunger, malnutrition in all dists



PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

To help in achieving a hunger-free Odisha, the "So AM I Foundation Trust (SAI)", launched a 'Hunger-free Odisha' initiative here on Sunday with opening a Food Bank, its mobile application and a web portal through which one can donate as well as avail food.

Revenue and Disaster Management Minister Sudam Marndi, Rajya Sabha member Amar Pattnaik, Kabisurya Nagar MLA Latika Pradhan, SSEPD

Secretary Nitin Chandra and Additional Commissioner of Police Sanjay Singh graced the occasion.

"I appreciate the initiative taken by SAI foundation. There are millions of people in the country who sleep hungry every night while lots of foods are being wasted at some places. Hence it's our duty to stop wasting food and serve people who are needy," said Marndi.

The main objective of SAI Trust is to fight against the hunger and malnutrition through

a network food banks in every district by 2025. This innovative idea is a dream project of SAI founder Pinaki Mohanty and is nurtured and support by well-known social activist Dr Chidatmika Khatua and noted environmentalist Dr Rina Routray.

Well-known social activists like Jayashree Mohapatra, Jyotshnamayee Parida, Arabind Agarwal, Mahesh Rajani, Sanjiv Achary, Dillip Samantaray, Rudra Mohanty, Sitakanta Pattanaik, Swapnajit Nayak,

Sukuti Singhari (Puri), Sai Prakash Mohanty and Shyamali Pattanaik are core members of the organisation. They are determined to work to achieve a hunger-free Odisha.

The foundation set up its first Food Bank at Acharya Vihar which was inaugurated by DCP Padmini Sahu on Saturday. People can donate the excess food from marriage/anniversary or birthday parties by giving a call to the volunteers or preserve it in the Food Banks in very hygienic and systematic manner.

3 from Odisha in Jr women's hockey coaching camp



PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

As many as three hockey players from Odisha have secured berth in the 33 core probables list for the Indian Junior Women's National Coaching Camp.

The players are Mariana Kujur, Ajmina Kujur and Jiwan Kishori Toppo. They will report to coach Baljeet Singh Saini at the Sports Authority of India, Bangalore Campus for the National Coaching Camp which will be held for close to four weeks, and will conclude on September 14.

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identifying the best players from among the core probables.

The core probables are goalkeepers Rshanpreet Kaur, Khushboo, F Ramengmawii, defenders Priyanka, Simran Singh, Marina Lalramnghaki, Gagandeep Kaur, Ishika Chaudhary, Jotika Kalsi, Sumita, Akshata Dhekale, Usha and Parneet Kaur.

The midfielders are Baljeet Kaur, Mariana Kujur, Kiran, Prabhleen Kaur, Preeti, Ajmina Kujur, Vaishnavi Phalke, Kavita Bagdi, Baljinder Kaur and Sushma Kumari.

While the forwards are Mumtaz Khan, Beauty Ddungdung, Gurmail Kaur, Deepika, Lalrindinki, Jiwan Kishori Toppo, Rutuja Pisal, Sangita Kumari, Yogita Bora and Annu.

CONG-LED UPA ERA DEAL

ED summons PC in ₹70,000 cr AI scam

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has summoned former Union Finance Minister P Chidambaram for questioning in connection with its money-laundering probe into the purchase of 111 aircraft for Air India during the Congress-led UPA Government. The deal, made more than a decade ago, saddled the struggling national carrier with mounting losses. Sources said, Chidambaram has been asked to depose before the investigating officer of the case on August 23 at an Enforcement Directorate office here to record his statement. Chidambaram's grilling has been sought in the cases which relate to losses suffered by Air India due to an alleged multi-crore aviation scam and irregularities in fixing air slots for international airlines. The senior Congress leader is likely to be questioned regarding the purchase of 111 aircraft,



then worth nearly ₹70,000 crore, for Air India. Finance Ministry is responsible for fiscal prudence in expenditure of Government funds. In 2011, the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) had questioned the rationale behind the government's decision to order 111 aircraft, 48 from Airbus and 68 from Boeing, for Air India and Indian Airlines for about ₹70,000 crore in 2006. The ED has already grilled former Civil Aviation Minister Praful Patel in connection with these decisions. The leads gathered from Patel's questioning have prompted the ED to summon Chidambaram in order to take the probe forward, the

sources said.

Besides being at the helm of the Finance Ministry, Chidambaram was also heading an Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) for these deals and his questioning is expected to help the agency in understanding the decision-making process undertaken by the government for the acquisition of the aircraft. Chidambaram is also being probed by ED in two separate money-laundering cases related to Aircel-Maxis deal and INX Media bribery scam and has been questioned in these cases multiple times in the past.

Chidambaram had earlier described the ED action in the Aircel-Maxis case as a "crazy mixture of falsehoods and conjectures". The ED and CBI have sought custodial interrogation of Chidambaram in INX Media case. However, he has been granted protection from any adverse action by the Delhi High Court.

Govt prepares action plan to end manual scavenging

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) on Monday came out with a detailed action plan that included modernising the sewerage system and facilitating mechanical cleaning so as to prevent human entry into sewers and septic tanks. The action plan also suggested storm water drainage tax by the municipal bodies within the maximum capping for Municipal Tax. Manual scavenging takes many forms, from clearing local garbage to 'cleaning' toxic sewers.

The number of deaths of sanitation workers, while cleaning septic tanks and sewers, has risen despite a ban on manual scavenging. 620 cases have been reported since 1993, of which 88 occurred in the past three years. Of the 15 States and Union Territories that submitted details to the Ministry, Tamil Nadu has the highest number of sewer deaths with 144 cases, followed by Gujarat with 131. Of the 88 cases reported in 2017, 2018 and 2019, till June 14, compensation was pending in 52 cases. This is despite the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their



Rehabilitation Act, 2013, banning anyone from employing people to clean sewers. Manual scavenging refers to the south Asian practice of humans cleaning dry toilets and sewage systems.

Addressing a workshop at Vigyan Bhawan, Union Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Dr. Thawar Chand Gehlot on Monday said that the action plan envisages identification of appropriate technological interventions in the field of mechanised cleaning so as to eliminate manual entry into sewers and septic tanks. "Swachhchh Bharat is indeed the first step towards Swasth Bharat," Gehlot said. Union Minister for Urban Development Hardeep Singh Puri said his Ministry has made efforts to devise systems, processes and technolo-

gies for mechanical cleaning of sewer and septic tanks.

In a bid to prevent water logging during monsoon, the Ministry has also issued suggesting regular monitoring at the exit and entry point of water for the presence of undesirable collection of rubbish, polythene/paper bags blocking the passage of water and in every way ensuring free unobstructed flow of rain water during monsoon. The plan also suggests that all storm water management facilities should be inspected by a qualified engineer after every six months. In many cases, it was observed that due to delay in silt collection, significant proportion of the silt finds its way back in the drain. It is necessary that after cleaning of drains, silt should be lifted and transported to the disposal sites.

SEWERAGE SYSTEM TO BE MODERNISED, SAYS MINISTRY

As far as action plan for drainage system is concerned, it said that all drains should be desilted thoroughly before onset of monsoon. According to action plan, the CCTV camera can be used for drainage pipes of diameter 100-900 mm. "Above 900 mm diameter (man entry and restricted also), there are limitations due to lighting problems and camera line angles. Continuous advances are being made in the quality and range of TV cameras," the

The agencies should ensure that all the drains are in good condition and works regarding, reshaping or profile correction, wherever required is completed well before the onset of monsoon," the guidelines said. A storm water drainage system consists either network of drains connected with junctions or underground conduits connected with manholes and related appurtenances such as gutters, detention tanks, detention basins, pumping stations and outfall structures. Housing and Urban Affairs Secretary Durga Shanker Mishra, Social Justice and Empowerment Secretary Nilam Sawhney and Municipal Commissioners of 500 cities attended the workshop.

INSHORT

ALL CAPFS PERSONNEL TO RETIRE AT 60: GOVT

New Delhi: All Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) personnel will now retire at a uniform age of 60 years, instead of 57 years. The Union Home Ministry order, accessed by PTI, said all personnel of the forces — CRPF, BSF, SSB, ITBP will superannuate at the age of 60, instead of 57 years for certain rank of officials.

EDITORIAL ON J&K: IMA SLAMS LANCET

New Delhi: Reacting sharply to an editorial in Kashmir published in The Lancet recently, the Indian Medical Association (IMA) said the British medical journal has no locus standi on the matter and has committed 'breach of propriety' by commenting on the political issue.

INDIA RAISES WITH UK PAK STIR AT MISSION

New Delhi: India has conveyed its concerns to the UK over incidents of violence during a protest by Pakistani supporters outside the Indian High Commission in London on Independence Day. Violent clashes took place outside the Indian High Commission when thousands of people converged there for pre-planned protests and counter-demonstrations on Thursday.

OZ DELEGATION MEETS THAAWARCHAND GEHLOT



New Delhi: A five-member Australian delegation led by Duncan Maskell, VC, University of Melbourne on Monday met the Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Thawar Chand Gehlot here to discuss activities like co-curriculum designing of the community-based inclusive development programme, leadership training and research in disability sector.

Moin Qureshi's aide Satish Babu Sana granted bail



New Delhi: A court here on Monday granted bail to businessman Satish Babu Sana, a close aide of controversial meat exporter Moin Akhtar Qureshi, in a money laundering case.

Granting bail, special CBI Judge Anuradha Shukla Bhardwaj directed him to furnish a personal bail bond of ₹5 lakh and one surety of like amount.

"The accused is, however, directed to co-operate in investigation and make himself available as and when called for by the investigating agency. He shall not leave the country without the permission of the court...", the court said.

Allowing bail to Sana, the court observed that Qureshi, who is the main accused in the case, is already out on bail and Sana's role in the case is no graver than him.

During the course of hearing on Saturday, lawyers KTS Tulsii and Mohit Mathur, appearing for Sana, contended that his statements cannot lead to his arrest as he was a witness and there is immunity provided to a witness that no such answers that a witness is compelled to give can subject him to be arrested.

Tulsii argued that the entire case against Sana is based on his statements given in 2017 and 2019. He argued that ED victimised him for filing complaint against Asthana.

Opposing the submissions, Special Public Prosecutor DP Singh argued: "We made him accused from a witness as the investigation reveals many things against him... we don't want to go to a stage where he is not telling anything and still enjoying the immunity."

In October last year, on the basis of a complaint filed by Sana, CBI registered a case against the Special Director Rakesh Asthana on charges of accepting bribe to dilute the case. This incident led to the tussle in CBI between Asthana and Director Alok Verma. IANS

PM to embark on two-day visit to France from Aug 22

Defence, nuke energy key issues

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will pay a two-day State visit to France from August 22 during which he will hold talks with French President Emmanuel Macron to strengthen strategic ties in key sectors such as defence, nuclear energy, maritime cooperation and counter-terrorism.

From France, the prime minister will proceed for bilateral visits to the UAE and Bahrain, and will return to the French city of Biarritz on August 25 to attend the G7 Summit where India has been invited as a partner country.

Modi will arrive in France on Thursday evening and straightaway head for talks with Macron, who will also host a working dinner for the visiting leader.

The next day, he will meet French Prime Minister Edouard Charles Philippe, address an event of Indian

community at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris, and also inaugurate a memorial for Indian victims of two tragic air crashes of Air India flights in 1950 and 1966.

The discussions are expected to broadly focus on reaffirming France and India as the key strategic and like-minded partners, strengthening of defence partnership, including future defence acquisitions, progress on setting up of the Jaitapur nuclear power plant, convergent, strategic and political priorities in the Indo-Pacific and related operational needs, Secretary (Economic Relations) T S Tirumurti said.

Strengthening bilateral engagement in key areas of strategic cooperation such as defence, nuclear energy, space, counter-terrorism, maritime security, cyber security, International Solar Alliance, and joint development projects will also be deliberated upon, he said at a media briefing.

The deliverables of the visit are expected to be in the sectors of skill development, space, information and technology and cyber. PTI

Green nod for real estate projects in 60 days soon, says Javadekar

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar on Monday said the Government is planning to cut down the whole process of environmental clearance to real estate projects to 60 days in a few days to come.

"Environmental clearances used to be stumbling blocks before 2014. Average time taken to clear projects was 640 days. After we took over, we made processes so easy that now it takes only 108 days for a project to get environmental clearance", he said at the 15th National Convention of NAREDCO held here. National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO) was established as an autonomous self-regulatory body in 1998 under the aegis of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

Javadekar emphasised that small procedural delays can be done away with, without compromising on environmental clearances. "Our priority is both environmental protection and development, only then our country can

become a five-billion dollar economy. That's why the suggestions of institutions like NAREDCO are very important", he said.

The Minister further added that his Ministry is in the process of issuing standard conditions for every project such as wage recycling and water harvesting as per the size of the real estate project. And these conditions will not be more than 10.

"We are bringing about a regime change. We will introduce fewer conditions, but ensure their fullest implementation. If need be, we will amend the law so that you get the ease of doing responsible business. Because freedom is never a one-way street," the minister said.

He further informed that the Union Environment Ministry is also in discussion with states to make the environmental process smoother and less time consuming. "The states must realize that the Centre has delegated environmental protection to them so that they do it with a sense of responsibility," he added.

Manmohan Singh elected unopposed to Rajya Sabha

PNS ■ NEW DELHI/JAIPUR

Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh was elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha from Rajasthan on Monday. He was declared elected unopposed as the deadline for the withdrawal of nominations for the bypoll ended at 3 pm. Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot congratulated Singh on his election to the Upper House of Parliament.

Returning Officer and Assembly Secretary Pramil Kumar Mathur made the announcement. The government's chief whip, Mahesh Joshi, received the election certificate on behalf of Singh. The former PM was nominated by the Congress while the BJP did not field any candidate for the bypoll, necessitated due to the death of Rajya Sabha MP Madan Lal Saini.

The former PM had filed



the nomination papers on August 13. Singh was a member of the Upper House of Parliament from Assam for almost three decades. He was a Rajya Sabha member for five consecutive terms from 1991 to 2019 and the country's prime minister for two consecutive terms between 2004 and 2014. His tenure in the Rajya Sabha ended on June 14 this year and he could not be renominated as the Congress party did not have the strength to send him to the Upper House from Assam again and there was no other vacancy left. Rajasthan has 10 Rajya Sabha seats. Remaining nine seats of Rajya Sabha from the State are with the BJP.

FROM THE SUPREME COURT

CBI granted time till Sep 6 to complete Unnao probe

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday granted to the CBI time till September 6 to complete the investigation into the road accident in which the Unnao rape survivor and her lawyer were critically injured and two of her aunts killed.

The apex court, which had earlier given two weeks to the CBI to complete the probe, extended the time while noting that the probe agency has done "extensive investigation" in the case so far.

"We have perused the report of the CBI. This court, vide order dated August 1, 2019, granted an outer limit of two weeks to complete the investigation. On perusal of the report, we find that the CBI has done extensive investigation but some loose ends need to be tied up," a bench of Justices Deepak Gupta and Aniruddha Bose said.

"Some of the investigation relates to collating and analyzing the material already collected, especially the electronic records. Most importantly the statements of the victim and her counsel who was driving the car could not be record-

ed till date, as they are both not in a position to make a statement," the bench noted in its order.

While seeking four more weeks to complete the probe, CBI told the top court that statements of rape survivor and her lawyer have not been recorded yet and it wants to analyse certain electronic evidence collected so far during the probe.

The court also directed the Uttar Pradesh government to pay ₹5 lakh to the lawyer who is in a critical condition and undergoing treatment. PTI

NARCO TEST OF TRUCK DRIVER, HELPER LIKELY

New Delhi: The CBI is likely to carry out narco-analysis on the driver and helper of the truck that hit the Unnao rape survivor's car and may seek their custody in this regard. The CBI had subjected the two to a lie-detector test in its office and brain mapping at Forensic Science Laboratory, Gandhinagar, Gujarat but the report is still awaited.

Ravidas temple demolition orders can't be given political colour: SC

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday said that its orders on the Guru Ravidas Temple in Tughlaqabad forest area here cannot be given a "political colour".

A bench comprising Justices Arun Mishra and MR Shah asked Governments of Punjab, Haryana and Delhi to ensure that no law and order situation is created politically or otherwise during the protests over the demolition of temple.

"Everything cannot be political. Our orders can't be given a political colour by anybody on earth" the bench said.

The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) had demolished the temple pursuant to the orders of the apex court, which had on August 9 observed that "serious breach" had been committed by Guru Ravidas Jayanti Samaroh Samiti by not vacating the forest area as earlier ordered by the top court.

Following the demolition of the

500-year-old temple, protests have been staged at several places in Punjab and Delhi by political parties and members of the Dalit community.

At the outset, Attorney General K K Venugopal, who was on August 13 asked by the top court to assist in the matter, said that demolition of the temple has been carried out by DDA in pursuance to the top court order and a total of 18 organisations are staging protests against it.

Venugopal told the bench that since a number of organisations have been agitating against the demolition it is very difficult to pinpoint a particular person behind the protests.

To this, the bench said in case the matter is settled, there is no difficulty but if the issue remains the court will take up the matter for hearing. Venugopal then told the bench that it should direct governments of Punjab, Haryana and Delhi to ensure that the law and order situation is maintained. PTI

Protection from criminal prosecution not available to PSU employees: SC

New Delhi: Protection from criminal prosecution is not available to those public servants who work in Government companies or undertakings, the Supreme Court held on Monday.

Under section 197 of Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), prior sanction from a competent officer is needed to prosecute a Government servant for alleged criminal act done in discharge of his official duty and "no court shall take cognizance of such offence except with the previous sanction".

A bench of Justices Navin Sinha and AS Bopanna dismissed the appeal of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) against the High Court's order



which had held that protection of sanction under CrPC was not available to the officers of public sector undertakings like BSNL even if they fall within the definition of 'state' under Article 12 of the Constitution. BSNL and its officers, who were of the cadre of Indian Telecommunication Service and later shifted to the PSU, had challenged the order of a trial court initiating criminal prosecution against them in the case. PTI

Delhi CS asked to appear over policy on holding social functions in hotels

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday directed the chief secretary of Delhi to be present before it on August 23 and apprise it of the policy on holding social functions and marriages in hotels, farm houses and low density residential area here.

A bench comprising Justices Arun Mishra and Deepak Gupta gave this direction after the counsel appearing for the Delhi Government told the court that they have finalised the policy and the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) would have to notify it.

"Our policy is final. Now, the DDA will have to notify it," the Delhi government's counsel told the bench. The bench then asked the DDA's counsel, "How much time is required to notify this?" The DDA's counsel said she would have to seek instruction on the issue. She said the policy was not submitted to the DDA yet. "As per my instructions, we (Delhi government) have sent it to the DDA," the Delhi government's lawyer said, adding, "Within two days, I will make sure that it (policy) is sent to the DDA." PTI

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Army was ready for conventional war with Pak after Balakot: Sources

New Delhi: In the run up to Balakot strikes, Army Chief Gen. Bipin Rawat very categorically conveyed to the top brass of the Government that his force was fully ready to deal with any ground offensive by Pakistan and take the battle into the enemy territory, top military sources said.

The Indian Army was prepared for a conventional warfare with Pakistan which would have included going inside Pakistan, the sources told PTI.

The Army chief informed the government about pre-

paredness of his force when it was considering various options, including carrying out an aerial raid, to punish Pakistan for the Pulwama terror attack.

Gen. Rawat, at a closed door interaction with a group of retiring Army officials on Monday, said the force was combat ready for any hostilities from Pakistan Army after the Balakot strikes, the sources said.

Explaining Gen. Rawat's comments, a military official said what the Army Chief meant was that Indian Army was ready to take the battle into Pakistan. PTI



Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates 36 duplex flats for MPs at North avenue in New Delhi on Monday. Modi said Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Rajya Sabha chairman M Venkaiah Naidu have called for a facility of the Parliament facilities and the complex must showcase the grandeur when India marks 75 years of Independence in 2022. PTI

NO LAVISH WEDDINGS IN KASHMIR

No-frills ceremonies hit mutton sellers, wazwan cooks, jewellers

PTI ■ SRINAGAR

Business in Kashmir's traditional wedding season has taken a massive hit as thousands of couples have opted for simpler ceremonies instead of lavish ones due to the restrictions imposed in the Valley following the scrapping of Jammu & Kashmir's special status.

Mutton suppliers, camping agencies, jewellers, wedding wear outlets and wazwan (traditional Kashmiri cuisine) cooks have seen their business slump due to the no-frills wedding ceremonies after restrictions were imposed on the movement of people.

The local dailies, which have managed to publish a few pages, have a dedicated page for advertisements related to the cancellation of wedding invitations extended to relatives and friends.

Published in a local Urdu daily, There are over 25 such advertisements in Monday's edition of the daily, which is being circulated to limited areas in the city.

As the guest lists have shortened significantly, it directly translates to a lesser quantity of mutton being consumed at the weddings, which are usually lavish even in moderation.

As the guest lists are very short, people do not need tents and they are avoiding to install decorative lights on their houses in view of the situation.



A man goes through a newspaper carrying the advertisement of cancellation and postponement of wedding functions in Srinagar on Monday

How J&K officers are fighting Pak canards

ANS ■ SRINAGAR

With a full-fledged information war breaking out following the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution that gave Jammu & Kashmir special status, several officers of the state have put themselves on the front line of fighting fake news propaganda, mostly emanating from Pakistan.

Modi-led Indian Government. "Let the world see what @narendramodi Govt is doing in #Kashmir

YouTube in 2017. On Monday, he again exposed how the troll army of the spokesperson of the Pakistan Armed Forces operates.

payroll community in Kashmir, this time we had to deal with fake news & rumour assaults—again mostly emanating from across border," he said.

Didi alleges human rights violation in Valley

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Alleging gross human rights violation in Kashmir Valley over the past one month or so Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday said the people of Jammu & Kashmir were facing untold hardship and that the treatment they were being meted was anything but humanitarian.



Mamata Banerjee speaking at a public event.

Champala Sardar rape case. While in the first case Paswan a Congress supporter from Hooghly remained traceless, never to return with allegations doing the round that he was beaten to death in police custody in the later case she launched a massive movement against a woman being raped by alleged CPI(MP) goons.



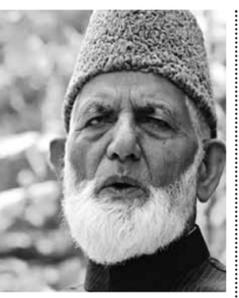
Security personnel patrol a road leading to Downtown Srinagar during restrictions in Srinagar on Monday

With Kashmir under lockdown, ISPR running Geelani's Twitter handle?

Srinagar: Despite the communications lockdown in Jammu & Kashmir since August 4 night, the Twitter handle of Hurriyat hawk Syed Ali Shah Geelani has apparently been active, putting out anti-India tweets regularly.

been active on a daily basis, and there is every likelihood of it being handled from across the border. The handle reflects Pakistan's current thinking regarding the events in Kashmir after the revocation of its special status.

used cluster bombs on its civilians living along the border that day. The tweet is a give-away that the handle is being managed by the ISPR, the media wing of the Pakistan Armed Forces.



All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC).

LoC bus service from Poonch to Rawalakot suspended, 42 PoK residents stranded

Jammu: The weekly Poonch-Rawalakot bus across the Line of Control (LoC) was suspended on Monday, following PoK's apparent decision to call off the service, an official said.



stranded in Poonch district of Jammu & Kashmir, permits of 27 people have expired.

BSY all set to expand Cabinet after 20 days

KESTUR VASUKI ■ BENGALURU

Twenty days after he was sworn in as Karnataka Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa got the go ahead from the party high command and is all set to expand his Cabinet on Tuesday.



the party rule book and made him the Chief Minister with many riders and humiliation. Yediyurappa after getting clearance now has to face the pressure from Lingayat community and their mutts for plum posts in the Cabinet.

West Bengal's 'Ambulance Man' battles eye ailment

Jalpaiguri: Karimul Haque, who won the Padmashree award in 2017 for extending "bike ambulance" services to residents of West Bengal's Jalpaiguri and Alipurduar districts, is suffering from an eye ailment.

Binocular vision enables a two-eyed animal to perceive a three-dimensional image. The Padmashree awardee, with whom Prime Minister Narendra Modi had clicked a selfie and on whose life a Bollywood flick is being planned, told PTI on Monday that each monthly injection that he needs to cure his ailment costs him around Rs 12,000, and he is unable to bear the expenses.

Journo's death: IAS officer's driving licence suspended

PTI ■ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The driving licence of IAS officer Sriram Venkitaraman was suspended on Monday by the State Motor Vehicles Department, two weeks after a car driven by him had hit and killed a journalist here.

died at the spot after being hit by the luxury car driven by the officer allegedly in an inebriated condition. Thirty two-year-old Venkitaraman, who was placed under suspension, was arrested and later let off after a magistrate court here granted him conditional bail.

Rahul deserted sinking ship: Shivraj

PTI ■ CHENNAI

Jaipur: BJP leader Shivraj Singh Chauhan on Monday likened Rahul Gandhi's resignation as Congress president to the captain deserting a sinking ship and mocked the transfer of power in that party to Sonia Gandhi.

"It is like Ahmed's cap on Mohammad's head and Mohammad's cap on Ahmed's head," he said, commenting on the responsibility shifting to Sonia Gandhi who is now the interim president of the Congress.

SBSP MLA, 138 booked for violence in Kushinagar

PTI ■ GORAKHPUR

Gorakhpur: As many as 139 people, including an SBSP MLA, have been booked in connection with the last week's violence in Kushinagar followed by the rumours of the death of a drug peddler in police custody, officials said on Monday.

On Saturday, protests broke out following the death rumour of drug peddler Naurang Singh. Roads were blocked, shops were ransacked and huts were torched while personnel from three police stations had to use force to control the mob, police said.

On August 14 in case registered under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act and was sent to a jail in Deoria, they said. The Suheldev Bhartiya Samaj Party (SBSP) MLA from Kushinagar's Ramkola, Ramanand Baudh, was among 139 booked for violence in an FIR registered in Kushinagar on Sunday, police said.

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ISRO to inject Chandrayaan 2 into lunar orbit today

PTI ■ BANGALURU

Bengaluru: In a significant milestone for India's Moon mission, ISRO will fire Chandrayaan 2's liquid engine on Tuesday to insert the spacecraft into a lunar orbit.

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IAF rescues 2 fishermen Several rivers in spate in UP



An IAF chopper approaches to airlift two persons stuck on an under-construction bridge on the flooded Tawi River in Jammu on Monday PTI

PNS ■ JAMMU
Indian Air Force (IAF) helicopter on Monday rescued two fishermen while two others swam to safety on their own, after the ladder which they were climbing snapped prompting them to jump in the gushing stream after losing their balance.

The fishermen, in the absence of any other help, swam to safety on their own. They were left stranded at the bottom of a pillar after water levels in the River Tawi started rising abruptly following incessant rain in the high hills. The IAF was called after State disaster response force (SDRF) and police personnel failed to reach the fishermen.

Commandoes Corporal Pahaar Singh and LAC Kedar.

The IAF team reached the site in two minutes and after making quick assessment of the situation the crew spotted all four civilians who were surrounded by the rising water levels in river Tawi.

During the rescue mission, luck failed two fishermen, as the ladder, lowered by the IAF helicopter snapped and they fell in the gushing stream after losing their balance. The duo swam to safety on their own.

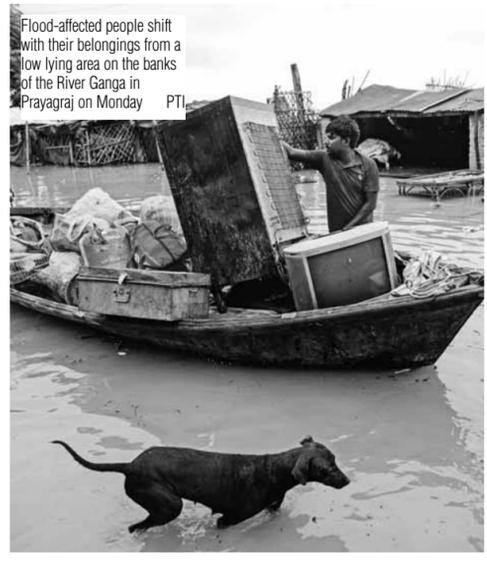
Taking adequate precautions, IAF crew decided to lower a Garud Commando onto the site to help stranded fishermen.

A Garud Commando rappelled down onto the pier. The Garud then attached rappelling harnesses to both of them and then the helicopter lifted them up simultaneously. They were then dropped to a safe location near the Tawi Banks.

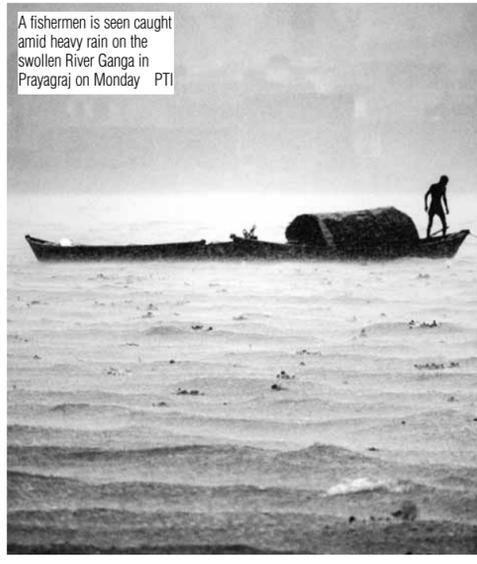
The fishermen later thanked IAF personnel for saving their lives. Large number of onlookers and motorists had parked their vehicles in the middle of the road to witness the rescue operations.



A view of a flooded area after water levels rose in Rivers Ganga and Yamuna following monsoon rain in Prayagraj on Monday AP



Flood-affected people shift with their belongings from a low lying area on the banks of the River Ganga in Prayagraj on Monday PTI



A fisherman is seen caught amid heavy rain on the swollen River Ganga in Prayagraj on Monday PTI

Farm loan waiver to Maha flood victims

PTI ■ MUMBAI
Loan waiver for farmers, new houses for those who lost their dwellings built under the PM Awas Yojana in deluge and free foodgrains are among the slew of relief measures announced by the Maharashtra Government on Monday for the people affected by the recent floods.



Maharashtra Agriculture Minister Anil Bonde inspects damaged sugarcane crop at a field at Malkhed village in Karad on Monday PTI

Heavy rain and floods battered several areas of western Maharashtra and the Konkan region earlier this month, with Kolhapur and Sangli districts bearing the maximum brunt. Addressing a Press conference here, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis said a committee will ascertain causes for the unprecedented floods and suggest measures to avoid their recurrence.

"The farmers who have lost crops on up to one hectare will get complete loan waiver," he said. The Government has also decided to pay annual rent of Rs 24,000 (rural) and Rs 36,000 (urban localities) in the flood-hit areas, where people have been forced to live in rented accommodation, the Chief Minister said.

The rent will be paid to the flood victims till their houses are rebuilt, he said. A committee is being set up under the chairmanship of a retired state government officer, Nandkumar Wadner, to study the reasons for the deluge and suggest steps to avoid its recurrence in the

future, Fadnis said. Wadner is a retired principal secretary of the water resources department. "The State Government will also pursue (with the Centre) its demand of offering relaxation in terms of filing Income Tax and GST returns in the flood-affected areas. We will take up this matter with the Centre," Fadnis said. He was speaking to reporters at his residence in south Mumbai after holding a meeting with senior bureaucrats. The beneficiaries of Prime Minister Awas

Yojana, who lost their houses due to the floods, will get a new house as well as Rs 1 lakh as cash assistance, Fadnis said. "We will also give foodgrains for the next three months free of cost to the flood-affected people," he said. Small traders and merchants affected by the floods will get 75 per cent amount of their total loss or up to Rs 50,000 as financial assistance from the State, he said. In another step, the Government has relaxed its norms for damage assessment and allowed the reports of talathis (local level revenue officials) and the village sarpanch to be considered as valid for awarding compensation, Fadnis said.

Lucknow: The Ganga, Yamuna, Ghaghara and several other rivers were in spate in Uttar Pradesh on Monday due to heavy rain in neighbouring states, leading to floods in low-lying areas that left one person dead.

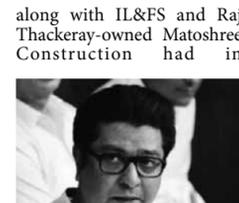
According to the Central Water Commission, the Yamuna is flowing above the danger mark in Auraiya and Jalaun; while the Ganga in Badaun; the Chambal river at Palia Kalan in Lakhimpur Kheri; and the Ghaghara are flowing above the red mark. According to officials, 16-year-old Anshu drowned in Etawah district due to release of water from the Kota barrage into the Chambal. District Magistrate Jitendra Bahadur Singh said the Chambal river was flowing two metres above the danger level due to the release of 2.5 lakh cusecs of water. "Due to floods, over a dozen villages are cut off from the district headquarters and crops in hundreds of acres have been damaged," he said. In Jalaun, the Yamuna is

flowing 60 cm above the danger mark and dozens of villages are cut off from the district headquarters. District Magistrate Mannan Akhtar said flood waters had entered many villages, adding that no deaths had been reported and the administration was on high alert. Meanwhile, Irrigation

Minister Dharmpal Singh said leaves of all officers and employees related to flood-related works had been cancelled till further orders. While inspecting the central flood control room, the minister said 48 control rooms have been set up in the state to monitor flood situation arising due to release of water from dams. PTI

IL&FS case: ED summons Raj Thackeray Opp cries foul, says it is act of vendetta

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI
In a move that evoked sharp criticism from the Opposition parties, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) summoned MNS chief Raj Thackeray for inquiries on August 22 in connection with a probe into an alleged IL&FS-related case.



Raj Thackeray speaking at a press conference.

The ED is investigating the alleged irregularities in the IL&FS's loans and investments worth over Rs.860 crore in M/s Kohinoor CTNL, a company funded by former Maharashtra CM Manohar Joshi's son Unmesh Joshi. Jr Joshi has gone to the ED office on Monday. Apart from being issued a notice, the MNS chief has been asked to present himself in the ED headquarters here on Thursday.

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

MNS calls Thane bandh on Aug 22

Mumbai: The MNS has given a call for a bandh in Thane, a satellite city of Mumbai, on August 22, in protest against the summons issued by the ED to its president Raj Thackeray in connection with the investigations into the alleged irregularities of the IL&FS's loans and investments. Calling for a Thane bandh on Thursday, MNS' Thane-Palghar president Avinash Jadhav said: "The case in which that our president has been summoned is more to do with the EVM scam that our president had flagged last month than the ED investigations. The ED is mounting pressure on our president to go slow on his agitation against the EVMs." PNS

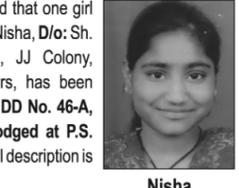
2005 jointly had made a bid and bought for the NTPC's Kohinoor Mill's 4.8-acre property for Rs 421 crore. In 2008, the IL&FS reneged from the deal and surrendered its shares for only Rs 90 crore, as against an investment of Rs 225 crore made in M/s Kohinoor CTNL. Following the IL &FS's exit, Raj also exited from the venture after selling his shares. In 2017, M/s Kohinoor CTNL entered into an agreement to sell some commercial

and residential properties in the upcoming Kohinoor Square Towers to IL&FS to settle outstanding of around Rs 500 crore in loans. Following this, IL&FS extended another Rs 100 crore to Kohinoor CTNL on which it defaulted. Jr Joshi's company is now under control of another company. Raj, who was a staunch supporter of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, turned a vociferous critic more than two years ago. Though his party did not contest the Lok Sabha polls this year, Raj campaigned against the Modi-led BJP in the LS polls.

Raj was also instrumental in bringing the Opposition parties on one platform against EVMs. The Opposition parties have planned a morcha to the State Election Commission demanding the use of ballot papers in the State Assembly polls to be held in October this year. The ED's notice and summons to the MNS chief is being seen as a political vendetta.

SEARCH OF MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo), **Nisha**, D/o: Sh. Manohar Lal, R/o: N-17C/531, JJ Colony, Wazirpur, Delhi, Aged: 22 years, has been missing since 19.07.2019 vide DD No. 46-A, Dated 19.07.2019, has been lodged at P.S. Bharat Nagar, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:



Complexion: Shallow, **Height:** 4'5" Feet, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Clothing:** Blue Suit and Pajama. Any person is having any information/clue about this missing girl, may inform SHO, Bharat Nagar, Delhi at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.nic.in or website : <http://cbi.nic.in> in Tele No.: 11-24368638 or 24368641

S.H.O
P.S. Bharat Nagar, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27301200, 27301400
DP/9260/NW/19.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

Whereas complaint has been made before me that **Aman S/o Hargobind Gupta R/o H-772, Mangolpuri, Delhi** has committed (or suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 59/19 U/s 363/366 IPC PS Mangolpuri, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Aman** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Aman** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Aman of FIR No. 59/19 U/s 363/366 IPC PS Mangolpuri, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on **04.11.2019**.

By Order
Shri Rakesh Kumar-I
Metropolitan Magistrate (North-West)
Room No. 105, 1st Floor,
Rohini Courts, Delhi
DP/2563/OD/19

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Corrigendum-I
Name of Work: "Supply and Filling of River Sand cleaned, sieved, dried & clay free conforming to specification AAR-M 916-S1, packed in 10 kg. waterproof bags to be supplied for filling in Diesel Locomotive at GZB and SSB yard round the clock in 20772 Diesel Locomotive for a period of two years from the execution of work" may be read with Corrigendum-I. Date of opening of tender is rescheduled and will open on 13.09.2019 at 15:00. All terms and conditions will remain same. No.: 116-S/42/Sanding DSL Loco/SSB-GZB (2019)/ML-V Date: 19.08.2019 2653/19
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NORTHERN RAILWAY
Open E-Tender Notice
The Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer/Chg., Northern Railway, Delhi Division for and on behalf of President of India invites sealed e-tender on "TWO PACKET SYSTEM" for following work from experienced and capable tenders.

Name	Comprehensive Mechanized cleaning of coaches, depot premises & of work	OBHS and Linen Distribution of trains based at ANVT Depot for two years
Work Place	ANVT	
Period of work	Two Years	
Approximate cost of work	Rs.34,23,73,770.00/- (With provision of GST)	
The earnest money in the form of Net Banking Ref.No.-----dated-----is attached.I/We have clearly noted that the earnest money in the form of Bank Guarantee Bond is not acceptable	Rs. 18,61,900/-	
The tender fee in the form of Net Banking Ref.No.-----dated----- is attached.I/We have clearly noted that the earnest money in the form of Bank Guarantee bond is not acceptable	Rs. 11,800/- (including GST@18%)	
Pre -Bid Meeting	26.08.2019 at 15:00 hrs	
Date and time of availability of e-tender documents	From 19.08.2019 to 12.09.2019, upto 15:00 hrs	
Date and time of e-tender box closing	12.09.2019 at 15:00 hrs	
Date and time of e-tender	12.09.2019 at 15:00 hrs. If the date of opening happens to be a holiday the e-tender shall be opened on the next working day.	

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Tender Enquiry No. 252 Dt. 16-08-2019
Short Description: Supply & complete retrofitting (Excluding Pedestal Structures) of 132 KV/66KV Isolators/ Disconnectors at 132 KV sub-station Shanan, HEP, PSPCL, Joginder Nagar inclusive of dismantlement of old Isolators, erection, testing & commissioning of new Isolators / Disconnectors.
Start date for downloading tender documents: 23-08-2019
Date and time upto which tender can be downloaded: 21-09-2019 (11:00 AM)
Date and time upto which tender shall be received: 23-09-2019 (11:00 AM)
Date and time of opening of tender: 23-09-2019 (11:30 AM)
EMD: @2% of Tender Value rounded off to a multiple of Rs. 10/- on the higher side. It is informed that in case tender process is not completed due to any reason, no corrigendum will be published in newspapers. Details regarding corrigendum may be seen on official PSPCL website: www.pspcl.in. Tender specification along with detailed terms and conditions can only be downloaded from PSPCL website <https://pspcpl.abcpocure.com>. Details regarding e-tendering is available on website www.pspcl.in. All the prospective bidders are requested to get their digital signatures, register themselves on the website: <https://pspcpl.abcpocure.com> and get conversant with the process of on-line submission of tenders well in time so as to submit the tender by the due deadline. No request for extension in due date of tender opening on the above grounds shall be entertained.
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Superintending Engineer, Hydel Projects, PSPCL, Patiala
C -325/19
DPR/16AUG19/C6690 Dt. 16-08-2019

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General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male **Age : Approx 26 years, Height : 5'5", Complexion : Sallow, wearing kawaria Dress,** was found unconscious on 02.08.2019. He was admitted in BSA Hospital, Sector-6, Rohini, Delhi, during the treatment doctors declare him dead. In this regard DD No. 36-B dated 02.08.2019 has been lodged at P.S. South Rohini, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone numbers.
SHO - P.S. South Rohini, Delhi
Tel. No. 011-27510515, 27512189
8750870328, 8750861100
DP/3165/RD/19

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1. Mr. Sanjay Singh, S/o - Arjun Singh, Flat No - 1410, Tower B, 14 th Floor, Galaxy North Avenue, Plot No - G-C-3, GH-01, Gaur City -1, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh - 201301 Also At: Mr. Sanjay Singh S/o - Arjun Singh, Project Lead Manager At Tech Mahindra 58 AVB Noida Special Economic Zone Phase - II, Sector-80 Noida Uttar Pradesh - 201301 Also At: Mr. Sanjay Singh S/o - Arjun Singh, Flat No - 1410, Tower B, 13 th Floor, Galaxy North Avenue, Plot No - G-C-3, GH-01, Gaur City -1, Greater Noida UP - 201301 Also At: Mr. Sanjay Singh S/o - Arjun Singh, T-28, Sector -11, Noida UP - 201301	Residential Apartment bearing no. 1410, on Thirteen Floor, In Tower - B having a total super area approximate 905 Sq.ft and covered area 701.05 Sq.Ft. 2BHK along with right to use one covered car parking Space in the Galaxy North Avenue built on the plot bearing no - GC-03, situated in the Gaur City -1, GH-01, Sector -04, Greater Noida District Gautam Budh Nagar UP.	1.20-May-2019	2.17-May-2019	3.31,84,846/- (Rupees Thirty one Lakh sixty four thousand six hundred and forty six only)
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Date: 20-08-2019, Place: New Delhi
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AIIMS needs fire lessons

Though lives were saved, poor compliance means years of precious research have been lost at the elite institution



The intensity of the massive blaze at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, and the leaping fury with which it engulfed its floors in a matter of moments can be gauged from the fact that it took nearly three dozen fire tenders over eight long hours to be doused. Had not AIIMS been a prized institution, perhaps the emergency response wouldn't have been activated with as much urgency and wilfulness but the fact remains that even the safety protocols at the most aware of places had not been reviewed

in three years, the last time being in 2016. AIIMS is one of the few hospitals in the city that has an interconnecting ramp to move patients in times of disasters. Perhaps this is why lives weren't lost in the country's premier hospital but imagine this in any other government facility and the mind addles to think what could be. Thankfully, the fire was confined to the pre-clinical and teaching blocks in the country's sought after facility but it did have all the hallmarks of a major disaster. And while AIIMS authorities are particular about top-notch research, they ought to be as sharp about protecting them. For though no human life has been lost, there has been immense loss of intellectual property in the long-term. Hundreds of blood samples at the micro-biology lab, rare viruses, crucial research, scholarly papers, case updates and expensive machines have been completely gutted. Findings are the basis of any medical breakthrough and the foundation for that is gone forever. And if administrators of such an evolved centre cannot be far-sighted about basic safety compliances or build efficiencies in awareness, then there is little to be expected of others. The Delhi Fire Department has said that some of the buildings, including the one that caught fire, did not have the requisite No Objection Certificate (NOC). The NOC is mandatory in the fire safety document, which is renewed every three years and certified annually.

Intriguingly, the general apathy to hospital and patient safety persists despite repeated outbreaks of fire at medical facilities across the country claiming scores of lives. Be it the AMRI episode in Kolkata, which claimed 92 lives, the ESIC Hospital in Mumbai or the SMU Hospital in Bhubaneswar, post-mortem has revealed how they blatantly ignored warnings and safety recommendations or pushed them out of the priority list in their greed to acquire more cutting-edge competitiveness in services. Yet patient care and safety in times of earthquakes, fire or floods do not even merit an intra-institution workshop. While the Delhi Police is waiting for the forensic report to deduce what led to this catastrophe, there are too many questions that demand answers. The hospital was not only ill-prepared but failed to adhere to the guidelines on hospital safety as mandated by the National Disaster Management Authority in 2016 and the National Building Code (NBC) 2005, which made the fire safety certificate mandatory for all buildings taller than 15 m. In fact, most Government buildings as also shop owners, restaurants, hotels, and other private buildings openly flout norms. Needless to say, the situation is all the more precarious in a hospital environment, which is home to those who are incapacitated and, thus, movement becomes challenging in case of a fire or any untoward incident. Even so, where building codes like alarms, sprinkler systems, hosepipes and insulation panels among others are in place, and where the builder claims to have used materials in line with the regulations, the actuals turn out to be about fake compliance, the certificates usually got by greasing palms of local officials. In cases where NOC has been obtained, rarely are fire safety audits carried out. Most post-fire probes have revealed how encroachments and tweaks in open areas have made it really difficult for the firemen to even get into the core zone. They say no tragedy is dark enough that the gloom cannot be lifted. Two babies were born amid the raging fire. Which means going forward, beyond taking action against those responsible for the incident to ensure accountability, there needs to be a strict penal clause, including deregistration of the establishment concerned, if the prescribed safety norms are not met. Third-party audits, too, must be made mandatory to avoid conflict of interest between the municipal authorities and Government officials. Unless a system of checks and balances is put in place, we will never internalise the spirit of risk containment and expose ourselves to unimaginable dangers. And that would be foolhardy indeed.

Concussion protocols

Several sports are taking the risks of head injury seriously. It's time that such norms go to lower levels of cricket as well



The sight of Steve Smith lying low after a bouncer from English bowler Jofra Archer must have sent a chill down the spine of those not only sitting at Lord's but also millions of spectators across the world. It was heartening to see Smith get up, something his Australian companion Phillip Hughes could not when he was struck by a bouncer in a domestic Australian game five years ago. However, nowadays, the worry is not just about immediate injuries but also the long-term consequences of head injuries, particularly concussions. A concussion occurs when the brain bounces around inside the skull, leading to bruising of the brain tissue. This, as doctors and scientists discovered, particularly with players in America's National Football League (NFL), where there are regular head to head collisions, leads to a condition called Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE).

CTE is dangerous as it leads to early onset of dementia and a much reduced quality of life given that brain matter decays after years of physical abuse. The NFL initially ignored the complaints that some players made but after some high-profile suicides and several studies, it quickly rectified its standards to deal with the issue. Soon after the issues with CTE were identified, several other sports — even ostensibly non-contact sports like cricket — took notice. New concussion protocols have been brought in that consider the short and long-term effects of brain injuries. A bruise on the brain takes a while to heal and the Lord's Test set an interesting new first with Marnus Labuschagne becoming the first 'Like for Like' substitution in the history of cricket. In India, cricketing legends Farokh Engineer and Nari Contractor, both Parsis, were one of the earliest to be injured. It was from here that wearing helmets during matches became a common protocol. Other sports like soccer have also brought in concussion norms that force substitutions of players who have had an incident that a doctor feels has them shaken up. These are all positive moves and must be commended. However, one must remember that facilities at the top levels of sport and those at lower levels are often dramatically different. Several of these concussion routines are poorly enforced at lower levels of sport. Sure, the top players in the top leagues and highest echelons of sport face bigger dangers in a more competitive space but that is no excuse to ignore the clear and present danger of head injuries.

Anil R Torne
Maharashtra

Pak in a pincer attack

With the economy sinking and a failed bid at the UNSC, Islamabad is in no position to declare war or embrace peace. It will do well to focus on its internal problems



SANDHYA JAIN

Fortnight after the Modi Government defanged Article 370, scrapped its illegal appendage, Article 35A and split the northern State into the Union Territories of Ladakh and Jammu & Kashmir, Islamabad is groping for a coherent response. In May 1998, when the then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee stunned the world by testing five nuclear devices (Pokhran-II) and made India a full-fledged nuclear state, Islamabad swiftly showcased its own nuclear capability.

This time, most world capitals overcame their surprise and accepted the changes in Jammu & Kashmir as India's internal matter; Pakistan was supported by the colonial-minded Western media and China, which arranged "closed consultations" (unrecorded) in the UN Security Council. India's action was breathtaking in its simplicity and audacity: Operating within the Line of Control (LoC), it took long-suffering Ladakh to its bosom as a directly-administered Union Territory while Jammu & Kashmir provinces were declared a separate Union Territory with an elected legislature. The Union Home Ministry will have direct supervision of both.

Political parties and dynasties that misused Article 370 to nurture separatist sentiments in the Valley while neglecting Jammu and Ladakh regions have been downsized and separatists put on notice. A zero-tolerance policy towards terrorism was already in place. Caught between a perilous economic situation with the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) breathing down its neck on one side, and its jihadi groups on the other, Islamabad is in no position to declare war or to embrace peace.

Prime Minister Modi's artful jugglery has subtly avenged India's exclusion from the Afghanistan talks, making it difficult for Washington and Islamabad to put the Taliban in power in Kabul, with the acquiescence of Moscow and Beijing. This gives a breather to the Kabul regime that was also excluded from four-party negotiations. Washington is, thus, likely to remain trapped in the graveyard of empires because successive Presidents from George Bush Jr, Barack Obama and now Donald Trump would not consider gifting the impressive American arsenal to the Afghan Army, training it to use the same and making a dignified retreat.

Washington is unconcerned about the fate of President Ashraf Ghani, former President Hamid Karzai, their colleagues and supporters, should Taliban return to Kabul. But for India, this is a matter of deep concern. New Delhi's checkmate has put Islamabad in a bind: It cannot clinch the Taliban deal for Washington: It cannot compensate its jihadi mercenaries with escalated action in Jammu, Kashmir or



Ladakh. Its position is unenviable: To exit a *cul-de-sac* one must go back the way one entered but this route is not open to Pakistan. In the *Mahabharata*, Abhimanyu did not know how to escape the *chakravyuh*; Imran does but it is just not possible.

Scholars Asma Khalid and Mobeen Jafar Mir of the think tank, Islamabad Policy Institute, blame Pakistan for failing to anticipate and challenge India's hollowing of Article 370 despite clear signals. In a report, *Abrogation of Article 370: Implications & Policy Choices for Pakistan*, they urge Islamabad to launch a diplomatic blitzkrieg against India by emphasising the "disputed status of Kashmir", highlighting India's alleged human rights excesses and the threats to regional stability.

In a clear sign of Islamabad's political bankruptcy and lack of choices, Khalid and Mir urged their Government to work for convening an urgent meeting of the UN Security Council to discuss the situation; at the "closed meeting" the four other permanent members said changing Jammu & Kashmir's Constitutional status is India's

internal matter. Islamabad is unlikely to accept the suggestion to move the International Court of Justice (ICJ) after its resounding defeat in the matter of consular access to Indian citizen Kulbhushan Jadhav.

Khalid and Mir bemoan the loss of Jammu & Kashmir's separate Constitution, flag and autonomy in all matters barring foreign affairs, defence and communications. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), they say, always proclaimed its intentions in its election manifestoes and in 2019, reiterated its determination to annul the Kashmir-specific Articles 370 and 35A.

Article 35A, introduced via Presidential order under Article 370 in 1954, empowered the State Legislature to define permanent residents and barred Indians from outside the state from permanently settling, buying land, holding local Government jobs or winning education scholarships there. It also barred female residents (and their children) from property rights in the event of marriage outside Kashmir. The spirit behind this legislation was to protect the identity and culture of Kashmiris and preserve

Kashmir's demographic character.

Interestingly, the scholars allege that the BJP's agenda is to secure demographic change in the Valley through resettlement of refugees from West Pakistan, Azad Kashmir and Chhamb. It is true that the BJP has been concerned about justice for the refugees, who entered Jammu & Kashmir during Partition and after, and the Scheduled Castes invited by Sheikh Abdullah to clean the city on promise of citizenship. However, Abdullah, supported by former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, later denied them State subject status and its accompanying benefits. The issue is now redundant with the extension of the Constitution of India in its entirety to the new Union Territory.

Azad Kashmir is a sliver of Jammu Province, where pro-Pakistan radicals created trouble for Maharaja Hari Singh in 1946. Pakistan dubbed it as Azad Kashmir when it seized the area in 1947-48. Chhamb in Hamirpur district of Himachal Pradesh was an area of conflict in the 1965 and 1971 wars. Khalid and Mir charge that India will try to enhance Hindu representation in the Valley to

reduce the influence of Kashmiri (read Muslim) political parties in the event of a plebiscite under UN auspices, an idea scotched by Kofi Annan in 2001.

Moreover, the Security Council Resolution of 1948 is explicit that Pakistan must withdraw all military and civilian personnel from the occupied territory who were not there before August 14, 1947; India is to retain its military in Srinagar to administer the plebiscite. Hence, the Pakistani scholars' attempt to project India as an occupying power in the kingdom of Maharaja Hari Singh is a non-starter.

Pakistanis fears that India's action of August 5, 2019, may impact the Indus Water Treaty are premature as India can achieve much by merely utilising its legitimate share of the Indus waters. As for the occupied territories, Home Minister Amit Shah has reiterated India's claim to the undivided kingdom, including Azad Kashmir, Gilgit Baltistan, and Aksai Chin. Pakistan would do well to focus on its internal problems.

(The writer is Senior Fellow, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library; the views expressed are personal)

SOUNDBITE

We have heard that if any ship sinks, the captain makes efforts to save it till the last breath. But the Congress' captain took the first plunge.



BJP leader
—Shivraj Singh Chauhan

I'm not against the people of Pakistan. I love and respect all who love me. I'm against terrorism and against the Pakistan Army.



Actor
—Adnan Sami

Any such statements that link the evolving situation in Kashmir to the Afghan peace efforts are reckless, unwarranted and irresponsible.



Afghan diplomat
—Roya Rahmani

Government's absolute silence is dangerous. People are being removed from jobs. The BJP Government is mum.



Congress leader
—Priyanka Gandhi

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Girl next door

Sir — This refers to the report, "Pati, Patni aur Woh actress no more" (August 16) by TN Raghunatha. In the death of Vidya Sinha, the Hindi film world has lost a talented artiste of yesteryear. Producer-director Basu Chatterjee, who has a number of light comedies to his credit, ventured upon to portray Vidya in middle class love stories through his *Rajnigandha*, followed by *Chhoti Si Baat*. Both were big successes.

However, it was difficult for her to get ranked in big budget films as her contemporaries like Rekha, Mumtaz, Zeenat Aman, Hema Malini, Shabana Azmi, Jaya Bachchan, Parveen Babi, Smrita Patil, Tanuja, Sridevi and Jaya Pradha, were crowding the field. As a result, she managed to get meagre big films like *Inkar* (Vinod Khanna), *Mukti* (Shashi Kapoor), *Karm* (Rajesh Khanna), *Tumhare Liye* (Sanjeev Kumar) and *Atmaram* (Shatrughna Sinha). These circumstances compelled her to switch over to television.

Anil R Torne
Maharashtra

The Damocles sword over Kashmir

This refers to the editorial, "India wins at UNSC" (August 19). It seems Pakistan's gambit of approaching the UN Security Council (UNSC) with the Chinese fronting for it has predictably ended in a whimper. Nothing came out from the closed door meeting at the UNSC. The panel talked out the special item without any clarity emerging on the collective position of the powerful body for it to be a diplomatic or a public opinion setback for India. The speech by Syed Akbaruddin, India's Permanent Representative to the UN, broke no new ground except helping the nationalist crowd feel good.

Still, 14 of the 15 members of the UN body were of the view that the changes resulting from the suspension of Article 370 were a matter internal to India and that issues arising between India and Pakistan must be resolved bilaterally. India succeeded in securing the support of Governments but this shouldn't mean it can rest on its diplomatic laurels. What is amazing is Chinese Ambassador to the United Nations, Zhang Jun, sullied his tongue with human rights. The world knows as to what is happening to the Uighur Muslims — more than a million people are

For the sake of peace

Sir — More than 63 people have been killed in yet another suicide bomb attack at a wedding hall in Afghanistan. Terrorism has once raised its ugly head there. Given past records and going by the worst of suffering that the civilians have suffered at the hands of

many actors, including the Taliban and the Islamic State (IS), there seems to be no end to terrorism. Against this scenario, strong political measures and well-planned strategies are required to tackle the menace.

Simultaneously, it has been reported that peace talks have been going on between the US

and the Taliban. Let such interesting developments take place. Any attempt at subverting the peace process should be stopped forthwith and nipped in the bud. America has been of great help in this direction and should be so till peace returns in Afghanistan.

A peace deal for Afghanistan must include a long-term strate-



locked away in anonymous prisons without any rights to food, water and visits to family members and friends. It is the modern-day version of the Soviet-era *Gulag*. For better or for worse, India has chosen to walk a course where the Kashmir file will be a Damocles' sword, one that will constantly demand a price for unsheathing it.

JS Acharya
Hyderabad

gy to protect it from evil forces and for that to happen, the world community must get its act together.

P Senthil
Via email

Integrate the Valley

Sir — This refers to the article, "Educational reforms must" (August 19) by CB Sharma. The actual scenario in the Valley will be visible only when restrictions are fully done with. Nevertheless, mainstreaming the youth will go a long way in restoring normalcy in the Valley. The process of counter-radicalisation and de-radicalisation must begin from schools. Nationalism and secularism should form an essential part of school syllabus and parents, too, must be counselled well about the bright future of their wards. And for that to happen, investment must start gradually. There should be job quotas so that the youth can see the positive change.

Bal Govind
Noida

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FIRST COLUMN

Creating micro entrepreneurs

The direct selling industry is a major contributor to the economy. Misinterpreting legislation to harass firms amounts to killing the goose that lays the golden egg



HEM PANDE

Direct selling is the business of peer-to-peer sale, in which people earn a commission on goods sold. It is the marketing, distribution and sale of goods and services as part of a network of direct sellers, other than under a pyramid scheme. This industry, which is a major contributor to the economy, is expected to grow at a rate of nearly five per cent every year and be worth ₹15,930 crore by 2021. Additionally, and perhaps more importantly, direct selling creates employment. As of now, direct selling firms employ over 50 lakh people in India, a number that is set to grow to 1.8 crore by 2025. And India needs these jobs. Facilitating job creation, inter alia, is one of the top priorities of the government.

This industry actively encourages the employment of women in large numbers and is a way to empower them by making them economically independent. Over 53 per cent of entrepreneurs engaged in direct selling in India are women. Stand Up India is a government scheme that incentivises female entrepreneurship by facilitating bank loans ranging from ₹10 lakh to ₹1 crore. Direct selling is not only helping create women entrepreneurs, it's also helping the government meet yet another of its stated priorities.

All that India's direct selling industry needs is an enabling ecosystem, one that enables companies to conduct business in an atmosphere free of prejudice and fear. As things stand, there are very few regulations in place for direct selling companies in India. The Model Framework for Guidelines on Direct Selling, issued in September 2016 by the Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, remains the definitive document, guiding regulation of the direct selling industry.

The guidelines address every aspect of the direct selling business. They include detailed conditions for setting up and conducting a direct selling business, rules for protection of consumers, provisions for prohibition of pyramid and money circulation schemes, and for the appointment of a monitoring authority for direct sellers and direct selling companies. The guidelines are advisory in nature and though 12 states have adopted them, all states must do this and frame laws that govern direct selling in a just manner.

The guidelines clearly state that direct sellers and firms shall be guided by provisions of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986. There are law enforcement agencies that look at direct selling companies through the lens of the Prize Chits and Money Circulation Schemes (PCMCS) Banning Act, 1978. This Act seeks action against any scheme that involves making easy money or getting money as the consideration for a promise to pay money based on enrolment of members to the scheme.

The Act goes on to say that no person shall promote or conduct any prize chit or money circulation scheme, or enroll members to any such scheme or participate in it or receive or remit any money in pursuance of such chit or scheme.

Classifying direct selling companies under this Act is erroneous, as they are not engaged in the business of seeking deposits from people and they do not guarantee returns. Direct selling companies provide people with the opportunity and the skill set to sell products and make a commission on sales.

The business model involves a product that needs to be sold, for any money to be made. Direct sellers have to work hard to make these sales. They have to use skill and intellect to make people buy their products, and they have to make sales continuously, in order for them to keep receiving commissions. Direct selling is by no means a deposit taking scheme and there is no guarantee whatsoever, of returns. It is, therefore, incorrect to see direct selling companies as falling under the purview of the PCMCS (Banning) Act, 1978.

There have been instances in some states where law enforcement agencies have harassed and even jailed representatives of direct selling firms by resorting to such misinterpretation. This is downright unacceptable and must stop. Misinterpreting legislation to harass direct selling companies (and their representatives) amounts to killing the goose that lays the golden egg. This industry can play a vital role in creating large scale employment opportunities to make India a nation of micro-entrepreneurs, a nation that is able to reap its demographic dividend to the full. The Model Framework for Guidelines on Direct Selling was designed because there was no law to regulate the direct selling industry, and in some states, the Act was being wrongly used to regulate direct selling. Direct selling is an industry that is growing fast with the emergence of new players and the guidelines lay a foundation for the industry to function properly. The guidelines are there to protect legitimate direct selling businesses and penalise those businesses that try to circumvent established industry norms.

(The writer is former Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, and was responsible for formulating direct selling guidelines in 2016)

TODAY IS WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY. HUMAN RIGHTS HAVE BEEN TOTALLY VIOLATED IN #KASHMIR. LET US PRAY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND PEACE IN #KASHMIR.

—WEST BENGAL CHIEF MINISTER
MAMATA BANERJEE

POINT COUNTERPOINT



IT SEEMS SHE (MAMATA) IS BUSY APPEASING THE MINORITY COMMUNITY. SHE HAS STARTED SPEAKING THE LANGUAGE OF PAKISTAN.

—BJP STATE GENERAL SECRETARY
SAYANTAN BASU

This isn't blending in

The decision to abrogate Article 370 was taken amid high tension, lockdown, rumour-mongering and the echo of jackboots in Jammu and Kashmir



PANKAJ SARMA



POPIMONI SHARMA

The process of abrogation of Article 370 has been as controversial as the provisions of the Article itself. In its bid to reshape the political landscape of Jammu and Kashmir, the Modi Government, buoyed by the massive mandate it received to return to the seat of power for a second term, scrapped the special status granted to the volatile state by the Constitution of India.

As is the case with most decisions taken in a democracy, unsavoury or otherwise, in a matter of minutes a political slugfest ensued, following the announcement. While some, mostly those occupying the Treasury benches in the House, saw it as a "glorious day" for India, others called it a "dark day" for parliamentary democracy.

Nonetheless, the decision to abrogate Article 370 was taken amidst high tension, lockdown, rumour mongering and the echo of jackboots in J&K. The Centre restricted public movement by imposing Section 144 of CrPc and several important political leaders of the state were detained and put under house arrest. The Amarnath Yatra was suspended early, tourists were asked to leave and all forms of communication channels were paralysed, isolating the state from the rest of the country, ironically, all in the name of promoting better integration.

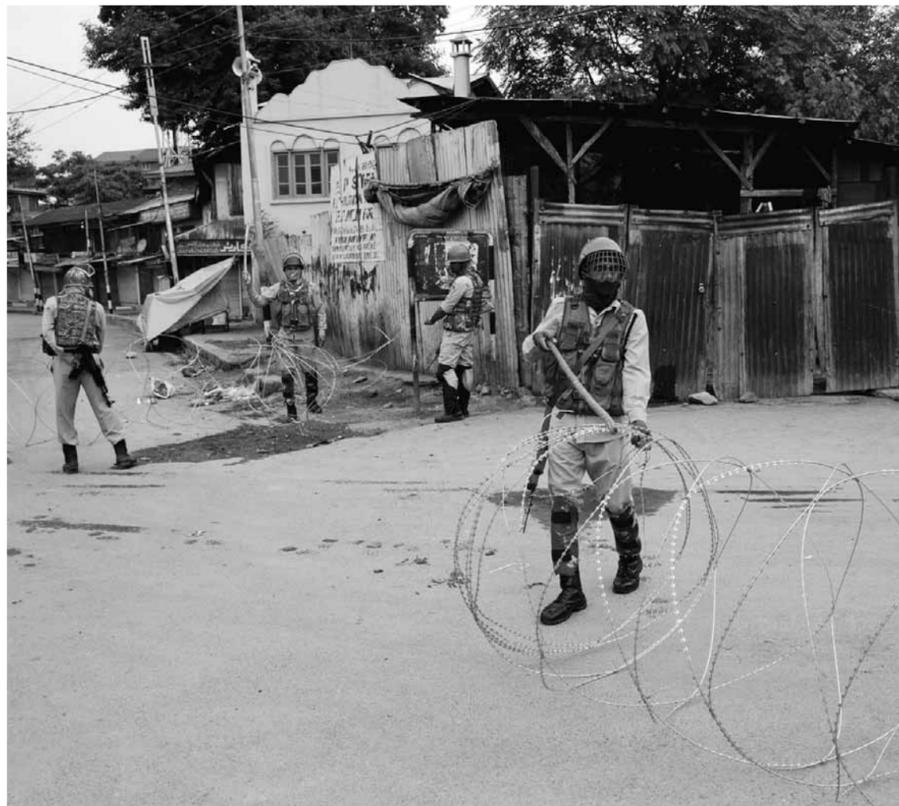
Article 370, which granted special status to J&K and Article 35A that empowered the state legislature to define the "permanent residents" of J&K and their special rights and privileges, has long been under the shadow of controversy. It has been a contested constitutional question whether the provisions of Article 370 were that of a temporary nature and was the Parliament ever empowered to abrogate it.

If we revisit history, it becomes evident from clause 7 of the Instrument of Accession signed by Maharaja Hari Singh that the state could not be compelled to accept any future Constitution of India. Furthermore, J&K was well within its rights to draft its own constitution and to decide for itself what additional powers to extend to the Central Government. Article 370 was designed to protect these special rights agreed upon under the Instrument of Accession.

Though Article 370 of the Constitution states that the President may, by public notification, declare that this article shall cease to be operative or shall be operative only with such exceptions and modifications and from such date as he may specify, however, provision to Article 370 clearly states that recommendation of the constituent Assembly of the state referred to in clause 2 of Article 370 shall be necessary before the President issues such a notification. But, since the J&K constituent Assembly later created the State's constitution and dissolved itself without recommending the abrogation of Article 370, the Article was deemed to have become a permanent feature of the Indian Constitution.

The Supreme Court (SC) as well as High Courts of states on several occasions have specifically stated that Article 370 of the Constitution is not a temporary provision. In *Kumari Vijayalakshmi Jha vs. Union of India* (2017), the Delhi High Court rejected a petition claiming that Article 370 was temporary. In 2018, the SC stated that Article 370 is not a temporary pro-

LOOKING AT THE LOCKDOWN IN THE VALLEY AND THE VIRTUAL IMPRISONMENT OF ITS PEOPLE IN BLATANT DISREGARD OF THEIR RIGHTS IN THE NAME OF GREATER INTEGRATION AND THE SO-CALLED DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGION, ONE IS PROMPTED TO ASK WHETHER WE HAVE PUSHED KASHMIR TO THE POINT OF NO RETURN



vision. Similarly the apex court in *SBI vs. Zaffar Ullah Nehru* (2016) held that J&K has a special status and that Article 370 is not temporary.

On the other hand, Article 3 of the Indian Constitution empowers the Parliament to amend the Constitution by a simple majority to change or alter the boundaries of a state but only when the Bill concerning the same is first referred to the state Assembly concerned for its opinion. But, the decision to create two new Union Territories, J&K and Ladakh, was taken by Parliament without referring the same to J&K Assembly.

As the Assembly was dissolved by an order under Article 356, there was no constitutional body to make the recommendations either under Article 370 (3) or under Article 3.

In such a context, a shortcut was found in the provision of Article 356 (1) (b) that allowed the President to declare that the powers of the state legislature shall be exercisable by or under the authority of the President while President's Rule was in operation in a state.

In the process, perhaps for the first time in the history of state reorganisation in India, a state was converted into two Union Territories, reversing the hitherto existing trend.

Needless to say that Indian federalism became the biggest casualty of our political leaders' desire to create history in one stroke. With the Valley being under lockdown and an unprecedented number of boots on the

ground to maintain peace, one is tempted to question the hurried need for abrogating Article 370 without taking the people and the political leaders of J&K into confidence. Can the Centre justify the manner in which all this was done? In law, especially in Constitutional law, procedure is as important as the outcome. It may be recalled that the 1971 election of Indira Gandhi was declared null and void by the Allahabad High Court on grounds of a procedural illegality.

More than the act itself, what is worrisome, is the manner in which it has been dealt with and the subsequent lockdown of the Valley that put curbs on the liberty of citizens of the state.

Such a sensitive matter certainly needed political maturity on the part of the powers that be, who, would have done well to focus on confidence building measure, by way of discussion with key stakeholders.

Unfortunately, neither was the spirit of a deliberative democracy respected, nor was any consensus building attempt made in the frenzied hurry to abrogate Article 370.

The whole episode, therefore, not only undermined the very spirit of democratic functioning but also demonstrated the centralising tendency compromising the framework of asymmetrical federalism that the Constitution of India envisaged.

When the democratic State starts behaving and functioning like a majoritarian and authoritarian one, not only does the constitutional promise get

shattered, the future prospects of unity and integrity look bleak.

This, therefore, should be a moment of introspection and not that of celebration. Looking at the lockdown in the Valley and the virtual imprisonment of its people in blatant disregard of their rights in the name of greater integration and the so-called development of the region, one is prompted to ask whether India has pushed Kashmir to the point of no return.

The answer is probably blowing in the wind in the bleeding Valley.

Unfortunately, we have no access to read the writing on the wall of the Valley, with the region being virtually cut off from the rest of the country and both the free movement of the fact finding teams to the state and reporting from the Valley being restricted to a great extent.

However, one can safely assume that in yet another bid to write history in one stroke, the country is going to learn the historic lesson that the project of national integration promoting greater unity and integrity calls for moving beyond the desire of over-centralisation and the idea of forced integration by focussing more on sharing of political power and simultaneously pursuing policies of greater accommodation.

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The curious Orientalist paradox

According to the Jamaat-e-Islami chief, late Qazi Hussain Ahmad, there's nothing wrong in looking religious because the West is more appreciative of this. This was Orientalism imposing Orientalism but still looking towards the West for validation



NADEEM PARACHA

Pakistani and Indian cricket fans are some of the loudest and most colourful, especially when faced with TV cameras where they often like to scream with reckless abandon and make the most curious faces. They will tell you they are very passionate about cricket. This comes from how they proudly explain themselves as belonging to a 'very emotional nation' (*jazbaati qaum*). This is an entirely subjective claim. There is no science behind it, which proves that South Asians as a people are very emotional. Therefore, it is largely a perception. So, where did this perception originate? Most likely, in Britain which ruled India as a colony for nearly 200 years.

Take for instance the famous 1924 novel *A Passage to India*, by British author EM Forster. Dr Aziz, one of the Indian characters in it, is a Muslim and portrayed as an intelligent but emotional man. Most 19th Century British authors, such as James Mill and Charles Grant, repeatedly describe Indians as being overtly religious, irrational and emotional. The celebrated author and intellectual, the late Edward Said, would have denounced this as being stereotypes invented by Europeans to make Eastern societies seem backward.

Said was the founder of "post-colonial studies," the study of the cultural legacy of colonialism and imperialism. In 1978, he wrote the hugely influential book *Orientalism*, in which he demonstrated how Western writers have been concocting distorted views of Eastern cultures, especially ever since the 18th Century. According to Said, this 'Orientalism' was enacted as a depictive tool which was closely related to and formed by the West's imperial politics and ambitions.

Said wrote *Orientalism* when the US had already lost a devastating war in Vietnam and when Britain was facing a series of political, social and economic crises. The predicament in the West, further compounded by the 1973 Oil Crisis, generated an academic onslaught within Europe and the US that fervently attacked the modernist narratives of progress on which European imperialism and then the postcolonial dominance of the US were supposedly built. Such modernism was often critiqued in the context of how the West had distorted the image of Eastern cultures to facilitate political and economic exploitation. But, ironically, almost all of these critiques emerged in the West, even though Said was a Palestinian. However, he wrote his book while he was a professor at an American university. This idea of Orientalism generated great excitement among young 'post-modernist' academics. Nevertheless, when it did leave the confines of American and European academia and reach non-Western regions, mainly through Asian, African and Arab students

studying in American and European universities, the idea began to be rapidly adopted by certain segments, who used it to justify violent attacks on anything they deemed 'Western.' The attacks were first intellectual and political in nature, in countries such as India, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, China, Thailand, South Korea, Turkey, Indonesia, Malaysia, etc. Western civilisations were explained as being devoid of spirituality, morals, roots and values and only driven by sensual pleasures, profit and exploitation. This understanding of the West soon began to colour the rhetoric of Hindu nationalists, 'Islamists' and intransigent dictators. This is when some of the first poignant critiques of Said's Orientalism emerged. The most veracious critiques of Orientalism came from British historian Albert Hourani, British author RG Irwin, American scholar Nikki Keddie and, especially, the British-American historian Bernard Lewis. Lewis in 1993's *Islam and the West* and Irwin in *Dangerous Knowledge*, argue that Said treated the West the same way

he accused the West of treating the East. They lamented that he saw the West as a monolith and in an entirely generalised manner, thus ignoring the different cultures and races which reside there. They also argued that Said cherry-picked his way to present his thesis, disregarding the fact that many Eastern cultures willingly adopt a variety of political, economic and social ideas introduced by the West. According to them, Said also ignored some strictly objective studies of Eastern societies by Western authors that had no 'imperial agendas'. In 2004, the philosopher Avishai Margalit and Dutch author Ian Buruma published *Occidentalism: The West in the Eyes of its Enemies*. They positioned it as an antithesis of Orientalism. They wrote that Orientalism's roots lay in the manner in which conservative and religious nationalists opposed the emergence of secularism, liberalism and capitalism during the colonial era. The Western responses were then appropriated as Orientalism by the 'progressive' intelligentsia in the

West as a retort against modernisation. *Occidentalism* decries Orientalism as a myopic and reductive attack on Western modernity. Orientalism's academic glorification soon paved the way for it to be adopted by reactionary forces. Then there is also the case of "Self-Orientalism." This, too, can be seen as a critique of Orientalism because it sees cultures that have allegedly been 'Orientalised' or imagined by the West, becoming equal participants in the process. Tony Mitchell in the anthology *Rogue Flows* and WG Feighery in *Critical Discourse Studies* write that the most befitting way to explore Self-Orientalism is to study tourism industries in various Asian and African countries. To attract Western tourists, these countries gladly appropriate stereotypes supposedly constructed by the West. For example, in Sri Lanka and Thailand, the image of Buddhism as perceived by the West is recreated at specific tourist spots. In India, the region's 'legendary

exotic spirituality', revolving around gurus and pundits, has for long been moulded for a Western audience. Self-Orientalism can also include the example of the 'passionate' way Pakistani and Indian cricket fans behave, a 'passion' constantly defined and reinforced by both South Asian and Western cricket commentators. Ultimately, Self-Orientalism actually exposes Orientalism as an idea, which eventually ends up doing what it accuses others of doing. Take for instance a 2003 interview that former chief of Jamaat-e-Islami, the late Qazi Hussain Ahmad, gave to *Nawa-i-Waqt*. To critique Musharrarf's "enlightened moderation", he said there was nothing wrong in behaving or looking religious because the West is more appreciative of this than by those behaving like Westerners. This was Orientalism imposing Orientalism but still looking towards the West for validation. This was a Self-Orientalist idea of how the West appreciates a Muslim. The Orientalist paradox. (Courtesy: *The Dawn*)

Sensex, Nifty rise for 3rd day in a row

PTI ■ MUMBAI
Equity benchmarks Sensex and Nifty on Monday rose for a third straight session but gains were restricted due to lag-end selling in financial and auto counters amid growing concerns over economic slowdown and health of NBFCs. After rallying 369 points during the day tracking positive global cues, the 30-share Sensex settled 52.16 points, or 0.14 per cent, higher at 37,402.49. It hit an intra-day high of 37,718.88 and low of 37,358.49. The broader NSE Nifty too edged 6.10 points, or 0.06 per cent, up at 11,053.90. During the day, it swung between a high of 11,146.90 and low of 11,037.85. Over the past three sessions, the Sensex has gained 444.33 points, or 1.20 per cent, while the Nifty has advanced 128.05 points, or 1.17 per cent. However, a sense of caution still prevails among investors who are awaiting some measures from the government to arrest demand slowdown in various

sectors which has been pulling down the economy. Further, lingering concerns over the health of non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) made markets jittery, leading to sell-offs in financial stocks. Top gainers in the Sensex pack included Sun Pharma, TechM, Axis Bank, L&T, Reliance Industries and ICICI Bank, which rose up to 2.66 per cent. On the other hand, Yes Bank, PowerGrid, ONGC, SBI, Mahindra and Mahindra, Hero MotoCorp, Tata Steel, Asian Paints and HDFC Bank were among the major laggards — losing as much as 3.46 per cent. Sectorally, BSE consumer durables, capital goods, industrials, healthcare, energy and IT indices edged up to 1.57 per cent higher. While, BSE oil and gas, auto, metal and FMCG indices fell up to 0.59 per cent. Banking stocks fell after Reserve Bank governor Shaktikanta Das ruled out ordering an asset quality review of the systematically important shadow banks for now.

₹ plunges to over 6-month low of 71.43; skids 29 paise

PTI ■ MUMBAI
The Indian rupee tumbled 29 paise to close at an over six-month low of 71.43 against the US dollar on Monday amid growing worries over economic slump and sustained foreign fund outflows. Further, rising crude oil prices and strengthening of the US dollar vis-a-vis other currencies overseas also took toll on the Indian currency. Forex traders said investors are awaiting government intervention to revive the slowing economy. There are expectations that the government would come out with sector-specific stimulus sometime soon.

Economic slowdown 'very worrisome', new set of reforms needed: Rajan

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
Former RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan has called slowdown in the economy "very worrisome" and said the government needs to fix the immediate problems in power and non-bank financial sectors and come out with a new set of reforms to energise private sector to invest. Rajan, who was Governor of the Reserve Bank of India from 2013 to 2016 but was denied a second term, also called for a fresh look at the way GDP in India is calculated as he referred to research by Narendra Modi government's former chief economist Arvind Subramanian about overestimation of growth rate. "There are a variety of growth projections from the private sector analysts, many of which are perhaps significantly below government projections and I think certainly the slowdown in the economy is something that is very worrisome," Rajan told CNBC TV18. India's economic growth has slowed to 6.8 per cent in 2018-19 - the slowest pace since 2014-15, and various projections by private experts and the central bank estimate that the GDP growth in the current year will be less than government estimate of 7 per cent. In ominous signs that the slowdown may be deep, the auto sector is facing its worst crisis in two decades with reports suggesting thousands of job losses in the automobile and ancillary industry, real estate sector has huge unsold inventory, while fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) companies have reported a decline in volume growth. "You can hear businesses all around worrying and complaining out loud that they need some kind of stimulus," he said. Rajan said "a fresh set of reforms" are now needed to boost the economy and growth rate. Rajan advocated for a new set of reforms to get the private sector to invest. The former governor also drew attention to former chief economic advisor Arvind Subramanian's research that GDP growth was overestimated by 2.5 per cent during 2011-12 and 2016-17.

Govt removes debenture reserve requirement for housing finance companies, NBFCs

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
The Government has removed the redemption reserve requirement for issuance of debentures by non-banking financial companies, housing finance companies and listed firms, a move aimed at reducing cost for raising capital. Under the companies law, these entities raising money had to create Debenture Redemption Reserve (DRR) and that requirement has now been done away with. The corporate affairs ministry on Monday said the requirement for a DRR of 25 per cent of the value of outstanding debentures issued by listed companies, Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) and Housing Finance Companies (HFCs) has been removed. The changes would be applicable for public issue as well as private placements. In the case of unlisted companies, the DRR requirement has been reduced to 10 per cent from 25 per cent of the outstanding debentures.

Business Corner



Inaugurating the Swachhta Pakhwada in Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), Nalin Shinghal, Chairman & Managing Director, BHEL, administered the 'Swachhta Pledge' to the company's employees. The CMD exhorted BHEL employees to participate enthusiastically and contribute wholeheartedly to the National Mission of creating 'Swachh Bharat'.



As per the instructions issued by Department of Financial Services, GOI, the first stage of the bottom up consultative process designed to generate ideas and review performance of the branches and their alignment with the national priorities was conducted at the regional level on 17th and 18th of August by Indian Overseas Bank, Delhi Region.



Taking forward the agenda of reforms in the public sector banks, DFS has initiated a Multi-level consultation process and ideation starting from the branch level. In the meet, ideas and suggestions were generated from various branch managers in the presence of Zonal Manager RK Agarwal, Narendra Kumar, DZM.

Economists expect US recession in 2020 or 2021: Survey

AFP ■ WASHINGTON
A majority of economists expect a US recession in the next two years, but have pushed back the onset amid Federal Reserve actions, according to a survey released Monday. The survey came out after President Donald Trump pushed back against talk of a looming recession as a raft of US data reports last week showed a mixed picture on the economy. "I'm prepared for everything. I don't think we're having a recession. We're doing tremendously well. Our consumers are rich," Trump told reporters Sunday. "I gave a tremendous tax

cut, and they're loaded up with money. They're buying. I saw the Wal-Mart numbers, they were through the roof," he said. "And most economists actually say that we're not going to have a recession. But the rest of the world is not doing well like we're doing." His chief economic advisor Larry Kudlow also downplayed talk of a recession. "I sure don't see a recession," he told NBC's Meet the Press. "Consumers are working at higher wages. They are spending at a rapid pace. They're actually saving also while they're spending... So I think actually the second half, the economy's going to be very good in 2019," he said.

China lost 20 lakhs jobs in short period of time: Trump

PTI ■ WASHINGTON
US President Donald Trump has claimed that China has lost more than 20 lakhs jobs in a very short period of time, due to his tough policies, including imposing additional import tariffs. Chinese economy, he said, is doing "very, very" poorly. "China is eating the tariffs because of monetary manipulation. And also, they're pouring a lot of money into their country because they don't want to lose jobs... They lost over two million jobs in a short period of time," Trump told reporters at Bedminster in New Jersey on Sunday. Trump said China wants to make a trade deal with the US. Officials of the two countries are having a series of meetings on this for the past several months. "We will see what happens. But they definitely want to make a deal," he said. He refused to comment on reports that he has spoken to the Chinese President Xi Jinping on this.

FM says corporate tax for firms to be cut gradually

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday said corporate tax rate for companies with over ₹400 crore turnover will be gradually cut to 25 per cent and the government will support wealth creators. In her maiden Budget last month, she had cut corporate tax for companies with annual turnover of up to ₹400 crore to 25 per cent from 30 per cent earlier. Last year, the then Finance Minister Arun Jaitley had cut the corporate income tax rate to 25 per cent for companies with a turnover of up to Rs 250 crore. Speaking at an industry event here, Sitharaman said the corporate tax reduction for the rest of corporates would be gradual. She did not give a timeframe for the reduction. Echoing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Independence Day speech, she said Indian wealth creator entrepreneurs will be given all kind of support. Modi had in his annual Independence Day address to the nation on August 15 had extolled the role of wealth creators and said they must not be viewed with suspicion.

Everything isn't doomed and gloomy about economy: Das

PTI ■ MUMBAI
Admitting that the economy is slowing down and faces many a challenge both from within and outside, Reserve Bank governor Shaktikanta Das Monday urged everyone to look at the opportunities ahead and stop being the proponents of gloom and doom. The statement comes amidst reports that an increasing number of corporate honchos are livid with the Narendra Modi government, especially after a slew of initiatives in the recent budget, including higher taxes on the rich and foreign portfolio investors. This had FPIs dumping domestic equities and debt like dung since the budget, pulling down the benchmarks by over 13 percent July 5. Continuing their selling spree that began with the budget and amidst the rising uncertainty over the FPI tax and global trade worries, foreign portfolio investors, and as per depository data, have sold equities worth ₹10,416.25 crore between August 1 and 16 and debt worth ₹2,096.4 crore.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

- The State Health Society, Bihar (SHSB), Patna intends to select agency via e-tendering for setting up & providing X-ray services in District Hospitals, Sub-Divisional Hospitals & Referral Hospitals on Hub and Spoke model under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode, in the state of Bihar, for the period of 5 years from the date of agreement. The State Health Society, Bihar (SHSB) invites bids from eligible business entities, in providing the services as mentioned in this tender document. (Note: For the purpose of this tender, the terms, agency/bidder/consortium/service provider/tenderer/applicant shall all denote the same, if not stated otherwise) in cluster(s) (of districts), as mentioned in the tender document.
- To participate in the e-tendering process, the bidder/agency are required to get themselves registered with Bihar Government Centralized e-Procurement portal, i.e., <https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON>, shall contact the helpdesk at the following address, "e-Procurement HELP DESK, 1st Floor, M/22, Bank of India Building, Road No. 25, Shree Krishna Nagar, Patna-800001, Phone No. 0612 - 2523006, Mob. No. 7542028164 (Timings: Every Day from 08:00 AM to 08:00 PM) or may visit the link "Vendor Info" at <https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON>.
- Schedule of Events**

Sl. No.	Event Description	Timeline
7.1	Date & time of downloading the RFP	Till 19/09/2019 (Thursday) up to 05:00 PM, on the e-Procurement Portal (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON).
7.2	Last date & time for submission (upload) of online bidding document.	20/09/2019 (Friday) till 05:00 PM, on the e-Procurement Portal (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON).
7.3	Last date & time for submission of EMD in Hard (Physical) Copies (Offline Mode)	26/09/2019 (Thursday) by 05:00 PM, to "The Executive Director, State Health Society, Bihar, Pariwar Kalyan Bhawan, Sheikhpura, Patna-800014"
7.4	Time, Date of opening of Technical Bid	27/09/2019 (Friday) at 2:00 PM, on the e-Procurement Portal (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON).
7.5	Time, Date of opening of Financial Bid	To be announced later on the e-Procurement Portal (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON).
7.6	Pre-bid meeting (Date & time)	02/09/2019 (Monday) at 11:00 AM
7.7	Pre-bid meeting venue	Conference Hall, State Health Society, Bihar, Pariwar Kalyan Bhawan, Sheikhpura, Patna-800014

Note - i) Interested tenderers may obtain further information about this Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) from the office of State Health Society, Bihar.
ii) No tender will be accepted after closing date and time in any circumstances.

- In the event of any of the above-mentioned dates being declared as a holiday/closed day for the State Health Society, Bihar the EMD/Tenders will be received/opened on the next working day at the scheduled time.
- Bidders may also download the tender documents (a complete set of documents is available on website) from e-Procurement Portal (<https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON>) and submit its tender by using the downloaded document.
- The Bidding documents shall be submitted in the mode as mentioned below:

(1) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Physical (Offline Mode) Note: EMD should not have been issued on a date later than the last date for submission of online bidding document i.e., 20/09/2019 (Friday)
(2) Technical Bid	Online (Cover-Technical Stage)
(3) Financial Bid	Online (Cover-Cost Bid Stage)

7. All prospective tenderers may attend the Pre-Tender meeting. The venue, date and time are indicated in Schedule of Events as in Clause 7 above.

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Executive Director
State Health Society, Bihar

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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 **Surender Kumar Aneja, S/o: Sh. Kishan Lal R/o: WZ-A-IB, Ram Nagar, Tilak Nagar, Delhi** has committed (or suspected to have committed) the offence in case **CIS No. 23670/16 U/s 138 Ni. Act** has been registered at **P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Surender Kumar Aneja**, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Surender Kumar Aneja**, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Surender Kumar Aneja**, accused of **CIS No. 23670/16 U/s 138 Ni. Act** has been registered at **P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court or to me to answer the said complaint on or before **26.09.2019**.

By Order
Ms. Pooja Aggarwal,
Metropolitan Magistrate,
Room No. 112, Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/9286/NW/19

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY

General public is hereby informed that a male person was found from the area of P.S. Kashmere Gate. He was admitted in Raja Babu TB Hospital, Kingsway Camp. During the treatment he has been declared dead by doctors on dated 05.08.2019. In this regard a **DD No. 27-A on dated 05.08.2019** has been lodged at **P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi**

The description of the dead person is given as under **Name: Pratap, S/o Shiv Shankar, R/o Unknown Age: 38 Years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Sallow, Wearing: Green T-Shirt only**

Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the dead person but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned.

SHO
P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi
DP/327/N/19 Ph.: 011-23967889, 8750870123

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that one girl **Namely: Pooja, D/o: Yaad Ram, R/o: H.No.- 392, Shiv Mandir se purana main road, Holambi Khurd, Delhi** has been missing / kidnapped since 23.07.2019 from the area of P.S. Narela Industrial Area, Delhi. In this regard a case vide **DD No. 51-A dated 23.07.2019** has been lodged at **P.S. Narela Industrial Area, Delhi**. The description of the missing girl are as under: **Age: 19 years, Height: 5' 1", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Slim, Wearing: Light Blue Colour Kurta and Grey colour pajami and hawai chappal in Feet.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this girl kindly inform to the following.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one woman **namely Anju Devi, W/o Parkash Yadav, R/o: Jali Wala Chota Pool, 20 Foota Road, Nihal Vihar, Delhi, Age: 28 years, Height: 5', Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Id Mark: A tattoo mark namely "Anju Devi" on right hand, Wearing: Badami Suit, Yellow Salwar and Black Hawaii Chappal in feet,** has been missing from the area of P.S. Nihal Vihar since 23.07.2019. In this regard a case vide **DD No. 16-A, dated 25.07.2019** has been registered at **P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi**.

Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the woman but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about her please inform undersigned.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that a female **namely Anjali, W/o Ajay R/o Gali no.05, Janta Vihar, Mukundpur, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped (along with her children namely (1) Puja Age-5 years (2) Vikki Age-3 years) since 25.07.2019 from the area of P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi. In this regard a **DD No. 28-A, dated 27.07.2019,** has been lodged at **P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing/ kidnapped female but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing/kidnapped female is as under:

Name: Anjali, Gender: Female, Age: 24 years, Height: 4'10", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Built: Medium, Wearing: Green colour Suit-Salwar and Slippers in Feet. If anyone has any information regarding this missing/kidnapped female, kindly inform **SHO/Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi**.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one girl **namely Sunita, D/o Sh. Brij Lal, R/o: H.No. D-1657, Jahangir Puri, Delhi, Age: 25 years, Height: 4'6", Complexion: Sallow, Face: Long, Built: Thin, Wearing: Pink Suit and Black Salwar and Slipper in feet,** has been missing since 03.08.2019. In this regard a case vide **DD No. 72A, dated 04.08.2019** has been registered at **P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi**.

Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about her please inform undersigned.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Known to all that my client **Birdu Manoj** and **Manoj Kunjumon** are purchasing the property i.e First Floor, with Basement Plot No. RZ-2620, Khazra No. 424, Plot No. 2920-A, Block-F, Main Jangama Road, Tughlakabad Extn, New Delhi from **Harish Saluja/Kumar** & mortgaging the same with **Satin Housing Finance Ltd.** **Harish Saluja/Kumar** has lost original **GPA,ATS,WILL** dated 10.01.2001 executed by **Chander Singh** favoring **Harish Saluja** regarding plot no. RZ-1413-B, khazra no. 423 related to said property. Police complaint dt. 17.08.2019 was given to P.S. Crime Branch, Delhi. It is informed that any deal with said lost deeds by any person except my said client with **Harish Saluja** and said institution regarding said property, shall be deemed as null & void. If any person found said deeds or is having right in said property then he may contact and hand over the same and apprise his claim to undersigned and within 7 days of this publication.
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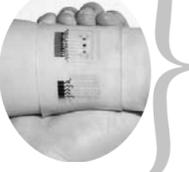
EARTHWORK AND CONSTRUCTION WORK BETWEEN CHANDOD AND KEVADIA STATION
By Chief Engineer (Construction), Western Railway, Pratnagar, Vadodra-390 004, invites E-tender as per the details given below: 1. E-Tender No. Dy.CE/IBRC/DB-CDD-KEW/26. Name of the work: Earthwork minor bridges and RUBS from Km. 34.00 to 50.50. Including the covering on RUB approaches between Chandod Station to Kevadia Station in connection with "Dabhol-Chandod" Gauge Conversion with extension upto Kevadia (49.47 Km.). Approximate cost work : ₹6369.14 Lakhs. EMD: ₹33,34,600/- Availability of online Tender for bidding From 21.08.2019 at 11.00 Hrs. To 04.09.2019 up to 12.00 Hrs. 2. E-Tender No. Dy.CE/IBRC/DB-CDD-KEW/27. Name of the work: Construction of two Lane Road Over Bridge No. 37 (CH: 21803), 39 (CH: 23115) and 59 (CH: 30424) on village roads including approaches between Chandod station to Kevadia station in connection with "Dabhol-Chandod Gauge Conversion with extension upto Kevadia (49.75 Kms)." Approximate cost work : ₹2560.63 Lakhs. EMD : ₹14,30,400/- Availability of online Tender for bidding From 21.08.2019 at 11.00 Hrs. To 04.09.2019 up to 12.00 Hrs. Note-1) Regarding detailed notice containing cost of tender document (non refundable), EMD, eligibility criteria, Similar Nature of work, detailed tender conditions, please visit www.irps.gov.in 2) Opening of price Bid will be advised later on, after Technical suitability of the Bidders. **Manuf offers will not be considered.**

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HEALTH

SweatSensor

Scientists have developed a kind of wearable skin sensors that can detect what's in wearers' sweat that may provide real-time updates on their health problems like dehydration or fatigue. The sensor design can monitor sweat rate, electrolytes and metabolites in sweat



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Super foods for monsoon woes

Monsoon brings with it a lot of diseases and issues that children may face because of the hygiene problem during the season. To keep kids hale and hearty, one should know what are the common problems that they face during monsoon so that the right food for them can be decided. Some of the common infectious diseases are cough and cold, diarrhoea, typhoid, influenza/flu, cholera, and jaundice. Then we have dengue and malaria that happens because of mosquito bites. But other diseases have more to do with the immunity of the body. And immunity can be enhanced by taking the proper food during the season so that body is capable enough to fight the germs.

These days we always hear about the super foods, which are a common marketing term, but basically mean foods that are rich in nutrients and boost immunity. Most of these foods are plant-based and then we have foods such as egg. All kinds of citrus fruits should be utilised during the season as they improve the immunity system because of the presence of Vitamin C and create alkaline environment in the body that helps in taking care of the inflammation. Lemon and oranges are full of Vitamin C and easily available during the season and is beneficial for the digestive system also.

Then we have Guava — it has high Vitamin A content and good for kids' vision. Then it is also rich in Vitamin C and prevents kids from developing scurvy apart from providing good resistance to cold and congestion. It has antioxidants such as Vitamins A, C and E.

Parents should try to give as much raw green vegetables to kids as possible. Develop a taste of green vegetable salads in kids because after cooking a lot of nutrients get lost. It will have tremendous effect on their immunity and give them energy to perform their tasks well. One should properly wash them and clean before giving it to the kids. Banana can also be given during the season but one should not over do it as it can cause cold. It is an alternate to burger of these fast foods, it gives much better ingredients like potassium, magnesium and it is anti-inflammatory. In rainy season, you can find everywhere. Nature's way of giving food and if you are having seasonal food then you are with nature.

Coconut water and coconut is also suggested. Because you get wet and humidity is there. Coconut helps in improvement of pH in skin. Then we have tomatoes that give Vitamin E. These are available in raw form and good for kids. Vitamin C, Vitamin E, B complex and some minerals (Calcium, magnesium, and zinc) are very important. If someone can eat eggs then nothing better than that. Equally important is cooked food.

Vegetable soup has got all important ingredients and should be given regularly to the kids. Then we have chicken, garlic, ginger and corn. Ginger and garlic is good as it take care of inflammation of the throat. It is good for cold and cough. Children also love to have fruit pancake in their tiffin and you can add jaggery to give them a complete solution for all the necessary vitamins and carbohydrates. For lunch you can also think of giving them *khichdi* as pulses and legumes have got everything in them which help boost the immunity. You can also give them sprouts with onion to boost their strength.

Most important during the season is to take care of the hygiene near you that means the body, in the surrounding and inside digestive hygiene through these super foods.

SUMMER COOLERS

BLACK CUMIN: Black Cumin seeds or *kalonji* are black coloured spices that is widely used in most of the Indian dishes. They are rich in thymoquinone and anti-oxidants which help keep many diseases at bay. They are also rich in Omega 3 and Omega 6 which helps to smooth blood circulation to the brain and maximise brain function. It helps in improved memory and concentration. Saponin found in black cumin can cleanse and neutralise toxins in the body to maximise the performance of organs. It can also reduce symptoms of diarrhoea and respiratory problems.

Studies also suggest that black cumin seeds are also effective in preventing cancer as they increase the growth of T-cells which destroy the infected cancer causing cells. Regular intake of black cumin seeds also helps to lower blood pressure levels.



DONATE LIFE

India has the lowest organ donation rate in the world. Hence, there has to be more awareness around the need to donate, says DR ABHIDEEP CHAUDHARY

In India, due to several socio-cultural reasons, organ donation is not encouraged at any level. Hence, organ donation rate in the country is the lowest in the world. The perpetual problem of shortage of organs has led to a growing demand-supply gap. We need to be more aware and extend full support to organ donation programme. It is high time to overcome the challenge.

Every organ donated gives new life to those who need it badly to survive. There are eight organs that can be donated — kidneys, heart, liver, lungs, pancreas and the small bowel. Tissues of your body can be donated to improve the life of a needy person. In tissues, you can donate your skin, corneas, bone tissue including tendons and cartilage, heart valves and blood vessels.

Major facts about organ donation

■ Anyone can donate

Anyone — young and old — people can donate their organs to save the life of a needy person. People ageing 18 and above can register to become an organ donor. People who are ill or on medication can also donate their organ. An illness or medication would render a particular organ unsuitable for donation there will often still be others that could be good candidates for a transplant.

Organ donation is about giving new life which means after death you can donate your organ. It is never too late to donate there is always a chance that you can donate an organ or tissue, whatever your age even after death.



But always remember that any organ should be transplanted within six to 12 hours after removal from the donor's body. The sooner any organ is transplanted, the greater the chances of functioning of that organ. The liver should be transplanted within 6 hours of evacuation and the kidney within 12 hours. The eyes should be applied to the other person within 3 days.

■ Which part of body can be donated?

Eyes/corneas, heart and heart valves, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas, intestines, femoral & saphenous veins, bone and tendons in tissues you can donate skin, corneas, bone tissue including tendons

and cartilage, heart valves and blood vessels. Mostly organs and tissues donation occurs after the death of donor. If person has registered him/herself as an organ donor. As deceased donor that can donate two kidney, liver, two lungs, heart, pancreas, and intestines.

■ Clarity to be an organ donor or not

If patient has died in the hospital, doctor can consult relatives to decide for donating the organ of dead body. For organ donation doctor will give registration form and there is box of 'yes' or 'no' this registration form makes everything clearer for all concerned to become a donor or not.

Truth be told

■ Myth 1: Organ donation cannot be done in any disease.

Fact: It is not like this, you only need to meet certain medical criteria. If you fulfill those medical conditions then you can donate organs. Sometimes some organs are not suitable for transplantation, but other organs can be donated.

■ Myth 2: Organ donation makes the body unformed.

Fact: Often people feel that the body spoils by donating organs. But this is not true as it is like a routine surgery and the organs are removed in a similar way. The process of removing the limbs is done with utmost dignity and respect and the scars of the surgery

are well covered.

■ Myth 3: People of old age cannot donate organs

Fact: Contrary to popular belief, elderly people can also be good donors. Age is only number one! Yes, you are never too old to donate, nor is anyone's age tested. If you meet medical conditions, you can donate organs.

■ Myth 4: You or your family can charge for organ donation

Fact: Organ donation is a great work. You or your family members cannot charge for organ donation. Even the cost to remove the organ is in most cases borne by the transplant recipient.



DadiKaKehna

Real beauty lies in detailing. This includes soft, beautiful and crack-free feet be in men or women. ROSHANI DEVI shares simple and easy to follow home remedies to achieve this



Unkempt feet say a lot about a person. Of course, it is not always possible to take time out from one's busy schedule to visit a salon for a mani or a pedi. One can't ignore the fact that it is expensive as well.

However, this doesn't mean that one can have beautiful, soft and crack-free feet. **Lemon, salt, glycerine, rose water foot mask:** You need a tablespoon of raw salt, 1/2 a cup of lemon juice, 2 tablespoons of glycerine, 2 teaspoons of rose-water, warm water and a scrubber. What to do: Dip your feet in warm water and leave it for 10-15 minutes. Then make a paste of glycerine, rose water



and lemon juice. Apply it on the feet. Wash the next morning. Do this every night. **To remove dead skin:** Make a scrub using oatmeal. Mix equal parts oatmeal with rose water or milk to make a paste. Apply the scrub to your feet and let set for up to 20 to 30 minutes. Use a foot brush to exfoliate your feet. Rinse with cold water and let your feet dry. Apply a foot cream. **To make feet soft:** Add two tablespoons of baking soda in warm water. Soak the feet for half-an-hour. One can put bath salt which is available in the market. It helps to soften the skin. Repeat daily.

TIPTOP

Researchers have developed a new voice resistant that allows people with visual impairments to get web content quickly and effortlessly from smart speakers and similar devices. The research team from University of Waterloo found a way to merge the best elements of voice assistants with screen readers to create a tool called Voice Exploration, Retrieval and Search (VERSE) that makes web searches easier.

The primary input method for VERSE is voice, so users can say 'next', 'previous', 'go back' or 'go forward'. VERSE can also be paired with an app, which runs on a smartphone or a smartwatch. "Our prototype adds screen reader-like capabilities to virtual assistants and allows other devices, such as smartwatches to serve as input accelerators to smart speakers," said study researcher Alexandra Vtyurina.

According to the team, virtual assistants are convenient and accessible but lack the ability to deeply engage with content such as read beyond the first few sentences of an article, list alternative search results and suggestions.

These devices can serve as input accelerators, similar to keyboard shortcuts. For example, rotating the crown on a smartwatch advances VERSE to the next search result, section or paragraph, depending on the navigation mode. "At the outset, VERSE resembles other virtual assistants as the tool allows people to ask a question and have it answered verbally with a word, phrase or passage," Vtyurina said.

— IANS

SLIMLINE

New research from the Scotland-based University of Dundee has revealed that the worldwide tuberculosis (TB) epidemic is leaving a legacy of chronic lung disease. Scientists from the University, in partnership with the Respiratory Research Network of India, have reported results from a study of more than 2000 Indian patients with evidence of permanent lung damage. Researchers have found that more than

1/3 of patients who are successfully cured of TB with antibiotics developed permanent lung damage which, in the worst cases, results in large holes in the lungs called cavities and widening of the airways called bronchiectasis. TB survivors and patients with a history of severe infections such as childhood pneumonia made up the majority of patients with lung damage in India. Patients required further hospitalisations for treatment of their lung conditions in nearly 40% of cases.

TEA THAT HEALS

Sipping a hot cup of tea is popular. RAZI KHAN tells you how switching to herbal is beneficial for one's health



Herbal tea is a popular option amongst individuals who want to upkeep a naturally healthy lifestyle. Whether you want to warm-up in winters or you want to cool down in summers, herbal tea can be consumed all over the year to enjoy the medicinal benefits. Relaxations, pain reduction, improvement of immune system are some of the benefits that one can extract from herbal tea.

■ **Helps to unwind**
Tea is a popular choice when it comes to calming effects and has been enjoyed for centuries to deal with a long tiring day. Due to pressure and stress of everyday people have started taking medicinal supplements to cope.

Instead one can go for herbal blend to relax and rejuvenate their inner self and can enjoy the natural alternative to deal with stress and anxiety. Peppermint & chamomile tea will be a go to option to provide a holistic benefit to mind and body.

■ **Boost the immune system**
It's a traditional thing to do — to sip a piping hot cup of tea when one is under the weather. *Tulsi* tea has been used in Ayurveda to boost the immune system, fight cough and cold and relieve body ache.

Herbal teas with the goodness of natural herbs fight infections as they are rich in vitamins and antioxidants as well as assist in strengthening immunity.

■ **Improve the digestive system**
Herbal teas with blends of digestion boost-



ing herbs assist in gastro issues and fight indigestion. The warm blend breaks down fat into simple molecules and speeds up the process of digestion. One can have dandelion, chamomile, cinnamon, peppermint and ginger tea, if they want to prevent or cure bloating, vomiting or indigestion.

■ **Anti-Ageing**
We drink tea when we wake up, when we're sick or even when curling up to a good book. A cup of tea is known for its relaxing effects, but it is also one of the best natural way for anti-aging remedy.

Herbal tea contains high amount of antioxidants, which helps in delaying the process of ageing. In fact, daily consumption of these concoctions can make your skin flawless and healthy.

■ **Help in releasing stress and anxiety**
Whenever we are stressed out, the first thing that comes to our mind is tea like chamomile as this tea helps soothe the mind by making it calm and relaxed. It can also act as a mild antidepressant for those who suffer from depression. It stimulates the brain to relieve stress and anxiety.

The writer is Tea Sommelier and Director, Sales & Marketing, Apeejay Tea Ltd

STUDYCENTRE

Women with obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) appear to be at an elevated risk of getting cancer than men with the condition, warn researchers. The study, published in the *European Respiratory Journal*, is based on analyses of registry data, collected in the European database ESADA, on a total of some 20,000 adult patients with obstructive sleep apnea (OSA). About 2 per cent of them also had a cancer diagnosis.

"It's reasonable to assume that sleep apnea is a risk factor for cancer or that both conditions have common risk factors, such as overweight. On the other hand, it is likely that cancer leads to sleep apnea," said Ludger Grote, Professor at the University of Gothenburg in Sweden.

According to the researchers, advanced age was associated with elevated cancer risk, but adjusting the data for age, gender, body mass index (BMI), smoking and alcohol consumption nevertheless showed a possible link between intermittent hypoxia at night and higher cancer prevalence.

"Our results indicate a cancer risk that's elevated two- to three-fold among women with pronounced sleep apnea," Grote said. The condition of sleep apnea is well known to the general public and associated with snoring, daytime fatigue, and elevated risk of cardiovascular disease, especially in men, said the study. This research paves the way for a new view — that sleep apnea may possibly be connected with increased cancer risk, especially in women. — IANS

HONG KONG PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION 'Tiananmen Square' crackdown would harm trade: Trump

AFP ■ WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump has warned China that carrying out a Tiananmen Square-style crackdown on Hong Kong pro-democracy protesters would harm trade talks between the two countries.

"I think it'd be very hard to deal if they do violence, I mean, if it's another Tiananmen Square," Trump told reporters in New Jersey on Sunday. "I think it's a very hard thing to do if there's violence."

Hong Kong has been roiled by protests for more than two months and on Sunday hundreds of thousands of democracy activists had marched peacefully in the city despite rising unrest and stark warnings from Beijing.

There have been increasingly stark warnings from Beijing over the protests, and state media has run images of military personnel and armoured personnel carriers across the border in Shenzhen.

China's 1989 crackdown in Beijing's Tiananmen Square saw tanks sent in to end student-led protests, resulting in hundreds if not thousands of deaths.

Trump's comments came as Washington and Beijing look to revive pivotal talks aimed at ending their trade war, which has roiled world markets.

Bank of England chief pulls out of Chinese event

London: Bank of England governor Mark Carney has withdrawn from a high-profile business event with China's ambassador to London, sources said Monday, as pro-democracy protests continue in Hong Kong.

Carney had been due to speak at the dinner, aimed at boosting Chinese business links, which is scheduled for September 3 at the Guildhall, the administrative centre of the City of London financial district. However he will not now attend because of "diary issues", a source close to the matter told AFP.

Some local politicians are reportedly unhappy at the timing of the event, as Hong Kong police continue to clash with democracy activists. AFP

Sudan's Bashir got \$90 mn from Saudi, investigator tells court

AFP ■ KHARTOUM

Sudan's deposed military ruler Omar al-Bashir has admitted to receiving USD 90 million in cash from Saudi royals, an investigator told a Khartoum court on Monday.

Police Brigadier Ahmed Ali said at the opening of Bashir's corruption trial, which an AFP correspondent attended, that the former president told him that the latest payment was "delivered by some of Mohammed bin Salman's envoys".

Bashir, whose military Islamist regime ruled Sudan for 30 years, arrived at the Judicial and Legal Science Institute where the trial is taking place in a huge military convoy.

Inside the courtroom, he was sitting in a metal cage, unshaven and wearing a white traditional gown.

His relatives in the courtroom chanted "Allahu Akbar" (God is greatest), to which he responded with the same words.

The former strongman was forced from power on April 11 after months of protests.

A transitional constitution meant to guide Sudan towards a civilian rule was officially signed on Saturday.

Bashir faces a raft of charges of war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide from the International Criminal Court over his role in the war in Sudan's western Darfur region.

However, the jailed leader appeared in court Monday on charges of receiving and possessing foreign funds illegally.

The police investigator told the court that nearly seven million euros (USD 7.8 million) were found at Bashir's residence, as well as smaller amounts in US dollars and Sudanese pounds.

"The accused told us that the money was part of a sum of USD 25 million sent to him by Prince Mohammed bin Salman to be used outside of the state budget," Ahmed Ali said.

The investigator said Bashir had said he also received two previous payments of USD 35 million and USD 30 million from Saudi's King Abdullah, who died in 2015.

The investigator said Bashir had said the Saudi money was exchanged and spent and that he could not remember how nor did he have documents providing further details.

Pak Army chief Gen Bajwa gets three year extension

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan Army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa's term has been extended for another three years by Prime Minister Imran Khan in view of the "regional security environment", an official announcement said on Monday.

General Bajwa, 58, who was appointed as the Chief of Army Staff by former prime minister Nawaz Sharif in November 2016, was to retire in November.

"General Qamar Javed Bajwa is appointed Chief of Army Staff for another term of three years from the date of completion of current tenure," read the brief notification issued by the Prime Minister's Office.

"The decision has been taken in view of the regional security environment," the notification said, citing the decision made by Prime Minister Khan, apparently referring to the fresh tension in India-Pakistan relations and the ongoing Afghan peace talks between the US and the Taliban militants, facilitated by Islamabad.

Commenting on the extension given to the Army chief, Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi said that it was essential due to the regional situation.

Having served as corps commander of Rawalpindi, Gen Bajwa has vast experience of dealing with issues related to Kashmir and the Line of Control, The Express Tribune reported.

In a country prone to frequent military coups, the army generals who, enforced many years of martial law in Pakistan since independence in 1947, have held power for nearly as long as the civilians.

GLOBE TROTTER

IRAN OIL SUPERTANKER SAILS OFF GIBRALTAR

London: An Iranian oil supertanker released from detention by Gibraltar last week has set sail with its crew, majority of them Indians, on board soon after the local authorities said that they were unable to seek a court order to detain the vessel on a US warrant.

PROTESTERS TORCH PARL IN INDONESIA'S PAPUA

Manokwari: Thousands of protesters in Indonesia's West Papua province set fire to a local parliament building on Monday in a violent protest against the alleged insults and arrests of Papuan students, officials said.

EU CHIEF JUNCKER TO MISS G7 AFTER SURGERY

Brussels: EU president Jean-Claude Juncker will miss next weekend's G7 summit in France as he is recovering from urgent surgery to remove his gall bladder, a spokeswoman announced on Monday. The 64-year-old former Luxembourg prime minister was forced to cut short his summer holiday to undergo surgery in his home country this weekend and doctors have advised him not to travel.

GREEK BISHOP CONVICTED OF HATE SPEECH RESIGNS

Athens: An octogenarian Greek Orthodox bishop convicted of inciting violence against gays remained defiant as he stepped down on Monday, calling his sentence a "badge of honour".

UK to end EU free movement immediately after Brexit

AFP ■ LONDON

Britain said Monday it will immediately end freedom of movement for people from the European Union after Brexit on October 31, in a policy shift under Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

"Freedom of movement as it currently stands will end on October 31 when the UK leaves the EU," a Downing Street spokeswoman said. She added the government planned "tougher criminality rules for people entering the UK" as part of the new headline stance.

"Details of other changes immediately on October 31 for a new immigration system are currently being developed," the spokeswoman said.

The change comes amid growing fears Britain is set to leave the 28-member bloc without a divorce deal in two and a half months. Around 3.6 million EU citizens already in Britain have been told to apply for "permanent settled status", under an interior ministry scheme started by Johnson's predecessor Theresa May.

Controversial General accused of war crimes named as Sri Lanka Army chief

PTI ■ COLOMBO

A controversial Sri Lankan Army general accused of grave human rights abuses during the country's 26-year brutal civil war with the LTTE was on Monday appointed the new Army Commander, evoking strong criticism from the US and the minority Tamils.

President Maithripala Sirisena's office on Monday announced that Lt Gen Shavendra Silva has been named as the new army commander.

Silva, 55, will take charge as incumbent Army chief Lt Gen Mahesh Senanayake's service was not extended.

Silva headed the Army's 58th Division in the final battle against the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) rebels in the final stages of the civil war in 2009.

His brigade was accused of attacking civilians, hospitals and stopping humanitarian supplies to trapped Tamil civilians.

Silva's name was mentioned in the resolution passed by the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) in 2013, alleging rights abuses by the Sri Lankan Army. The Sri Lanka Army has denied the alleged rights abuses.

Critics say Silva's appointment as the Army chief may strain Sri Lanka's cooperation in UN Peacekeeping operations and the defence cooperation between the US and Sri Lanka.

19 killed in Uganda fuel truck blast: Police

Kampala: Nineteen people died when a fuel truck barreled into other vehicles in a busy town in western Uganda and exploded, police said Monday.

The blast occurred Sunday evening in the Kyambura trading centre, a mountainous area near the Queen Elizabeth National Park.

"Ten people died instantly when the fuel truck lost control and hit three other vehicles, leading to multiple explosions that also burned 25 small shops," said regional police spokesman Martial Tumusiime. AFP

Af vows to crush Islamic State havens after attack

Kabul: Afghanistan's President is vowing to eliminate all safe havens of the hardline Wahhabi ISIS group as the country marks a subdued 100th Independence Day after a horrific Shia wedding attack claimed by the local ISIS affiliate.

President Ashraf Ghani's comments Monday come as Afghanistan mourns at least 63 people killed in the Kabul bombing.

Many outraged Afghans ask whether an approaching deal between the United States and the Taliban to end nearly 18 years of fighting will bring peace to long-suffering civilians.

A sharply worded Taliban statement questions why the US failed to identify the attackers in advance. AP

Syria forces enter key town amid fierce clashes: Monitor

AFP ■ BEIRUT

Syrian regime forces entered a key northwestern town on Sunday amid intense fighting with jihadists and their rebel allies which has left dozens of combatants dead, a war monitor said.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported "fierce clashes" as it said regime ground troops penetrated Khan Sheikhun in Idlib province for the first time since they lost control of it in 2014.

The latest fighting, which broke out overnight Saturday to Sunday, has already killed at least 59 jihadists and allied rebels as well as 28 members of pro-regime forces, the Britain-based monitor said.

Pro-regime forces also called Syrian Arab Army (SAA) have been advancing over the past few days in a bid to encircle Khan Sheikhun from the north and west and to seize a key highway.

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

N.I.T. No.: 04/19-20 dated 19.08.2019. (1) Name of work with its location: Proposal for establishing, operating, managing & maintaining CT/MRI centre in already built up space in Northern Railway Central Hospital (NRCH), New Delhi. (2) Approx. Cost of work: Rs. 10,00,000. (3) Earnest Money: (It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway only. Note: FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no 2015/CE-I/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016). Rs. 6,50,600/- (4) Completion period of Work: 120 Months. (5) Cost of tender on cash/bid post: (It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway only. Note: FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no 2015/CE-I/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016). Rs. 29,500/- (6) Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender: Upto 15:00 hrs. on 13.09.2019 Opening of tender at 15:00 hrs. On 13.09.2019. (7) Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen: Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. No.: 128-W/269/OET/19-20/NRCH/NIT 04 Dated: 19.08.2019. 2659/2019

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e-NIT No.: 55 of 2019 Dated: 16-08-2019

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

For and on behalf of the Governor, Jammu and Kashmir State, e-Tenders (In Two Cover System) are invited for Replacement of ACSR LT Conductor with LT AB Cables of Sizes 120/50mm, erection of New LT line, insertion/replacement of Poles on LT/HT lines & creation of Isolation Points on Feeder SN-I on turn key basis Under Languishing projects sanctioned by JKIDFC For Industrial Complex Gangyal from Self Help Groups/ A Class Electrical Contractors of J&K having Valid Registration Certificate for the year 2019-20 and meeting eligibility criteria as per terms, conditions, technical specifications and schedules forming part of this tender document. S.No.1, Name of work :- For Replacement of ACSR LT Conductor with LT AB Cables of Sizes 120/50mm, erection of New LT line, insertion/replacement of Poles on LT/HT lines & creation of Isolation Points on Feeder SN-I on turnkey basis Under Languishing projects sanctioned by JKIDFC For Industrial Complex Gangyal
Cost of Document (in Rs.) :- 500/-
Earnest Money/ Security Deposit (in Rs.) :- 88000/-
Date & Time of Downloading of Bidding Documents :- 17.08.2019 from 5:00 PM
Last Date of e-Bid Submission :- 03.09.2019 (upto 04:00 PM)
Time & Date of Opening of tender :- 04.09.2019 at 03:30 PM

1. Bidders are advised to study the Bidding Document carefully. Submission of e-Bid against this SBD shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications.

2. The tender document is available at website <http://jktenders.gov.in>. Interested bidders may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bids online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below: Sd/- Executive Engineer
No. DIP/J-2153-P/19
Dated : 17.08.2019
Elect Maintt & RE Division-II
Gandhi Nagar, Jammu

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. DEE/EMU/GZB for and on behalf of President of India, Invites open e-tender under single packet system for the under noted work:

1	N.I.T.No.	232-Elect-EMU-WC-02-19-20
2	Name of the work	Provision of Guidance, Assessment & Implementation and Certification Work of Green Co Rating at EMU Car Shed, Ghaziabad.
3	Tender cost	Rs. 2360.00 (online payment mode available on IREPS website)
4	Approximate cost	Rs. 530000.00
5	Earnest Money	Rs. 10600.00 (online payment mode available on IREPS website)
6	Completion period	06 Months
7	Validity of offer	45 days
8	Date & Time from tender advertised on IREPS website	17.08.2019 (11:52 hrs.)
9	Date & Time from tender submission start and end	30.08.2019 (00:00 Hrs.) to 13.09.2019 (15:00 Hrs.)
10	Tender closing Date & Time	13.09.2019 (15:00 Hrs.)
11	Date & Time of tender Opening (immediately when tender submission ends)	13.09.2019 (15:00 Hrs.)

Note 1: All participant Tenderer/Tenderers will submit their requisite documents along with their tender offer. "No post tender correspondence for submission of additional document shall be entertained after opening of the Technical & Commercial offer. Even suo-moto post tender letters of the tenders shall be treated as null & void".
Note 2: Duplicate documents should not be enclosed/up loaded.
Tender Notice is available on website of www.ireps.gov.in. No. 232-Elect-EMU-WC-02-19-20 Date : 17.08.2019 2650/2019

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GLOBAL E-TENDER NOTICE FOR PRE-NIT MEETING

Name of Area : MM Dept. ECL Hqrs. Tender No. and Date : ECL/Pur/31981043/PreNIT/043 Dated : 13.08.2019. Name of Work : Pre NIT Meeting for Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Station along with CAMC for 03 year after warranty period. Venue of Pre NIT Meeting : Office of GM(MM)/HOD, ECL Hqrs., Santoria - 713333. Estimated Tender Value : Rs. 47,84,250.00. Document Download Start Date : From 11.00 Hrs. IST of 20.08.2019. Uploading Suggestion online End Date : At 11.00 Hrs. IST of 10.09.2019. Suggestions Opening Date : At 11.00 Hrs. IST of 11.09.2019. Pre-NIT Meeting Date : At 11.00 Hrs. IST of 20.09.2019. Note : Details of tender can be seen in www.easterncoal.nic.in or <http://eprocure.gov.in> or <http://coalindiatenders.nic.in>
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Azadeh Mousavi's 'Finding Farideh' Iran's official entry to Oscars

Los Angeles: "Finding Farideh", a feature-length documentary directed by Azadeh Mousavi and Kourosh Atee, is Iran's official Oscar entry for the best foreign language film.

The story revolves around an adopted child who has grown up in Europe, but at 40 decides to find her biological parents in Iran. According to the Hollywood Reporter, the film was picked by a committee of Iranian film industry professionals from a field of 10 possible Oscar entries.

Iran last won the last best foreign language Academy Award for Asghar Farhadi's "The Salesman". Farhadi also won the Oscar in the same category in 2013 for "A Separation". PTI

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TENDER NOTICE

Date:- 10/08/2019.
Ref:-Tender No.RT-959/ HBPC/PC/MRI with Turn Key/2019-20.

Managing Director, (Procurement Cell), Haffkine Bio Pharmaceutical Corporation Ltd., Mumbai had invited tenders in two envelope systems from eligible bidders for equipment/instruments for various Government Medical Colleges and Hospitals in Maharashtra.

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Name of Tender Item.	Period of sale & preparation of bid	Date for PreBid Meeting	Date of Bid Submission	Date of Bid Closing	Bid Opening
1.	RT-959	MRI Machine with Turn Key.	From 12.08.2019 10.00 am to 02.09.2019 up to 14:00 hrs.	19.08.2019 at 11 am Bidders have to submit their queries through email.	From 12.08.2019 10.00 am to 02.09.2019 up to 14:00 hrs.	02.09.2019 at 14:00 hrs.	06.09.2019 at 14:01 hrs.

For detailed information, the interested bidders may visit the website <https://mahatenders.gov.in>

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Sd/-
Dr. Vijay Juvekar
General Manager,
Haffkine Bio Pharmaceutical Corporation Ltd.,
(Procurement Cell, Mumbai)

DGIPR/2019/2020/2036

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Registered office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai - 400051
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The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property / Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	M/s Mica Industries Ltd. / Vinay Gupta / Vikas Goel / NHDEL00000738641	Flat No. 0001, (Ground Floor), Block No. 04, Harmony, Nirvana Country, Gurgaon / Aug 14, 2019	March 30, 2019 Rs. 85,95,433/-	Delhi/ Ncr
2.	Shahnawaz Nabi / Noorussaba Rahmani/ NHDEL00000737969	STR 8-402 4th Floor, Star Court Jaypee Greens Tower -T-8, Gr. Noida 201301 / Aug 14, 2019	October 03, 2017 Rs. 45,69,060/-	Delhi/ Ncr

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

Date : 20-08-2019
Place : Delhi/ NCR

Sd/-
(Authorized Officer)
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1.	Rajeev Kumar LBDEL00003000725	Apartment Number 1106, 11th Floor, Tower K, Godrej Summit, Sector 104 Gurgaon/ Aug 13, 2019	April 30, 2019 Rs. 1,08,62,364/-	Del/Ncr
2.	Roshan Kumar/ Anil Jha/ LBDEL00003112806	C1-1701, Victory Ace, Plot No. GH-02, Sector-143, Noida, District Gautam Budha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh/ Aug 13, 2019	April 30, 2019 Rs. 76,85,127/-	Del/Ncr
3.	Jai Prakash Kothari/ Sangita Jai Prakash Kothari/ LBDEL00002899559	B-1402, VVIP Homes, Meridian Towers Block A & B, Plot No GC-03K/GH-03, Sec 16C, Greater Noida West, District Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, 203207/ Aug 13, 2019	April 26, 2019 Rs. 17,87,794/-	Del/Ncr
4.	Amit John/ Martha John/ LBGHZ00001108274	Flat No. G-1 MIG Flat Plot No. 756, Shalimar Garden Extn.1 Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh/ Aug 13, 2019	April 30, 2019 Rs. 6,72,869/-	Del/Ncr
5.	Ratnesh Mishra/ Priyanka Pandey/ LBGUR00002884134	Flat No.1209 A, Arc Angels, Khasra No. 322 And 324 Village, Noor Nagar, Ghaziabad/ Aug 13, 2019	March 16, 2019 Rs. 30,64,553/-	Del/Ncr
6.	Namrata Raina/ Kumar Saurabh/ LBGUR00002481136	C1-1601, Victory Ace, Plot No- GH-02, Sector- 143, Noida, / August 13, 2019	April 30, 2019 Rs. 63,65,865/-	Del/Ncr
7.	Sumit Pratap/ Shilpi Parmar/ LBDEL00002392190	Flat No. A1-2701, 26th Floor, Victory Ace, Plot No. GH-02, Sector 143, Noida, Distt Gautam Budh Nagar, Up/ August 13, 2019	April 30, 2019 Rs. 51,58,370/-	Del/Ncr
8.	Basant Kumar Dubey/ Kalyani Dubey/ LBNOD00002353221	Flat No. A1-1903, 18th Floor, Victory Ace, Plot No. GH-02, Sector 143, Noida, Distt Gautam Budh Nagar, Up./ August 13, 2019	April 30, 2019 Rs. 46,55,761/-	Del/Ncr
9.	Azra Khan/ Abdul Raheem Khan/ LBDEL00001662734 & LBGUR00002045283	E-902, 9th Floor, Amarpal Platinum, Plot No. GH-001, Sector- 119, Noida/ August 13, 2019	April 30, 2019 Rs. 50,16,775/-	Del/Ncr
10.	Vikas Choudhary/ Geetika Choudhary/ LBDEL00002032547	Victory Ace, Flat No. C3/1102, 11th Floor, Plot No.-GH-02, Sector-143, Noida, District Gautam Budha Nagar, / August 13, 2019	April 30, 2019 Rs. 30,69,886/-	Del/Ncr
11.	Manoj Dudeja/ Sapna Mittal/ A J M D & Co/ LBDEL00002667225	Flat No. 402, 4th Floor, Tower- E, Capital Gateway, Sector 111, Gurgaon/ August 13, 2019	March 30, 2019 Rs. 93,81,256/-	Del/Ncr
12.	Suraj Mal / Kamla / LBDEL00001085177	Flat No. B- 93/ UG- 2, Upper Ground Floor Part Of Free Hold Property No B-93, Part Of Khasra Bearing No.1076/5/2/360 Situated At Dilshad Extn. No. 1, Now Known As Dilshad Colony Village Jhilmili Tahipur Shahdara Delhi 110095 / August 14, 2019	March 02, 2019 Rs. 2,66,624/-	Del/Ncr

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Date : 20-08-2019
Place: Delhi/ NCR

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Trend Glazer

KJo ridicules party accusations

Filmmaker **KARAN JOHAR** has broken his silence over allegations of hosting a drug party for a few A-list Bollywood stars at his residence last month.

He feels that all such charges are baseless and ridiculous. It was an easy night out, the filmmaker says, adding that his mother was also appalled reading about it.

"I toyed with the idea of giving out a statement. I toyed with giving out a thought on the social media. There were achieving members of the industry who were having an easy night out after a hard week of work, having a good time. I took that video with all the earnestness," says Karan.



'The era of the 90s had a charm of its own where sensuality was portrayed with utmost poise and dignity. Item numbers were made back then and even those were termed as sexy but now we live in an era where sexy means revealing. I feel one does not need to be vulgar to be sensuous, look at the song, Ek do teen, it is also an item number but the lyrics, grace and the way it was shot has a recall value even today.'

—Alka Yagnik

Actress **MAHIE GILL**, who is known for her roles in films such as *Dev D*, *Saheb, Biwi Aur Gangster* and *Paan Singh Tomar*, says that she has been stereotyped for her sensual beauty for long, and adds that just looking good on-screen is boring.

Mahie returns in the hard-hitting digital film, *Posham Pa*, where she is cast as a Marathi sex worker. She says, "Looking sexy all the time is boring. I am more than my appearance. I am a dancer. I am a performer."



'All about creating balance'

Actor **TOM HOLLAND** doesn't feel trapped in his Spider-Man avatar, and says it is all about creating a balance in professional life.

He says, "It is a balance of doing other films while doing some big ones. I did *The Devil All the Time*, which was shot in Alabama. It is a dark film. I am also doing a film with Russo Brothers later this year called *Cherry*." The actor ensures that he doesn't get trapped in his onscreen superhero avatar. For him, it is about fitting into schedule of new projects which are very character focused.



Make history come ALIVE

Museums are all set to embark upon a journey to make your visits more sensory and experiential, says **CHAHAK MITTAL**

Do not touch," "Stay away from the exhibit," — these are some of the signs that you are most likely to encounter at museums. But the idea that artefacts, repositories, specimens, sculptures and other objects which represent history should be encased in glass or placed behind frames in order to take care of the basic hygiene is changing. The thought that some of them even require environment-friendly conditions with suitable light and temperature to sustain certainly belongs to the past. As does the belief that if you are really curious to experience the artwork more intensely, you should put your hands behind your back or inside the pockets to ensure that they don't get damaged. It is time now that we take certain measures to throw light on experience than preservation and sustainability.

The idea is borne out of the belief that we can never be really moved by static objects to learn more about history associated to them. There might be description notes ahead of each illustration or visual. But they might not always provide the answers. This is one of the reasons why the concept of interactive museums is coming to fore. So how does it enhance a visitor's experience without taking away the natural, historic and cultural insights that museums work so hard to preserve? Saurav Bhaik, founder and CEO of Tagbin, an initiative to create experiential spaces, says, "It creates a tangible experience for the visitors whilst keeping

its preservation untouched. The idea followed after a few museums and art galleries around the world used the technology to create a more interactive and immersive experience." The debate on interactive museums triggered in the city when recently the Archeological Survey of India (ASI) installed the *Azaadi Ke Diwane* Museum at the Red Fort, which celebrates unsung heroes of the country's freedom struggle. Through multi-sensor technology, the exhibition allows viewers to engage with the exhibits directly through informative and digital visuals.

The Centre for Indian Music Experience (CIME), Bengaluru, the first museum dedicated to music, has made sure it didn't give the audience some monotonous collection to observe and move ahead. It had to be more verbal and aural than just visual, and experiential than material. Suma Sudhindra, director, had enabled and curated the museum through documentaries, interactive games, melodies combining the Western and classical Indian music, sing-along kiosks that explain niche music genres and traditional gharanas. It has touch-sensitive installations of chimes, gongs, bells and reeds that are set to twelve musical notes. The museum allows the viewers to come, "create and experiment their own tunes."

Astral, an illustration by Australian illustrator and designer Stuart Campbell (popularly known



as Sutu), which recently featured a sequence of 21st century tableaux gives participants the sense that they are actually stepping into the paintings.

Well, another reason, as Bhaik lists, that there is a need for interactive museums is because they highly attract millennials, which is the most "impatient lot, who get weary of numb and static things." He says, "They are always hunting for something that can trigger and allure them." Indeed, to them, statues can seem aloof in glass cases, paintings might appear bleak in poor lighting and artefacts could look like just some objects from history with information on scraps of paper ahead of them.

So what could be one intelligent way to make the static alive? As Bhaik visited the British Museum Gallery in London, he felt that many visuals were hidden from the view. The "treasures" were displayed in the same manner. He says, "And with each passing object, people seemed disinterested, peering into their mobile screens or moving past the labelled descrip-

tions since it did not make them curious to know more."

Based on his observations at the museum, he suggests, "It's important to improve its informative appeal more than its visual basics. Design a room where we can proactively connect with culture and history. A one-to-one interaction with the visitors could be very informative. Here, linking time and space, past and present with the dynamics of technology can present stories about the significance of history as well as future."

Nilofar Shamim Haja, ex-editor of an architectural magazine, writes in her blog about the future of augmented museums, "Visitors would have digital entry codes embedded in their mobile tickets and a mobile-, AR-, or holograph-based tour would guide them towards exhibits that match their interests (sports, art, textile, cuisines). A home-based audience can browse through a museum's digital collection and augment the exhibition by adding multimedia of significant events from their life that is relevant to the digital exhib-

it. This level of customisation looks at building multi-generational relationships with the audience."

The 9/11 Memorial, New York, was designed using interactive techniques which walks people through the brutality of 9/11, stories of people, recreating an actual experience of the dark day.

The Santa Cruz Museum of Art and History engages people by making them a part of the past. It welcomes people to write poetry and bottle their memories with a name. It tours an interactive story of objects, rather than standing clueless in front of ancient stones, sculptures or pre-historic rock-arts.

The Jinsha Site Museum in China showcases more than 5,000 gold, jade and ivory artefacts. Its visitors can use an app to explore these relics, see how they look in 3D and learn more about what they were used for. Two particularly important examples on display are — a gold mask that appears to float up and spin in front of the visitor's face, and a gold foil totem with images of the sun and immortal birds.

However, while digitisation has reinvented museums in the West, turning them into vibrant cultural spaces, its presence in India is still limited. And because government-funded museums have gone out of funds, private ones are collaborating with industry experts to equip spaces to make it look more relevant. The Partition Museum in Amritsar showcases a range of everyday objects and memories of the trauma faced by millions of South Asians. The museum enables the viewers to launch a mobile application where they can access videos and text related to Partition.

While latest technologies are enabling people to create something of their own and make space for imagination and thus, connect with human emotions in a myriad of ways to create an everlasting experience, the questions remains — whether Indian museums will ever be able to bring technological advancements, matching to the level of the West.

A perfect climax

Actor **OMARI HARDWICK** says that he was doing eight films and 200 songs while playing the ghost mode in his series, *Power*, and still couldn't really get out of that role. By **TEAM VIVA**



awesome, microscopic look of the female contingent of power and understand what it means to be a female with power, influence, vulnerability, insecurity and brokenness and how that can look. I think she nailed this role.

Will Tariq end up being a criminal just like his dad?

Being raised by parents or grandparents we learn through

the series of actions that take place in our lives. In life, we often say lies unknowingly. We tend to think that because we didn't say red when it was green it is not a lie. It was a lie when Tosh and Ghost didn't say anything. So, withholding information was detrimental to the kid. Not only Ghost, but even Naturi was interested to watch the teenager's face to make out what he was upto.

How hard it is for you both to shake off your characters when the show wraps for the day?

Omari is not good at it but Naturi is better. She is a child star and knows what I mean. She has really helped me in many ways. When I used to take a deep breath, she used to suggest me not to do this in the grocery store as it's hard to shake ghost in glasses. Having her as a friend

has really aided and she also shares a close bond with my actual wife. Ghost is extremely different. I did eight films while doing *Power*, 200 songs and I still couldn't really get out of the ghost mode. I was totally doing other things, but I was always allegiant to Courtney and to Starz. When I was around Naturi, it was easier for me to go home to my actual family when I had scenes with them. If I had scenes with killers in the show, it was very difficult to go home. She probably helped the best with my methodical insertion as an actor playing ghost and helped me in getting rid of it.

Can you choose a stand-out moment from the past seasons?

Yes, the audacity, the arrogance to say you can't leave the body. As the guy that played ghost, I would try to represent all the people that were so integral. The powerful scene where Naturi comes to visit me in the prison, and the family was behind her. And Raina, played by Donshea (Hopkins) who was no longer on the show at that point, but when she talks to me in the jail and then I tell Tommy to take care of my family, it was also too powerful.

What do you think that the fans will take away from this final chapter in the story?

For me, it is simple, it's to be satisfied. There are shows that have been indelibly placed into our psyche as parts of the cultural shift in Television history and yet at the end they leave fans with a feeling of drift. I hope that we make the fans feel like we climaxed perfectly. At the end we want them to say, "this is great." (The show's Season 6 releases on August 26 on SonyLIV.)



Dwayne marries Lauren Hashian

Hollywood actor Dwayne Johnson has exchanged vows with longtime girlfriend and singer Lauren Hashian in Hawaii.

The actor took to Instagram to share the news of his wedding with his fans and followers. He also shared two photographs of the couple against a romantic setting with the beautiful sunset.

"We do. August 18th, 2019. Hawaii," Johnson wrote alongside the series of the photographs.

For the wedding, Johnson opted for a white shirt and white pants and his bride wore a long white lace gown with a low-cut neckline and long train. In one image, the actor is seen smiling beside his bride, and the second shows the couple kissing against the sunset backdrop with Hashian's veil blowing in the wind.

Johnson met Hashian in 2006 when the actor was filming *The Game Plan*. They started dating in 2007. The couple share daughters Jasmine and Tiana.

ENVIRONMENT IS THE NEW COOL

Artistic director ARUNA GANESH RAM's play *Under Pressure* focusses on climate change induced by our endless consumerism, says AYUSHI SHARMA

Despite what politicians might tell you, here's a fact, climate change is real. The summers are getting hotter. The water table is sinking lower. And it's about time we made a choice about how we choose to live. Do you believe that technology will save you? Or do you think that mindful living is the way forward? The earth is yours to fight for. And the question is, will you?



Artistic director Aruna Ganesh Ram has put together a play, *Under Pressure*, which is a commentary on climate change induced by our endless consumerism. She says, "Let's go back in time. I was born in the 80s. I have lived my life amidst trees and have been bitten by insects. I was so much closer to nature than my son, for example, who is three years old. He is ensconced within the comfort of the community. So we wondered how we could trigger appreciation for nature. It's not like that we don't know that climate change is real. Most of us know it is. But what are we doing? We are thinking of changing our lifestyle but we aren't really doing anything to implement these changes."



The play will examine the effect of the individual and collective choices and their leading environmental consequences. From exploring themes of consumerism, minimal living, indigenous wisdom, the life of trees and the politics of nature, the performance will present multiple perspectives — that of the policy-makers, raggickers, environmentalists, of the 8,000-year-old trees and even the extinct birds. "One of the questions we want to ask through the play is that how do we reach that appreciation point and love for the environment. Because if that love existed or even exists, we would have done or would do things differently. We have lost it somewhere to this idea of the glamorous consumerist. What is this rampant consumerism that has coloured the way we see life? We are materialistic and we believe it is so cool. So how do we go back and be mindful about the fact that environment is the new cool," says Aruna. So how did the idea come to her? She tells us that the whole process started two years back when she was listening to a podcast. Author Amitav Ghosh was the speaker and was talking about climate change. He urged artists, journalists, poets and writers to talk about the environment in any way that they could. And she realised that even though climate change is so real, people weren't talking about it. "In that moment I was like 'oh yes. So I started looking at my own work over the last 15 years. I have been doing theatre since 2003 and I haven't done a single piece related to environment or anything around that. And it just clicked that the quality of air is deteriorating and environmental conditions are worsening. We see waste being dumped on the roads

but why I am, as an artist, not engaging with it through my work?" questions the director. That's when she started reading and getting acquainted with what's going on with the climate crisis movement. Who are the people working in that space? She felt there are so many perspectives one can take. Contaminated water, air pollution, plastics and industrial waste, all of this is contributing to a drastic climate change. The play focusses on three major aspects because, she says, "we couldn't talk about everything due to a limited time." Aruna tells us that the first aspect caters to creating an appreciation of earth through nostalgia, which is the real reason for our existence and how there were times when we knew to live in oneness with the planet. "Using verses, earth poetry and trees as a metaphor of life and growth, we have portrayed the first part," adds she.



The second section deals with what human beings have done post the industrial age, rampant consumerism, mass production, capitalism and how all of that has influenced the way we live today, which is the throwaway life or #2minutelife, where we want quick gratification from everything we do. The director says that this part will be done through masks and behavioural gestures. Third, it shows what we have unleashed into this world — plastic, which we absolutely do not know how to deal with. "It is getting dumped in the oceans because of which marine animals are struggling. Also, any kind of plastic takes over 50-60 years to decompose or maybe even never. Next, it deals with how we have created a problem that is way bigger than we have imagined it to be. So we do this by creating a dystopian world, which is what really happens when we

become plastic humans," says Aruna. Facts and figures have been a part of her research. For instance, she tells us that one of the facts that they keep repeating are the performances of the timeline of 2050, a time about which most of the scientists predict that there will be more plastic in the oceans than fishes. "We keep going back to it." The synopsis of the play tells us that the story is narrated through the perspective of an 8,000-year-old tree. So what's the idea? How do you tell a story from the perspective of a tree? She says, "See, we are humans but we know that the tree has life and it has seen so much more time than you and I have. So what does it mean to embody that spirit of tree into your body. We have tried to do that by embodying the spirit of the tree by being resilient, which is where we have recreated that perspective from the movement. The average lifespan of a tree is 300-400

years whereas our average span is 75-80 years at max. And see how much damage we're doing to the earth." The performance is a sensory montage moving between the realms of reality and surrealism, inviting the audience to question and reflect upon their own viewpoint and their relationship with the earth. "The play is embodied with facts that the audience can take back as what they can change in their life. If the play becomes preachy then it's not going to resonate with the audience because each one of us has been on a different journey of understanding environment. If I explain you something, you'll be like who are you to tell me that. We are operating in an economy of individual choices and you have to exercise that yourself because only you know what you can do," she says. (The play, as a part of the Old World Theatre Festival, will be staged on August 23 at 7.30 pm at Amaltas Hall, IHC.)

PILLARS OF HISTORY

Interactive border wall mural tells stories of deported people

Lizbeth De La Cruz Santana returned to the Mexican beach, where her father entered the US illegally before she was born, this time to put final touches on a mural of adults who came to the US illegally as young children and were deported. Visitors who hold up their phones to the painted faces are taken to a website that voices first-person narratives. There is a deported US veteran. There are two deported mothers with children who were born in the US. There is a man who would have been eligible for an Obama-era programme to shield people who came to the US when they were very young from deportation but was deported less than a year before the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals programme, known as DACA, took effect in 2012.



The project blends Mexico's rich history of muralists with what can loosely be called interactive or performance art on the 1,954-mile (3,126-kilometer) US — Mexico border. At the same Tijuana beach during an art festival in 2005, David Smith Jr, known as "The Human Cannonball," flashed his passport, lowered himself into a barrel and was shot over the wall, landing on a net with US Border Patrol agents nearby. In 2017, professional swimmers crossed the border from the US in the Pacific Ocean and landed on the same beach, where a Mexican official greeted them with stamped passports and school-children cheered. Border mural depicts adults who came to the US illegally as children and were deported. The mural uses scanning codes to tell the stories including, that of a deported US veteran and two mothers with children who were born in the US. Last month, an artist installed three pink seasaws though a border wall that separates El Paso, Texas, from Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. De La Cruz Santana, 28, conceived the interactive mural as part of a doctoral dissertation at University of California, Davis,

in Spanish with a focus on literature and immigrant experiences. The faces are affixed with barcodes that link to audio on the project website. Her dissertation will include written arguments for DACA-style benefits to anyone who comes to the US as a young child, without any of the disqualifiers like criminal history that former President Barack Obama included. "Technology is one of the best ways and venues for people to tell their stories," said De La Cruz, whose parents obtained legal status through former President Ronald Reagan's amnesty law. With a \$7,500 grant, De La Cruz, who was born and raised in California, directed about 15 people who painted on polyester canvases at a Tijuana art gallery called "House of the Tunnel," which was once used to smuggle drugs in a secret underground passage to San Diego. She partnered with Mauro Carrera, a longtime friend and a muralist who lives in Fresno, California. The project is also deeply personal for Carrera, 32, who was born in Mexico, crossed the border illegally as a toddler,

In order to take a closer look at other realms of artistic expressions, one must observe an emerging artist's work to understand what occupies her/him. Artist Pallav Chander's show at Alliance Francaise represents the emotional meaning of geometric shapes and their relationship with one another in his own life. To some extent, it seems like a point and line to planar levels, more like a logical extension of the principles of intuitive and experiential patterns that the artist has come across during his emotional odyssey.

SPACE AND FORM Pallav creates a kitsch combination of geometric abstractions that seem to be precisely engineered. For him, art is a medley of moulded and mixed drawings that build a unity of space and form between its shapes and motifs like some architectural diagram showcasing a tangent of possibilities. A conscious product of Pallav's bizarre-looking utopia brings us to his own theories, yet some works of rare beauty which represent an artist's blue-print of a dream coming to reality.

DRAMA IN TITLES Pallav has used dramatic titles — *Broken Chords*, *Mad World* — and each of them have a rare resonance to each other. He says, "Whenever I title my work, I have a theatrical approach to it. It's either a statement or just one or two words defining my work and mainly manipulating the viewer to not get a straight answer regarding the definition of the painting. It is left for the viewer to extract his/her own interpretation." A closer look at the artworks speaks of material foundations by focussing on

An emotional odyssey

Artist PALLAV CHANDER's show at Alliance Francaise reflects the chaos in society due to the growing dependence of people on social media. By UMA NAIR



al and three-dimensional in form, were characterised by their austere, angular geometric shapes. Pallav goes beyond that in using deeper and wider spectrum of shapes and colours. He explains, "For example, *Mad World* is trying to define the chaos in our society due to the information age we live in, where social media has become a platform where people are craving for likes and follows from strangers just to get approval. It represents the peer pressure and people's demand for an external validation for their moves." Explaining other titles, *The Double Face*, *The Fake World*, *The Selfie Couple*, *The Pout Expert*, he says that all

these works depict some part of the hypocrisy in our society today. While on the other hand, the title *Broken Chords Can Sing a Little* reflects hope. The artwork has been given an organised yet a chaotic street art feel to it. It aims to give out messages of hope from a subjective angle.

TEXTURAL TERRAIN Art should reflect the modern industrial world and above all, be accessible to the masses. Pallav's art is relevant in a rapidly changing world. It's free from academic tradition and devoid of any ambiguous, fashionable or subjective properties. Textures are replete in his canvases. He says, "The textures in my works are a major part of my art process as most of the time, I paint more than three things on the same canvas. So the texture from my previous works leave an impression on the new one. This process leaves kind of a chaotic but a balanced impression in the work, which I feel is a satisfactory result in terms of its visual appeal." The show presents an entirely new language of colours and movements. Pallav has a very keen idea of spatial, light and design details to create works that draw a fine line between non-figurative and decorative art. An unforgettable suite of works comes as no surprise because he is the son of the versatile and talented Kanchan Chander.

Art Heritage Gallery is celebrating World Photography Day. *A Reflective Oeuvre*: The pioneering photographs of Maharaja Sawai Ram Singh. WHEN: Till September 18 WHERE: Triveni Kala Sangam.

Kalaakar Foundation presents *The Famous Returns*, a group art exhibition of paintings and sculptures by artists from Bangladesh, UAE and Brazil. WHEN: Till August 22 WHERE: AIFACS Art Gallery, 1, Rafi Marg.

Snehalata Memorial Foundation presents *Shudh dhvani*, a three day annual music and dance festival. WHEN: August 24 to 26 TIME: 6 pm onwards WHERE: Triveni Kala Sangam, Mandi House.

Shrine Empire presents *It Was Never Concrete*, a solo exhibition of Ayesha Singh, curated by Anushka Rajendran. It presents a series of works that explores how the social, political and historical context of the city is manifested in its architecture. WHEN: August 22 to September 28 TIME: 6 pm onwards WHERE: Shrine Empire, Defence Colony.

Curated by Roobina Karode, Kiran Nadar Museum of Art presents *Common Course*, an extensive exhibition showcasing poetic and political commentaries of Gaganendranath Tagore, Chittaprosad, KG Subramanyan and RK Laxman. WHEN: Till October 25 WHERE: KNMA, DLF South Court Mall, Saket.

WATCH OUT



Jofra Archer celebrates after taking the wicket of David Warner caught Rory Burns during day 5 AP

Living up the hype

Root glad to see Archer 'shake up things' on Test debut

AFP ■ LONDON

England captain Joe Root said fast bowler Jofra Archer had "lived up to the hype" with a dramatic Test debut against Australia at Lord's.

Archer, who replaced the injured James Anderson in team for the second Ashes Test, took five wickets in the drawn match, including 3-32 in Australia's second innings on Sunday.

But Archer's display, which almost helped England achieve an unlikely and series-levelling win in a match severely affected by rain, was about much more than economical figures.

The 24-year-old quick's sheer speed gave England's attack a new cutting edge.

Archer hit several Australians, with a fearsome bouncer that slammed into Steve Smith's unprotected neck leading to a concussion that kept the star batsman off the field on the last day at Lord's and could rule him out of the third Test in Leeds starting on Thursday.

"He's come in and he really has made a massive impact, added a different dynamic to our bowling group and has given Australia something different to think about," said Root.

"It's really pleasing to see someone come in on Test debut and really shake up things and live up to the hype — even some of the hype that he put on himself.

"He makes things happen when not many others in world can. Such a unique action and way of bowling, and obviously natural pace, which is always going to be in the game on any surface."

Root added: "When you've got that and the skill of other guys around it, it makes for a tasty combination and I think that's one of the reasons why we always felt we were in the game."

"It makes for a very interesting last three games."

England unchanged for Headingley Test

AFP ■ LONDON

England named an unchanged squad on Monday for this week's third Test against Australia at Headingley.

The injured James Anderson, England's all-time leading Test wicket-taker, will continue his bid to return later in the series by playing in a county 2nd XI match starting from today.

England's selectors kept faith with the XI that drew the rain-affected second Ashes Test at Lord's, with the hosts having the better of an exciting last day before Australia held out to preserve their 1-0 lead.

Surrey left-arm seamer Sam Curran, who did not play at Lord's, retained his place in a 12-man squad for the third Test, which starts at England captain Joe Root's Headingley home ground on Thursday.

With just a four-day turnaround between Tests in London and Leeds, major changes were always unlikely.

Now England will hope that is sufficient time for World Cup-winning fast bowler Jofra Archer to recover from the 44 overs he sent down at Lord's.

Anderson did not play in the second Test because of a calf injury will step his rehabilitation this week by playing for Lancashire 2nd XI against Leicestershire in a three-day friendly match in Liverpool.

Anderson's fitness will be



England captain Joe Root paid for his slight slump in form to be at ninth.

assessed continually ahead of the fourth Test at his Old Trafford home ground starting on September 4.

While England's fallible top order remains a concern — opener Jason Roy has made just 40 runs in four innings this series — the selectors have resisted the temptation to bring in new faces.

They were under less pressure to make changes after the uncapped duo of Dom Sibley and Zak Crawley, considered to be of the best young openers in England, were both out for low scores on Sunday.

Sibley got a duck for Warwickshire against Somerset on Sunday and Kent batsman Crawley was dismissed for just five against Essex.

Smith closes gap as Kohli maintains top spot

PTI ■ DUBAI

Australian batsman Steve Smith pipped New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson to second spot with only nine points separating him and the top-ranked Virat Kohli in the latest list for ICC Test list released on Monday.

The Indian captain, with 922 points, is on top of the list while Smith, after his twin Ashes hundreds in Birmingham and 92 at Lord's, is on 913 points.

The other Indian in the top-10 is Cheteshwar Pujara, who stayed put at his fourth position.

Sri Lanka captain Dimuth Karunaratne made rapid strides, entering the top-10 at eighth with a jump of four ranking places.

South Africa's Aiden Markram also improved upon his ranking to be positioned sixth while England captain Joe Root paid for his slight slump in form to be at ninth.

In the bowlers' list, Pat Cummins remained firmly entrenched on top of the table while Ravindra Jadeja improved from sixth place to fifth. His spin bowling partner Ravichandran Ashwin remained 10th.

Jadeja also remained third in the all-rounders' list, led by West Indies' Jason Holder, with Shakib Al Hasan placed second.

Meanwhile, India could lose their pole position in the ICC Test Team rankings, as even a 1-0 defeat by the West Indies in their upcoming series will see them slip to 108 points. That margin will be enough for the West Indies to overtake Pakistan to seventh position at 88 points.

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Rahane gets runs ahead of first Test



PTI ■ COOLIDGE

Indian vice-captain Ajinkya Rahane got much needed runs under his belt ahead of the first Test as the visitors reached 174 for five at lunch on the final day of the three-day warm-up game against the West Indies A here on Monday.

Rahane, who has not scored a hundred in more than two years, made a fighting 54 off 162 balls before a reverse sweep led to his dismissal. Rahane, who is the stand-in captain in this game, had come to open the innings after failing in the first essay.

The Mumbai batsman had looked horribly out of touch during his 35 overs at the crease on day two. His 20 not out on Sunday had three boundaries but he played more than 80 dot balls, a testimony to his struggles.

Rahane and Hanuma Vihari had resumed the innings at 84 for one and both batsmen managed to score half-centuries. Vihari, who was on 48 overnight, went on to make 64 off 125 balls in an innings comprising nine fours and a six with India extending their lead to 279 runs.

Off-spinner Akim Frazer removed both Rahane and Vihari while Rishabh Pant and Ravindra Jadeja were the other batsmen to be dismissed. Wriddhiman Saha (6) and R Ashwin (5) were in the middle when lunch was called.

On day two, Seniors most pacer Ishant Sharma bowled a fiery opening spell while left-arm wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav promised to pose stiff competition for Ravichandran Ashwin as India dominated proceedings against West

Indies A.

Having declared on their overnight score of 297 for 5 at the end of the first day, India bowled out the home team for 181 in 56.1 overs with Ishant (3/21), Kuldeep (3/35) and Umesh Yadav (3/19) sharing the spoils.

Senior off-spinner Ashwin and speedster Mohammed Shami didn't bowl in the first innings but might bowl in the second.

The second day was about the Indian bowlers trying to find their groove after switching formats.

Ishant, India's red ball specialist, hit the right length straightaway in his first spell dismissing Jeremy Solozano (9) and Brandon King (4) with a hint of away movement.

For Jasprit Bumrah, it was more about getting overs under his belt and he bowled 11 of them.

Umesh, who hasn't been among the top three pacers in the starting line-up, also gave a good account of himself rocking the A team's middle-order.

However, with Bumrah, Shami and Ishant being the top-three choices, it will be difficult for him to break into the side unless Virat Kohli decides upon playing four specialist fast bowlers.

For Kuldeep, getting three wickets will keep him in a good headspace and if India happen to play five bowlers with two spinners, he is sure to play his part.

The first Test begins here on Thursday.

Brief Scores: India 297/5 decl and 174/5 in 70 overs (Hanuma Vihari 64, Rahane 54). West Indies A 181 all out in 56.1 overs.

Saini stays as cover for Tests

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Impressed with his skill-set, the Indian team management has decided to keep speedster Navdeep Saini as a net bowler for the two-Test series against the West Indies, aiming to groom him for future red-ball assignments.

Saini, who plays domestic cricket for Delhi, made his T20 International debut against the West Indies in Florida and won the man of the match award in his maiden appearance.

He has earlier been the Indian team's net bowler and a cover for Bhuvneshwar Kumar during the ICC World

Cup in England as well.

"Yes, Navdeep saini has been asked to stay back by the team management for the Test series. He will stay back primarily as a net bowler, they want to groom him for the Test format keeping an eye on the future," a senior BCCI official said on Monday.

Saini, in fact, bowled six overs during the West Indies A first innings in the ongoing practice match to give relief to Ishant Sharma, Jasprit Bumrah and Umesh Yadav. Mohammed Shami and Bhuvneshwar Kumar didn't bowl in the first innings.

"Saini has been a performer in red ball cricket for



the past few years. He has the pace, and ability to hit the deck, move the ball both in air and off the pitch.

"If he is groomed well, it will only increase our pool of fast bowlers for the top tier cricket. That's how the team management is looking at him," the official said.

It is believed that if Saini stays back, it will help bowling coach Bharath Arun to invest more time in the 26-year-old Karnal-lad, who has taken 120 wickets from 43 first-class games with three five-wicket hauls.

"One can't ignore the effort that Arun has put in to make India's fast bowling unit

the best that has emerged from the country. Rather than playing domestic cricket, he now needs to be in and around the international scene and learn the tricks of the trade for the next level," he said.

India will play five Test matches at home this season with three against South Africa and two against Bangladesh in October and November.

It will not be a bad idea to blood Saini against Bangladesh since the management would be monitoring Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Shami's respective workloads.



Pandey, Iyer to share India A captaincy

The five one day matches against South Africa A will be played at The Sports Hub in Thiruvananthapuram on August 29, 31 and Sept 2, 4 and 8

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Manish Pandey was on Monday named India A captain for the first three one-dayers against the touring South Africa A, while Shreyas Iyer will lead in the last two matches of the series beginning August 29 in Thiruvananthapuram.

Rising talent Shubman Gill is there in both Pandey's and Iyer's teams and so are Vijay Shankar, Anmolpreet Singh, Ricky Bhui, Shardul Thakur, Axar Patel and Nitish Rana.

Ishan Kishan was picked as wicketkeeper in the team led by Pandey, while the immensely talented Sanju Samson will do duty behind the stumps under Iyer's captaincy.

India leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal is part of the team for the first three matches.

The matches will be played at The Sports Hub in Thiruvananthapuram on August 29, 31 and September 2, 4 and 8.

The All-India senior selection committee picked the teams here.

Team for first 3 one-day: Manish Pandey (Captain), Ruturaj Gaikwad, Shubman Gill, Anmolpreet Singh, Ricky Bhui, Ishan Kishan (wicket-keeper), Vijay Shankar, Shivam Dube, Krunal Pandya, Axar Patel, Yuzvendra Chahal, Shardul Thakur, Deepak Chahar, Khaleel Ahmed, Nitish Rana.

Team for last two one-day: Shreyas Iyer (Captain), Shubman Gill, Prashant Chopra, Anmolpreet Singh, Ricky Bhui, Sanju Samson (wicket-keeper), Nitish Rana, Vijay Shankar, Shivam Dube, Washington Sundar, Axar Patel, Rahul Chahar, Shardul Thakur, Tushar Deshpande, Ishan Porel.

Shastri names Iyer for No 4 spot

IANAS ■ ST JOHNS

Head coach Ravi Shastri has for the time put an end to the debate over the No 4 spot in the Indian batting line-up by identifying Shreyas Iyer as the man for the job.

Impressed with the pool of talented youngsters coming up the ranks in Indian cricket, Shastri — while speaking to *Times of India* — said Iyer will continue to bat at No 4 in ODIs for India.

"One of the areas we concentrated on over the last two years was to blood as many youngsters as possible. Shreyas Iyer, for instance, he is going to stay at No 4," said Shastri who has been reappointed as the head coach till World 2021 T20.

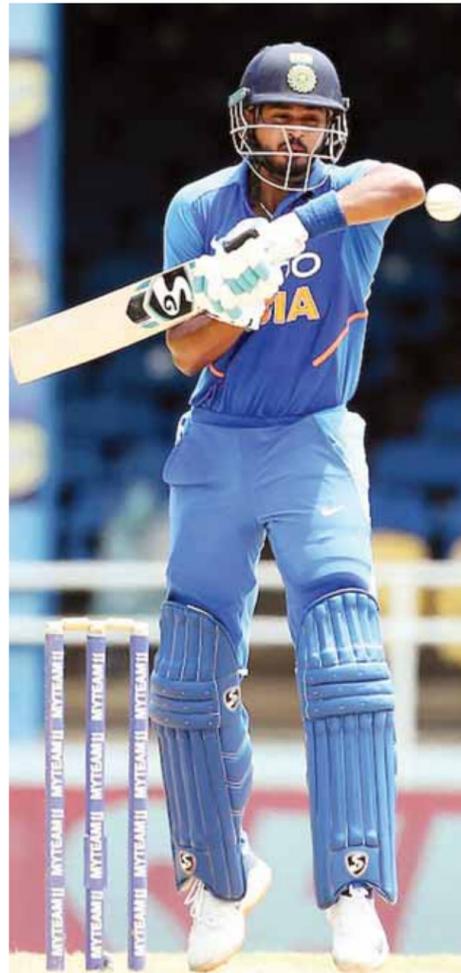
Iyer batted at number five during the just-concluded ODI series against the West Indies and scored 71 and 65 in the two innings he played.

Wicketkeeper-batsman Rishabh Pant was India's number four but he failed to grab the opportunities and scored 20 and 0 in the two ODIs.

Kohli, after the third ODI against the West Indies, said that 24-year-old Iyer has presented a strong case for himself to be a regular feature of the team in the limited-overs format.

Earlier, former India skipper Sunil Gavaskar also advocated for Iyer to bat at No 4. "In my view, Rishabh Pant is much better like MS Dhoni at 5 or 6 as a finisher because that's where his natural game and natural flair will come into play," Gavaskar had said.

"If it's a question of batting for 30-35 overs, then I think it should be Shreyas Iyer at No 4 and Pant at No 5," he had said.



Shreyas Iyer defends during third ODI of the three-match series against Windies AP

Support staff selection begins, announcement on Thursday

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Ignored for the head coach's position, Lalchand Rajput was among the aspirants appearing for interviews on Monday to pick the support staff of the Indian cricket team, joining heavyweights such as Venkatesh Prasad.

The senior selection committee, led by former stumper MSK Prasad, started an extensive process to pick the support staff.

The 57-year-old Rajput entering the fray means competition for the batting coach's position could only get tougher with former Test opener Vikram Rathour already emerging as a strong contender to replace incumbent Sanjay Bangar.

Among the incumbents, bowling coach Bharat Arun and fielding coach R Sridhar have emerged favourites to retain their posts after head coach Ravi Shastri stressed on retaining the staff.

However, Bangar still faces a tough challenge with most of the applications received for the batting coach's post. The former India all-rounder has been with the team since 2014 during which India has played 50 Tests and 119 ODIs.

The process is expected to be completed only by Thursday after all the interviews for various positions including batting, bowling and fielding coach are done with.

Also eyeing the batting coach's job are Pravin Amre,



Mumbai stalwart Amol Mazumdar and Saurashtra's batting bulwark Satishu Kotak.

It was learnt that former India batsman Hrishikesh Kanitkar and ex-Delhi batsman Mithun Manas also appeared for interview before the five-member panel.

One of the candidates said that giving presentation was not mandatory.

For the position of bowling coach, former India pacers Venkatesh Prasad, Paras Mbabrey and Amit Bhandari appeared for the interview.

As per the criteria for batting, bowling and fielding coach, the three personnel should have played at least 10 Tests or 25 ODIs and be less than 60 years of age.

The process to choose the support staff will continue on Tuesday.

Keys locks up Cincy title

AFP ■ CINCINNATI

Madison Keys came from a break down in both sets to defeat Svetlana Kuznetsova 7-5, 7-6 (7/5) on Sunday to win the WTA Cincinnati crown.

The 2017 US Open finalist notched her fifth career title and second this season after a win in Charleston in April.

She'll return to the top 10 in the world rankings with the US Open a week away.

Kuznetsova, a two-time Grand Slam champion working her way back up the rankings after a series of injuries, was broken back in the 10th game of each set by 16th-seeded Keys — who fired 13 aces on the way to victory.

"If my team had told me a week ago that I would be here, I would have laughed in their face," admitted Keys, who had endured two opening-match defeats since a second-round exit at Wimbledon.

Keys belted a total of 43 winners with 33 unforced errors and broke Kuznetsova three times.

Kuznetsova was the fourth Grand Slam winner Keys beat during the week, a string that included Spain's Garbine Muguruza, reigning Wimbledon champion Simona Halep and Venus Williams.

"It was a tough draw from the very start," Keys said. "I definitely think I played some of my best tennis consistently this week."

"I'm obviously really happy and really proud of myself," she added, while stressing she won't let the performance put more pressure on her at the US Open.



Madison Keys holds the Rookwood Cup after defeating Svetlana Kuznetsova in the women's final

"It's definitely more of a building block," she said.

Former world number two Kuznetsova, who received a wildcard into the draw, beat top seed Ashleigh Barty, world number three Ashleigh Barty and 2017 US Open champion Sloane Stephens on her way to

the final.

"I had a lot of matches where they could have gone either way, including this one," said Kuznetsova, who will jump from 118th to 31st in the rankings and said she had a "great week."

"I had chances but she hit

the ball well and was more aggressive. I'm happy with how I played, I'm feeling great," she said.

"It could give me more motivation in the future," Kuznetsova added. "I just want to rest and get ready for the Open."

Prajnesh advances in Winston Salem Open

PTI ■ NORTH CAROLINA

India's top singles player Prajnesh Gunneswaran advanced to the second round of the Winston Salem Open ATP 250 tournament with a straight set win over Cedrik-Marcel Stebe here.

Prajnesh, ranked 89th in the world, beat his German rival 6-3, 6-4 in a match that lasted one hour and 13 minutes on Sunday night.

The Indian utilised two of the five breakpoints he earned while holding his serve throughout the match.

He will next face top seed Benoit Paire of France, who received a first round bye. Paire is ranked 30 in the world.

The Indian will fancy his chances in the next round as earlier this year, Prajnesh had stunned Paire at the Indian Wells ATP Masters event for one of the biggest wins of his career. In the doubles event, the Indian pair of Divij Sharan and Rohan Bopanna crashed out in the first round.

The Indian duo lost to American pair of Nicholas Monroe and Teymuraz Gabashvili 3-6, 3-6.

Meanwhile, wild card entrants Leander Paes and his Israeli partner Jonathan Erlich, will take on the duo of Rajeev Ram and Joe Salisbury in the opening round.



Daniil Medvedev, left, meets with David Goffin after winning their men's final match during the Western & Southern Open

Medvedev in top five

AFP ■ CINCINNATI

Daniil Medvedev, coming off back-to-back ATP finals defeats, held off David Goffin 7-6 (7/3), 6-4 on Sunday to win the ATP Cincinnati Masters.

The ninth-seeded Russian finished with an ace after saving break points in the final game, lifting a first Masters 1000 trophy after settling for runner-up finishes to Nick Kyrgios in Washington and Rafael Nadal in Montreal last weekend.

"These have been the best three weeks of my life," Medvedev said. "My mentality was the best, my serve was the best, my tennis has been really consistent."

"I didn't have one bad match, I hope to continue this way for next few weeks."

After his full-on post-Wimbledon schedule, the winner admitted: "I'm so exhausted, I almost can't talk now."

Medvedev, who only recently gained the ATP Top 10, now will find himself ranked fifth as a result of his three-week run of form.

"I don't check the rankings every two minutes, but I do look after I do well at a tournament," he said. "If I had lost I'd be seventh, now I'm fifth." Medvedev followed up his semi-final upset of defending champion Novak Djokovic as he controlled feisty Belgian Goffin to win an

ATP leading 31st hardcourt match.

He has the most match wins on any surface this year with 43.

Spanish superstar Nadal, who did not play this week — is second with 41, followed by Roger Federer on 39.

Medvedev stamped himself a contender for the US Open, the final Grand Slam of the season that starts in Flushing Meadows in a week.

Goffin was competing in his second final of 2019 after losing to Federer in Halle.

"Congratulations to your team," he told Medvedev. "Once again, an unbelievable week for you, fantastic."

"I think you are ready for New York."

SINGLES

HADDIN JOINS SRH AS ASST COACH

ZURICH: Indian Premier League (IPL) side Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) on Monday announced former Australian vice captain and wicketkeeper Brad Haddin as their assistant coach. The former IPL champions made the announcement via their social media handles. Haddin thus joins Trevor Bayliss in the SRH backroom staff. Bayliss was named the SRH head coach in July, replacing Tom Moody in the role. Haddin replaces Simon Helmot, who was assistant to Moody. Bayliss has previously led Kolkata Knight Riders to two IPL titles between 2012 and 2015, while Haddin was with KKR as a player in 2011. Haddin has prior coaching experience with Australia, having been appointed fielding coach of the side in 2017 after coaching Australia A that year.

33 PROBABLES ANNOUNCED FOR CAMP

NEW DELHI: Hockey India on Monday named the 33 core probables' list for the upcoming junior women's national coaching camp which will focus on preparing the team for a tri-nation tournament involving Australia and New Zealand to be held Down Under later this year. The probables will undergo a training and conditioning camp till September 14 under the supervision of coach Baljit Singh Saini. "We have called up all the core probables for the national camp keeping an eye on the three-nation tournament that is scheduled for the end of this year," Saini said. "We will be focused on making sure that the players keep their fitness levels high, and are in the rhythm of playing intense hockey at the highest level. We will also have the chance to identify the key areas where we need to work on, and we have enough time together to make sure that we work on those areas before the tournament in Australia later this year," he added.

DANNI WYATT SCRIPTS WCSL HISTORY

LONDON: Danni Wyatt has scripted history as she became the first ever English player to score a ton in the Women's Cricket Super League (WCSL). Playing for Southern Vipers, Wyatt scored 110 off 60 balls. Meanwhile, her score is the second-highest of all time in the competition, after Suzie Bates' 119 in 2017. "It was a tricky wicket," Wyatt was quoted as saying after the game. "Me and Suzie [Bates] struggled a bit in the first few overs. It was one of those wickets where you have to just back yourself and slog it really. I came off the pitch thinking, 'Wow, how did I manage that?' 'Once I was in, I wasn't thinking and just wanted to hit boundaries. Anything up there and full I tried to get my hands through. I've not hit a 100 for about 15 months so it's nice to get another one!" she added.

DANI ALVES SCORES WINNER ON DEBUT

SAO PAULO: Brazil veteran Dani Alves scored the winning goal on his debut for Sao Paulo on Sunday, weeks after signing a three-year deal with the club. Alves, 36, found the back of the net in the 40th minute to score the only goal of the game against Ceara. Alves and Spanish international Juanfran, 34, are the stars for Sao Paulo, who snapped up both players after their contracts with European clubs expired. Alves' return to Brazil after 17 years playing for top clubs in Europe has had a big impact on his home country.

RAIN SPOILS DULEEP TROPHY OPENER

BENGALURU: Heavy overnight rain washed out the entire third day's play in the Duleep Trophy opener between India Blue and India Green here on Monday. The rain resulted in a wet outfield and the conditions didn't improve through the day, forcing the officials to call off play without a ball being bowled for the second straight day. The second day's proceedings on Sunday had been washed out due to wet ground conditions. With only 49 overs having been bowled so far and no innings completed, the match is headed for a stalemate. India Green had reduced India Blue to 112 for 6 in 49 overs on a truncated opening day on Saturday.

Trippier, Felix star on debut

AFP ■ MADRID

Alvaro Morata headed in a sumptuous Kieran Trippier cross to ensure a new-look Atletico Madrid beat Getafe 1-0 on Sunday and made a winning start in La Liga.

Trippier looked right at home at the Wanda Metropolitan when his bending ball was nodded in by Morata before two red cards in four minutes, one for each team, made it 10 against 10 before half-time.

Getafe striker Jorge Molina and Atletico left-back Renan Lodi were the players sent off and then Morata missed a penalty, earned after a mercuric run from Joao Felix, Atletico's 126 million euro signing from Benfica.

It was enough for Felix to depart to a standing ovation and Atletico held on, even if this was perhaps not the statement opening to the season that Diego Simeone might have hoped for.

Getafe were stubborn opponents, showing again why they fin-



Alvaro Morata celebrates with Kieran Trippier after he scoring against Getafe



ished fifth last season, only narrowly missing out on a place in the Champions League to Valencia on the final day.

Felix aside, Atletico's other debutants impressed, including Lodi, before he was sent off, and Trippier, the first Englishman to play for Atletico since the Spanish Civil War and 20th in the history of the

Spanish top flight. The former Tottenham defender's pin-point cross was the highlight of a confident performance that earned regular praise from the home fans. Getafe had struggled to find a way into the match but two red cards in four minutes threatened to shift the balance. First, referee Cuadra Fernandez turned a yellow card into a red for Molina after consulting VAR, the striker catching Thomas Partey late down the back of his heel. Then Lodi was handed a second yellow for planting his hand in the face of Damian Suarez.



Sai Praneeth and H S Prannoy in a file picture

Sai Praneeth, Prannoy make winning start

PTI ■ BASEL

India's Sai Praneeth and H S Prannoy made convincing starts at the BWF World Championships to advance to the second round here on Monday.

Praneeth, ranked 19th, defeated 66th-ranked Jason Anthony Ho-Shue of Canada 21-17, 21-16 in a first round clash lasting 39 minutes.

In another men's singles first round match, world number 30 Prannoy fought back to beat 93rd-ranked Eetu Heino of Finland 17-21, 21-10, 21-11.

India got a favourable result in the women's doubles also with Meghana Jakkampudi and S Poorvisha Ram getting past the Guatemala pairing of Diana Corleto Soto and Nikte Alejandra Sotomayor 21-10, 21-18 to enter the second round.

Coutinho joins Bayern on loan

AFP ■ MADRID

Barcelona's Philippe Coutinho has joined Bayern Munich on a one-year loan worth 8.5 million euros (\$9.5 million) with an option to buy, the Spanish club confirmed on Monday.

"The agreement provides for an option for Bayern to buy at a 120-million-euro fee," Barcelona said.

The 27-year-old Brazilian joined Barcelona from Liverpool in January 2018 for an initial 120 million euros in a deal that included another 40 million euros in potential add-ons.

But the midfielder's stint at Barcelona never worked out as hoped despite huge excitement around his arrival at the Camp Nou.

Initially tried in midfield where he plays for Brazil, Coutinho was pushed into the front three by Ernesto Valverde last season but the switch never paid off.

"For me, this move means a new challenge in a new country with one of the best clubs in Europe," Coutinho said on Bayern's website.

"I'm very much looking forward to that. Like FC Bayern, I have big ambitions and I'm convinced that I can achieve

them together with my new teammates."

The German club hope he will provide reinforcement in attack following the departure of veteran duo Arjen Robben and Franck Ribery at the end of last season. "With his creativity and outstanding skills, Philippe is a player who will immediately strengthen our attack," Bayern CEO Karl-Heinz Rummenigge said.

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That means Bayern members will vote for a new head of the defending Bundesliga champions at the annual general meeting in November with Hoeness to step down as head of the club's board.

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PSG suffer defeat at Rennes

AFP ■ PARIS

Champions Paris Saint-Germain slipped up in their second league game of the season losing 2-1 to Rennes on Sunday in a repeat of April's French Cup final with a 16-year-old playing a starring role.

Edinson Cavani scored after less than 15 minutes of play for the visitors in Brittany before Mbaye Niang and Romain Del Castillo responded for the home side.

PSG were without forward Neymar for a third successive game this term. Angolan-born 16-year-old Eduardo Camavinga starred in Rennes midfield, and proved to be key in his team's winning goal, along with experienced playmaker Clement Grenier.

Rennes boss Julien Stephan said Camavinga, the first player born since January 2002 to feature in Europe's top five leagues, had continued to improve since making his first team debut in April.

Elsewhere Saint-Etienne salvaged a late point at home against Brest and it finished goalless between Reims and Strasbourg.



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