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Big FDI reforms to shore up economy

Cabinet eases investment norms for single-brand retail, coal mining, manufacturing, digital media

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre on Wednesday announced major steps to attract foreign investment and give a boost to medical education in the country. The Government relaxed Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) rules in many sectors, including single brand retail, coal and lignite mining, contract manufacturing and digital media. It also decided to open 75 medical colleges which will add at least 15,700 MBBS seats in the country.

Briefing reporters on the decisions taken by the Union Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said 100 per cent FDI under automatic route in coal mining and associated infrastructure has been approved.

To boost domestic manufacturing, 100 per cent FDI in contract manufacturing under

- Cabinet approves setting up of 75 new medical colleges
- Govt approves ₹6,268 crore subsidy to promote sugar exports
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automatic route has been allowed, he said, adding that 26 per cent FDI has been allowed in digital media.

On FDI in single-brand retail, the Cabinet has expanded the definition of mandatory 30 per cent domestic sourcing norm. It also allowed single-brand retailers to start online sales, waiving the previous condition of setting up a mandatory brick-and-mortar store, said Goyal.

"The changes in FDI policy will result in making India a more attractive FDI destination, leading to benefits of increased investments, employment, and growth," Goyal told a media briefing after the meeting of the Union Cabinet.

He said 100 per cent FDI under automatic route in coal

mining and sale of coal as also associated infrastructure activity has been allowed to help attract international players to create an efficient and competitive coal market.

"Easing local sourcing norms for FDI in Single Brand Retail Trading (SBRT) was announced in Union Budget Speech of Finance Minister. This will lead to greater flexibility and ease of operations for SBRT entities, besides creating a level playing field for companies with higher exports in a base year. In addition, permitting online sales prior to opening of brick and mortar stores brings policy in sync with current market practices. Online sales will also lead to creation of jobs in logistics, digital payments, customer care,



Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar and Union Railways Minister Piyush Goyal address a Press conference in New Delhi on Wednesday

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training and product skilling.

"The above amendments to the FDI policy are meant to liberalise and simplify the FDI policy to provide ease of doing business in the country, leading to larger FDI inflow and thereby contributing to growth of investment, income and employment," said the statement issued by the

Government.

The FDI policy provides that 30 per cent of value of goods has to be procured from India if SBRT entity has FDI more than 51 per cent. Further, as regards local sourcing requirement, the same can be met as an average during the first five years, and thereafter annually towards its India oper-

ations. With a view to provide greater flexibility and ease of operations to SBRT entities, it has been decided that all procurements made from India by the SBRT entity for that single brand shall be counted towards local sourcing, irrespective of whether the goods procured are sold in India or exported.

Further, the current cap of considering exports for five years only is proposed to be removed, to give an impetus to exports, it added, detailing the changes in the single brand FDI norms.

FDI is a major driver of economic growth and a source of non-debt finance for the economic development of the country.

The Government has put in place an investor-friendly policy on FDI, under which investment up to 100 per cent is permitted on the automatic route in most sectors/activities.

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UK Houses shut till Brexit deal to parry query blow



A man in a giant Boris Johnson 'head' digs a grave at the foot of a pretend tombstone outside Downing Street in London on Wednesday

AP

PTI ■ LONDON

It is considered a tactic of PM Boris to stop rebel MPs from blocking an abrupt break with the EU

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Wednesday unveiled plans to suspend Parliament until October 14, days ahead of the October 31 Brexit deadline, in order to prevent what was described as a "new bold and ambitious legislative agenda", a move which has attracted widespread criticism from the Opposition.

Downing Street said Johnson had spoken to Queen Elizabeth II to request an end to the current parliamentary session in its second sitting week next month, starting September 9.

Three Conservative party members of the Queen's Privy Council, the monarch's body of advisers, took the formal request to her Scottish residence at Balmoral Castle on Wednesday morning on behalf of Johnson.

It was then approved, allowing the Government to suspend Parliament any time between September 9 and 12 until October 14.

British MPs will now return from their ongoing summer recess next Tuesday and will conclude business by the following week, giving them very little time to table any new legislative measures for debate.

"Following the conclusion of the traditional party conference season, the second session

of this Parliament will commence with a Queen's Speech on Monday 14 October," Downing Street said in a statement.

The House of Commons Speaker, John Bercow, led the charge against the move, describing it as a "constitutional outrage." "However it is dressed up, it is blindingly obvious that the purpose of (suspending Parliament) now would be to stop (MPs) debating Brexit and performing its duty in shaping a course for the country," he said.

Opposition Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn said, "Suspending Parliament is not acceptable, it is not on. What the Prime Minister is doing is a smash and grab on our democracy to force through a no deal."

He said when MPs return to the Commons next Tuesday, "the first thing we'll do is attempt legislation to prevent what (the PM) is doing", followed by a vote of no confidence "at some point".

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50,000 jobs for locals within 3 months, announces J&K Guv

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Reaching out to a large army of unemployed youth in Jammu & Kashmir, Governor Satya Pal Malik on Wednesday announced one of the largest single recruitment drive to fill at least 50,000 vacant posts within a span of next two-three months.

The Governor listed out a slew of measures taken by the Government for the welfare of the people and said starting from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, everyone is working towards restoring normalcy in the State.

"None of us want to see loss of human lives under the prevailing circumstances," he added.

"We are working round the clock to bring back normalcy in the region. We are not in a hurry to throw open shops. We are not putting pressure to throw open business estab-



lishments and schools. Let normalcy come at a slow pace. We are not rushing to restore normalcy. It's your city, you decide on your own. We are here to facilitate you," he said.

The Governor said the Prime Minister has also given a solemn assurance to save, protect and preserve identity, culture, heritage, society, language and religion of Jammu & Kashmir.

"Our aim is to work on

ground zero so as to convince people of the State that in reality these measures were taken to ensure their well being. In the next six months, we will start many developmental projects in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. You will see people on the other side start talking that they too want to enjoy similar development."

Making an appeal to the common people to bear restrictions on mobile calling/mobile internet facilities for some more time Malik said, "It is one of the dangerous tools used by the Pakistan and its stooges to disrupt peace in the region."

The Governor said, mobile calling facility will be restored in all 10 districts of Jammu region by late Wednesday night along with two districts of Ladakh.

He said out of 197 police stations, there are no day time restrictions across 166 police stations in the State. Nearly 3,000 primary and 1000 middle schools have been reopened and attendance is picking up gradually, he said.

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SC Constitution Bench to hear pleas against Art 370

Court issues notices to Centre, J&K on petitions to remove media curbs in J&K

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday referred a batch of petitions challenging the changes in Jammu & Kashmir's constitutional status by abrogating provisions of Article 370 to a five-judge Constitution Bench. The SC, which said the petitions will be listed for hearing in the first week of October, also issued notices to the Centre and the Jammu & Kashmir administration on the batch of pleas challenging the presidential order abrogating Article 370 of the Constitution.

A Bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi did not agree with the Centre that there was no need for issuing notices in the matter as Attorney General KK Venugopal and Solicitor



General Tushar Mehta were marking their presence in the court. "We will refer the matter to a five-judge Constitution Bench," said the Bench while not accepting the argument that the notices would have a "cross-border repercussion".

The Bench also comprised Justices SA Bobde and SA Nazeer. The Attorney General said whatever was being said by the court was sent before the United Nations (UN). As the counsel appearing for both sides were involved in arguments and counter-arguments, the SC said, "We know what to do, we have passed the order,

we are not going to change."

Meanwhile, the SC asked the Centre and the Jammu & Kashmir administration to reply to the pleas seeking removal of several regressive restrictions in the State, including the communications blockade, that are hampering the functioning of the media after the abrogation of Article 370. The SC issued notices on the two petitions, filed by Anuradha Bhasin, Executive Editor of *Kashmir Times* and Congress activist Tehseen Poonawalla.

The first petition challenging the Presidential Order scrapping Article 370 was filed by advocate ML Sharma, who was later joined by another lawyer from Jammu & Kashmir, Shakir Shabir. National Conference (NC), a prominent political party from Jammu & Kashmir, filed a petition on August 10, contending that the changes brought in the status of the State had taken away the rights of its citizens without their mandate.

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AAP Govt's Jai Bhim gives wing to Dalits' dreams

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Daily wage's daughter cracks NEET, 3 other students benefit from scheme

Technology (NSUT).

"I am very thankful to Delhi Government and the Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal for such a wonderful scheme. This Government has given a chance to poor people like us to achieve success and showcase our talent. When I got to know about the scheme, I immediately went to the training centre with my father. It was my dream to become a doctor," said a beaming Shashi, adding that now she can support her family and two siblings after completing studies.

The Minister of SC/ST department and brain behind the scheme, Rajendra Pal Gautam, applauded Shashi's feat and met her in his office on Wednesday.

Congratulating Shashi, Gautam said, "Jai Bhim Mukhyamantri Pratibha Vikas Yojna is ensuring that poverty

will no longer be a handicap for poor students. Chief Minister is fulfilling the dream of Baba Saheb Ambedkar by ensuring medical education for a labourer's daughter."

Meanwhile, Arvind Kejriwal tweeted, "If every student coming from poor family will be given a chance to study and fly, the poverty will be vanished from the country within a generation. I am very happy that students a number of students coming from below poverty line are getting a chance to study engineering and medical."

Shashi had passed the Class XII Board examination from the Rajkiya Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya, GTB Nagar in North east Delhi.

She had earlier appeared in the 2017 NEET exam, but was not successful.

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Delhi Social Welfare and SC/ST Department Minister Rajendra Pal Gautam meets Shashi, who cracked NEET with Delhi Government's assistance

Pioneer photo

Rahul raps Islamabad for J&K trouble after Pak drags him to UN

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi has slammed Pakistan for instigating and supporting violence in Jammu & Kashmir. His statement came after the Congress hit out at Pakistan for "mischievously" dragging the name of Rahul Gandhi in its alleged petition moved to the United Nations to justify its "lies" and misinformation on Jammu & Kashmir.

The Congress said using the name of Rahul Gandhi in the alleged petition moved by the Pakistani Government to United Nations is a mischievous act by Pakistan to justify the pack of lies and deliberate misinformation about India by the neighbouring country.

In a letter to the UN, Pakistan has quoted Rahul Gandhi saying "people are dying in Jammu &



Kashmir" and the situation was very bad there.

This prompted Union Minister Prakash Javadekar to say the Congress was doing the "most irresponsible politics ever" and favouring Pakistan.

The Congress hit back saying the BJP and its Government needed to introspect before they fall and lower its political stature. Both the BJP and the Congress demanded apologies from each other.

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CAPSULE

BOYFRIEND OF EX-MIN'S ACCUSER EXPOSED

New Delhi: Startling revelations in the Swami Chinmayanand sexual abuse case has given a new twist to the story, which has taken Uttar Pradesh by storm. The Shahjahanpur girl who released a video on August 23, accusing former BJP Union Minister Swami Chinmayanand of sexual harassment, has been traced in New Delhi, along with the boy who reportedly demanded a ransom of ₹5 crore from Chinmayanand. **P7**

PC GETS PROTECTION FROM ARREST TILL TODAY

New Delhi: The Supreme Court extended till on Thursday the interim protection from arrest granted to former finance minister P Chidambaram in the INX Media money laundering case lodged by the ED. A Bench of Justices R Banumathi and AS Bopanna heard arguments advanced by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta who said that Chidambaram was trying to play the "victim card" and prevent ED from exercising its right to arrest him. **P5**

VECTOR-BORNE DISEASES

CM announces war on dengue

GOVT TO START DRIVE AGAINST MOSQUITO RELATED DISEASES FROM SEPTEMBER 1

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

To ensure better health of its people, the Delhi Government is all set to launch "combat vector-borne disease" programme starting from September 1.

Disclosing previous three years health records focusing dengue and chikungunya, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said cases of vector-borne diseases have dropped by 80 per cent from 2015-18 contrary to all over India where the number of cases escalated to 1,88,401 in 2017 from 60,000 in 2009.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) regime claimed that the number of deaths also decreased in past three years. Citing Health Department data, Kejriwal said, "In 2015 , total number of deaths due to vector borne were 60 whereas the deaths number decrease to only four in 2018."

Conspicuously, India is among the 100 countries highly affected by vector borne disease. "If we look at the national level, there was an increase of 300 per cent in the Dengue and Chikungunya cases between 2009 and 2017. The number of cases of Dengue and Chikungunya increased to 1,88,401 in 2017 and the large number of deaths happened in 2017," Kejriwal said.

Announcing the campaign '10 Hafte, 10 Baje , 10 Minute Har Ravivar, Dengue Par War', Kejriwal urged people to

inspect their home for just 10 minutes every Sunday to ensure there is standing water where Dengue mosquito can breed.

Lauding Mohalla clinics and 500 fever clinics, Kejriwal said in Delhi in 2015, the total number of dengue cases stood at 15,867, while the number decreased to 2,798 in 2018. It also resulted deaths being recorded at four as compared to 60 in the corresponding period ". "It is possible due to Mohalla clinics, as people don't have to rush to big hospitals as medical services are available in Fever clinics," Kejriwal said.

Kejriwal announced that he will begin this campaign from his own house on Sunday and will check that there is no stagnant clean water in any of the sources where mosquitoes can breed. "We appeal to the people of Delhi to give 10 minutes on every Sunday at 10:00 AM to check all sources of stagnant water in their homes, as the Dengue mosquitoes breed only in clean water" Kejriwal said.

"We are asking for just 100 minutes from the people of Delhi that they can definitely afford to save Delhi from Dengue and Chikungunya", he said.

Kejriwal also said that health and education are the priority sectors of AAP government. "In 2015 - in the very first year itself, our government increased the Health Sector budget to 14percent. The bud-

get for the health sector has been increased to Rs 7800 Crore in the current financial year," he said.

"We have made unprecedented infrastructure development in the health sector. In order to enhance access to pri-

mary healthcare, we started Mohalla clinics and polyclinics, drastically improved the facilities at the specialty hospitals. Apart from this, we are creating new hospitals with good infrastructure and advanced facilities" Kejriwal said.

YEAR WISE DATA OF VECTOR-BORNE DISEASES					
YEAR	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
DENGUE	15867	4431	4726	2798	75*
CHIKUNGUNYA	-	7760	559	165	21*

DATA TILL AUGUST 28, 2019					
YEAR	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
DENGUE DEATHS	60	10	10	04	NIL (SO FAR)

Kejriwal taking credit for our work: Mayor Anju

New Delhi: Civic body leaders criticised the Delhi Government's claim on vector-borne diseases and said Arvind Kejriwal is trying to take political advantages by confusing people. East Delhi Municipal Corporation Mayor Anju said all the major awareness programmes regarding vector-borne diseases are carried out by corporations. "We are running various awareness drives to make people aware of its prevention. Our dengue breeding checkers visit each and every house to check mosquito breeding. "Officials from health department keep visiting areas to make people

aware about the diseases. I do not know why the government is taking credit of it," she added. Standing Committee member and former Mayor Bipin Bihari said the AAP Government has done nothing besides making people fool. A North corporation official said the body has taken every possible effort within limited resources to tackle vector borne diseases. The Kejriwal Government has not even released corporation's due as recommended by various finance commission but claiming it is because of them, the cases has come down. **SR**

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By The Secretary- Manish Gautam (TSKCGHSL) 9810952122

BJP leaders vying for CM post, says Sanjay Singh

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Senior AAP leader and Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh said Delhi BJP leaders are competing with one another to become Chief Minister. Singh said three Delhi BJP presidents — Manoj Tiwari, Vijay Goel and leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly Vijender Gupta were desperate to take credit of the policy decisions taken by the Arvind Kejriwal Government.

"Ever since the Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal talked about giving right to the ownership to the people living in the unauthorised colonies, the BJP has been trying to take credit of it by doing various theatrics,"



he said.

"Manoj Tiwari, Vijender Gupta and Vijay Goel take turns in organizing programmes to take credit. The reality is that the BJP leaders are embroiled in a fight over who will be the party's chief ministerial candidate," he said. The AAP leader said that the BJP leaders are so disparate that they cannot even decide

who will run which campaign. "The BJP opposed every major announced by the AAP Government such as a one-time waiver of water arrears, free ride for women in metro and registration of unauthorised colony residents," he said.

In the run up to the Delhi Assembly elections that is likely to be held early next year, Singh asked the BJP not to hinder their work as AAP was trying to win the confidence of the people so that they get the mandate once again.

Singh said the BJP leaders should stop making people of the capital suffer because of their internal tiffs. "I want to tell the BJP's Delhi unit that doesn't make people of Delhi suffer in your personal fight over chief ministerial position," he said.

Panel formed to re-develop Sheesh Mahal District Park

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Lieutenant Governor Anil Bajjal on Wednesday constituted a committee for re-development of Sheesh Mahal District Park in Shalimar Bagh and heritage structures inside it, directed officials to complete the task by December 2020. Bajjal chaired a meeting with officials of various agencies to discuss the redevelopment of the Sheesh Mahal district park. It was a follow up meeting after he visited the park earlier this month. "The LG stated that there is a need for proper redevelopment plan and maintenance strategy of the whole park and its monuments. "He constituted a committee under the Chairmanship of principal commissioner (horticulture), which included representatives of ASI, INTACH, PWD, Police and members of the local community," a statement from the LG office said.

Bajjal directed officials to take on greening activities in the entire area by planting fruit bearing native trees, redevelopment of water bodies, renovation of heritage structures in the park.

Street performance bursaries announced to encourage young artistes

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In a bid to improve extracurricular activities and to provide a platform to student to explore their talent, the Delhi Government on Wednesday announced street performance fellowships for 1,000 young artistes.

The fellowship to thousands of students will be awarded by Delhi Governments Art, Culture and Languages Department, under the leadership of Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia.

"To encourage, promote and mentor young talents, a street theatre or performing arts fellowship has been initiated by the Delhi Government. Street performers are a very important part of our cultural fraternity but they have not been recognized by the governments earlier. We want to empower, encourage and strengthen the street performing art, therefore, this initiative is being taken. Street theatre or Nukkad Natak always gives a strong social message in the form of performance hence we believe that this will help in bringing social change," Sisodia.

The applications for the fel-

lowship will start from Thursday and will continue till September 15, 2019.

Applications are invited from individuals working in the field of acting, direction, script-writing, dance, music and other forms of street performances, said the officials.

The officials further added that, the art and culture department will divide the 1000 fellows into 100 groups and each group will have a maximum of 10 artists. Each of these 100 groups will be performing at least 4 times a month.

Besides, an individual fellow will be provided with Rs 5,000 per month and an additional Rs 4,000 will be provided for the group leaders of the individual groups for the logistical arrangement per show. The performances will take place across the National Capital.

The age of the applicants should be between 18 to 40 years and the individuals will be selected based on interview. The interested candidates can apply here and read the details here: <https://delhi.gov.in/street-performancefellowship/> Delhi Govt announces Street Performance Fellowship for 1000 artists.

CM should release fund to corporations: Manoj Tiwari



STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Citing dengue and chikungunya data of the Delhi Government which claimed the number of vector-borne diseases have decreased by 80 per cent in three years span from 2015 to 2018, Delhi BJP president Manoj Tiwari said Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal admitted that three Municipal Corporations are working in a better way and now he should release the funds to corporations.

It is pertinent to mention here that in Monsoon season, corporations play pivotal role as employees visit door to door to ensure no mosquito breeding take place. "Cleaning of drains, prevention of waterlogging and the public awareness campaign besides the hard labour of the sanitation workers have helped in the prevention of dengue and chikungunya in Delhi. The number of patients suffering from Dengue has been decreasing year after year," Tiwari said.

Tiwari, Member of Parliament (MP) from North - East Delhi also targeted the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) for not releasing the required amount to pay salaries to MCD employees.

Two acting-school owners arrested for duping people

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Two persons who were running an acting school were arrested by police for duping people by exchanging fake currency in lieu of original notes in south east Delhi's Badarpur area.

The duo arrested were identified as, Shahid alias Raj Shinghaniya (24) a native of Poonma, Bihar and currently residing in Batla House area of Delhi and Hemraj (44) a resident of Noida UP.

DCP (southeast) Chinmoy Biswal said, in July, a complainant reported that, he is contractor of tiles and one of his known namely Raj Shinghaniya along with Hemraj and Salman met with him at Badarpur.

Raj was knowing that the

Govt to extend benefit of Jai Bhim Yojana to OBC, EWS students

GAYATHRI MANI ■ NEW DELHI

After successfully implementing the plan to provide free coaching under 'Jai Bhim Yojana' to Scheduled Caste (SC) and scheduled Tribe (ST), the Social Welfare, SC/ST department of Delhi Government has decided to extend the benefit of the scheme to the students belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBC) and Economically Weaker Section (EWS) category as well. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Government is also planning to increase the coaching time in order to provide a quality education.

The Minister of SC/ST and Social Welfare Department, also the brain behind the scheme Rajendra Pal Gautam said, "We have successfully implemented the scheme for SC/ST students under which about 30 students have secured admissions in top university such as IIT, NEET, Netaji Subhash University of Technology, Delhi University, Benaras Hindu University and others. Thus, the Government has planned to extend the scheme to the needy students from OBC and general category students coming under EWS category, who will avail the free coaching classes."

"Chief Minister (CM) Arvind Kejriwal believes that the students with talent and skills should not lag behind because of poverty. Everyone has the Right to Education and



in many cases talented students miss the chance due to poverty thus, the government has decided to extend the facility to the other category students. The department has prepared cabinet note for the extension of the scheme to the OBC and EWS category students and are expecting to get approval soon. "The cabinet note is prepared and we will announce this happy news to the public tomorrow on Thursday," Gautame said.

The OBC and EWS students whose annual family income is not above Rs 8 lakh will avail the facility under this scheme. Currently under the scheme about 5000 students of SC/ST are provided free coaching classes in top coaching centres but with the extension of this scheme the seats will be increased to 15000 to provide free education to the poor needy students of OBC and EWS, the minister added.

Under Jai Bheem Yojana, free coaching classes are provided for engineering, medical, Civil Services, judicial services and other competitive exams, he added.

"The department has also decided to increase the number of courses coaching centres,

■ The Jai Bheem Mukhyamantri Yojana was launched in November 2017.

■ Number of students enrolled in the first batch of 2018-19 - 4953

■ 13 students cleared Engineering examination

■ 22 students cleared NEET examinations

■ Four students got admitted to top university- IIT Delhi, Netaji Subhash University of Technology (NSUT), JEE, BAMS , Banaras Hindu University (BHU).

time period of coaching and fees for the particular course. The fees for engineering and medical examinations will be extended to Rs 1 lakh, While coaching fees for the civil services will be doubled to Rs 1.5 lakh and Rs 50,000 will be sealed by the government as coaching fees for Group-I officers. Besides, an amount of Rs 25,000 has been proposed for Staff Selection Services (SSC) examination. Till now the government paid Rs 40,000 as coaching fees for the entire session", Gautam said.

Besides, the time period of the coaching will be increased. Currently, the students are provided four months coaching but now it will be extended to one year once the cabinet accords its approval for the scheme, he said.

Debtor shot for not returning ₹15K to his friend

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A man was shot dead allegedly by his friend as he was unable to return the ₹15,000 which he had borrowed in Central Delhi Prasad Nagar area on Tuesday night, the police said on Wednesday.

According to the police, the deceased has been identified as Vinay, a resident of Karol Bagh who was shot dead by his friend Akash. Both of them are into Garment trading business on Tank road, they added.

"We got a PCR call regarding a firing following which a team was rushed to the spot. After which we got to know that the victim was already taken to hospital where he was declared brought dead," said a senior police officer.

Octogenarian arrested for selling heroin in Inderpuri

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police has arrested an 88-year-old woman who is involved in the selling of heroin in Inderpuri area of West Delhi. The woman has been arrested ninth time since 1996 in similar crimes.

DCP (West) Monika Bharadwaj said, following a tip off the team of Anti-Narcotics Cell laid a trap near Naraina flyover At about 3 pm on Tuesday an elderly woman was seen coming in an e rickshaw, the staff nabbed her and recovered 16 gm heroin from her possession.

It was revealed that, the woman who is a Bad Character (BC) of Inderpuri police station, used to procure drugs and further used to sell them from her home.

The alleged woman, who is a resident of JJ colony Inderpuri, was sent to one day police remand by the court, police said.

Efforts are being made to identify other persons who would be in this racket.

JNUSU announces names of candidates for election

SANJAY ■ NEW DELHI

Names of the candidates for the much-awaited Jawahar Lal Nehru Students' Union (JNUSU) 2019 elections have been announced by the JNUSU Election Committee.

Similar to last year elections, all the major four left parties such as All India Students' Association (AISA), Students' Federation of India (SFI), Democratic Students' Federation (DSF) and All India Students' Federation (AISF) have joined hands to form a 'United Left' alliance and will be contesting for one post each.

Rashtriya Swyam Sevak Sangh (RSS) backed Akhil Bhartiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP), National Students' Union of India (NSUI), the students wing of Indian National Congress, BirsA Ambedkar Phule Students' Association (BAPSA) and Chatra Rastriya Janta Dal-CRJID are also in the fray.

Total six candidates are contesting for the post of president. SFI's Aishw Ghosh is the candidate of the Left Alliance, while Manish Jangid from ABVP, Prashant Kumar of NSUI, Priyanka Bharti from CRJD, Jitendra Suna from BAPSA and Independent can-



didate Raghvendra Mishra are in the fray.

The Left unity is hoping to repeat the last year's clean sweep on all the four posts. During nominations, AISF took down two names from the nomination list after forming alliance.

This time the post of president has gone to SFI, last year it was held by AISA. DSF is contesting on Vice president post, AISF on Joint secretary post and AISA is contesting for the post of General Secretary. Justifying this AISA's JNU unit president Simone Zoya Khan said-"It is in spirit of unity and comradeship".

ABVP, which last won a JNUSU post in 2015 when Saurabh Kumar Sharma was

elected for the Joint Secretary's post, is hoping to win this time again and contesting on all four posts.

"We want to make sure that the university is known for its courses and quality of education, rather than that incident," a senior ABVP leader said.

JNUSU elections usually revolve around national issues and reflected in Presidential debate (to be held on September 4). This time parties are also promising better hostel facilities, more books in library, security and seat increase in various courses.

The JNUSU election will be held on September 6, 2019 and the results will be announced on September 8, 2019.

Dengue cases down by 80%

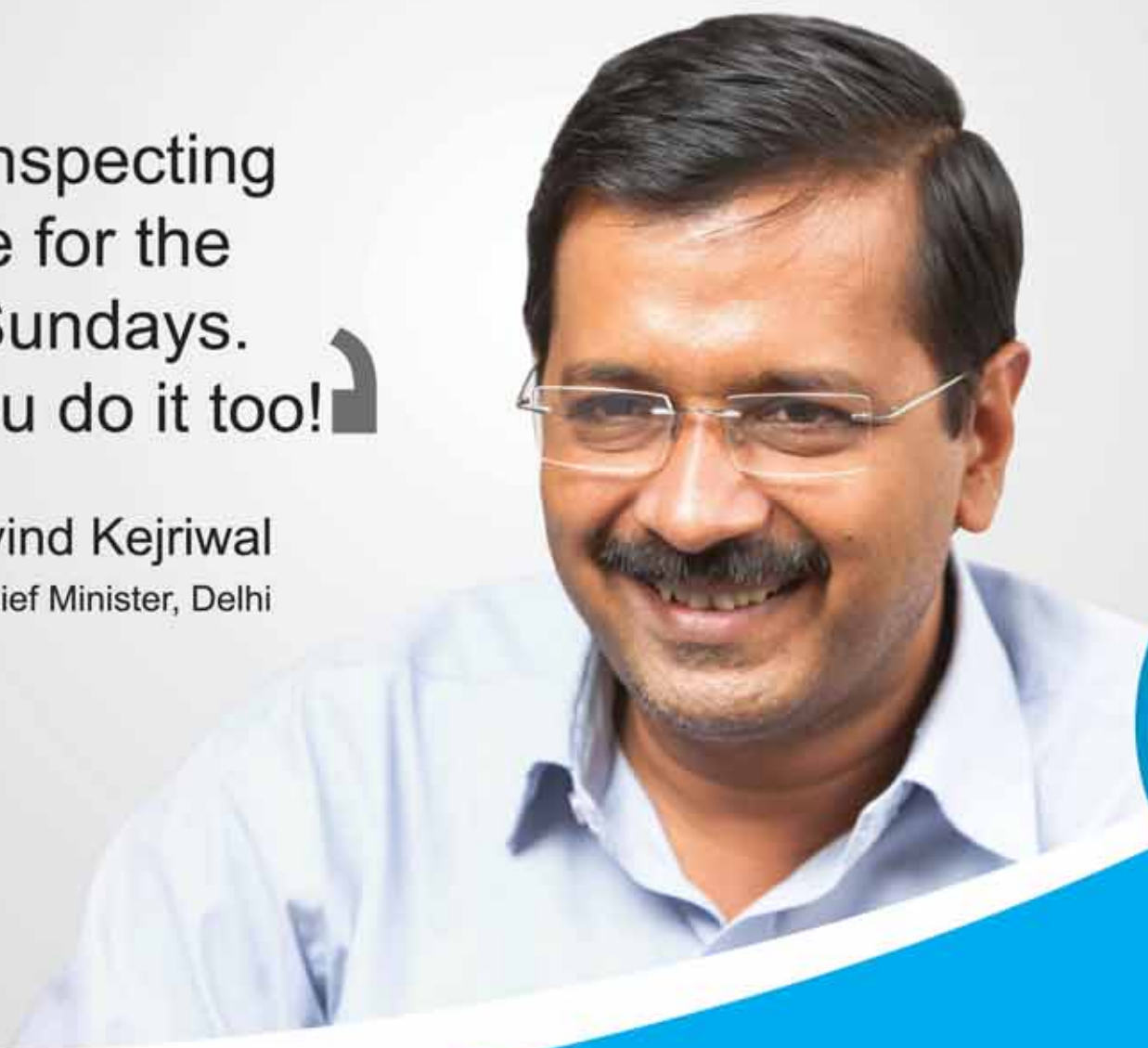
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- Arvind Kejriwal
Chief Minister, Delhi



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India-Russia ties flourishing: Jaishankar

PTI ■ MOSCOW

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has said that in the last 40 years the world has changed, but what has been constant is actually the relationship between India and Russia.

Jaishankar, who arrived here on Tuesday on a two-day visit finalise the preparations for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's forthcoming visit to Russia, said that 'I first came here almost to the date exactly 40 years ago and in 40 years lot of things have changed, the world has changed, Russia and India have changed.'

Jaishankar was posted in the Indian mission in Russia from 1979 to 1981.

'I would say relatively speaking, a constant in these 40 years have actually been our



Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and Union External Affairs Minister of India S Jaishankar enter a hall for their talks in Moscow on Wednesday PTI

relationship (India-Russia). If you look 40 years ago at the big relationships that characterised international relations... India-Russia has remained a much more stable factor in the international relations than almost

any other significant relationship of our era,' he added.

Delivering a speech at the discussion platform of the Valdai Discussion Club on 'The prospects of India's policy in the Indo-Pacific region'

on Tuesday, Jaishankar said India's economic interest has shifted towards the Pacific, so the policies that started from 'Look East' to 'Act East' have matured into 'Indo-Pacific'.

He said that the changing world had thrown up new concepts and approaches and the Indo-Pacific was one of them.

'We are actually moving significantly out of the world of alliances...But countries who find common cause on particular issues have an interest in working together and the Indo-Pacific is a concept that has grown out of this era of convergence,' he said during the discussion.

'In our neighbourhood we have a policy' neighbourhood first 'which is a non-reciprocal policy of prioritising co-operation in our immediate neigh-

bour, we have a policy towards the ASEAN which was called 'Look East', started in 1992, over a period of time it became 'Act East' because it developed aspects of physical connectivity and security. Today, India's economic interest have shifted towards the Pacific, so the policies matured into 'Indo-Pacific', he added.

India, the US and several other world powers have been talking about the need to ensure a free, open and thriving Indo-Pacific in the backdrop of China's rising military manoeuvring in the region.

China has been trying to expand its military presence in the Indo-Pacific, which is a bi-geographic region, comprising the Indian Ocean and the western and central Pacific Ocean, including the South China Sea.



A Lord Ganesha idol brought from Maharashtra being carried to a pandal for Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations at the Central Railway Station in Chennai on Wednesday PTI

50,000 jobs for locals within 3 months...

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Comparing the present situation on ground zero with that of agitations of 2008, 2010 and 2016, the Governor told reporters that in 2008, at least 50 lives were lost in the first two weeks of agitation, in 2010 over 100 people were killed, and in 2016 over 80 lives were lost in continuous cycle of violence.

He said, 'We care for human lives of Kashmiri people. I can claim preventing loss of human lives is one of our biggest achievements. No loss of civilian life has been reported since August 5.'

Elaborating on the timeline of filing these 50,000 vacancies, the Governor said all our offices led by the Chief

Secretary have completed an exercise where they are looking forward towards completing this special drive within a span of next 2-3 months.

Referring to apple growers in the State, the Governor said around 7 lakh farmers are producing 22 lakh metric tonnes annually. He said, the Government is expected to procure more than 50 per cent produce to the tune of Rs 5,500 crores.

Commenting on reports related to shortage of medicines and nature of injuries to protesters, Governor Malik clarified he was personally monitoring medical care facilities and even visited hospitals to review the ground situation.

AAP GOVT'S JAI BHIM GIVES WING TO DALITS'...

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Sharing her journey, Shashi said, 'I did not able to clear the exam earlier as I was unable to afford for private coaching was not possible for her to avail private coaching but now my dream of becoming Oncologist come true thanks to Delhi Government and Rajendra Gautam sir'. This year a total of 107 students took coaching from the Sachdeva New PT College under this scheme. Stipend of Rs 10,000 rupees helped her to get the books. Vijay, Amarjeet and Himanshu the three successful candidates too benefitted by the AAP government's scholarship and were provided study materials too. 'The success story of these four students should inspire other students of the lower strata to avail the assistance and facilities provided by Arvind Kejriwal government and aim bigger', said a Delhi government official working with the SC/St department.

Met predicts heavy rain in parts of India

New Delhi: Monsoon rain was below average for the first time in five weeks in the week through Wednesday, as the rice-growing north-western parts of the country received lower rainfall. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) predicts heavy rainfall at isolated places over Rajasthan, Gujarat, Central Maharashtra, Kerala, Goa, Tamil Nadu, South Interior Karnataka and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. As per the IMD prediction, heavy downpour is very likely at isolated places over Saurashtra and Kutch. Also, thunderstorm accompanied by lightning is very likely at isolated places over Sub-Himalayan West Bengal, Sikkim, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura.**PNS**

Big FDI reforms to shore up...

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These reforms have led to total FDI into India reaching USD 286 billion in five years from 2014-15 to 2018-19 as compared to USD 189 billion in the previous five-years, he said. At USD 64.37 billion.

FDI in 2018-19 is the highest ever investment received for any financial year.

Presently, 100 per cent FDI under automatic route is allowed in coal and lignite mining for captive consumption in power projects, iron and steel and cement units. Now, the same has been allowed for sale of coal and mining, including associated processing infrastructure such as coal washery, crushing, coal handling, and separation (magnetic and non-magnetic).

While the extant FDI policy provides for 100 per cent investment under automatic route in the manufacturing sector, there was no specific provision for contract manufacturing in the policy.

In order to provide clarity on contract manufacturing, it has been decided to allow 100 per cent FDI under automatic route in India as well, Goyal said.

With a view to providing greater flexibility and ease of operations, the Union Cabinet decided that all procurement made from India by such entity for that single brand shall be counted towards local sourcing, irrespective of whether the goods procured are sold in India or exported.

Further, the current cap of considering exports for 5 years only is proposed to be removed to give an impetus to exports. While the extant FDI policy

provides for 49 per cent FDI under approval route in up-linking of News & Current Affairs TV channels, the Cabinet has decided to permit 26 per cent FDI under government route for uploading/streaming of news and current affairs through Digital Media on the lines of print media/

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved setting up of 75 Government medical colleges, to be attached with existing district or referral hospitals, by 2021-22. The establishment of these medical colleges will add at least 15,700 MBBS seats in the country. The total cost of this project is Rs.24,375 crore.

The medical colleges will be set up in under-served areas having no such institutes. These medical colleges will to attached with district hospitals having at least 200 beds, a government statement said. Preference will be given to 'aspirational districts' and district hospitals having 300 beds, it said,

The move comes days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that with rising awareness about healthcare, rising incomes and greater focus on aspirational goals among people, thousands and thousands of doctors will be needed to fulfil the demand, especially in rural and urban areas.

The establishment of new medical colleges will be under phase III of the ongoing Centrally sponsored scheme, Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSY) which will add at least 15,700 MBBS seats in the country. The plan will cost the exchequer almost Rs 24,375 crore

There are currently 70,978 MBBS seats in 529 colleges in India.

The new medical colleges would be set up in under-served areas having no medical colleges, with district hospitals having at least 200 beds, a government statement said.

'The establishment of new medical colleges, to be attached with existing district and referral hospitals, would lead to an increase in the availability of qualified health professionals, improve tertiary care in government sector, utilise existing infrastructure of district hospitals and promote affordable medical education in the country,' it said,

The Cabinet also approved Rs 6,268 crore subsidy for export of 6 million tonnes of sugar during the next marketing year starting October to offload surplus domestic stock and help mills clear huge sugarcane arrears of around Rs 15,000 crore.

'We have taken an important decision in the interest of sugarcane farmers. The cabinet has approved export subsidy for 6 million tonnes for the 2019-20 marketing year (October-September),' Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar told reporters after the Cabinet meeting.

A lump-sum export subsidy of Rs 10,448 per tonne will be given to sugar mills during the next marketing year which is estimated to cost the exchequer Rs 6,268 crore, he said.

This will benefit millions of farmers in Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Karnataka as well as other states, he added.

Elderly Sikh stabbed to death in US

Washington: A 64-year-old Sikh man from India was stabbed to death by an unidentified person in the US' California while he was on his evening walk, according to a media report.

Parmjit Singh was attacked in Gretchen Talley Park in Tracy around 9 pm on Sunday. He died from his injuries, ABC News reported. Detectives say a passer-by spotted the man bleeding on the ground and immediately called 911. Police have launched a homicide investigation.

Police don't have any clear suspects. On Monday, they asked for the community's help identifying a man captured on video hopping a fence and running away from the park around the time when the incident took place, according to the report.

'We just need to figure out who that is, why they were in the area, what they may have seen and potentially any of their involvement in the incident,' said Tracy Police Spokesperson Lt Trevin Freitas. Singh was wearing a traditional Sikh turban as he always would for his walks twice a day. Some residents are worried Singh may have been attacked because he was Sikh. Police said they cannot say if it was a hate crime.

We can't say what it was right now. We're keeping all possibilities open. We have no information that would lead us to the motive of this crime. It is something that we can't disprove at this time and we're actively investigating all possibilities,' Freitas said.

HRD Minister opens portal 'Shagun' to link 15L schools

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Union Human Resource Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank on Wednesday launched a web portal 'Shagun', which links over 15 lakh schools across the country, to provide all information on school education.

'The progress of the country is dependent on education and the foundation of education needs to be solid. Shagun is an important initiative and through this portal, more than 2.3 lakh educational websites can be integrated,' the minister said.

According to HRD officials, there will also be a third-party verification of the information provided by schools and websites of 1,200 Kendriya Vidyalayas, 600 Navodaya Vidyalayas, 18,000 CBSE-affiliated schools, 30 SCERTs, 19,000 organisations affiliated with NCTE among others are integrated with the portal.

Report cards of 15 lakh schools all over the country will be available on the newly created junction. The portal seeks to connect approximately 92 lakh teachers and 26 crore students. The website provides a very robust feedback mechanism. Common people can directly give their feedback about schools which will further increase the public participation and will ensure accountability and transparency,' the official said.

UK Houses shut till Brexit...

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Johnson had briefed his Cabinet of the plan at a meeting earlier, highlighting the number one legislative priority as Brexit. If a new deal is forthcoming at the European Council in mid-October, he will then introduce a Withdrawal Agreement Bill and 'move at pace' to secure its passage before October 31.

'I believe it is vital that Parliament is sitting both before and after European Council and if, as I hope, a deal with the EU is forthcoming, Parliament will then have the opportunity to pass the Withdrawal Agreement Bill required for ratification ahead of 31 October,' Johnson said in a statement.

'We must focus on crucial public priorities...We have made an important start...But to deliver on the public's priorities we require a new session and a Queen's Speech,' he said.

Downing Street said the decision to end the current parliamentary session, which is 'the longest in close to 400 years and in recent months one of the least active', will enable Johnson to put a fresh domestic programme in front of MPs for debate and scrutiny while also ensuring that there is good time before and after the European Council, scheduled for October 17 and 18 - for Parliament to further consider Brexit issues. Crucial voting on legislation is likely to fall on October 21 and 22.

The Downing Street statement followed unconfirmed media reports earlier of such a

plan to prorogue Parliament during September - a month traditionally dedicated to conferences by all major political parties. According to the timeline being considered, it would lead to a customary Queen's Speech - which lays out a new UK government's parliamentary business for the year - on October 14. It is widely seen as an attempt to block MPs from tabling and debating any other major legislation, including an attempt by the Opposition to prevent a no-deal Brexit by the October 31 deadline.

Parliament returns from summer recess next Monday, and another recess was expected to take place between roughly September 13 and October 8 to cover the political conference season. There had been hopes that the second break could be shortened to keep business going in the run-up to Brexit.

The idea of shutting down Parliament - known as prorogation - has already caused controversy, with critics saying it would stop MPs being able to use legislative measures to prevent a damaging British exit from the EU as part of Johnson's 'do or die' Brexit pledge. The UK Government move comes a day after the Opposition parties had been able to agree on a strategy of using legislative means to work together to prevent Johnson leaving the EU without any agreement in place by the October 31 Brexit deadline.

'The Prime Minister set out that the UK will be leaving the EU on October 31, whatever the circumstances, and that

we absolutely want to do so with a deal. The PM was also clear however that unless the Withdrawal Agreement is reopened and the backstop abolished there is no prospect of that deal,' a Downing Street spokesperson said. Therefore, the issue of an Irish backstop - the EU's post-Brexit insurance policy on an open border between EU member-country Ireland and UK territory Northern Ireland - continues to be central to the UK-EU standoff. Brexiters like Johnson have claimed the backstop would be used by the 28-member economic bloc to keep the UK tied to EU rules even after Brexit.

Rahul raps Islamabad for J&K trouble after Pak...

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The grand old party demanded an apology from the ruling BJP for 'doing cheap politics' on the issue. Javadekar demanded an apology from Rahul Gandhi and Congress while describing the former Congress chief's remarks, in which he had spoken about reports of violence and death of people in Kashmir, as 'most irresponsible politics' the country has witnessed. 'He has made a complete U-turn not due to his own will but due to circumstances and public pressure,' Javadekar said.

Javadekar said the Gandhi scion's allegations about violence in Kashmir were wrong and that it continues for the sake of 'vote bank' politics. Congress' chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala hit back at Javadekar, dubbing him a 'misinformation Minister' and one who has 'lost his political balance'. Taking a dig, Javadekar asked if Rahul Gandhi's mindset has also changed due to change in his constituency. The Congress leader represents Wayanad, a minority dominated seat, in Lok Sabha after losing from his traditional Amethi seat to Smriti Irani. Congress asserted that Rahul has said violence in Kashmir is instigated and supported by terror groups in Pakistan that thrive under the political and military patronage of the neighbouring country's Government and Islamabad should be told to desist from supporting terror activities on Indian soil. Rahul said that though he disagrees with the Government on many issues, he is clear that Kashmir is an internal issue and there is no room for Pakistan to interfere in it. 'I disagree with this Government on many issues. But, let me make this absolutely clear: Kashmir is India's internal issue and there is no room for Pakistan or any other foreign country to interfere in it,' he said on Twitter. There is violence in Jammu & Kashmir. There is violence because it is instigated and supported by Pakistan which is known to be the prime supporter of terrorism across the world,' he added. Rahul Gandhi has been attacking the Government over the Kashmir situation and had said last week that the Opposition and the Press got a taste of the 'draconian administration' and 'brute force' unleashed on the people there when they tried to visit Srinagar.

In a statement, the Congress said Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh regions were and would always be an integral part of India, and it accused Pakistan of instigating violence in Jammu & Kashmir. 'We think the BJP and its Government need to introspect. How much will the BJP fall and lower its political stature? If they have a little realisation, they should come forward and apologise,' Surjewala said briefing the media.

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SC Constitution Bench to hear...

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Arguing that the legislation approved by Parliament and the orders issued by the president subsequently were 'unconstitutional', the petition asked for those to be declared 'void and inoperative'.

The petition was filed by NC's Lok Sabha MPs Mohammad Akbar Lone and Justice Speaker of the Jammu & Kashmir Assembly and Masoodi a retired judge of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court. In 2015, he ruled that Article 370 was a permanent feature of the Constitution.

There are other petitions challenging the Centre's decision to abrogate Article 370, including a plea filed by a group of former defence officers and bureaucrats, who have also sought directions declaring the Presidential Orders of August 5 'unconstitutional, void and inoperative'.

The plea was filed by professor Radha Kumar, a former member of the Home Ministry's Group of Interlocutors for Jammu & Kashmir (2010-11), former IAS officer of Jammu and Kashmir cadre Hindal Haidar Tyabji, Air Vice Marshal (ret'd) Kapil Kak, Major General (ret'd) Ashok Kumar Mehta, former Punjab-cadre IAS officer Amitabha Pande and former Kerala-cadre IAS officer Gopal Pillai, who retired as the Union Home Secretary in 2011. A petition has also been filed by bureaucrat-turned-politician Shah Faesal, along with his party colleague and former Jawaharlal Nehru University Students' Union (JNUSU) leader Shehla Rashid.

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Police’s third-degree technique over: Shah

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Lamenting the “very pitiful” conviction rate in criminal cases in the country, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday said the era of age-old police techniques like administering third degree to suspects and phone tapping are over as they do not yield the desired results in curbing crime.

Addressing the top brass of Central Police Organisations during the 49th Raising Day event of the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD) here, Shah exhorted the use of forensic evidence by police investigators to clinch convictions against criminals. Hinting at an overhaul of policing techniques, the minister said that he has asked the BPRD to prepare a plan to have ‘modus operandi bureaux’ at the national and state-level and that the government is mulling making forensic evidence compulsory in all criminal cases where the quantum of punishment is seven years or more.

He said he has asked the BPRD, a police think tank under the Home Ministry, to initiate a countrywide “consultative process” for effecting changes in CrPC (Criminal Procedure Code) and IPC (Indian Penal Code). “All suggestions should be



Home Minister Amit Shah presents award to DCP Sunil Kumar Gautam in presence of Director General of Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) VS Kaumudi and MoS for Home Affairs G Kishan Reddy during the 49th Foundation Day celebrations of BPR&D, at its headquarters, in New Delhi on Wednesday PTI

documented and recommendations should be sent to the ministry. There has been no change for a long time in CrPC and IPC and we should go forward on this,” he said.

“The conviction rate is very pitiful in the true sense. It cannot go like this in these times.

National forensic science varsity on cards

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Underscoring the importance of forensic science, Amit Shah announced, “A police and national forensic science university will be created at the national level. Its affiliated colleges will be there in every State and after class 12 if any student who has decided to pursue a career in police or CAPFs, we should ensure that training of such students is done from the beginning itself.”

Such a student, he said, should get “weightage” when they appear for police entrance. “BPRD has sent the proposal to us and in few days we will put it before the Cabinet for a final decision,” he said.

“I believe the usage of FSL (forensic science laboratories) should be encouraged and made compulsory under law. We will then see more success in getting criminals punished and after this only the tendency to commit a crime will reduce. BPRD should also work on this,” Shah said.

Automatically, the conviction rate will improve.”

The minister asserted that a good law and order environment in the country is essential to realise Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s dream of making India a \$5 trillion economy and getting the country a place among top three economies of the world.

₹6,268 subsidy on sugar export

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved a ₹6,268-crore subsidy for export of 60 lakh tonnes of sugar during the 2019-20 marketing year starting October, in order to liquidate surplus domestic stock and help mills in clearing huge sugarcane arrears to farmers.

The decision, meant for the sugarcane season for the current year involving an export subsidy of ₹10,448 per metric tonne to sugar mills, comes in the backdrop of upcoming polls in Maharashtra, Jharkhand and Haryana.

Maharashtra and Haryana are among the top sugarcane producing states. India has 162 lakh tonnes of sugar stock. Of this, 40 lakh tonnes is buffer stock and 60 lakh tonnes are meant for export.

After the Cabinet meeting, Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar said that the government has taken an important decision in the interest of sugarcane farmers. “This will benefit millions of farmers in Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Karnataka as well as other states,” he said. The government is providing subsidy for export of 50 lakh tonnes of sugar for the current 2018-19 marketing year.

“The subsidy will be transferred directly to the farmer’s account on behalf of the mills against cane price dues and subsequent balance, if any, would be credited to mill’s account. The direct transfer will poten-



tially curb pilferage and directly reach the farmers. The sugar season 2019-20 is expected to start with an opening and closing stock of 142 MT and 162 MT respectively,” officials said.

The announcement is expected to give a boost to BJP’s support base among farmers in Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Haryana and Delhi. In a major outreach initiative to address the concerns of the farming community, which cost the BJP three state elections last December, the NDA government extended the scope of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi, or PM-Kisan scheme, to include all the 145 million farmers across the country, besides announcing a ₹3,000 monthly pension scheme for 125 million small and marginal farmers.

To deal with this situation, the government has recently created buffer stock of 40 lakh

metric tonnes of sugar for one year from August 1, 2019. However, even after taking into account this buffer stocking of 40 lakh metric tonnes till July 31, 2020 and likely diversion of sugar by way of production of ethanol from B-heavy molasses/cane juice during 2019-20 and requirement of normative stock for two months, there shall be about 60 lakh metric tonnes of excess sugar stock that will need evacuation through export.

PM to launch Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infra at UN Summit on Sept 23

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) at the upcoming United Nations Climate Summit in New York on September 23.

The Union Cabinet approved the proposal during its meeting on Wednesday.

India has pledged Rs 480 crore to the CDRI to help fund technical assistance and research projects, setting up of offices and covering recurring expenditures for the next five years under the initiative.

The proposal was initially approved by the Prime Minister on August 13 and

aims to bring together the largest number of state heads to generate commitments to combat the effects of climate change and resulting disasters.

Its supporting secretariat will be set up in New Delhi. The memorandum and by-laws of the CDRI society will be prepared by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).

“No additional financial implication will be required. The financial resources required to conduct research will be met from the existing budget and schemes of the National Medicinal Plants Board, Ministry of Ayush,” according to a government statement.

Code of conduct to be framed for legislative & council members

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A committee of Speakers of State Assemblies will frame the “code of conduct” for members of legislative assemblies and councils to make them more efficient, transact good legislative business and reduce adjournments, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla announced here on Tuesday.

Birla announced this while chairing a meeting of the presiding officers of legislatures attended by more than 30 speakers of state assemblies and chairpersons of legislative councils.

The Speaker had earlier said a code of conduct for members of both Houses of Parliament would be framed. The committee will give its report in November and a final decision will be taken thereafter.

Addressing the media about the meeting, Birla said it was very fruitful and all presiding officers agreed that there is need to frame rules for improving the efficiency of state legislatures.

The participants unanimously decided that for the smooth conduct of proceedings and fruitful session with less adjournments, a code of conduct for the legislators was



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needed. “A committee of state assembly speakers will be formed which will hold deliberations with speakers all state legislative assemblies and chairpersons of state legislative councils. It will give its report in November and a final decision will be taken thereafter,” Birla said.

Birla said digitisation of all state legislatures were discussed in the meeting and a committee was formed for the purpose.

The Speaker had in the last session announced that upgradation of the current Parliament building was under consideration which would also mean inclusion of latest communication technology and use of various gadgets to make Indian Parliament as one of the best in the world.

FROM THE SC PC interim protection from ED extended

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday extended till tomorrow the interim protection from arrest granted to former finance minister P Chidambaram in the INX Media money laundering case lodged by the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

A bench of Justices R Banumathi and A S Bopanna heard arguments advanced by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta who said that Chidambaram was trying to play the “victim card” and prevent ED from exercising its right to arrest him in the case.

“This is not a witch hunt as alleged by them. We have material to show that it is a serious case of money laundering. We have collected cogent materials in the case,” Mehta told the bench, which would continue hearing arguments in the case on Thursday.

The apex court is hearing a plea filed by Chidambaram who has challenged the August 20 verdict of the Delhi High Court denying him anticipatory bail in the INX Media corruption and money laundering cases lodged by the CBI and the ED.

“A ghost is sought to be created by playing the victim



card,” Mehta said while opposing grant of anticipatory bail to Chidambaram.

CBI had lodged an FIR on May 15, 2017, alleging irregularities in FIPB clearance granted to INX Media group for receiving overseas funds of Rs 305 crore in 2007 during Chidambaram’s tenure as finance minister.

Thereafter, ED lodged a money laundering case. Chidambaram was Union minister for finance as also home during the UPA-I and UPA-II government from 2004 to 2014.

He had said in the apex court on Tuesday that the ED be asked to produce transcripts of his questioning in the case and claimed that the probe agency wanted his arrest just to “humiliate” him.

SC allows Jamia student to visit his parents in Anantnag

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday allowed a law student from Jamia Millia Islamia University here to visit his parents in Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir and asked the police to provide him security.

The top court asked the student Mohd Aleem Syed to file an affidavit after visiting his parents.

A bench of Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justices S A Bobde and S Abdul Nazeer asked the police to provide him security and facilitate his visit to the family.

The bench told senior advocate Sanjay Hegde that if the Jamia student wants to travel to Anantnag on Thursday then the court order will be made available to him in one hour.

Syed, in his plea filed through advocate Mrigank Prabhakar, said he is a permanent resident of Anantnag and since August 4-5, he has not received any information about his parents. Syed said that he suspects that his parents have been detained in Kashmir as he was not able to contact them by any means or manner.

PM to visit Russia to bolster ties

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s visit to Russia from September 4 to 5 will open a “new chapter” in already close bilateral ties as the two sides will aim to boost cooperation in a plethora of areas including defence, trade, civil nuclear energy and hydrocarbons, Russian envoy Nikolay Kudashev said on Wednesday.

Expanding existing civil nuclear cooperation will be a key focus area during Modi’s visit and both countries are working to firm up a general agreement for building six more atomic reactors in India apart from those under the Kudankulam project. Deputy Chief of Russian Embassy Roman Babushkin said.

Without sharing specific details, Babushkin said a number of agreements will be signed to expand cooperation between the two countries in several key areas during Modi’s visit.

Referring to the Afghan peace process, he said both India and Iran were important players in Afghanistan and that New Delhi has made great contribution in socio-economic development of the war-ravaged country.

Kudashev and Babushkin addressed a press conference on Modi’s upcoming visit to

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In Russia, Modi will attend the Eastern Economic Forum in Vladivostok as the chief guest and hold the 20th India-Russia annual summit. Apart from bilateral issues, the two leaders are expected to deliberate on major regional and international issues as well.

“The 20th summit will be unique as compared to the previous highest level engagements between our two leaders,” said the Russian Ambassador.

He said the summit between Modi and President Vladimir Putin will lay a solid ground for exploration and promotion of a new dimension to the special and privilege partnership between the two countries.

INSHORT

SUNIL GAUR APPOINTED PMLA CHAIRPERSON

New Delhi: Former judge of the Delhi High Court, Sunil Gaur, was on Wednesday appointed the chairperson of the PMLA Appellate Tribunal. Gaur, who retired on August 22, had rejected Former Finance Minister P Chidambaram’s anticipatory bail. He will replace Justice Manmohan.

INDIA WON 19 MEDALS AT INT’L SKILLS COMPETITION

New Delhi: The 48-member Indian Team on Wednesday returned with the best-ever finish at the WorldSkills International Competition 2019 in Kazan, Russia by winning 19 medals and Medallions of Excellence. The team won one Gold, one Silver and two Bronze medals besides 15 Medallions of Excellence.

SC GETS GOVT MESSAGE ON COLLEGIUM

New Delhi: The SC said it had received a communication from the Ministry of Law and Justice on the Collegium’s recommendation, elevating Justice Akil Kureshi as the Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court.

RADIO SHARDA WINS 2 NATIONAL AWARDS

New Delhi: Radio Sharda, Jammu & Kashmir, a community radio service operating from Jammu, won two awards at the National Awards for Community Radio.

MUSLIM PARTY FILES CLAIM ON AYODHYA

New Delhi: Mughal emperor Babur neither visited Ayodhya nor ordered demolition of the temple to construct a mosque in 1528 at the disputed Ram Janmbhoomi-Babri masjid site, the Akhil Bhartiya Sri Ram Janam Bhoomi Punarudhar Samiti, a defendant in a lawsuit filed by a Muslim party in the Ayodhya case, claimed before the Supreme Court.

MoD okays Army proposal to build 130 of its schools

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Defence Ministry has approved the Army proposal to construct and repair more than 130 educational schools run by it. The repairs will be carried from within the Army budget. The annual expenditure on this project is ₹160 crores.

Giving details of the project, officials said here on Wednesday that while 130 schools are located on defence land all over the country, seven others are on private land or on lease. The Army runs these schools from within its own budget. However, in 2014-15 construction and repair or maintenance of these institutions came to a halt after the government asked the Army to get the schools running on defence land regularized.

ASI to set up rainwater harvesting units

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

With Prime Minister Narendra Modi making a strong pitch for rainwater harvesting, the Archeological Survey of India (ASI) is doing its bit by setting up the structures needed for it at over 3,900 monuments of national importance across the country.

“Most of the monuments have huge space and hence there is no problem in setting up the rain water harvesting units. These structures will ensure that water collected during rains does not go waste. In fact, Taj Mahal is the first monument to already have such a system in place. The project is now being replicated at other monuments as well,” said an official from the ASI.

He said the Union Culture Ministry has recently written a letter to the ASI to ensure green measures in all the monuments and accordingly all the ASI circles have been asked to share the budget estimates for such purpose.

To begin with, in the national capital, Qutub Minar, the 13th century minaret in Mehrauli, and its surrounding



After Purana Quila, Red Fort and Safdarjung Tomb, it’s now the turn of Qutub Minar to dazzle every day from 6 pm to 10 pm, starting August 31 when Union Culture and Tourism Minister Prahalad Singh Patel will inaugurate the architectural illumination of this famous heritage hotspot in the national Capital. Other monuments to be illuminated at the Qutub complex include the entrance of the Alai Darwaza and the Iron Pillar. Pathways leading to the heritage complex will also be illuminated

structures will soon act as a reserve for recharging the groundwater level. Four rainwater harvesting units are being constructed inside the new parking lot of the complex. The ASI will also carry out similar water conservation initiatives at other heritage spots such as the Tughlaqabad Fort, Hauz Khas,

Mehrauli Archaeological Park and Red Fort, the official added.

Also, a sewage treatment plant (STP) will be constructed near the toilet facilities at all the monuments for better sewage management facilities while a campaign will be launched from October 2, 2019

to make the premises plastic-free following a call from the Prime Minister.

Concerned about the water crisis in rural areas, Modi in June 2019 had written a personal letter to ‘gram pradhans’ (village chiefs) requesting them to conserve rainwater during the monsoon seasons.

NEW TWIST IN CHINMAYANAND CASE

Victim found staying with extortionist in Delhi hotel

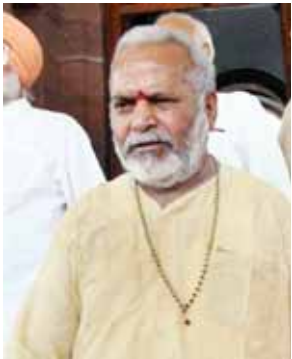
New Delhi: Startling revelations in the Swami Chinmayanand sexual abuse case has given a new twist to the story, which has taken Uttar Pradesh by storm.

The Shahjahanpur girl who released a video on August 23, accusing former BJP Union Minister Swami Chinamayanaand of sexual harassment, has been traced in New Delhi, along with the boy who reportedly demanded a ransom of ₹5 crore from Chinamayanaand.

A senior Uttar Pradesh Police officer confirmed with IANS that CCTV footage retrieved from a hotel in Dwarka establishes the presence of the victim with the boy who reportedly made an extortion call to Chinmayanand.

"We have recovered an Aadhaar card, submitted as address proof, from the Delhi hotel. The couple shifted to another hotel on August 25," said an official associated with the investigation, adding, "The boy also belongs to Shahjahanpur. Efforts are on to identify his place and family."

The police have also traced the location and the elopement route of the young couple from



Shahjahanpur to Delhi through the records of their mobile phones.

Sources said that after August 24, the couple switched off their phones and probably started using new numbers. The police also said that the girl spoke to her family till August 24. The victim, who alleged that Chinmayanand was sexually harassing her, was in touch with the local boy for the past several days. The records of her mobile phone established that the two were staying in the same premises in Delhi.

Earlier, Chinmayanand had said that he was being framed in a case of abduction and sexual harassment as part of a conspiracy.

Referring to the FIR lodged against him for the alleged abduction of a law student in SS College in Shahjahanpur, the BJP leader told a news channel: "This is a conspiracy against me and the girl in question is a part of it. There are four other boys who had earlier tried to blackmail me and extort money."

The former minister further said that attempts were being made to malign the image of the Yogi Adityanath Government.

"Earlier Kuldeep Singh Sengar was implicated in a similar case and now I am being targeted," he said.

Expelled BJP MLA Sengar has been charged with rape and attempt to murder the rape victim and her lawyer by staging a road accident. Sengar is in Tihar jail at present.

Chinmayanand has been accused of "harassment and destroying lives of several girls" by a student of Shahjahanpur's SS College, of which the BJP leader is a director. The girl student made this statement in a video clip that was posted on social media last week. A day later, the girl went missing and her father lodged a complaint with the police.

IANS

UP women panel seeks Shahjahanpur DM, SP reports on student's disappearance

Lucknow: The Uttar Pradesh Women Commission on Wednesday sought a report from the Shahjahanpur district administration on the disappearance of a Post-graduate student who, in a video clip, had accused former Union minister Swami Chinmayanand of harassing her.

UPWC chief Vimla Batham also expressed her commitment to safe return of the girl, who had been pursuing her studies in a college run by BJP leader Chinmayanand's Mumukshu ashram.

"We have taken note of the incident and sought a report in this regard from district magistrate and superintendent of police of Shahjahanpur. We are awaiting report and will ensure that she returns safely," Batham told reporters.

The missing woman's father subsequently in a complaint to the police has accused Chinmayanand of sexually harassing his daughter and being behind her disappearance — a charge vehemently refuted by the BJP leader's lawyer.

On the father's complaint, the police has lodged an FIR against the former Union minister under sections 364 (kidnapping or abducting for murder) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the Indian Penal Code.

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Chinmayanand case repetition of Unnao episode: Priyanka

Lucknow: Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Wednesday said the alleged harassment of a woman student by ex-Union Minister and BJP leader Swami Chinmayanand in Shahjahanpur appears to be a repetition of the Unnao case.

In a tweet, she alleged that in Uttar Pradesh, if a woman registers a complaint against a BJP leader her security is not guaranteed.

Gandhi was referring to the rape charge made by a 19-year-old woman from Unnao against MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar, who was expelled from the BJP recently. In Shahjahanpur, Chinmayanand was booked on Tuesday under IPC sections related to abduction in order to murder, and criminal intimidation.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's media advisor Mrityunjay Kumar was quick in his retort advising the Congress general secretary not to create confusion and the police have taken all the steps in this regard.

The Shahjahanpur police on Tuesday lodged an FIR against Chinmayanand after the student

went missing following her allegation in a video clip that he had been harassing her.

Her father had filed a complaint with the police accusing Chinmayanand of sexually harassing her, a charge refuted by the BJP leader's lawyer who claimed it was a "conspiracy" to blackmail him.

The woman's father alleged that she has gone missing at the behest of the 72-year-old BJP leader, who heads Mumukshu ashram. She is a post-graduate student in one of the colleges run by the ashram.

"In Uttar Pradesh, this matter appears to be repetition of the Unnao case. If a woman complains against a BJP leader, then she is not guaranteed justice, even her own safety is not guaranteed," Priyanka Gandhi said in a tweet in Hindi with hashtag 'EnoughIsEnough'.

The 19-year-old rape survivor from Unnao and her lawyer suffered critical injuries in a car-truck collision in Rae Bareilly district in Uttar Pradesh on July 28. Her two aunts died in the incident. The girl's fam-

ily alleged that the accident was an attempt to eliminate her.

In another tweet, Gandhi said, "Not a single day passes in Uttar Pradesh when the BJP government manages to assure women that you are safe and you will get justice if anything happens with you."

She also tagged new reports of the case involving Swami Chinmayanand in support of her tweets.

"Last year, the BJP government had withdrawn a rape case against accused (Chinmayanand). It's clear where the government is standing. UP girls are watching," Gandhi said in the microblogging site.

"The girl, who raised voice is missing or deliberately being taken away. What is happening with her nobody knows. Till when this will continue?" she posed in another tweet.

Reacting on Priyanka Gandhi's comments, Mrityunjay Kumar took to the same platform to say, "Don't create confusion Priyankaji. UP police has taken all steps."

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Detention will help Kashmiri politicians: J&K Governor

Srinagar: The more politicians spend time in jail, the more political dividends they are likely to accrue — was how Jammu & Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik sought to justify the detention of mainstream politicians after the abrogation of the State's special status under Article 370 of the Constitution.

Malik, addressing his first press conference after the Centre announced its move on August 5, was asked about the continued detention of three former Chief Ministers — Farooq Abdullah, Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti — and other politicians and a timeline for their release.

"Don't you want that people should become leaders. I have gone to jail 30 times. Those who will go to jail, will

become leaders. Let them be there. The more they spend time in the jail, the more they will claim during elections...That I have spent six months behind bars...

"So if you sympathise with them, do not be sad over detention. And they all are in their homes. I was jailed in Fatehgarh during the Emergency where it used to take two days to reach. If someone is detained in any issue, if he is wise, he will take political benefit. I am wishing them well," the governor said.

While senior Abdullah is at his home, his son Omar has been kept at Hari Niwas and Mehbooba is at Cheshmashahi hut. The other politicians have been kept at Centaur Hotel located on the banks of Dal Lake.

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Not lobbying for K'taka Cong chief post: DK Shivakumar

Bengaluru: Senior Congress leader DK Shivakumar on Tuesday said he was not lobbying for Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee President post and will always abide by the Gandhi family decision.

Shivakumar's assertion comes in the backdrop of his recent visit to Delhi to meet the Congress leadership leading to speculations about him lobbying for the post. He visited Delhi amid reports that the state Congress chief will be changed.

"...I don't want to respond to what others are saying. I'm not an aspirant to any position. I don't plead for any post. You (media) said I had gone for lobbying, why should I lobby?" he said here.

Speaking to reporters, he said, "I have belief in the Gandhi family and their leadership. Whatever they do I consider it as 'prasad' and accept it."

However, he was unwilling to give any direct response to a question whether he will accept the KPCC president post, if the party asked him.

"At several situations in the past when I was to be made (president), I was not made (president), now I'm not bothered about it. If it's in my fate, everything will come searching for me," he said, pointing out that Laxman Savadi, who is not even a legislator, was today Deputy Chief Minister.

"It was in his (Savadi's) fate, I congratulate him".

Shivakumar during his meeting with the central leadership of the party has reportedly asked them to consider his name for the post of the leader of the opposition (LoP) in the assembly, if not for KPCC chief.

Responding to a question, Shivakumar said Siddaramaiah was the leader of

the Congress legislature party and it was left to the high command to decide on who should be the LoP. Rubbishing media reports that he had made comments against Siddaramaiah, who is the other main contender for the post of LoP post, he said "I'm not some one who make such loose comments against some one, under whom I have worked. I was Minister under Siddaramaiah in his Govt."

With B S Yediyurappa taking over as the Chief Minister last month, following the fall of the Congress-JD(S) coalition Government, the LoP post is vacant. With the Congress now the principal opposition party in the Assembly, the position goes to it. Besides Siddaramaiah, there are several other senior leaders including Shivakumar, HK Patil and Krishna Byre Gowda, who are reportedly eyeing for the post.

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Gangraped minor tonsured, paraded in Bihar's Gaya dist

Patna: Members of a panchayat in Bihar's Gaya district "punished" a gangraped minor girl by tonsuring her head and parading her through the village, a police officer said here on Wednesday.

The 15-year-old girl was kidnapped by residents of her village on August 14 and gangraped, sources in the police headquarters said.

The girl narrated the incident to her parents who then approached the local panchayat for justice two days later.

However, the members of the panchayat accused the girl of making unfounded allegations against the accused, who enjoy clout in the area, and punished the minor by tonsuring and parading her through the village, they said.

The incident came to light when the victim and her parents lodged a telephonic complaint with the office of the



Director General of Police a week after the panchayat's verdict.

Six people, including five members of the panchayat, were arrested on August 26 after recording the statements of the victim and her parents, Mohanpur SHO Ravi Bhushan said.

Gaya Mahila Thana in-charge Ravi Ranjana said the arrested persons have been sent to judicial custody for 14

days after being produced before a designated court while the girl's statement was recorded before a magistrate after her medical examination.

She said the girl is yet to recover from the trauma but has been able to identify one of the accused.

Meanwhile, the state women commission has shot off a missive to Gaya police chief, demanding speedy justice to the victim besides summoning the five panchayat members.

"It is a very serious matter. We have asked the Gaya SSP to ensure that the accused are awarded strict punishment and the victim gets justice. We have asked the five panchayat members to appear before us and explain why such an inhuman treatment was meted out to a minor girl," State Women Commission Chairperson Dilmani Mishra said.

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IAS officer Kannan Gopinathan asked to join duty immediately

Daman: IAS officer Kannan Gopinathan, who resigned last week and stated that he did so as the denial of "freedom of expression" to the people of Jammu & Kashmir was not acceptable to him, has been asked to resume duty and continue to work till his resignation is accepted.

Gopinathan, who was the secretary, power department of the Union Territories of Daman and Diu, and Dadra and Nagar Haveli, submitted resignation to the Home Ministry on August 21.

The Personnel Department of Daman and Diu has now asked him to attend the office till it is accepted.

As he was not present in Silvassa, the capital city of Dadra and Nagar Haveli, officials pasted a notice on the

door of the room in a Government guesthouse where he lived.

The notice, dated August 27, has been signed by Gurpreet Singh, deputy secretary, personnel department of Daman and Diu.

Citing Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) rules, the notice said resignation by a Government officer "becomes effective when it is accepted".

"Therefore, you are hereby directed to continue attending to your assigned duties immediately, till a decision is taken on your resignation," it said.

When contacted, Gopinathan told PTI that he was aware of the notice, but declined to comment further.

After resigning, the IAS officer had claimed he took the

decision as he wanted to express his views against the "denial of freedom of expression" in Kashmir.

His resignation, though, had made no mention of the Kashmir issue.

After tendering resignation, Gopinathan, who hails from Kottayam district of Kerala, had said to abrogate Article 370 of the Constitution was the "right of elected Government", but in democracy people have the right to respond, too.

"After taking the decision on Kashmir, nearly 20 days have passed and even now, the people there are not allowed to react or respond to it and that is not acceptable in a democratic set-up. Personally, I could not accept it and continue in the service during such a time," he had told PTI.

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TN GOVT TO MADRAS HC

'No one denied Dalits access to cremation ground'

Chennai: The Tamil Nadu Government on Wednesday informed the Madras High Court that no one denied access to Dalits to their burial and cremation ground in a village in Vellore district and that there were no caste-based differences.

The submission was made during a hearing on a petition on access routes being allegedly blocked for Dalits to a cremation ground in Narayanapuram village, forcing the community members to lower bodies of their relatives, with the help of ropes, from a bridge into a nearby riverbed for the past four years.

The court, which had initiated the petition on its own taking cognisance of a media



report after Assistant Solicitor General G Karthikeyan drew attention to it, had on Monday sought an explanation from the authorities on the issue.

When the matter came up for hearing before a bench of Justices S Manikumar and Subramonium Prasad, the government pleader said there was no encroachment of the

pathway and the land belonged to individuals.

The owners of the land would have permitted the Dalits to pass through their land to reach the cremation ground had anyone approached them, but "unfortunately no one approached them or the local authorities," the government pleader said.

promised that they will ensure publication of a foreigner-free NRC but now they have adopted a different stand," the AASU leader said. The BJP and the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad are claiming that a large number of foreigners have been included in the NRC drafts.

The state and central governments had moved the Supreme Court seeking permission for 20 per cent sample re-verification to find out wrongful inclusions and exclusions of persons in the NRC. The apex court rejected the plea on July 23.

The AASU leader urged political parties and the governments not to confuse people but cooperate in the process of the NRC publication. During the last 34 years since the signing of the Assam Accord, there has been no detection or deportation or sealing of the Indo-Bangladesh border, Bhattacharya claimed.

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However, wondering why the Dalits airdropped their deceased from the top of a bridge if the access to the burial ground was not denied, the bench adjourned the hearing to Thursday.

The issue pertains to a news article published in an English daily that claimed that Dalits were denied the access to their cremation ground on the banks of Palar river forcing them to airdrop their dead from a 20-foot-high bridge. On Monday, the court had decried the practice of earmarking separate burial and cremation ground for Dalits, while pointing out that right to entry into temples, hospitals or any public office is equal to all, irrespective of religion or caste.

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Assam Govt did nothing to ensure error-free NRC: Anti-infiltration body

Guwahati: An organisation against infiltration on Wednesday accused the Assam Government of "doing nothing at the right time" to ensure an error-free NRC, while alleging that the ruling BJP was only interested in including Hindu Bangladeshis in the document.

It is now "evident" that the National Register of Citizens (NRC), the final version of which will be published on August 31, will include a large number of foreigners illegally living in Assam, claimed the Prabajan Virodhi Manch (Forum Against Infiltration).

"They (the State Government and the BJP) were only so happy to turn a blind eye whenever discrepancies in the NRC process came to light — be it officers/personnel caught on video seeking bribe, foreigner being deployed in the NRC process, daily reports in the media of subversion of the NRC process, etc," chief of the Manch Upamanyu Hazarika said in a statement here.

The State Government has been "doing nothing at the right time when it was required,... No proceedings (were) drawn up against such officers", it claimed.

"The Chief Minister and the leaders of the ruling party have started blaming all and sundry, particularly the Chief Coordinator of NRC Prateek Hajela for what is evidently going to be an NRC riddled with flaws, which will include a large number of foreigners," Hazarika claimed.

"Their singular obsession was to include Hindu Bangladeshis in the NRC by granting them citizenship. They were not even bothered with large scale inclusion of foreigners in the draft NRC," he alleged. After the first NRC draft was published on December 31, 2017, the Chief Minister had described it as 'historic', and now the BJP is crying foul over the inclusion of a large number of illegal foreigners in the document, he said. "Either, they are enacting a drama to assuage the sentiments of the indigenous people,... or it is plain incompetence," he insisted.

The Manch chief said the only alternative left to protect the identity of Assamese people is to ensure that land, employment and trade licences are reserved only for the indigenous people as is the case in other Northeastern States.

The BJP on Monday attacked NRC State coordinator Prateek Hajela apprehending that foreigners might make it to the final version of the register. On August 1, BJP members in the Assam Assembly had claimed that the rate of exclusion of NRC applicants in the districts bordering Bangladesh was less than the State average of 12.5 per cent.

Assam, which had faced an influx of people from Bangladesh since the early 20th century, is the only state having an NRC which was first prepared in 1951. It is for the first time since then that the NRC is being updated.

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Officers working 24x7 for ‘error-free’ NRC

Guwahati: With just three days left for the publication of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Assam, officers are working round-the-clock to ensure an "error-free" final list, official sources said on Wednesday.

Data compilation is complete and the NRC offices at the district, circle and block levels are working 24X7 to ensure no bonafide citizen is left out, they said.

The final NRC list will be published on August 31.

"Quality control checks are underway to ensure that the NRC is error-free and this would continue till the last day," sources in the NRC state coordinator's office told PTI.

Officers engaged in the exercise of updating the list are in constant touch with the government departments concerned, including the border police wing and the Foreigners Tribunals (FTs) so that name of any person against whom cases are pending in the tribunals are not included in the NRC.

Meanwhile, the office of the NRC state coordinator issued a notice on Wednesday on how to check the names in the final list.

"Those who submitted claims as they were not included in the complete draft published on July 30, 2018 or excluded by the Additional Draft Exclusion List published on June 26, 2019, and those

who had any objection filed against their inclusion, can see their status in the supplementary list of inclusion by visiting designated NSK/office of circle officers/office of deputy commissioners," the notice said.

People can also check their status online by typing their Application Receipt Numbers (ARNs) on the NRC website from August 31 under the title 'Supplementary List of Inclusions/Exclusions Status'.

Those who were included in the complete draft and not excluded in the Additional Draft Exclusion List, but were called for hearings from July 5, 2019 onwards, can also check their status in the same manner, it said.

In addition, people who were not called for the hearings have "no cause to worry about their inclusion status, as they continue to be included in the final NRC", the notice added.

Assam DGP Kuladhar Saikia said the police is "fully prepared" to prevent any untoward law and order situation in the run-up to the publication of the NRC and after.

The state government had on Tuesday said it will provide free legal aid to "needy" people whose names do not figure in it, as it sought to assuage the fears of bonafide Indians who apprehend losing citizenship.

The process of updation of NRC is being conducted by the Registrar General of India. The

Supreme Court is monitoring the exercise.

It is for the first time since 1951 that the NRC is being updated in Assam to identify bonafide residents and deport illegal immigrants.

When the draft NRC was published on July 30, 2018, there was a huge controversy over the exclusion of 40.7 lakh people from it. The NRC included the names of 2.9 crore people out of the total 3.29 crore applications.

In the list published in June 2019, over a lakh more people were excluded.

Assam has seen a huge influx of people from Bangladesh since the early 20th century. **PTI**

‘India will be key player in Russian-Pacific’

Cooperation pacts in traditional and emerging sectors expected during Modi visit to Vladivostok

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Clearly, the informal talks and personal chemistry between Russian President Vladimir Putin and Prime Minister Narendra Modi have reset the Indo-Russian axis of cooperation, one that many had thought was being pulled at the edges in a US-dominated scenario. Going by the chief guest status accorded to Modi for the Eastern Economic Forum meeting at Vladivostok, introducing India as a decisive economic player in the Russian-Pacific region and holding the 20th bilateral summit there as an example of expanded cooperation, the relationship is not only on an even keel but emerging as a major force in the Far East. As the Russian ambassador to India, Nikolay Kudashev, said at a press conference, "Our leaders, who represent global powers, playing an active role in shaping a more just, equal and representative multi-polar world order, will for sure synchronise watches on international and regional developments, while we enjoy similarity of approaches in global affairs."

Given the immediacy of Jammu & Kashmir as a context that tested ties, he further reiterated Russia's position that it respected "India's constitutional space, that Kashmir was an internal issue of India to be decided within the parameters of the Simla Agreement and the two countries would have to solve their issues through dialogue." Backing him up, the Deputy Chief Mission, Roman Babushkin, clarified that during the closed consultations in UN Security Council earlier this month Russia had insisted that members should adhere to the UN charter, which says there should be no interference in domestic matters. "There was no mention of any specific UN resolutions. We are committed to non-interference in domestic affairs of a third country," he said. The envoys also highlighted Russia's continued support to India's candidacy as a permanent member in the Security Council and the "inadmissibility of double standards on terrorism. The Russian-Indian ties successfully adjust themselves to the modern realities, including turbulence and unpredictability of

today's world. Our bilateral relations are immune to any negative influence from outside." If there was any doubt on Russia's role vis-a-vis India-Pakistan, this clearly dispelled it.

While the envoys said that they were satisfied with current levels of defence cooperation, the Vladivostok summit is expected to promote stable mutual growth of trade turnovers, aiming to touch \$ 30 billion by 2025. While ONGC Videsh has been an early player in the region with the Sakhalin oil fields, the new areas for Indian investment and agreements would be mining mineral resources, harnessing energy, participation in pharmaceuticals and R&D, partnerships in education, agriculture, aquaculture, promotion of tourism and people-to-people contacts. A visit to Vladivostok is now being facilitated by e-visas. Low-cost financing and preferential tax regimes will be offered to encourage investment. Most importantly, the Vladivostok-Chennai sea route, which was once used by Russian cargo ships, will now be developed as a key transport and logistics corridor.

On its part, the Russians will enhance industrial cooperation, create new technological and investment alliances, and contribute to infrastructure development through the "Make in India" project. For example, Russian Railway will collaborate on the Nagpur-Sunderabad high-speed corridor.

Russia is stepping up efforts to promote bilateral inter-governmental agreements on promotion and mutual protection of investments, expediting the Free Trade Area between the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) and India and expanding the use of local currencies in mutual payments. "We must eliminate dependence on the US dollar," said Babushkin.

And since nuclear energy constitutes a fundamental building block for strategic partnership, Russia remains the only foreign country in India involved in practical construction of nuclear reactors. The ambassador said that the implementation of the project to build six power units of the Kudankulam

nuclear power plant is well under way. During the visit, both countries intend to sign a general contract for the construction of at least six extra power units of the NPP of the Russian design." Meanwhile, Russia hopes to fatten up the bouquet of existing cooperation in hydrocarbons and liquefied natural gas, where delivery has been timely. Post the Modi visit, one can expect cooperation in geological exploration and joint development of oil and gas fields in both Russia and India, including offshore fields. On the agenda are scaling up direct air communication for passengers and freight, including between the regions of the two countries.

Now that Russia will be training and selecting astronauts for Gaganyaan, there will be increased cooperation between the Roscosmos State Corporation and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), on production of rock-ets and spacecraft, exploration and use of outer space, including planetary exploration and manned flights.

Of course, Russia will have to consider the Indo-China anxieties within the RIC (Russia, India, China) if it wants to be a pivot of the Asia-Pacific region. The envoys deflected that concern saying every country in the region had its own vision and "the idea was not to exclude anybody from dialogue." Cooperation within G20, BRICS, SCO, RIC, EAS and other multilateral formats will be an important part of the Russian-Indian agenda, they added.

CBI summons BJP leader Sovan Chatterjee, TMC MP in Narada case

PNS ■ KOLKATA

In a development that could iwork as a face-saver for the BJP, the Central Bureau of Investigation summoned for questioning former Kolkata Mayor Sovan Chatterjee who recently left the Trinamool Congress to join the saffron outfit.

Chatterjee, a former Man Friday of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee who called her by a pet name 'Kanan', has been asked to appear before the investigation officers at its Nizam Palace office on Saturday, CBI sources said.

Chatterjee's summon is likely to provide the BJP a face-saving argument silencing the critics who wondered why the tainted Opposition leaders

were only summoned and the ones who join the BJP are spared.

Apart from Chatterjee, the CBI has also summoned Aparupa Poddar, TMC MP from Arambagh. Poddar has been asked to appear before the CBI investigators on Monday in connection to the Narada pay-off case, sources said.

"I will definitely appear and cooperate with the officials if I am asked to do so. I will visit their office as many time as I am asked to do," she said.

Reacting to Chatterjee's case State BJP president Dilip Ghosh however said that anyone who is summoned did not become guilty. "No one is guilty only for the fact that he or she has been summoned. Let Sovan babu face the CBI," he said.

Country heading towards one-party system: Mamata

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Mamata Banerjee has foreseen a "one-election-one-leader-one-party" presidential rule" in India. Launching a vitriolic attack on the Narendra Modi Government from a rally of the party's students' arm Trinamool Congress Chhatra Parishad, the Bengal Chief Minister on Wednesday said, "here I am making a final prediction for you ... India is going towards a one-election-one-leader-one-party and one emergency rule... that is their (BJP's) ultimate agenda."

Citing how the country was living under a shadow of fear she said no political party could raise its voice when the Kumaraswamy Government was toppled in Karnataka. "The

general political climate of the country from Kashmir to elsewhere is one of panic," Banerjee said lashing out at the Centre on a host of issues.

Aiming at the Modi Government for pursuing a policy of repression she said "their policy is one of occupy the entire country, leave no space for dissenting voice, break the judiciary, break the media," which had no cue on what was going on in Kashmir.

Referring to the goings on in Kashmir she said, "look how they have subjected everyone under the gun in Kashmir ... No one has any information (on that State). They do not even allow the media to go and report about the ground situation there. No one is allowed to speak on the issue."

On how the opposition parties were being forcibly broken by using central agencies against them Banerjee alleged that the opposition leaders including their MPs and MLAs were being summoned and threatened by the CBI, ED and other agencies.

"Here they are threatening my colleagues and me with CBI and ED but I am not afraid of them. Today they have summoned my brothers, tomorrow they will summon me. But I am not afraid of going to jail. Even if they send me to jail I will not stop opposing them," Banerjee said adding "from jail I will continue my fight considering it as another struggle for Independence and never bow down to the BJP's politics."

BSP to go solo in UP Assembly bypolls

Names candidates for 12 seats

Lucknow: The Bahujan Samaj Party will go it alone in all the 13 Assembly constituencies in Uttar Pradesh where bye-elections are to be held as the party on Wednesday announced its candidates for the 12 seats.

The candidate for Gangoh

seat will be declared later, the BSP said.

The candidates are: Naushad Ali (Hamirpur seat), Zubair Masood Khan (Rampur Sadar), Abhay Kumar (Iglas), Ramesh Chandra (Balha), Sunil Kumar Chittaurh (Tundla), Arun Dwivedi (Lucknow Cantt), Devi Prasad Tiwari (Govind Nagar), Rajnarain (Manikpur), Ranjit Singh Patel

(Pratapgarh Sadar), Akhilesh Kumar Ambedkar (Jaidpur), Rakesh Pandey (Jalalpur), Abdul Quayum (Ghosi).

Most of these seats fell vacant after the sitting MLAs were elected to the Lok Sabha in May.

Hamirpur will go to polls on September 23, while the Election Commission is yet to announce the election schedule for those seats.

The BSP had tied up with the SP in the Lok Sabha polls, but soon after the results were out, BSP supremo Mayawati had announced parting of ways and decided to go solo, following which SP chief Akhilesh Yadav too said his party will contest on its own. **PTI**

Infant critical after being fed mercury for stomach pain

Thanjavur(TN): A 10-day-old baby girl is battling for life at a Government hospital here after she was allegedly fed mercury mixed with betel leaf juice by her grandmother to treat stomach ache.

A doctor at the hospital said the infant was suffering from Septecemia due to mercury poisoning.

Septecemia occurs when a bacterial infection elsewhere in the body, such as lungs or skin, enters the bloodstream. "The baby's maternal

grandmother fed mercury with betel leaf juice (to the infant) leading to her critical condition," he said.


Sumathira, baby's mother said her child had developed stomach pain due to constipation after which the grandmother gave her the concoction. **PTI**

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Letter No. 1366/ NVIDA / 267**E-Tender Notice****Date: 26-08-2019**

1. Name of the Work:- CONSTRUCTION OF DINNING HALL AT A.T.S. GULARBHOLI, DISTT. - (UDHAM SINGH NAGAR)
2. Estimated Cost:- Rs. 68.26 Lakh
3. Period of Completion:- 06 Month
4. Date and Time of availability of Bid documents in the portal:- 28.08.2019 (12.00 hrs)
5. Last date/Time of receipt of bids in the portal :- 11.09.2019 (17.00 hrs)
6. Date & Time of Technical bid Opening :- 13.09.2019 (16.00 hrs)
7. Name and Address of the Officer inviting bid :- Er. Om Prakash, Collectorate Compound, Rudrapur (Udhm Singh Nagar).
8. Pre-bid meeting details (if required) Date & Place :- 02.09.2019 (13.00 hrs) Rudrapur.
9. For further details, details of subsequent Amendment/correction documentation etc. may be obtained from the e-Procurement portal www.uktenders.gov.in

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Press Notice for inviting E-Tendering.
The Executive Engineer -C-2 (DUSIB) Govt. of N.C.T. Delhi invites on behalf of DUSIB online Percentage rate bid on two bid system for the under mentioned work.
NIT NO.- 20/C-2/DUSIB/2019-20 Tender ID No. 2019_DUSIB_178945 _1 Dated 27.08.2019
Name of work:- C/o 7620 (G+4) five Storeyed low cost houses for Slum Dwellers (under JANNURM) at Savda Ghewra PH-II.
Sub-Head:- Providing applying anti-termite treatment around the periphery of the unit and also prevention of wooden shutters from the termite effect to all ground and first floor unit.
(PID-008883).
Estimated Cost :-Rs.98,91,857.00, Earnest Money :-RS. 1,57,850.00 Tender Cost:-Rs. 1000.00, Time allowed:- 180 days
The tender forms & other details can be obtained from (<https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>)
31.08.2019 15.00 PM to 13.09.2019 15.00 PM.
Note:- Any amendment /change/clarification (if any) will be uploaded only on <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>, therefore, intending tenderers may inspect the website regularly.

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Name of work and its location	30-Elect-01-T-R-1-2019-20-E3 Electrical work in connection with renovation of house no. SC-11 to accommodate ORH-2AC suits and construction of one non AC suit for Southern Railway and renovation of room no.449 of Annex-I and establishing an operating command centre cum conference room, GKI building at Baroda House New Delhi and construction of 02 number type-II quarters for staff of SSE/W/SP Marg, construction of 02 number out house and construction of additional third bathroom for third bedroom in block number 22, 23, 24, 41 & 55 at S.P. Marg, New Delhi.
Approx. cost of the work in Rs.	43.39 lacs
Address of the office	Sr. Divl Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi
Earnest Money	Rs. 88800.00
Date & time of submission of tender	23.09.2019, 15:00 Hrs.
Opening of tender	23.09.2019, 15:15 Hrs.
Website & notice board	www.treps.gov.in & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.

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Anti-Pak protest by Gujjars against killing of two nomads in J&K

Jammu: A group of Gujjars led by former minister Abdul Gani Kohli on Wednesday staged an anti-Pakistan protest against the recent killing of two members of the community by terrorists in Kashmir.

Several BJP leaders belonging to the community, including state vice president Ghulam Ali Khatana, also joined the protest outside the party headquarters and raised anti-Pakistan slogans.

Bullet-riddled bodies of the two nomads -- Abdul Qadir Kohli and his cousin Manzoor Ahmad Kohli -- were recovered on Monday and Tuesday, respectively, after they were abducted by terrorists from the higher reaches of Tral in south Kashmir on the intervening night of August 18 and 19.

"The murder of two inno-

cent persons by Pakistan-backed terrorists is unbearable. The Gujjar community will not be cowed down by such acts as we are nationalists by core and ready to sacrifice our lives for our nation," Kohli said.

Describing the killing of two Gujjars as the "murder of humanity and an anti-Islamic act", Khatana expressed hope that the killers will be identified and appropriate action will be taken against them.

"The BJP stands with the bereaved families at this hour of grief," he said, assuring all help to the families of the deceased persons.

Later, addressing a press conference, BJP state spokesperson Tahir Choudhary said the killing of the two Gujjars is a conspiracy to demoralise the community. **PTI**

Claiming police apathy, couple commit suicide

Mathura (UP): A man and his wife set themselves on fire outside a police station here on Wednesday, alleging inaction by the police over their complaint that some village strongmen were harassing them, officials said.

The couple reached Surir police station in Mathura in the morning after pouring kerosene oil on their bodies and set themselves on fire there, with a purported video of the incident get-

ting circulated on social media. The couple suffered serious burn injuries and has been referred to Delhi for treatment, the officials said.


"The case was related to an August 23 incident in which an FIR with names of accused was registered.


The couple claimed there was no action by the police," Mathura's Senior Superintendent of Police Shalabhi Mathur said. **PTI**

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Abdul Rehman S/o Abdul Satar R/o H. No. S 2/324, Razapur Khurd, Mohan Garden Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-59** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **F.I.R. No. 394/08 u/s 78, 61/11/14 Delhi Excise Act** registered at P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon that the said **Abdul Rehman** could not be found and where it has been shown to my satisfaction that the accused **Abdul Rehman** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Abdul Rehman** is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before **25.11.2019**
By Order
Sh. Gopal Krishan,
Metropolitan Magistrate
Room No. 109, Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/3210/RD/19
(Court Notice)

FORM NO. INC - 26
Pursuant to Rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014
Advertisement to be published in the newspaper for change of the registered office of the Company from one state to another
Before The Central Government (Regional Director, Northern Region)
In The Matter of The Companies Act, 2013, Section 13(4) of The Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 30(6) (a) of The Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014
And
In The Matter of R S COOKWARE PRIVATE LIMITED having its Registered Office at B-48, SHANKAR GARDEN, VIKAS PURI, NEW DELHI-110016.
Applicant Company
Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the Company Proposes to make Application to the Central Government Under Section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association or the Company in terms of the Special Resolution Passed at the extra ordinary general meeting held on 06/06/2019. To enable the Company to change its Registered office from "National Capital Territory (NCT) Of Delhi" to "State of Haryana".
Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the Registered Office of the company may deliver either on the MCA-21 portal (www.mca.gov.in) by filling investor complaint form or cause to be delivered or send by Registered Post of His/ Her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature if His/ Her interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Director, Northern Region at the address, B-2 Wing, 2nd Floor, Pt. Deendayal Artyodha Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi-110003, within fourteen days from the Date of Publication of this notice with a copy of the Applicant Company at its Registered Office at the address mentioned below:
House No -41 18/1, Pilot Court Essel Tower, M.G. Road, Chakrapur(74), Gurgaon, Haryana-122002.
M/S. R S COOKWARE PRIVATE LIMITED
Date: 26/06/2019
Place: NARESH CHAUDHARY DIRECTOR, DIN -00200734
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DEMAND NOTICE
Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorized Officer of ECL Finance Limited (ECLFL) Under Securitization And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorized Officer has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to ECLFL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to ECLFL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co Borrower(s)	Demand notice date and amount	Description of secured asset (Immovable property)
1.	(LOAN NO: LDLSLE0000049977) Ess Aar Industries (Borrower) Ritesh Garg (Co-borrower) Ayushie Garg (Co-borrower) Satya Narain (Co-borrower)	21/08/2019 for of Rs. 1,90,64,597.81/- (Rupees One Crore Ninety Lakh Sixty Four Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Seven and Paaisa Eighty One Only)	1. All that part and parcel of the Property bearing Plot No.27, on 2nd Floor of G+2 storied building known as Jaipuria Enclave, admeasuring about 1062 Sq.ft, situated at Kaushambi, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh 201010. Bounded As Under: North: - Plot No.26; East: - Other Property; South:- Plot No.28; West:- Road 2. A Residential Flat Bearing No. A-104, on 1st Floor of Tower A, in the building Know as Exotica Elegance,, admeasuring 2050 Sq.ft, situated at Plot no. 9A, Mall Road, Ahimsa Khand-II, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, on land bearing Kharsa No.527/1 & 527/4, Village Mohiuddin Pur Kanawani, Pargana Loni, Tehsil Dadri, Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh 201014. Bounded As Under: North: - Road and Park; East:- Flat No.101; South:- Lift; West:- Other Tower

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Sd/-
(Authorized Officer)
For ECL Finance Limited

PAPER WITH PASSION

Pakistan at a loss

Imran Khan may be throwing more ill-thought hurdles our way but is now being hounded at home for mishandling J&K



It is a tough time to be the Pakistan Prime Minister, even if one propped up, coached, tutored and played by the fountainhead of the nation's real power, the Army. Little wonder then that Imran Khan is at his most vulnerable as his armed invincibility has now been hopelessly blown to smithereens and isn't scaring anybody in the region. Completely spooked by US President Donald Trump's stand on Kashmir that it was a bilateral issue between two neighbours and isolated by even the Islamic world that considers the abrogation of Article

370 as India's internal and administrative matter, Khan is desperately short of ideas and is making one embarrassing counter-move after another. First, he is threatening to close down his country's airspace to Indian flights, riled by the fact that Prime Minister Narendra Modi used Pakistani airspace to fly to France, a nation that has steadfastly helped India's line on sponsorship of terror factories. Second, he is urging certain pro-Khalistani Sikhs, who have been used for anti-India propaganda for years, to support him on Kashmir. In a viral video, a Pakistan-based Sikh leader claimed that no less than the highest temporal authority of the Sikhs, namely the Akal Takht, had asked the community to do so. It is another matter that the Takht has passed no such unrealistic resolution. Third, he is threatening to close land routes between India and Afghanistan and block trade, something that is more disadvantageous to his economy than ours. We have already downgraded trade relations and withdrawn Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status to Pakistan since the Pulwama attacks. Khan has proclaimed himself to be a global brand ambassador of Kashmiris and is reminding the world of repercussions in the event of an escalation of Indo-Pakistan hostilities, considering both are nuclear powers. Does he realise that such a strike is the last option any nation would contemplate and obliterate his people as well?

Truth is Khan, and by extension the Pakistani Army, are just moving around traditional counterweights in the strategic chessboard, hopelessly failing to blur the hard-edged reality. And that is since Pulwama, India has stopped being preventive about but rather reactive to Pakistani threats. The Modi brand of Indo-Pak diplomacy has shown that it is not scared to take on Pakistan's "what could be" scenarios and could frustrate its "thousand bleeding cuts" strategy of exporting terror and separatism, staying well under the nuclear flashpoint. This new-found boldness means Pakistan misadventures on Indian territory are not to be tolerated but acted upon and nipped in the bud. Khan's emotional appeal to the Islamic world that Kashmir was a matter of protecting Muslim identity has also backfired miserably with the snub from OIC and the UAE. Bahrain named Modi for its highest civilian honour, coopting the centrality of India in economic and strategic cooperation in the Gulf. Even the Taliban, known for its hardline interpretation of Islam, has not warmed up to the Kashmir question, although it has been safe-housed and nurtured by the Pakistan Army. Then its all-weather friend China has been selective in its reaction to India's mainstreaming of Kashmir, objecting only to the bifurcation of Ladakh and its impact on Aksai Chin that it had taken over after the 1962 war. Besides, given its own problematic record of human rights in minority provinces and with Uyghurs, it doesn't want to attach itself to causes linked to religiosity or upset its bilateral paradigm with India at the moment, which is far bigger. The Asia-Pacific grouping of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), the watchdog of nations promoting terror and empowered to restrain international funding, has already put Pakistan on an enhanced blacklist, so most nations would not want to touch it now because of that taint. Now, our western neighbour has to focus on avoiding the blacklist in October, when the final review comes up. If any good has happened to Pakistan, it is that the foreign policy of years is now being questioned by its opposition parties. Bilawal Bhutto has now advised Khan that he better focus on saving Muzaffarabad and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir, lest that strategic pie also slips out of his hands. Of course, democracy is a long shot in Pakistan but Khan and the Pakistan Army have now got to reconcile that their age-old templates aren't working or won't be anymore in a world where politics will be dictated by the economy.

Brexit brink

The UK is driving towards the new deadline haphazardly. Its actions will impact the global economy



The United Kingdom (UK) is now in the midst of a full-blown Constitutional crisis with the new Boris Johnson-led Government deciding to prorogue Parliament. This might have been scandalous in other times, especially as the Government has a majority of just one, and could have led to "horse-trading" as several Constitutional experts in the UK have warned. But with Britain also rushing headlong towards the October 31 deadline to leave the European Union (EU), there's no room for such machination. One can

only imagine the volume of screaming and shouting had the Government in India tried to prevent Parliament from discussing something of paramount national interest. Comments by several British parliamentarians from the Opposition as well as the ruling Conservative Party, including the Speaker of the House of Commons, have been of surprise and outrage. For students of British history, it appears that another schism has emerged between Parliament and the Executive, which goes back before the English Civil War.

And while there is no risk of a violent second civil war, the country is hugely divided, politically, socially and economically. Yet, it is also clear that the vote on leaving the EU must be honoured — for better or worse. The problem is that several parliamentarians are rightly scared about the "for worse" option, particularly about a "no deal" transaction with the EU. This would, some fear, lead to a land border between British Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland as well as Customs and immigration chaos. There is no resolution as yet about the status of European citizens living and working in the UK as well as what will happen to British citizens in Europe. And with just about 60 days to work out a solution, Johnson must have felt that he could have done without the distractions of a deeply divided Parliament. What he might have created though is a monster and united the several warring factions inside the Houses of Westminster into a cohesive unit. Negotiating deals is not as easy as composing tweets or even campaigning, both things that Johnson is very good at. Dealing with hard-nosed bureaucrats of the EU and trying to extract concessions is even tougher. It appears Johnson has borrowed some tactics from Pakistan, which regularly negotiates with a gun to its head, as a commentator once aptly said. The UK, which sowed the seeds of conflict in the Levant, South Asia and Africa, finds itself in a bind and the rest of the world, particularly those that have once been part of the empire, cannot help but feel what the Germans call schadenfreude.

The real consequence

The Government miserably failed to contain misinformation or disinformation on Article 370 in the foreign media. It should have given a historical briefing on all facets of the issue



CLAUDE ARPI

The abrogation of Article 370 has led to a lot of typing on the key-boards of Indian as well as foreign journalists. Most scribes were ill-informed about the legality of the issue but generally, the Indian Press dealt with the subject more decently, taking into consideration the situation on the ground, including Ladakh where the "liberation" of the mountainous division was celebrated as in Jammu, too. The Indian Press also mentioned about the tragic fate of the Kashmiri Pandits and how the Article fuelled terrorist acts, which have plagued the Valley for decades. Even the Supreme Court, which sometimes does not mind stepping in the role of the Executive, handled the issue with restraint and care in the higher interest of the population concerned.

But this has not been the case of the foreign Press, which has once again shown not only its partisanship — the often-violent "anti-Modi" bias (they hate the 'Modi' phenomenon which eludes their understanding) — but also its abysmal ignorance of the historical background of the Kashmir issue.

Take the example of the French Press. Following the August 5 decision, it is difficult to say that it was the worst, because the British and the American were really bad, too (particularly the *BBC*). In their offices beyond the seas, editorialists remain stuck in old clichés — they love to portray Modi's India as having only one objective: To massacre as many Muslims as possible. Due to sheer "White" arrogance, most of these "grand reporters" do not need to study the issue before writing on it, as "they know" about it.

After the Indian Prime Minister's visit to the UAE, one French publication even wrote: "Modi has managed to escape the Muslim ire ...for now." The Chinese factor and their indecent claims over Ladakh have also been brushed aside; the Buddhists of Ladakh and the Pandits are not worth a word. It is ironic that at the same time, the Indo-French bilateral relations have been blossoming (but journalists will probably say, "Modi has bought Macron on his side by promising to buy a few Rafales more").

Who is responsible for this constant misinformation or disinformation? As I said, it is not possible to change the ideological slant of the Press (foreign or French), so one should let it be. Where the Government of India failed is in "educating" the Press by giving a full historical briefing on all the facets of the issue.

One problem is that the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) today functions without a historical division, (in the 1990s, some smart mandarins thought they knew everything and that a division was not required). Before the announcement, the South Block should have prepared a "background note on the Kashmir issue and the history of the temporary Article 370 of Indian Constitution" but nobody probably had the time for such niceties. Foreign embassies could have been



given this note, which could have informed their "all-knowing" Press; it is part of the bilateral relations, no?

The foreign Press could have been told: "You are free to use the briefing and check the facts if you want." One of the problems is the sacrosanct "freedom of the Press" which allows anybody to write anything! Those who object to this are "fascists."

Now what are the facts? A few years ago, I came across a top secret note entitled, 'Background to the Kashmir Issue: Facts of the case', written in the early 1950s in the *Nehru Papers* (the JN Collections at the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library). It makes for a fascinating read. It starts with a historical dateline: "Invasion of the State by tribesmen and Pakistan nationals through or from Pakistan territory on October 20, 1947; ruler's offer of accession of the State to India supported by the National Conference, a predominantly Muslim though non-communal political organisation, on October 26, 1947; acceptance of accession by the British Governor-General of India on October 27, 1947, under this accession, the State became an integral part of India; expression of a wish by Lord Mountbatten in a separate letter to the ruler the fulfillment of which was to take place at a

“THE TEMPORARY BACKGROUND OF ARTICLE 370 SHOULD HAVE BEEN EXPLAINED, PARTICULARLY HOW IT DEPRIVED JAMMU AND LADAKH OF THEIR ADMINISTRATIVE FREEDOM; HOW IT HELPED FUEL TERRORISM FROM ACROSS THE LINE OF CONTROL; HOW GENDER-BIASED IT WAS”

future date when law and order had been restored and the soil of the State cleared of the invader, the people of the State were given the right to decide whether they should remain in India or not."

Then the note mentioned "[the] invasion of the State by Pakistan Regular Forces on May 8, 1948, in contravention of international law. One of the grounds for this military operation, as disclosed by Pakistan's Foreign Minister himself, was a recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief of Pakistan that an easy victory for the Indian Army was almost certain to arouse the anger of the invading tribesmen against Pakistan."

Pakistan was not interested in the plebiscite, further it wanted to grab ...Buddhist Ladakh, too. At some other point, the note observed: "Pakistan, not content with assisting the invader, has itself become an invader and its Army is still occupying a large part of the soil of Kashmir, thus committing a continuing breach of international law."

This was noticed by Sir Owen Dixon, the UN Representative. Pakistani politicians (and others) often quote the UN resolutions but very few have read them. Has Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan ever looked at them? I bet not.

Following the ceasefire of

January 1, 1949, the military representatives of India and Pakistan met in Karachi between July 18 and 27, 1949, under the auspices of the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan. Before leaving for Karachi, the delegates had a briefing from Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai, the Secretary General of the MEA, who explained the legal position in detail to the delegates. He told them that the resolution of August 13, 1948 "had conceded the legality of Kashmir's accession to India and as such no man's land, if any, should be controlled by India during the period of ceasefire and truce." Thus, the Line of Ceasefire (now Line of Control) was drawn and accepted by Pakistan on this principle.

Who remembers the August 1948 resolution today?

Similarly, for Article 370, the temporary background should have been explained, particularly how it deprived Jammu and Ladakh of their administrative freedom; how it helped fuel terrorism from across the LoC; how gender-biased it was. This should have been done. It would not have removed the bias of the foreign "secular" Press but they could not have said they did not know.

(The writer is an expert on India-China relations)

SOUNDBITE

He (Ramesh) is responsible for policy paralysis of UPA-2 and he is also responsible for compromising the principles of governance many a time.



Senior Congress leader
—M Veerappa Moily

Rohit is the king of the action-entertainment and the masala genre. I always wanted to be his hero and when I got this opportunity, I gave it my all.



Actor
—Ranveer Singh

India's decision (on Jammu and Kashmir) is sovereign which is as per its Constitution. Our position on the issue is identical to India's position.



Russian envoy
—Nikolay Kudashev

Instead of harbouring thoughts of a nuclear war with India, he (Imran Khan) must heed the advice of Modi and fight against poverty and unemployment.



Union Minister
—Giriraj Singh

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Irreversible loss

Sir — Every single day unfolds a new set of problems for the people and nations across the world. Despite technological advancements, the world community is finding it difficult to cope with the emerging climate crisis. The forest fires in the Amazon have caused irreversible damage. The tropical forest area is home to planet earth's most bountiful ecological diversity. It is home to three million species — plants and animals — as also a million indigenous people, most of whom have lost lives fighting for the protection of the forests.

Many nations are home to the rainforests but Brazil contains one-third of the total area as 60 per cent of the Amazon belongs to this country. Preserving it is not only important for Brazil but also for every nation for the simple reason that the rainforests are the key to meeting climate goals. And it's not just the responsibility of the Brazilian Government but also of the international community to develop a mechanism to protect and restore the Amazon rainforest. A small beginning towards this end has been made

Needed: A hard look at bank policies

This refers to the editorial, "Funding the economy" (August 28). With the forced exit of two Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governors, Raghuram Rajan and Urjit Patel, and the induction of Shaktikanta Das, the stage was set for the mega transfer of the accumulated reserves in the RBI without any murmur. The Bimal Jalan committee, formed to review the economic capital framework of the Central Bank, had the script written beforehand. Its unwritten purpose was to undertake an overt approval for the covert exercise of an undesirable transfer. The revised economic capital framework seemed a tailor-made substructure to produce pre-ordained end results. Desperate times call for desperate measures. With no new resource springs in sight, the only course left to oxygenate the gasping economy was to ferret out cash from the Central bank. In the five years ending 2017-18, the RBI had transferred the entire net surplus of ₹2.65 lakh crore to the Centre and it has now decided to transfer a prodigious amount of ₹1.76 lakh crore in 2018-19 from its reserves.

A contingency fund of ₹2.28 lakh crore and currency and revaluation reserve of ₹5.30 lakh crore constituted 90 per cent of the total reserves of ₹8.38 lakh crore

at the G7 summit held in France where leaders agreed to provide logistical and financial support to help fight fires in the Amazon rainforest. The way forward is to act together.

P Senthil
Via email



of the RBI in 2017-2018. The balances under these heads increased 96 per cent in 2018-2019. The Bimal Jalan committee would have us believe the ruling policy to treat the unrealised valuation gains and the contingency fund as being hopelessly unscientific. It is now incumbent on economists to examine the economic impropriety that can weaken the financial strength of the Central bank.

Haridasan Rajan
Kozhikode

Stuck with the family

Sir — This refers to the article, "Voices of sanity at last" (August 27) by A Surya Prakash. The difficulty with the grand old party is that it is not prepared to go beyond the hegemony of a single

family even as it may be blocking the infusion of new ideas.

There is a theory in management circles that disfavors continuation of the same person on one seat in recognition of the axiom that ideas get stale. Unfortunately, the Congress is not prepared to accept

this. In the process, it wasted an opportunity of appointing a leader of his/her own political standing that could have paved the way not only for the dispersal of power but also infusion of fresh ideas. The above mentioned attitude has taken roots in the minds of Congressmen because of the fixation that it is only the Congress, particular a family, that participated in the freedom movement and this bestowed it the authority to rule the country.

Besides the party's hatred for Prime Minister Modi, the two major fronts that are out of tune with the people are its outdated ideas of economic extreme Left and flawed concepts of secularism. Even on the face of worldwide recognition of the failure of communist economic policies, the Congress is not only sticking to it but going towards it with vigour. In the area of secularism, its idea of protecting minorities (Muslims) from the majority (Hindus) has created a separate class of citizens away from the mainstream. It's time the Congress does some introspection.

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FIRST COLUMN

The art of turning waste into wealth

Upcycling not only keeps garbage out of landfills, it also reduces carbon emissions



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Dealing with ever-growing garbage mountains is a challenge that India and countries across the world continue to face. However, the need to reduce rubbish has led to some innovative solutions such as upcycling waste. Upcycling, also known as creative reuse, is the process of transforming waste materials, by-products and unwanted products into new materials or products of better quality and environmental value, while retaining the characteristics of the original material. This helps promote a circular economy by giving discarded materials a second life, reducing the need for virgin resources. More often than not, it doesn't require major financial investments and can be achieved through out-of-the-box thinking, smart designing and reorganising production. Besides keeping refuse out of landfills and offsetting demand for virgin materials, upcycling reduces carbon emissions and helps save energy and water.

Upcycled materials could include used clothes, packaging material, e-waste or simple household goods like furniture and furnishings. These materials could also be pre-consumer waste that is generated before the products reach the consumers. Examples include clothing manufacturing, paper and printing industry and the auto-component industry that also generates metal scraps. India has begun embracing upcycling and many firms are coming forward with innovative ideas and business models. For instance, a company in Bengaluru that turns old clothes, plastics, tyre tubes, broken glass, wood pieces and multi-layered plastic packaging into stylish products has successfully upcycled 30 tonnes of trash.

A Mumbai-based firm upcycles post-consumer and post-industrial fabrics like denim. It makes bags and jewellery, having already upcycled around 3,000 pair of jeans and 500 metres of post-industrial waste denim. Another Bengaluru-based outfit makes jewellery from discarded PET bottles. However, this is just the beginning and a lot more can be done to reduce waste and generate employment at the same time through product lifetime extension.

For instance, a Mumbai-based social enterprise recycles textile waste into sustainable materials and products that are hand-crafted by women living in slums. The collection of waste provides opportunities to integrate the informal sector into the formal sector with the former becoming a supplier of the material.

However, upcycling is still at a nascent stage, with difficulties in achieving economies of scale. While an average customer may expect an upcycled product to be cheaper than a product made of virgin material, various issues make it challenging to achieve that, which has a direct impact on the prices of these products. The heterogeneous nature of raw material leads to labour-intensive processes. Recycling doesn't always generate products like those made from virgin materials. Then there are supply chain complexities, and while increased attention to hygiene generates acceptability by consumers, it increases overhead costs.

Starting an upcycling venture also needs technical and managerial guidance along with expert advice for designing and manufacturing. Making such a venture viable would require regular sourcing of waste, including local material streams that can be arranged through tie-ups with second-hand markets and collection centres. Price benchmarking of waste material is also important to enable competitive costing. Further, awareness, supportive eco-systems and industrial symbiosis are extremely crucial to encourage upcycling. To create a market, retail partnership with stores, online availability of products and subsidised participation at exhibitions can be explored. Most importantly though, understanding consumer perception and attitudes towards upcycled products will need to be factored in to garner their buy-in/acceptability. For this, positive attitudes and social expectations around upcycling need to be created through social media campaigns, workshops and events.

The upcycling industry in India needs a major leg-up and policy direction has a very significant role to play in this. Change in Government procurement policies to favour upcycled goods over mass-produced goods made from virgin materials can create a demand. The Government could also commission upcycling projects to help create a positive image. Tax incentives that typically offer benefits for purchasing equipment and machinery could further be designed for the industry. Lastly, in the longer term, manufacturers should consider changes to consumer products and packaging that makes them easier to upcycle at the end-of-life stage.

Upcycling can be an important tool for sustainability in this age of resource scarcity, hence community efforts in channelling waste and creating a market for such products are the need of the hour. (Shilpi Bakshi is a researcher with TERI and Soumya Kalluri is the founder of upcycling firm Dwij)

POINTCOUNTERPOINT

KASHMIR IS INDIA'S INTERNAL ISSUE AND THERE IS NO ROOM FOR PAKISTAN OR ANY OTHER FOREIGN COUNTRY TO INTERFERE IN IT. —CONGRESS LEADER RAHUL GANDHI



THINGS ARE NOT WRONG IN KASHMIR BUT IN CONGRESS. THIS STATEMENT SHOWS THE BANKRUPTCY OF THE PARTY. —BJP SPOKESPERSON PRAKASH JAVADEKAR

Pitch still queered

Despite decriminalisation of Section 377, inclusion in the mainstream remains a pipe dream as LGBTQs continue to struggle for an identity and acceptance



AKSHAT AGARWAL

On September 6, 2018, in a landmark judgment, the Supreme Court (SC) decriminalised Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and allowed consensual gay sex between adults in private. The apex court's ruling that criminalising gay sex was "unconstitutional, irrational, indefensible and manifestly arbitrary," was met with widespread celebrations by the LGBTQ community across India. However, despite this path-breaking verdict, which delivered a powerful riposte to institutionalised disgust and contempt aimed at the LGBTQ community, nearly one year down the line nothing much seems to have changed on the ground. Inclusion in the mainstream remains a pipe dream as the LGBTQ community continues to struggle for an identity and acceptance. Members of the community face legal exclusion, ostracisation, violence and denial of access to financial and health service, among others.

Access to employment and a discrimination-free workplace continues to be a challenge for the community, particularly for transgender people, as limited access to formal education and discriminatory recruitment practices of organisations lead to their exclusion.

Despite the SC verdict, LGBTQs continue to be closeted about their sexuality over fears of potential discrimination at the workplace. More often than not, when they do come out or are outed, they often face ridicule and discrimination. In fact, the Indian LGBT Workplace Survey, 2016, shows that about 40 per cent people have faced harassment at the place of employment on account of their gender identity/sexual orientation.

More significantly, in spite of constitutional recognition of rights in various judgments, existing laws continue to exclude LGBTQ people. This becomes apparent in their day-to-day experiences with the law and the legal system.

Besides discrimination in the formal sector, LGBTQs, specifically transgenders, continue to be disproportionately targeted by enforcement agencies in the unorganised/informal sector. This is particularly prevalent in the case of sex workers and beggars, wherein transgender persons are often targeted by laws such as the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 (ITPA) and anti-begging laws, respectively. The lack of regulation of the informal sector makes LGBTQ community members working in the sector particularly vulnerable to discrimination and harassment. This is also the case with laws dealing with violence as there are two cardinal problems with them. First, substantive laws may not account for the LGBTQ community, thus creating barriers in accessing such provisions. Second, prevalent discriminatory patterns lead to the well-documented persecution that they face at the hands of law enforcement agencies.

The discrimination against LGBTQ persons in substantive criminal law occurs at two levels. First, the operation of such laws in the male-female binary does not take into account the transgender identity, thereby creating a barrier for transgender persons from accessing such provisions. Second, the operation of criminal laws on heteronormative assumptions does not recognise same-sex relationships or non-heterosexual sexual orientations, thereby limiting the operation of such provisions to sexual acts in the male-female binary.

Criminal law provisions such as rape, Section 375 of the IPC, exclude LGBTQ people at both lev-

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els. By operating in the male-female binary, it fails to account for the transgender identity and by only accounting for heterosexual conduct it fails to include alternative sexual experiences.

Therefore, in light of the realities of sexual violence, a potential way forward could be the neutrality of the victim for the offence of rape and for related provisions of sexual violence. Further, in line with the recommendations of the Justice Verma Committee, introduction of a victim-neutral provision that deals with non-penetrative acts of sexual violence could also be considered.

Such an approach would recognise LGBTQ people's right to sexual autonomy and choice and also obviate concerns of the use of a dated provision like Section 377 in instances of sexual violence. Neutrality of the perpetrator is, however, a more complex issue and would require further research to be undertaken before being considered.

However, neutrality cannot be the only answer to LGBTQ inclusion in the law and much more needs to be done in order to make access to justice a reality. This requires measures such as greater legal education, sensitisation of law enforcement authorities etc.

In India, even instances of workplace sexual harassment are dealt by the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 (POSH Act). Provisions in the Act, however, only recognise the complainant to be an "aggrieved woman" under Section 2(a), thereby excluding transgender persons and precluding the possibility of LGBTQ people being subjects of workplace sexual harassment.

Further, law and Government policies also render transgender identity invisible by operating in the categories of male and female or by providing only male and female prefixes such as Smt/Shri etc.

Considering the nature of identity, there is a need to strongly consider whether requiring one's gender status is necessary for a scheme or policy. Where gender is irrelevant, schemes or policies can be actively un-gendered. The same logic could also be extended to forms in the private sector where details regarding gender identity may be irrelevant to the purpose for which the form is being filled. Active un-gendering of forms is also in line with international best practices.

In instances, where gender specification is relevant for a scheme or collection of such data is necessary for policy purposes, the requirement to provide gender status must also account for transgender persons.

Further, the law also tends to freeze identities at birth which goes against the fluid nature of identity. The Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969 operationalised through State rules and forms, only recognises two sexes i.e. male and female in the birth certificate. Recording this attribute is also mandatory, which thus results in the assignment of sex and eventually gender within the male-female binary. This binary understanding of male and female sex also indicates how persons with intersex variation i.e. those who do not fit into either of the two sexes are rendered invisible by the law, which ends up force-fitting them into the two categories.

Further, such laws also cause the medical community to perform non-consensual medical procedures on minors with intersex variations so that their bodies fit into the binary of male or female.

Conversations with doctors revealed that there is no uniform protocol for assigning sex at birth and shockingly, in some cases the choice of sex in infants is based on the surgical intervention that would be easiest to fit the infant into either male or female depending on the shape of the genitalia. The need for an objective medical protocol in this regard is thus pressing.

In fact, most recently, the Madras High Court in a path-breaking judgement held that non-consensual surgery on infants with intersex variations was a violation of the SC's judgment and directed the Government of Tamil Nadu to issue an order prohibiting such surgeries on infants. Similar measures are the need of the hour in other States as well. Ironically, in spite of the recognition of the transgender identity and an individual's fundamental right to choose one's gender identity in the SC's judgment in National Legal Services Authority Vs Union of India, way back in 2014, laws have not responded adequately and still remain unclear on what the consequences of a change in gender identity would be and how rights and liabilities translate post such a change.

Even the recently introduced Transgender (Protection of Rights) Bill 2018 remains completely silent on this. Illustratively, does a marriage dissolve upon a change in gender identity because same-gender marriages are not recognised in India? Countries like Malta, Argentina and Norway have clarified the impact of such a change on the rights of persons who change their gender identity in their gender identity laws. It's time India does the same and also makes laws more inclusive for the LGBTQ community.

The fact remains that India is home to more than 55 million LGBTQ adults and the country as a whole cannot afford to ignore them anymore, both as individuals, a market and as a talent pool. (The writer is a Research Fellow at the Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy)

Fire in world's lungs a cause for worry

The combined impact of human intervention, frequent forest blazes and climate change is beginning to tell on the health of the Amazon rainforests, the much-needed carbon sink of the world



KOTA SRIRAJ



According to the India Metrological Department (IMD) data, the average maximum temperatures have been on the rise at most places in Uttarakhand, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi, east Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Jammu & Kashmir, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Marathwada and coastal Andhra Pradesh. The Forest Survey of India's (FSI's) data shows that on an average, there are more than 100 large, active forest fires in the country. The highest number of blazes is being reported from Uttarakhand, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.

Another reason that literally adds fuel to forest fires is the scanty rainfall. These conditions are further exacerbated in areas such as the Amazon where the loss of green cover is immediately apparent. In fact, studies show that nearly 2.2 million square miles of the Amazon rainforest are nearing a tipping point, and large, fragmented portions of the rainforest could degrade into an entirely different, drier ecosystem. This would lead to the acceleration of climate change, the loss of count-

less species and disaster for the indigenous populations that call the tropical rainforest home.

Be it forests in India or in the Amazon, they all have a crucial role to play in containing climate change and absorbing atmospheric carbon. Sadly, these precious carbon sinks are falling prey to human greed.

In the case of the Amazon, the biggest threat that is emerging is the presence of economic interest groups, which are eating away at the Amazon rainforests such as cattle grazers and soyabean growers. These human groups are slowly wreaking havoc and this is precisely what the countries across the world must fight to stop. The impact of climate change is becoming apparent in all walks of life and now the global forest covers, too, are not exempt. There need to be concerted global efforts to ensure that natural assets are insulated against degrading developments. The state of the Amazon rainforests due to the fires is nothing short of unfortunate and needs immediate intervention and redressal. (The writer is an environmental journalist)



FOREIGN EYE



A HEALTHY CONVERSATION

The efforts of two MPs, Labour's Carolyn Harris and Conservative Rachel Maclean, to bring forward legislation on menopause policies at work are welcome. Provisions such as flexible working or sick leave for women with symptoms might sound like common sense. But for many women, the experience of menopause at work is one of discomfort exacerbated by prejudice. Even those at the highest levels are not immune. (The Guardian editorial)

RBI gives reasons for ₹1.76 lakh dividend

‘Gains from massive bond buying, new A/c norms helped transfer higher surplus’

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank could transfer an additional ₹1.23 trillion from its surpluses to the Government, thanks to the gains from bond buying and a change in the accounting practices of its forex operations, sources said Wednesday.

These two heads alone have contributed as much as ₹57,000 crore to the income of the central bank, people in the know explained.

There has been widespread criticism after the RBI agreed to part ₹1.76 trillion with the government following the Bimal Jalan committee report on the appropriate economic capital framework for the central bank. The ₹1.76 trillion includes a surplus of ₹1.23 trillion and ₹52,000 crore in one-time surplus.

The higher quantum of bond buying to inject liquidity into the system has resulted in additional income of ₹36,000 crore, while the

changes in accounting practices resulted in gains of ₹21,000 crore, the source said.

Without quantifying the gains, the source also said that there is no need to provide money against potential risks as the capital required is falling within the levels prescribed by the Jalan committee.

“These three heads (OMO income, change in forex accounting and zero provisions) are all independent events that have taken place at the same point during the fiscal year,” the source explained.

On the one-time transfer of ₹52,000 crore, the source said passing the money to the government is considered a “much neater” way of transferring the excess reserves identified by the Jalan committee.

The source said the Jalan committee was extra conservative while prescribing the preferred levels of buffers required to be maintained, and takes into account a scenario where the 10 largest banks go down simultaneously in an ownership-agnostic way.

The levels prescribed are such that the RBI will be able to carry on its role as the lender of last resort even if these 10 banks were to go down, the source pointed out.

The Jalan panel has asked the central bank to maintain its risk buffers in the range of 5.5-

6.5 percent of its overall balance sheet and that the transfer of ₹52,000 crore will not force the RBI to sell any assets to meet this requirement, the source said.

Replying to the initial excitement after papers, including those published by some “respected people” which pegged the excess reserves at ₹3 trillion, the source explained that the same stems from the size of the currency and gold revaluation account (CGRA).

The CGRA stood at ₹7.3 trillion for the year June 2019 (RBI follows a July-June accounting calendar which will be changed to April-March from this year as per the Jalan panel), which resulted in such expectations. However, the panel has made it clear that investments in both forex and gold are prone to volatilities, and only transaction on sale should lead to booking of profit or losses which led to the expectations being belied.

The panel has also felt that paying interim dividend as has been done in the last two years, is “not the right thing to do”, the source said.

However, the panel has defined the right level of the buffers which takes care of many of those concerns, the source said, adding the levels are arrived at with a lot of rigour.

NCLT allows IL&FS to sell 7 wind assets to Orix for ₹4,800cr

The seven wind power SPVs are Lalpur Wind Energy, Etesian Urja, Khandke Wind Energy, Retadi Wind Power, Wind Urja Indiae, Tadas Wind Energy and Kaze Energy

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The National Company Law Tribunal Wednesday cleared the sale of IL&FS’s seven wind energy assets to Japan’s Orix Corporation for ₹4,800 crore, which will partially help reduce its debt burden of over ₹99,000 crore.

The tribunal comprising of VP Singh and Rajesh Sharma allowed the Government-appointed board’s plea to approve sale of 51 percent stake in seven wind energy arms to Orix.

Orix Corporation is already an equity partner in the group and owns 49 percent stake in each of these seven operating wind power plants.

The seven wind power SPVs are Lalpur Wind Energy, Etesian Urja, Khandke Wind Energy, Retadi Wind Power, Wind Urja Indiae, Tadas Wind Energy and Kaze Energy.

The company should deposit the fund from the asset

sale in an interest bearing account until further, the tribunal said.

Retired Supreme Court judge DK Jain had recommended that the proceeds from the sale of these seven assets should be kept in an escrow account.

Last month, IL&FS had said it would completely exit the wind energy business, held under IL&FS Wind Energy to Orix, with NCLT for final approval.

The proposal was filed before the tribunal after completing a binding share purchase agreement with Orix and obtaining an in-principle approval from all lenders.

Jain had approved sale on conditions that the proposal would be placed before NCLT for approval and the bid amount realised from the sale be kept in an escrow account and the money would be disbursed only on the orders and directions of the NCLT/NCLAT.

This intent to buy 51 percent stake was in exercise of Orix’s right under the terms of an existing MoU wherein Orix can match the price offered by the highest bidder for purchasing these assets.

Orix decided to match the offer of the highest bidder, of about ₹4,800 crore for 100 percent of enterprise value, contemplating no haircut to the debt of the SPVs aggregating to around ₹3,700 crore.

Renault launches new Triber

Compact car features three rows of seating; French company plans big rural push for sales

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

French carmaker Renault today unveiled their latest product in the Indian market the hatch-back Triber, which will however feature a third-row of seats. The French carmaker is claiming that this seven-seater is the most versatile car in its class and Venkatram Mamillapalle, Managing Director, Renault



India believes that the carmaker has another hit on their hands. Featuring a three-cylinder one-litre petrol engine with 72PS of power, the Triber will be available in four variants with prices starting at ₹4.95 lakh and go up to ₹6.49 lakh, significantly undercutting both the Hyundai i10 Nios and Maruti-Suzuki Swift.

Speaking to *The Pioneer*, Mamillapalle said that he expects demand from rural India to be a major driver for Renault going forward. “Indian cities are very congested and

many youngsters in cities are now looking at shared mobility options, but we believe there are opportunities in smaller towns and rural India. Today 30 per cent of our sales come from rural areas and that number will only increase.” With the carmaker having

believe the short-term actions being taken by the Finance Ministry will give an impetus to demand. The slowdown in sales was something we could see ever since demonetisation and the decline of the real-estate sector. There has also been confusion around BS4

plans to double the number of outlets it has from 350 to 700 by the end of 2020 serving 330 cities and towns across the country it also plans to double its marketshare with products like the Triber and others in the pipeline. “Several new outlets will be on the ultra-light and light asset models, which will also help our existing dealers expand,” he added. Mamillapalle also spoke about the dramatic decline in car sales and whether the Finance Ministry will help. “I

eKYC, Digital KYC for opening bank accounts to make process secure: UIDAI

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The recent amendments to anti-money laundering rules allowing voluntary use of Aadhaar for opening of bank accounts and the modalities of digital KYC for cases where verification is done using other documents like voter ID and driving licence will make the process secure and convenient for users, UIDAI CEO said on Wednesday.

The Government, last week, had notified amendments to the Prevention of Money-Laundering (Maintenance of Records) rules to allow voluntary use of the biometric identifier for opening of bank accounts, and had also spelt out the detailed procedure for ‘digital KYC’ to be performed in case of verification done via documents like voter ID and driving licence.

The notification now paves the way for use of various verification mechanisms — Aadhaar eKYC where Aadhaar documents are given voluntarily,

offline verification and Digital KYC (Know Your Customer) for opening bank accounts.

The same procedure will also be applicable for investment in mutual funds and opening of demat accounts.

“Digital KYC has been successful in telecom sector for issuing mobile connections. For bank accounts too, now if someone has paper Aadhaar, voter ID or driving licence, then the person can go for Digital KYC, like in the telecom sector,” Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) CEO Ajay Bhushan Pandey told PTI.

Digital KYC will involve capturing the live photo of the customer and officially valid documents or proof of possession of Aadhaar where offline verification cannot be carried out, along with latitude and longitude of the location where such live photo is being taken by an authorised officer of the bank. A step-by-step procedure has been laid down for performing Digital KYC.

Foreign firms unprepared for China’s rating system: chamber

AFP ■ BEIJING

Foreign businesses in China are ill-prepared for the tough sanctions and constant surveillance demanded by a social credit system to be rolled out this year, a European business group warned Wednesday.

Under this new system for ranking businesses, both foreign and domestic companies will be required to install surveillance cameras in their premises and share the data with the Government.

Those who violate rules will be placed in “blacklists” and subjected to “immediate and severe punishments”, the EU Chamber of Commerce in China said in a report published Wednesday.

The sanctions are not limited to penalties but also include more frequent inspections, customs delays, not getting subsidies or tax rebates and public shaming, the report added.

₹ slips 29 paise against US dollar to 71.77

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee declined by 29 paise to close at 71.77 against the US dollar on Wednesday as fears of an impending global recession prompted investors to stick to safe-haven assets like the Japanese yen.

Rising crude oil prices and weakness in the equity market put further pressure on the domestic currency, forex dealers said.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened on the back foot at 71.50 a dollar and went on to touch the day’s low of 71.87. It finally pared some losses to settle at 71.77, down by 29 paise against its previous close.

On Tuesday, the rupee had zoomed 54 paise to finish at 71.48.

Global equities struggled while gold and yen held on to gains following the latest inversion of yield curves of US Treasury bonds, which is seen as a signal of an approaching recession.

With the US-China trade

talks showing no signs of a resolution, chances of the global economy tipping into a slowdown remain quite high, analysts said.

“Global sentiments remained muted with uncertainty around the US-China trade deal and growth,” said Sunil Sharma, Chief Investment Officer, Sanctum Wealth Management.

Crude oil benchmark Brent Futures spurted 1.21 per cent to trade at \$60.23 per barrel on Wednesday.

The dollar index — which gauges the greenback’s strength against a basket of six currencies — rose 0.10 per cent to 98.09.

The 10-year Indian government bond yield was up at 6.58 per cent. Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) remained net sellers in the capital markets, pulling out ₹923.94 crore on Tuesday, as per provisional data.

Meanwhile, domestic benchmark indices snapped their three-session rising streak amid losses in metals, energy, banking and auto counters.

Iran to open bank branch in India in 2-3 months to boost trade

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Iran will open a branch of its Bank Pasargad in India in the next 2-3 months to help boost trade between the two nations at a time when US economic sanctions have blocked international banking channels.

Ali Chegeni, Iran’s Ambassador to India, said Pasargad has received all necessary approvals including from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to commercial banking operations.

“It (Bank Pasargad) will start operations in 2-3 months,” he said on sidelines of an industry event here. Oil was the biggest commodity traded between the two countries with India buying on an average \$1 billion worth of crude oil from the Persian Gulf nation every month.

But, after the US imposed partial economic sanctions on Iran in November last year, India’s purchase of oil from the Persian Gulf nation was started in the rupee instead of US dollars.

Number of seafarers rises to 2.08 lakh: Govt

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The initiatives taken in last four years have resulted in increase in number of Indian seafarers to 2.08 lakh, and the count will reach five lakh in the coming years, the Government said on Wednesday.

The sector is seeing major developments in the areas of coastal shipping, inland waterways and other maritime activities. This is leading to generation of employment in the sector, which is evident in the growing number of Indian seafarers from 1 lakh to 2.08 lakh.

“Today we have reached 2.08 lakh. In the coming years we will take it to 5 lakh. Five lakh youth will get job opportunity in maritime sector,” the minister said.

Paper industry urges consumers to make eco-friendly choices

New Delhi: To celebrate the Independence Day fervor in the month of August, Indian Paper Manufacturers Association (IPMA) reached out to people in the capital with the message of using paper and enjoying freedom to choose green.

“True freedom lies in the choices we make. Paper has come to provide an effective and eco-friendly alternative and can help users make a green choice”, said Rohit Pandit, secretary general IPMA. The complexion of Paper Industry has changed over the years. Today the industry is far more innovative and able to provide a wide variety of products and solutions which find application in e-commerce, FMCG, pharmaceuticals, food packaging etc., stated IPMA.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that one person (depicted in the photo) namely **Dham Vir Singh**, S/o Jai Krishan, R/o O-862, J.J. Colony, Sawda, Delhi, has been missing since 03.08.2019. In this regard a D.D. No. 46-A, Dated 05.08.2019 has been lodged at Police Station – Kanjhawala, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

Age: 35 years, **Complexion:** Sallow, **Height:** 5'0", **Face:** Oval, **Clothing:** Wearing checkdar Shirt, cream colour Pant and black & red colour Shoes in feet.

Any person is having any information/Clue about this missing person, may inform undersigned.

Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.No.: 011-24368639, 24368641

SHO
P.S. Kanjhawala, Delhi
DP/3199/RD/19 **Ph.: 011-25952485, 25951486**

SEARCH OF MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo), **Namely: Neha, D/o: Late Sh. Ashok Kumar, R/o: H.No.11A, Nirankari Colony, Delhi** **Aged:** 24 years, has been missing since 01.08.2019 vide **DD No. 43A, Dated 02.08.2019, has been lodged at P.S. Mukharjee Nagar, Delhi.** His physical description is as under:

Complexion: Fair, **Height:** 5'2" Feet, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Thin, **Clothing:** Orange Top and Black Pant & Black Chappal in feet.

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing girl, may inform SHO, Mukharjee Nagar, Delhi at **E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in or website : <http://cbi.nic.in> Tele No.: 11-24368638 or 24368641**

S.H.O
P.S. Mukharjee Nagar, Delhi
DP/9278/NW/19.

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Nisha, D/o: Sh. Mukesh, R/o H. No. – 132, Harijan Wali Gali, Chandpur, Delhi-110081** has been missing since 31.07.2019 from the area of **P.S. Kanjhawala, Delhi.** In this regard **DD No. 10-A, dated 08.08.2019** has been registered at **P.S. Kanjhawala, Delhi.**

The description of missing girl is as under:

Name: Nisha, **Age:** 25 Years, **Height:** 5'2", **Face:** Round, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Wearing:** Red Suit, **Yellow Salwar & Blue Hawai Chappal** in feet. If anyone have any information about this missing girl please inform P.S. Kanjhawala, Delhi.

Web: <http://cbi.nic.in>, **Email:** cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639

SHO
Police Station, Kanjhawala, Delhi
DP/3198/RD/19 **Ph: 011- 25951486, 7065036125**

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that a boy namely **Sudhir S/o Sh. Dharpal R/o Flat No. 39, Saket Kunj apartment Sec-9 Rohini, Delhi. Age- 23 years, Height-6'3" Face-Round, Complexion-Fair, Wearing:** Blue Colour Shirt, Blue Colour Jeans, Shoes in his feet has been missing/ kidnapped from the area of **P.S Prashant Vihar, Delhi** since dated 01.08.2019. In this regard a vide **DD No. 64-A Dated 01.08.2019** has been lodged at **P.S. Prashant Vihar, Delhi**

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

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 **SHO**
Fax : 011-24368639 **P.S. Prashant Vihar, Delhi**
 Ph.: 011-27557184
 8750870328

DP/3202/RD/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that a person namely **Mahender, S/o: Late. Sh. Sukhbir Singh, R/o Jhuggi No. N-130/61, Dhkka- Village, Delhi** has been missing since 15.08.2019 from the area of **P.S. Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi.** In this regard **DD No. 52A, dated 21.08.2019** has been registered at **P.S. Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi.** The description of missing person is as under:

Name: Mahender **Age:** 40 Years, **Height:** 5'5", **Face:** Long, **Complexion:** Fair, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Red T-Shirt, Blue Jeans Pant and Dark Blue Shoes in feet.

If anyone have any information about this missing person please inform P.S. Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi.

Web: <http://cbi.nic.in>, **Email:** cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639

SHO
Police Station, Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi
DP/9322/NW/19 **Ph: 011- 27654675, 8750870234**

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr.P.C.)

Where as complaint has been made before me that **Raju, S/o Sh. Suhhdev, R/o Jhuggi No. C-158, GP Block, Jhuggi Duster, Pitam Pura, Delhi & Village Khutla, Near Maa Kaiika Devi Mandir, Distt. Banda, U.P.** is involved in case **FIR NO. 160/14 P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said **Raju** cannot be found and where as it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Raju** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Raju of FIR NO. 160/14 P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 09-10-2019.

By Order
Ms. Pooja Agarwal
Metropolitan Magistrate,
Room No. 112, Rohini Court, Delhi

DP/9310/NW/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that one lady namely **Rajeshri W/o Ram Das R/o C-5/9, Shahbad Dairy, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped since 27.07.2019 from the area of **P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi.** In this regard a case vides **DD No. 69-A dated 09.08.2019** has been registered at **P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi.**

The description of missing/kidnapped lady is as under : **Name :** Rajeshri, **Husband's Name :** Ram Das, **Age :** 45 years, **Built:** Medium **Height :** 5', **Face :** Round, **Complexion :** Shallow, **Wearing :** Blue Colour Saree and Chappal in feet.

If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned.

SHO
P.S., Shahbad Dairy, Delhi
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Ph. : 011-24368638, 24368641
DP/557/ON/19

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr. PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused namely **Rajiv @ Montu S/o Sh. Surender Singh R/o Village Nangal Kalan, Distt. Sonipat, Haryana (Makan Ram Kumar S/o Kartar)** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in Case **FIR No. 17/13, u/s 451/509/506 IPC, PS Aman Vihar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Rajiv @ Montu** could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Rajiv @ Montu** has absconded (or is concealing herself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person **Rajiv @ Montu of FIR No. 17/13, u/s 451/509/506 IPC, PS Aman Vihar, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 02.11.2019.

By order
Sh. Gopal Krishan,
Metropolitan Magistrate
Room No. 109,
Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/3206/RD/19

Sensex snaps 3-day winning run as recession fears loom

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The BSE Sensex snapped its three-session rising streak to close 189 points lower on Wednesday, led by losses in metals, energy, banking and auto counters, as global markets wobbled amid recession fears.

Profit-booking following the recent rally and a depreciating rupee also weighed on bourses, traders said.

Additionally, India Ratings lowered the country's growth forecast to a six-year low of 6.7 per cent for the current fiscal from its earlier estimate of 7.3% on account of slowdown in consumption and moderation in industrial growth,

among other factors.

After a choppy session, the 30-share Sensex settled 189.43 points, or 0.50%, lower at 37,451.84. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty fell 59.25 points, or 0.53%, to 11,046.10.

Global equities were held back by fears of an impending recession following the latest inversion of yield curves of US Treasury bonds — seen as a predictor of economic contraction.

Yes Bank was the biggest loser in the Sensex pack, plunging 7.47%, after Moody's Investors Service downgraded the lender's long-term foreign-currency issuer rating, terming the bank's outlook as negative.

Vedanta, Tata Steel, Tata Motors, ONGC, M&M,

Maruti, NTPC and HUL too fell up to 4.06%.

On the other hand, HCL Tech, Infosys, Tech Mahindra, HDFC, TCS and Asian Paints rose up to 2.61%.

"Despite reversal in surcharge, FPIs continued to be net sellers due to clouds over global trade discrepancies, risk of recession and fall in bond yields, which are having a ripple effect on the market. Consensus estimate a drop in domestic Q1FY20 GDP growth to 5.7% and weakening rupee impacted investors' optimism on earnings outlook," said Vinod Nair, head of research at Geojit Financial Services.

Sectorally, the BSE metal, auto, power, utilities, bankex,

industrials, energy and finance indices tumbled up to 3.40% . Realty, IT and teck indices settled up to 1.86 per cent higher.

The broader BSE midcap and smallcap indices too ended 0.92% lower.

Elsewhere in Asia, Shanghai Composite Index and Hang Seng ended in the red, while Kospi and Nikkei settled on a positive note. Equities in Europe were trading in the negative zone in their respective early sessions.

Meanwhile, the Indian rupee depreciated 27 paise to 71.75 against the US dollar intra-day. Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, rose 1.07 per cent to USD 59.66 per barrel.

Toyota, Suzuki to acquire stake in each other

PTI ■ TOKYO/NEW DELHI

Japanese auto majors Toyota Motor Corporation and Suzuki Motor Corporation on Wednesday said they would acquire stake in each other as they seek to strengthen their alliance. As part of a capital alliance agreement, Toyota will acquire 2.4 crore shares of common stock in Suzuki (4.94 per cent stake) for 96 billion yen (over ₹6,510 crore), while Suzuki plans to acquire shares in Toyota equivalent to 48 billion yen (around ₹3,255 crore).

On October 12, 2016, the two companies had first announced their business partnership. In March this year, they agreed to engage in joint product development and collaboration in production, in addition to promoting mutual supply of products by bringing together Toyota's strength in electrification technologies and Suzuki's strength in technologies for compact vehicle.

Elaborating on the reasons for their capital alliance, Toyota and Suzuki in a joint statement said the automobile sector was currently experiencing a turning point unprecedented in both scope and scale, not only because of enhanced environmental regulations but also from new entries from distinct industries and diversified mobility businesses.

Renault bets on rural India for sales growth

Launches Triber priced at ₹4.95 lakh

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

French auto major Renault is betting on Indian small towns and rural markets as it looks to double sales here in the next three years, a senior company official said.

The company, which currently sells around 80,000 units annually, aims to start selling 2 lakh units in the country over the next three years, aided by new model launches and higher sales in rural markets.

Renault, which launched compact seven-seater multi purpose vehicle Triber priced between ₹4.95 lakh and ₹6.49 lakh on Wednesday, aims to introduce one new product each year till 2022 which would be specifically designed and developed for the Indian market.

"Every year we will launch a new product in India. We are not going to be a 'me too' product. We are going to be very innovative for the Indian market, designed for the Indian customers, like the way Triber is," Renault India Operations Country CEO and MD Venkatram Mamillapalle said launching EVs now and "having the cars in the garages makes no sense".

He further said, "We don't want to bring products which

Plans to launch EV in India by 2022

New Delhi (PTI): French auto major Renault on Wednesday said it would bring electric vehicle (EV) in India by 2022 but wanted the government to aggressively develop ecosystem "before any forced" launches in the country.

Stating that India was still not equipped with the ecosystem for EVs, Renault India Operations Country CEO and MD Venkatram Mamillapalle said launching EVs now and "having the cars in the garages makes no sense".

are very successful in Brazil and Russia and bring it to India — that was Captur, and we don't want to make the same mistake"

Mamillapalle said the company made mistakes by following the market and launching 'me too' products. "We will no longer go into that direction. That is a mistake Renault did in the past," he said.

Commenting on the significance of the small towns and rural market in India, he

said the potential of buying cars there was developing and was becoming as good as that of urban market.

"These towns are all slowly expanding and as they expand, their transportation needs are also increasing... We are currently selling around 500 cars per month in rural areas," he said, adding that the company aims rural sales to account for around 30 per cent of its total sales in India.

The company at present just gets about 2 per cent of its overall sales from rural markets.

"As we move ahead, we have a mid-term plan of up to 2022 to double our market share, which means double our volumes. Which means we can't be doing only in a concentrated market place. Rural markets offer a solid potential. They are evolving very fast," Mamillapalle said.

Elaborating on company's sales network push to attain targets, Mamillapalle said Renault would double its sales network, which currently stands at around 360 outlets, by the end of the next year. Majority of these new outlets would come up in rural markets, he added.

Every economy faces headwinds, India no exception: Vedanta

New Delhi (PTI): Stating that every economy faces headwinds and India was no exception, mining major Vedanta said the country's economy was going through a "transition". The remarks come at a time when IMF and Asian Development Bank (ADB) have lowered India's growth forecast, citing global and domestic headwinds.

"I think every country, every economy faces headwinds. Ours is no exception. You are aware that in auto and other sectors, slowdown has happened in the past but at the

same time you have also seen the package which has come from the finance ministry... you have to remember that our economy is going through a transition," Ajay Kapur, CEO, aluminium and power, Vedanta told reporters here on Tuesday. The company, a leading primary metal producer, further said it was producing new products, especially for the auto sector which would be a game changer in the time to come.

When asked if it was a good idea to produce new products for the auto sector,

which is going through a slowdown, he said, "slowdown is there today, but will it remain for all time to come? You are aware that in auto and other sectors slowdown has happened in the past"

The company said it was focusing a lot on value-added products, including billets and wire rods.

When asked if the company was planning to tap any new market, Kapur said, within India the company was concentrating more on value addition.

BSE 500

Script	Open	High	Low	LTP
RCOM	0.99	0.99	0.93	0.93
YESBANK	65.00	65.20	58.05	59.50
RBLBANK	352.95	359.00	291.90	313.65
IBUHLSGFIN	465.00	473.70	446.65	457.05
TATAMOTORS	120.75	124.05	114.75	116.35
HDFCLIFE	556.90	557.50	538.25	547.20
IDEA	5.33	5.37	4.95	5.01
HDFCBANK	2255.00	2256.00	2225.20	2247.90
BOMDYEING	84.00	85.60	79.20	80.45
MARUTI	6264.00	6246.00	6051.20	6094.90
SPIECJET	131.80	133.80	128.50	129.15
RELIANCE	1276.00	1280.50	1256.85	1263.05
TATASTEEL	350.00	350.60	333.60	336.85
LICHSGFIN	425.00	428.05	410.35	417.80
INDUSINDBK	1367.05	1407.00	1354.35	1365.05
HDFCAML	2407.00	2477.00	2366.20	2399.15
COALINDIA	188.70	192.55	184.25	185.20
DLF	160.80	165.65	158.70	164.20
ORIENTORILTY	498.95	542.45	495.60	538.30
SBI	287.25	287.25	282.20	284.90
JINDALSTEL	104.40	104.40	94.95	95.80
DHFL	48.25	49.20	46.00	48.30
IT	1360.55	1369.00	1337.00	1344.75
TATAGLOBAL	272.80	281.00	267.85	280.00
BHARTIARTL	351.50	351.50	335.95	345.85
EDELWEISS	117.00	124.65	114.00	118.85
BBTC	929.00	945.00	883.00	892.80
J&KBANK	36.75	41.85	36.25	39.10
ICICIPRULI	403.00	420.00	398.10	417.20

Script	Open	High	Low	LTP
JUSTDIAL	697.95	709.65	689.10	705.15
JAIORPLTD	77.65	78.80	73.75	75.05
BAJAJFINSV	7100.00	7137.10	6990.00	7034.00
ULTRACEMCO	4135.00	4184.80	4090.50	4122.75
EICHERMOT	16123.05	16337.50	15842.30	16295.45
APOLLOTREY	174.00	174.00	166.95	168.30
POLL	1948.00	1949.95	1869.50	1895.35
HEG	965.75	970.00	931.10	934.70
NITITECH	1430.10	1540.50	1430.10	1523.70
GRAPHITE	293.50	293.55	278.35	281.05
BANKINDIA	69.75	70.60	66.60	67.10
SAIL	32.85	32.85	30.85	31.05
NCC	60.00	60.75	58.20	59.35
EIDCFIRSTB	43.50	43.55	41.85	42.15
WIPRO	250.00	253.15	248.25	249.20
BPCL	342.30	332.25	337.65	330.25
GAIL	131.50	135.55	127.50	128.00
DISHTV	24.40	24.80	22.75	23.00
SUNTECK	468.30	468.30	449.30	456.65
TATAPOWER	55.30	55.80	53.80	55.35
INDIACEM	76.25	78.50	73.75	75.45
CIPLA	468.90	476.10	460.40	464.00
ADANIPOWER	59.25	60.25	58.05	59.25
MINDTREE	680.00	688.00	670.45	677.15
PCF	106.05	106.05	102.55	103.20
IBVENTURES	187.80	189.35	179.25	181.40
STRTECH	126.50	126.80	121.10	122.25
GODREJPROP	603.70	604.00	587.60	600.00
WELCORP	116.00	122.75	116.00	118.85
BAJAJ-AUTO	2740.00	2814.45	2740.00	2764.55
SWASENERGY	118.85	119.90	111.05	113.25
ERIS	380.70	380.70	371.05	375.35
HUDCO	38.80	39.15	36.25	36.95
FEDERALBNK	84.20	85.30	81.50	81.80
BEL	103.20	104.50	102.70	103.85
ADANIPIORTS	374.00	374.00	364.00	366.05
ITI	65.80	66.70	65.00	67.25
COFFEEDAY	89.00	89.00	82.75	82.75
UFLEX	212.50	213.90	209.50	210.70
HINDALCO	181.50	181.85	176.50	178.40
FORCEMOT	1275.00	1289.10	1248.00	1251.75
BAJAJELEC	391.90	406.10	387.70	396.50
M&MFIN	339.00	339.00	315.70	319.90
ADANIINFRA	136.85	137.00	132.40	135.45
INDIANB	197.45	199.80	187.00	196.35
GRASIM	730.00	732.45	708.85	713.55
DREDDY	2550.25	2568.50	2504.05	2511.05
EQUITAS	111.90	111.90	101.30	105.00
LTTS	1626.80	1653.00	1579.95	1592.05
THOMASCOOK	132.00	140.00	130.25	133.45
TATAOFFCEE	72.20	77.50	72.15	75.50
JINDALSAW	72.20	72.35	67.30	67.80
GNFC	193.00	193.20	181.75	182.80
AUROPHARMA	590.10	601.25	586.15	591.00
ENGINEERSIN	105.40	107.80	103.50	104.05
ASIANPAINT	1600.00	1606.15	1590.80	1603.70
SPARC	143.90	144.30	139.00	141.35
TIMESTECHNO	64.65	73.90	64.10	64.85
AMC	1535.00	1549.95	1520.30	1541.35
NMDCL	84.00	84.00	80.40	80.95
SBIIFE	835.00	839.85	822.00	828.20
CHOLAFIN	272.05	274.25	264.10	266.35
NIACL	110.00	110.40	106.20	106.75
TATACHEM	561.20	567.80	558.80	565.15
BATAINDIA	1519.00	1520.75	1502.30	1507.70
LUPIN	740.00	751.25	726.00	732.35
RAYMOND	586.00	599.80	567.00	572.50
UNIONBANK	62.70	63.40	59.85	60.35
REDINGTON	102.70	112.50	102.00	110.05
NTPC	123.40	124.70	119.50	119.90
GSPL	214.50	220.00	212.60	218.80
HAVELLS	663.40	668.60	660.05	665.85
DBL	381.50	387.10	372.35	375.85
MGL	870.00	871.45	851.25	855.70
RAJESHXPO	693.55	703.75	684.00	695.00
PIDILITIND	1371.50	1387.75	1365.00	1378.80
AIJANTPHARM	951.00	1008.00	943.65	985.45
STAR	380.00	383.00	370.70	373.70
NESTLEIND	12440.00	12850.55	12425.00	12514.70
JBCHEPHARM	374.50	376.25	373.50	375.80
REPCOHOME	315.75	334.85	315.45	319.10
CEATLTD	925.00	925.00	878.60	911.60
VIPIND	419.15	427.05	410.45	414.50
VOLTAS	619.00	628.40	614.65	625.85
NETWORK18	21.45	24.25	21.45	22.80
PHILIPCARB	117.95	118.60	113.10	113.95
IRB	82.85	83.95	77.55	78.25
RADICO	315.10	318.45	303.75	305.05
WOCKPHARM	258.00	259.25	250.15	252.40
MANAPPURAM	122.50	123.45	120.55	121.40
MAHINDCIE	157.65	160.80	152.10	156.65
ABCAPITAL	89.80	90.25	87.40	87.70
MARICO	386.95	392.15	382.80	391.20
TV18BRDCST	20.50	22.70	20.40	21.60
CADILAHC	220.00	224.60	216.50	223.25
CANBK	399.00	408.80	392.10	404.65
COLPAL	1204.25	1217.60	1199.50	1212.15
PRESTIGE	292.80	296.95	290.75	295.85
ADANIGREEN	45.80	45.80	43.60	44.35
GRUH	251.80	256.40	250.25	253.55
CHAMBLFPH	148.40	154.50	148.25	153.00
TORNTPOWER	284.00	287.90	278.40	280.90
FSL	49.65	50.25	47.65	47.85
HEXAWARE	394.95	397.00	385.20	386.55
SUNTV	450.55	456.30	434.60	441.80
MMTC	19.85	19.85	18.55	18.80
TVSMOTOR	371.00	372.60	356.50	359.50
AVANTI	305.05	312.60	302.70	309.70

WABAG	279.95	287.25	277.50	281.60
CENTURYTEX	852.05	859.95	839.40	847.45
NAUKRI	2007.65	2047.00	1974.55	2005.95
GLBNMARK	376.40	382.15	371.70	378.30
DCBBANK	200.00	202.30	198.30	199.15
CASTROLIND	126.90	128.40	122.25	123.80
ITI	1633.10	1653.85	1630.00	1638.40
VENKYS	1419.75	1421.05	1368.00	1376.60
GODREJIND	435.40	441.95	425.00	425.75
GALAXYSURF	1320.80	1330.80	1297.45	1316.20
OIL	150.00	150.00	143.35	143.85
ABB	1381.80	1390.00	1352.40	1361.30
SCI	28.40	28.60	26.80	27.40
AMBUJACEM	205.00	207.40	202.90	205.00
GODREJPROP	892.05	903.60	889.00	893.05
DEEPAKNI	286.80	294.00	284.20	285.95
PVR	1562.00	1593.75	1544.85	1579.75
RAIN	83.45	83.70	79.40	80.45
KAJARIACER	483.00	487.75	468.85	472.50
BLISSGV	97.90	100.90	95.90	96.95
SOUTHBANK	11.60	11.60	11.09	11.18
DABUR	441.85	442.00	433.15	434.50
RELAOX	448.95	456.30	435.20	441.90
SOBHA	505.45	503.50	503.75	525.60
MINDACORP	95.50	96.55	89.05	91.05
JSJSHAR	65.00	65.00	61.80	63.00
NATIONALUM	40.90	40.90	39.45	39.85
REC1TD	145.45	145.45	140.20	140.95
HSCIL	81.00	82.70	79.05	79.75
CROMPTON	225.85	228.00	225.85	226.30


Trend Blazer

‘Wanted to be a Rohit Shetty hero’

Actor **RANVEER SINGH**, who worked with director **Rohit Shetty** in the blockbuster *Simmba*, said he always wanted to be his hero. “Rohit is the king of the action-entertainment and the *masala* genre. I always wanted to be his hero and when I got this opportunity, I gave it my all. Both of us are entertainers at our core. We like entertaining the audience to the hilt,” he said.

He added that his character, “Sangram Bhalerao will always stay extraordinarily close to my heart because I got to act in a film, in a genre which was my home territory. I’m thankful to Rohit Shetty for believing in me.”






‘Web space gives you lot of freedom and one needs to be very responsible with it.’

Using sex and violence just to attract the eyeballs is something that I don’t agree with, especially when it’s not even required. Also, about censoring, it’s better to give the right to the directors to censor their films. They should do it and need to be trusted upon.’
—**Manoj Bajpayee**

Actor **GANESH VENKATRAMAN** will host the Tamil version of *Crime Patrol*, to air on SonyLIV, and step into the shoes of actor **Anup Soni** of the Hindi series.

The *Kandahar*-fame actor said, “Creating awareness about crime is a serious job and I am happy to team up with a very passionate team. I truly believe *Crime Patrol* is not just a format-breaking series but a path-breaking one for the Tamil audience. My grandfather was a police officer and my father is a lawyer, so naturally law and order runs in my blood.”



New UK royals split charities

It’s been over a year that **MEGHAN MARKLE** joined hubby **PRINCE HARRY**, his brother Prince William, and William’s wife Kate Middleton at The Royal Foundation. But now the organisation’s name has officially been changed, underlining Harry and Meghan’s exit.

The two were leaving the Royal Foundation and forming their own charitable organisation. And William and Kate’s charity has got a new name. It was confirmed that the name had been officially changed to ‘The Royal Foundation of The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge’ from the previous title, ‘The Royal Foundation of The Duke and Duchess of Sussex.’





NOTES FROM NUR JAHAN

Designers ASHA and GAUTAM showcased their new collection, not through a fashion show, but a performance by Kathak impresario SHOVANA NARAYAN. The dancer tells CHAHAK MITTAL how collaborations highlight different art forms under one roof in equal light

Typically, a designer’s new collection is showcased through a fashion show where models catwalk the ramp wearing the designer ensembles. However, have you ever heard of dancers and artists donning those outfits and performing on stage? Designers Asha Gupta and Gautam Gupta of Asha Gautam label, in a first-of-its-kind concept, launched their new collection, *Noor Jehan*, through a classical dance performance, performed and choreographed by Kathak impresario Shovana Narayan, with the queen as their muse.

Weaving a story of love, the Kathak performance saw the journey of Nur Jahan to becoming the favourite wife of Mughal emperor Jahangir. It showcased how she devoted her entire life to loving the Emperor and how that became a special episode in history. Lovingly and commonly known as Nur Mahal, (light of the palace), she epitomised grace, beauty, generosity and intelligence. And as Narayan said that for her, Nur Jahan was “a symbol for beautiful, smart and well-educated woman, who had a deep respect for culture. She was full of love and romance but more than that she was a lady with a personality. And not much is known about this but she was an administrator and had a sharp intellect and a good heart. As a person, she was impressive. History is evidence how various scholars have also seen her as a powerful person of her time.”

While the first part depicted

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her waiting to find the right person to fall in love with, the second showcased the time when she has finally found him and is rejoicing and indulging in *shringaar* with the other courtesans in the palace. The following part featured her as a bride who is all set to move to her beloved’s home. She was seen swinging through mixed emotions of happiness and also the pain of separation from her family and friends. The courtesans gather on one side as she parts from them during her *Bidaai*. The last part showcased the unveiling of Nur Jahan and her first night, where she is dancing on the tunes of love as she waits for her admirer. And ultimately, it dwelled on how her power is locked in the romance and love between her and

Jahangir.

It was when Asha told Narayan about how they’re going to theme their collection based on their idea of Nur Jahan, when “their muse became my muse too. I was inspired by the inner beauty of her and decided to reflect that in my performance too. I was delighted to be a part of it.”

She added that when she learned about the designs and how they’ve been conceptualised, “a lot was going on in my mind about how the same level of emotions could be brought forth. However, Kathak is something that transcends the boundaries in art as it can bring forth the universality of human emotions, movements, rhythms and musical notes easi-

ly.” So how do collaborations of two different art forms help? Doesn’t it limit the possibilities? To the contrary, however, she said, “Through collaborations, co-artists become more aware of different art forms. Here, they will realise the versatility and salient details of Kathak and how it can portray all kinds of emotions so beautifully. And *shaadi ke baad bidaai toh honi hai* (separation is imperative after marriage), so why not dance it away?” (laughs)

Gautam said that for the collection, rich textiles like *paithani*, *bandhani*, *Banarasi* silk, tissue, *kota*, organza and patloa were used “to give the collection a royal vibe.” There were vibrant colours such as bright rose, tomato red, radiant yellow, garden green, beetroot purple, red, rice gold to coriander brown. There was vintage *zardozi* embroidery, which was combined with pearls, *ari* and *resham*. “We have used peacock and flower motifs to signify the feeling of happiness in that moment,” he said. The golden *zari lehen-gas* had *meenakari* designs and were worn with heavily embellished blouses.

For him, Nur Jahan was “very much ahead” of her time. He said, “Our inspiration was her beauty, her love for fashion and jewellery, art, dance and music and above all, her kindness. History has always glorified the love story of Salim and Anarkali which overshadowed the one of Nur Jahan and Jahangir. We have woven music, jewellery and florals with her wedding and its celebration to narrate her inspiring story of power, love and beauty.”

SONG OF THE WILD

Serengeti reflects director SIMON FULLER’s belief that the closer humans become with nature, the better they can relate to every living soul on this planet which will enlighten them. By TEAM VIVA



Known for its vast grasslands and prancing zebras, the *Serengeti* is a rich ecosystem in northern Tanzania. However, its drama is unknown to many. Through a six-part series, Simon Fuller, *American Idol* creator and Emmy Award-winning filmmaker, brings forth a lonely lioness, a passionate baboon and many other animals from deep in the heart of Africa. The idea came to Fuller when he went to Africa on a safari and came back with the thoughts of why we aren’t telling the story of the animals in such habitats.

♦How did you get involved in the series, and what attracted you to the project?

I am a great lover of animals and have spent a lot of time in Africa. Three years ago, after a trip to Kenya with a music artist, I decided to take a short break to recharge my batteries. I found myself relaxing one afternoon pondering over life, looking out at a watering hole in the *Serengeti*, imagining what it must be like to be one of those beautiful animals. The more I thought about it, the more I started to relate to their lives. Their commitment to family and providing for their loved ones, their instincts for survival and the joy they take from the simple things in life. While sitting there on that steamy afternoon, I decided I wanted to make a TV series to tell their stories.

♦How was the music put together?

The music came about very



easily and naturally. I had grand visions of who I wanted to work with. However, before I had firmed up any ideas, John Downer introduced me to Will Gregory (of Goldfrapp), who he has worked with on several other shows. I was a big fan of Goldfrapp but we had never worked together. After our first conversation it was clear that Will was the perfect person for the job. Instantly we got on so well and

our vision for the music was perfectly aligned. The soaring melodies with the infusion of electronic rhythms, together with subtle African musical influences, it all came together very easily. We both felt that the layering of voices could add an ethereal majesty to the visuals, so our first task was to find exceptional singers. I suggested Lola Lennox and Cathy Dennis and both worked like a dream and they elevated the songs to a whole other level. I am absolutely delighted with the music and Will is incredibly talented.

♦What can the audience expect from the series (and the music)? What do you hope people watching can take away from it?

I am hoping that the audience will be inspired and enchanted by *Serengeti*. The music helps the viewer to feel things from the animal’s point of view in a seamless and natural way. If the viewer can make that connection, they will be rewarded by a very special insight

into the lives of these incredible animals. Once we start to understand these extraordinary living souls and relate to their lives in the same way as our own, we will all be better for it. Our lives and worlds are inextricably connected, if we respect and understand each other’s needs we can face our planet’s challenges together.

♦Did anything inspire you when planning the score?

I believe music has a way to communicate things more delicately and thoughtfully to people than any other form of entertainment. Simple messages combined with beautiful melodies, not only capture a mood but have the power to inspire a generation. The melody and genius of John Barry was certainly an inspiration for me as I contemplated the music for the series.

♦How did you get involved in a natural history series?

Simply, it is my love of animals and my deep concern for our planet that led me to make *Serengeti*. I truly believe that the closer humans become with nature and the better they understand and can relate to every living soul on this planet, the more enlightened we will all become. Humans need to be humbled by the magnificence of our planet and stop being obsessed by our own powers.

♦What is unique about the series, especially from a musical point of view?

I really wanted music to be an important and essential part of *Serengeti*. The words in a song have a poetic license to say things that could not be simply spoken by a narrator. *Serengeti* is a soulful show and music plays to our souls, I want people to suspend their belief and go with the flow of these pure stories of real animal’s lives and the music takes you there seamlessly.

(The series premieres on September 9, Monday to Friday at 9 pm on Sony BBC Earth.)



Why Vidya chose to play Indira Gandhi in her next

When actor Vidya Balan was asked that at a time when every other actor in Bollywood seemed to be trying to please the current BJP government, why had she chosen to play India’s first female Prime Minister and Congress mascot Indira Gandhi in an forthcoming web series, she said, “When I think of powerful women, Indira Gandhi is the first name which comes to my mind. I am very party agnostic. I have nothing to do with any political party. The web series is not about any political party, it is about an individual who goes beyond the party.”

The actor was asked about the schedule of the shoot of the web series. “Not any time soon. It’s going to take time because it’s a web series and that requires a lot of work to put things together. So it may take a couple of years to start the shoot,” said Vidya.

She will soon be seen playing Shakuntala Devi in a

forthcoming biopic of the renowned mathematician. On working in the film after *Mission Mangal*, she said, “From science to maths, my best dream comes true this year. Most South Indians pursue science and maths, and I am sure my parents will now be satisfied that I traverse both worlds within one year faster than the rest of them did!”

Asked about her preparations for her role of Shakuntala Devi, she said, “It is not just about maths. Anyway, I am going to fake it. The makers of the film are going to give me the answers that I will write on board. I think I need to be familiar with the person more than the subject. She was the only computer in the world with a wicked sense of humour and I am actually trying to imbibe that quality. Since she also had an incredible journey, I am feeling nervous about playing her character in the film.”

—JANS

SRM Institute inaugurates state-of-the-art facility

The state-of-the-art facilities was inaugurated at SRM Institute of Science and Technology's Nanotechnology Research Centre in the Kattankulathur campus recently. A workshop on Advanced Characterisation of Material and Devices was also held.

The campus has equipped itself with advanced characterisation facilities — laser flash thermal conductivity, seebeck coefficient measurement system, cryogenic probe station and semiconductor parameter analyser.

It was inaugurated by Dr M Kamruddin, associate director, ANG division, IGCAR Kalpakkam. He was joined by Dr C Muthamizhchelvan, director



of engineering and technology. Professor Masaru Shimomura, Hiroya Ikeda and Yasuhiro Hayakawa from Shizuoka University, Japan.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Kamruddin said, "All these facilities are dream instruments. Private universities and organisations should chip in more for research and development. It is good that SRMIST is working towards bringing such world class facilities under one roof. These facilities are open to everyone from all over the world where researchers can send in their samples." Dr Muthamizhchelvan said, "Research is not confined to one department, therefore, these facilities are open to all.

Researchers can send their samples through online booking and gain access to the latest equipment."

The facilities, LFA 467 hyperflash and ZEM3 are sponsored by SRMIST at a cost of ₹3.5 crores. The other facilities at the institution include X-Ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS), high-resolution transmission electron microscope (HR-TEM), field emission scanning electron microscope (FESEM), vibrating-sample magnetometer (VSM), X-Ray diffractometer (XRD), scanning probe microscope (SPM), high resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) along with a supercomputer typically used for scientific and engineering applications.



Winning hearts in Europe

India-based Western classical music orchestra performs in Hungary for the first time

The Indo-European youth orchestra organised a concert at the Danube Palace in Budapest, Hungary on August 18 in front of an extremely enthusiastic audience who treated the Indian group with long applause. The cultural director of the Indian embassy in Hungary Ms Tanuja Shankar graced the concert along with her colleagues.

A 16 year old boy, Parth Sarthi of Noida was a part of the concert. He has learnt violin from Delhi School Music and is currently studying in eighth grade of violin music which is conducted by Trinity School, London. He has earlier won accolades for his work for reuniting missing children through aadhaar camps. While volunteering during summer vacation and teaching vulnerable, runaway or other similar children, he organised aadhaar camp for them which helped to reunite 12 of them with their parents. He is the founder of an NGO- Raasta Foundation which has a theme, maths and music. He teaches mathematics to children and also organises music classes so that they get positive diversion and stay away from negative influences such as drugs, smoking etc. He earlier organised a mini concert with eight such orphan children who sang beautiful songs during a carnival in the city.

The orchestra brought together 15 young Indian musicians from different parts of India, US and UK. The event is also known as 'Voyage to Europe'. The concert was culminated with a gala concert under the baton of Indian composer and conductor, Maestro Michael Makhal. Out of 15 members, 12 young talents have been selected from Noida, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Delhi, Kolkata and Bengaluru and two Indian American members from Tallahassee Florida, USA and one Indian Portuguese member from UK. It had six professional Hungarian musicians in all the section of the orchestra.

Energy and Environment Foundation organises conference for water conservation

A three-day conference on Third World Water Summit and 10th World Renewable Energy Technology was organised by Energy and Environment foundation at NDMC Convention Centre in the city. It was held with the support of the Union Ministry of Water Resources and the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy. Upendra Tripathy, interim director general of solar alliance inaugurated the event and gave out the Global Excellence Awards for the renewable energy sector. He was also the chief guest at the event.

The experts present there discussed the solutions



in terms of energy for the future generations. The audience was also provided the information regarding renewable energy technology, electric utilities and transmission, organic energy,

organic fuels and renewable materials. Tripathy said, "Today the solar energy can compete with any kind of other energy, it can be divided into two spectrums of heat and light. But we only

use the light, the heat energy is still unused which the industries should use. The solar revolution will only come with the revolution in storage and we are waiting for that day."

A chance to buy GDA property

Ghaziabad Development Authority (GDA) offers to buy property in the middle of the city. The launch of GDA's Chandrashilavasi Yojana and auction of plots at Nandagram and Govindapuram will start from Friday.

Kanchan Verma, GDA vice president says that the prices of apartments have been revised in this scheme, the value of each apartment has been reduced by ₹10 to 12 lakh. The fok apartment was worth ₹65 lakh earlier, and now its revised value is ₹44 lakh. He further says that the residential scheme has 120 apartments, of which 48 have been allotted. The plots are 90 and 60 square metres.



ICAI organises development programme for CA final rank holders

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) has collaborated with Manipal Global Education (MGE) and designed Residential Management Development Programme (MDP). The 23 days programme is conducted keeping in mind the importance of managerial skills in today's global economy. It aims to sharpen the skills of CA final rank holders in terms of leadership abilities. It is being organised at Bengaluru campus of Manipal University till September 13 and will be made available at a concessional fee. In addition to this, the course will conclude with a special

placement programme which will see the participation of reputed organisations from all over the country.

ICAI, in order to keep pace with the changing trends and to provide best learning platforms to its students and members, is making efforts to provide exposure to the CA rank holders with skills that will enhance their overall understanding of the business in addition to their strong technical proficiency. The sessions during the programme will be delivered by experts from academia who have vast experience of the industry.

The Key highlights are —

customised course content, interactive and participative learning, expert faculty, regular group discussions and certificate from the university.

CA Prafulla Chhajed, President, ICAI says, "MDP is a dynamic training programme that is designed to enhance and strengthen the leadership capabilities to lead, engage and excel in career. ICAI is offering 80 per cent of the course fee as a subsidy and participants have to pay only 20 per cent of the total fee. For the rank holders (upto 50 ranks) belonging to the economically weaker section, entire fee would be paid by the organisation."

CISF induction conducted at Nayara Energy Ltd, Jamnagar

An induction ceremony Aof CISF was held at Nayara Energy Ltd Jamnagar, Gujarat. The unit is headed by an assistant commandant rank officer and the sanctioned strength of CISF for this establishment was more than 100.

Nilima Rani Singh, deputy inspector general, CISF, western zone, Mumbai was the chief guest on the occasion. C Manoharan, director (Refinery), officers of the company and other dignitaries were present on the occasion. With this induction, the private estab-



lishments under CISF security cover was raised to 10. The administrative control of this private establishment will be under IG,

CISF western sector, Mumbai. Nayara is a privately held oil company that encompasses refining, marketing, production. The

company is set up in Jamnagar considering the high value of investment in the region and proximity to the busiest Sea route.

CORPORATE BRIEFS



Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has been conferred the Dun and Bradstreet PSU Award in the manufacturing, processing and generation-heavy and medium engineering category for its contribution to the country's development. The award was received by Dr Nalin Shinghal, chairman and managing director, BHEL and Kamalash Das, director, from Arvind Sawant, Union Minister of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises.



A blood donation camp was organised in the city on Friday by Vega Industries Pvt Ltd and Knitpro International. It was inaugurated by RC Jain, chairman, Sandeep Jain and Shirish Jain, director. The employees enthusiastically participated. Around 45 units of blood were collected through the initiative.

Power Grid Corporation of India Limited organised its 30th annual general meeting in the city. On this occasion, K Sreekanth, chairman and managing director, addressed the stakeholders and apprised them of the latest developments and future plans of the company. He said, "The total dividend payout was 8.33 per share as against 5.25 per share, the highest dividend till now."



National Fertilisers Limited (NFL) celebrated its 46th Foundation Day on Friday. Chhiblendra Roul, secretary (fertilizers) was the chief guest at the event. Speaking on the occasion, Manoj Mishra, MD, highlighted the achievements of the company. He said that the company has achieved several profits with low energy consumption.



All India Sarva Vaishya Ekta Mahasabhadwara was welcomed at the Hapur railway station. President Navneet Gupta talked about the oppression and atrocities on the Vaishya society. Dr Rajeev Gupta, Baghat district president of the organisation spoke about the upliftment of the Vaishya society. Minister of State, Kapil Dev Aggarwal assured to co-operate for the society.



Insecticide liberation campaign

Health Department, ICDS, and the Education Department will be holding celebrations for the National Agricultural Liberation Day on Thursday. On the day, children from one to 19 years and scholars will work to remove insects and later, be fed Fenbendazole pills. The campaign is organised by Ghaziabad district officer Ajay Shankar Pandey from Indagarhi Status Primary School. ACOMO Dr Sanjay Aggarwal said, "All the parents should feed their children well. This pill is not fed on an empty stomach. All departments engaged in the campaign have been trained to shoot."

He said that due to worms in the stomach, which affects the physical and mental development of the child, the health department runs a campaign twice every year to feed the children to take the insecticide pills. "The tablet has to be swallowed with water after chewing it properly. One to two-year-olds face have difficulty while chewing the pill, so they only have to grind half the tablet. Children, two to 19-year-olds, will have to chew a pill," said he.

Dr Sanjay informed that 1.25 lakh tablets have been made available by the health department. He said, "These tablets are for



urban and rural Anganwadi centres. Apart from this, three lakh tablets have been made available to the DIOS (district school inspector) too."

The campaign will start today and will go on in Anganwadi centres till September 4. CMO Dr NK Gupta has appealed to all the parents to feed their children with insecticide. It is very necessary for the physical and mental development of the child.

Workshop organised by NSPCL Bhilai

A two-day workshop was organised by NSPCL on Engine on Load. With a view to improve the utilisation of the rolling stock, and help the power stations in prompt clearance of freight trains from their terminals, the introduction of Engine on Load operations has been introduced by the Railway.

The scheme carries a host of features which form an innovative industrial mechanism. Under the EOL, the train engine will remain available during loading or unloading operation in the siding and wait on railway's account so that the train functions immediately



after the loading or unloading operation. NTPC has implemented the scheme at its Simhadri station and its joint venture unit at NSPCL Bhilai following the traditions of operational excellence.

The workshop was attended by the representatives of NTPC stations across the country. The scheme once implemented will lead to cost optimisation and reduction in ener-

gy charges.

The inaugural session was graced by NTPC officials — Prakash Tiwari, director (Operations), Anirban Dasgupta, CEO Bhilai steel plant, KK Singh, RED (NR), Tejveer Singh, Director, Srinivas, ED, SD Prasad, ED(FM), and PK Bondriya, CEO, NSPCL. Senior officials from South East Central Railway, Bilaspur were also present during the workshop.

Beyond the cycle of birth and death

If one day, the sun does not rise, the day will be covered with intense darkness. Knowledge of the four Vedas, which emanates directly from God, is also like the sun. If one doesn't have the knowledge of Vedas, then automatically, people will also indulge in darkness and a world of illusions. It is said that even after the Mahabharata war, the sun of Vedas had set down and hence, it created an illusion.

Today, people are so attracted towards materialism and in flaunting their luxurious lifestyles, that they completely leave behind spirituality and until death. A very few people know about the secret

of one of the mantras of Yajurveda that at the time of death, soul remembers the name of God, his form and the deeds done by the soul from childhood, on which the soul repents, gets extremely sorrowful that he had indulged in illusion and has wasted his valuable life in falsehood.

Vyas Muni ji in Mahabharata makes us understand that one day everyone will have to meet death and Vedas should be followed to overcome death. The Atharvaveda preaches to get progress in both materialism and Vedic spiritualism simultaneously as it is believed that one-sided progress is harmful. With Rigveda, the man

comes under God's protection.

Once, Albert Einstein was asked by an American reporter during the time of his death, 'Sir, you are the greatest scientist of this country, what is your last desire and if you are reborn then what would you like to be?' Einstein thought for sometime and replied, 'I would like to be anyone except a scientist.' When the reporter heard the reply, he was surprised. He questioned again, 'This is so astonishing. After such successful inventions, why do you say so?' Einstein slightly smiled and said, 'I have researched on several scientific matters and spent my whole life

doing that. But today, at the time of death, I have discovered the truth. I would leave with empty hands. And here is only one truth that is left — 'Who made Einstein?' I have worked on so many matters but failed to discover myself. I feel sorry that I didn't pay attention to the discovery of soul and the god. If there is a rebirth, I pray to god that in it, I become a self-explorer and a successful saint who can discover what life is. I want to know the greatest power that god is and attain self-realisation."

His thoughts conclude that no matter how great titles or heights one might achieve, her/his pur-

pose of existence shall never be completed if s/he doesn't discover god and the soul. His thoughts tally with what Vedas preach. He stated that whatever we discover, god already knows it. As per the Yajurveda, birth in human life is meant to discover who you are.

Einstein's words might have been remembered by a few people for some time but eventually, the thought was ignored since today, people run only behind money and materialism more than spirituality. Humans have forgotten the Vedic path and god.

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Gill on focus in A series

India face South Africa A in first game of 5-match ODI series today



India A captain Manish Pandey and all-rounder Krunal Pandya, left, return back after the end of practice session. *BCCI*

PTI ■ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Young Shubman Gill would be the cynosure of all eyes when the five-match unofficial ODI series between India A and South Africa begins here today.

Gill, who has been in good form in recent times, shone during the India A team's recent Caribbean tour but missed out on selection for the senior ODI squad. And the batsman would be keen to prove his

credentials during the matches against the visiting Proteas A side.

The stylish Punjab right-hander, who played two ODIs in New Zealand earlier this year, would look to continue the good run he enjoyed in the Caribbean (with the A team) to make a case for himself before the national selectors ahead of the home season.

Besides Gill, all-rounder Vijay Shankar is another player who will be on the selectors' lens after he recovered from a toe injury.

Shankar had to return mid-way from the ICC World Cup in England due to the injury and made his return to the field during the recent Tamil Nadu Premier League.

With a long home season ahead, the Tamil Nadu all-rounder would be eager to get back into the groove and push his case for selection.

Manish Pandey, who recently made a comeback into the national limited-overs side in the West Indies, will lead the team in



Shubman Gill receives his ODI cap during NZ tour. *Shubman Gill/Twitter*

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Pandey will be eyeing big runs as the battle for a middle-order slot in the Indian ODI side continues.

The team comprises several players who were recently part of the senior limited overs side in the West Indies.

The series will also provide a good opportunity for wrist spinner Yuzvendra Chahal to get his mojo back.

Chahal, who is going through a slump in form since the World Cup, would be looking to hit the straps quickly against the Proteas, who are not regarded as

great players of spin.

Krunal Pandya, who has made a mark with both bat and ball in the T20 series in the Caribbean, will also be seen in action along side talented Ishan Kishan, in-form Ruturaj Gaikwad and Nitish Rana.

India A's bowling will be led by pace duo of Khaleel Ahmed and Deepak Chahar.

For South Africa A, led by the experienced Temba Bavuma, the series will help them gain much-needed experience of sub-continent conditions ahead of the senior team's tour.

Bavuma, who has played 36 Tests and two ODIs, will need to bring all his experience to the fore.

TEAMS (FROM)

India A: 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.

South Africa A: Temba Bavuma (Captain), Matthew Breetzke, Kyle Verryne, Junior Dala, Theunis de Bruyn, Bjorn Fortuin, Beuran Hendricks, Reeza Hendricks, Heinrich Klaasen, George Linde, Janneman Malan, Marco Jansen, Anrich Nortje, Sinethemba Qeshile, Lutho Sipamla.



Mahendra Singh Dhoni bats in nets during World Cup. *BCCI/File Picture*

Dhoni unlikely to be selected for SA T20s

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Mahendra Singh Dhoni may have put his international retirement on hold but he is unlikely to be selected for India's three-match T20 home series against South Africa starting September 15 in Dharamsala.

The team for the series is expected to be picked on September 4. The remaining two games will be played at Mohali (September 18) and Bengaluru (September 22).

In all likelihood, the squad that blanketed West Indies 3-0 is likely to be retained (subject to fitness) and the selection committee wants to continue building towards World T20 in Australia in October 2020.

"There are only 22 T20 Internationals before India play their first World T20 game and selectors are clear in their vision that it's time to move forward," a senior BCCI official privy to developments in selection committee said on Wednesday.

"They are planning on getting a pool of three keepers ready for limited overs, especially T20s," he added.

It is still not clear whether the BCCI brass or the selection committee will speak to Dhoni to enquire about his plans like they did before the West Indies tour when the former captain informed that he would be taking a break to serve his

regiment in Territorial Army.

"Retirement is an individual decision and selectors or for that matter, no one has any right to decide on that front. But they have every right to decide the roadmap for the 2020 World T20 and that's to give Rishabh Pant maximum chances," the official explained.

It is learnt that the second and third option for the selection committee is Sanju Samson, whose batting is considered to be on par with Pant and India A regular Ishan Kishan.

While Pant remains the first choice across formats, the selectors are also factoring in the fitness and workload management.

A few members of the selection committee will be in Thiruvananthapuram for the A series and Samson's performance will be keenly watched as he has made the squad for the last two List A games.

As far as batting is concerned, the selection committee believes that Samson is ready for top level cricket but his wicket-keeping is still work in progress.

"Pant scored a fifty in the last T20 that he played. Ishan Kishan is in the A set-up. Do we even have an option of looking back when we need consistent big hitters on big Australian grounds?" the official questioned.



Steve Smith receives treatment as lies on the ground after being hit on the head by a ball. *AP/File Picture*

Archer blow reminded Smith of Hughes tragedy

PTI ■ LONDON

Australian batting mainstay Steve Smith thought about his late teammate Phillip Hughes right after being hit on the neck by England pacer Jofra Archer in the second Ashes Test.

Smith, who missed the third Test due to the resultant concussion, was initially cleared to resume his innings on day five following the nasty blow before he started feeling a "little bit under the weather".

"I had a few things running through my head, particularly where I got hit, just a bit of past came up, if you know what I mean, from a few years ago. That was probably the first thing I thought about," Smith told reporters in Derby referring to Hughes who passed away after being hit by a bouncer in a 2014 Sheffield Shield match.

Smith was found to have delayed concussion which he said, felt like he had too much alcohol.

"It wasn't until later that evening that it hit me. When the doc asked me what did it feel like I said it felt like I had six beers last night and felt a little bit under the weather, without the six beers unfortunately.

"That was the sort of feeling I got, that groggy feeling and that stuck around for a couple of days," he said.

Set to play the fourth Test starting Sept 4 in Manchester, Smith is expecting a lot of short balls to be directed at him but will not change the way he bats against Archer.

"If they're bowling up there it means they can't nick me off, or hit me on the pad or hit the stumps. With the Dukes ball, I don't know, that's an interesting ploy. So we'll see what happens. I'm not really going to change anything.

"There's been a bit of talk that he's (Archer) got the wood over me, but he hasn't actually got me out. He hit me on the head on a wicket that was a bit up and down at Lord's. He actually didn't get me out so all the other bowlers have had more success against me I daresay," Smith added.



West Indies all-rounder trains during practice session. *ICC/Twitter*

Keemo Paul replaces Cummins for 2nd Test

PTI ■ ST JOHN'S

All-rounder Keemo Paul has replaced fast bowler Miguel Cummins in the West Indies' 13-member squad for the second Test against India, starting on Friday in Jamaica.

Paul, who missed the first Test due to an ankle injury, is now available for selection, the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) said in a statement.

Besides, West Indies' interim selection committee has also decided to keep wicket-keeper Jahmar Hamilton with the squad.

Shane Dowrich, meanwhile, has returned to Barbados to continue his rehabilitation after being ruled out of the series with an ankle injury.

India won the first Test by 318 runs in Antigua. The Virat Kohli-led visitors also emerged victorious in the limited-overs leg of the tour.

West Indies squad: Jason Holder (captain), Kraigg Braithwaite, Darren Bravo, Shamarr Brooks, John Campbell, Roston Chase, Rakheem Cornwall, Jahmar Hamilton, Shannon Gabriel, Shimron Hetmyer, Shai Hope, Keemo Paul, Kemar Roach.

Rahane's reaction showed what the century meant to him: Laxman

IANS ■ NEW DELHI

Former India batsman FVVS Laxman has said that Test deputy Ajinkya Rahane's reaction after scoring a century in the first Test of the series against West Indies in Antigua showed just how much it meant to him. It was a century after 17 Tests for the middle-order batsman.

"He must have felt some pressure after not having scored a Test hundred in more than two years. Even though he had the backing of the selectors and the team management, the vice-captain would have been desperate to leave his mark, and his reaction upon reaching three figures on Sunday showed just how much this century meant to him," Laxman wrote in his column for *Times of India*.

Laxman also praised the bowlers for putting up a quality show and leading India's rise to the top of world cricket. In fact, he went on to single out Jasprit Bumrah for special praise after the pacer ripped apart the Windies batting in the



Hanuma Vihari congratulates Ajinkya Rahane after he scored a century against West Indies on day four of 1st Test. *AP*

second essay.

"India's fast bowlers once again put on a show. Ishant was excellent throughout the game and Mohammed Shami troubled all batsmen, but the one who stood out was Jasprit Bumrah," Laxman wrote.

The Sunrisers Hyderabad mentor also said that Hanuma Vihari's approach impressed him.

"I was impressed with the way Hanuma Vihari approached his task. He batted freely without taking undue risks, and has looked like he belongs in Test cricket from the time he made his debut in England last year," Laxman pointed.

Laxman also mentioned how opener KL Rahul did the hard yards in both the innings before losing control of his innings.

"By contrast, KL Rahul will be extremely disappointed with himself for having done all the hard work in both innings and then getting himself out," he added.

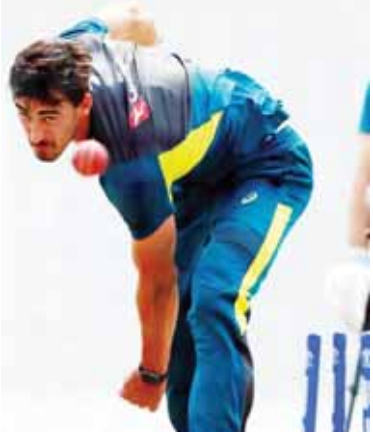
'Starc could have reined in on Stokes'

IANS ■ MANCHESTER

Former Australia captain Ricky Ponting feels left-arm pacer Mitchell Starc could have had an impact if he bowled against Ben Stokes during England's improbable win in the third Ashes Test at Headingley.

"I must admit, as the game was sort of slipping away the other day the only image I had in my head was Starc bowling Stokes at The Oval in that World Cup with a yorker right at the base of off-stump," Ponting was quoted as saying by *www.cricket.com.au*.

"And even someone like (No 11) Jack Leach, I'm not sure he would have been that keen on facing Mitchell Starc at 150kph with the ball reversing back



Mitchell Starc bowls during nets session. *File Photo*

onto his toes either."

The likes of Josh Hazlewood, Pat Cummins and James Pattinson failed to get rid of Leach who batted on with Stokes who went berserk and hit eight sixes in his innings along with 11 fours to take England over the line.

"Cummins won't be coming out of the side. I think if they look at making a change I think it will have to be Pattinson (who was rested for Lord's) again," he said.

"Hazlewood, with the exception of his spell with the second new ball in the second innings, I'm not sure I've seen him bowl better than that. That was outstanding from him.

"Patto (Pattinson), as the game went on I thought he got better. When it

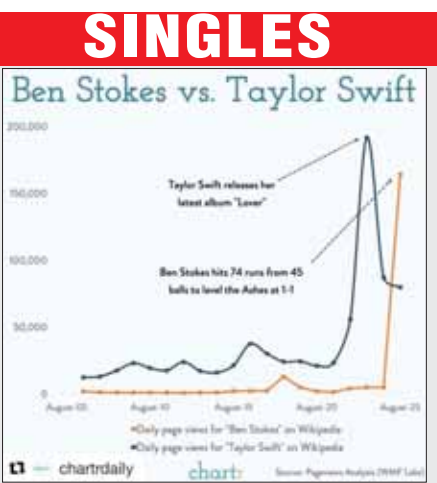
looked like he had his rhythm I thought he was really good.

"But I think they'll see how (Starc) goes in Derby. If he doesn't bowl the house down there I think they'll be reluctant to make change."

In the fourth Test starting September 4, Australia will welcome back their key batsman Steve Smith.

Ponting said it could be a toss up between opener Marcus Harris and Usman Khawaja as he backed Marnus Labuschagne, who has more than impressed with the bat since replacing Smith, to bat at No 3.

The former Australian skipper feels the three-day tour match in Derby will clear the air a bit on who would play at the Old Trafford.



The International Cricket Council (ICC), re-posted a Chart's data — an organisation which provides insights through graphical representation, on their official *Instagram* account and said: "For a brief moment last weekend, Ben Stokes was a more popular Wiki search than Taylor Swift"

HAZARD OUT FOR 'SEVERAL WEEKS'

ZURICH: Belgian international Thorgan Hazard will be out of action for several weeks after picking up a rib injury in the Bundesliga, his club Borussia Dortmund announced on Wednesday. "Thorgan Hazard suffered a rib injury following a collision with an opponent in the match away to FC Cologne," said a statement on the club website. "The 26 year-old is now set for several weeks on the sidelines. Get well soon, Thorgan!" Hazard, who arrived from Munchengladbach, is likely to miss Dortmund's next two Bundesliga matches at least, against Union Berlin and Bayer Leverkusen. He will probably also miss Belgium's two Euro qualifiers against San Marino and Scotland next month.

ISCO SET TO MISS VILLAREAL GAME

MADRID: Real Madrid midfielder Isco is set to miss this weekend's La Liga match against Villarreal after the club announced on Wednesday that he had picked up a thigh injury. "Isco has been diagnosed with a muscular injury in the right femoral biceps," said Real in a statement. The club have not given a time frame for the midfielder's return but said "his recovery will continue to be monitored". According to sports daily AS, recovery time for this kind of injury is between two to three weeks. That would rule him out of the Liga games against Villarreal and possibly Levante on September 14.

IBRAHIMOVIC OPEN TO MAN UTD RETURN

LOS ANGELES: LA Galaxy striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic has made himself available for a return to former club Manchester United when his contract ends in November. "I could play easy in the Premier League, so if United needs me, I'm here," he was quoted as saying by BBC. The 37-year-old Sweden international had 28 goals in his 2016-17 debut season for United before he picked up a knee injury. "Galaxy has me, so I'm sorry," he added. "I did my job in Europe. I enjoyed it. I have 33 trophies that I brought with me here and hopefully I can get something here. And then we will see where that adventure finishes."

SANCHEZ IN MILAN FOR INTER MOVE

MANCHESTER: Manchester United forward Alexis Sanchez arrived in Milan on Wednesday ahead of a reported one-year loan move to Inter, according to multiple reports. The 30-year-old was photographed waving to fans at the airport and was whisked away for a medical before signing a contract later in the day, *Sky Sports Italia* and *Gazzetta Dello Sport* reported. Sanchez will link up with Romelu Lukaku — a 65-million-euro (\$73 million) close-season signing from Manchester United — who scored on his debut for Inter on Monday. Sanchez joined United from Arsenal in January 2018 but has scored just three Premier League goals in 32 appearances.

RED STAR, DINAMO QUALIFY FOR UCL

BELGRADE: Old rivals Red Star Belgrade and Dinamo Zagreb advanced to the Champions League group stage on Tuesday after making it through their playoff second-leg games. The former fierce domestic rivalry between the current champions of Serbia and Croatia — which was curbed in 1991 — could now be renewed in Europe's top competition. Red Star went through on away goals after a 1-1 draw with visiting Young Boys made the aggregate score 3-3. Dinamo advanced 3-1 on aggregate by drawing 1-1 at Rosenborg, leveling in the 71st minute from a rising, left-foot shot by Amer Gojak. Dinamo will be in the pot of third-seeded teams and can be grouped with Red Star, which is in the lowest-ranked pot 4 at Thursday's draw in Monaco.

PALACE, NORWICH PAY ROTATION PRICE

LONDON: Premier League teams Crystal Palace and Norwich paid the price for heavily rotating their lineups for the second round of the English League Cup as they were eliminated by fourth-tier opponents on Tuesday. Three days after beating Manchester United at Old Trafford, Palace lost 5-4 on penalties to Colchester — a team sitting 85 places down the English football pyramid — after a 0-0 draw in 90 minutes. Norwich rested its top players like Teemu Pukki, the scorer of five goals in three Premier League games this season, and lost 1-0 at Crawley Town. Other top-flight clubs weren't harmed by fielding their fringe players. Aston Villa thrashed fourth-tier Crewe 6-1, Watford ended a seven-game losing streak by beating third-tier Coventry 3-0, and Glenn Murray's injury-time strike earned Brighton a 2-1 win at Bristol Rovers of the third tier.

LYON LOSE TO MONTPELLIER IN LIGUE 1

LYON: Defender Youssouf Kone was sent-off for a headbutt as Lyon lost 1-0 to Montpellier in Ligue 1 on Tuesday, in Sylvinho's first defeat in charge. Kone was sent off early in the second half after clashing heads with the home side's Algeria international Andy Delort. Before the defeat, coach Sylvinho had guided the side to convincing wins over Monaco and Angers in his first two Ligue 1 matches in charge. Montpellier claimed their opening win of the season with right back Arnaud Souquet's wonderful half-volley shortly before the break. "We had a lot of chances. Even if the red card changed things a little we managed the second half well. We could have killed the match off," goalscorer Souquet said.

VIKAS SCRIPTS HARYANA'S WIN IN PKL

NEW DELHI: Vikas Kandola's early raiding brilliance ensured Haryana Steelers thrashed Season 6 runners-up Gujarat Fortunegiants 41-24 in a Pro Kabaddi League encounter here on Wednesday. Vikas (8 points), Prashanth Kumar Rai (8 points) and Ravi Kumar with a High 5 (6 tackle points) led an all-round performance from the Steelers that saw the side jump to third place in the Season 7 points table. **AGENCIES**

Good day Rafa

4 players in top 10 lose on Tuesday to ease Nadal's potential path to final

AFP ■ NEW YORK

Rafael Nadal launched his tilt at a fourth US Open title on Tuesday with a swift defeat of John Millman as other leading seeds in his half of the draw tumbled out in the first round.

Four players in the world's top 10 — Dominic Thiem, Stefanos Tsitsipas, Karen Khachanov and Roberto Bautista Agut — lost Tuesday to ease Nadal's potential path to the final.

The Spanish second seed — US Open champion in 2010, 2013 and 2017 — needed barely two hours to see Millman off 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 at Arthur Ashe Stadium with the world number 60 from Australia unable to reproduce the magic that saw him stun Roger Federer here a year ago.

Meanwhile on Wednesday, Past US Open runners-up Kei Nishikori and Karolina Pliskova advanced to the third round of the Grand Slam event on a rainy day when most matches were delayed by showers.

Japanese seventh seed Nishikori, the 2014 US Open runner-up and a semi-finalist in 2016 and 2018, defeated 108th-ranked American Bradley Klahn 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 after two hours and 44 minutes.

"Looking forward to the next one," Nishikori said. "Hopefully I can continue to play good tennis."

Next in Nishikori's path will be either Australian Alex de Minaur or Chilean 31st seed Cristian Garin.

Czech third seed Pliskova, seeking her first Grand Slam title and the world number one ranking, ousted 202nd-ranked Georgian qualifier Mariam Bolkvadze 6-1, 6-4 in 66 minutes.

"It was a solid performance," Pliskova said. "I didn't have to play the best today."

She will next face either Tunisia's Ons Jabeur or Aliaksandra Sasnovich of Belarus.

Earlier on Tuesday, two-time French Open runner-up Thiem was



Rafael Nadal celebrates after defeating John Millman during the first round of the US Open



Kei Nishikori returns a shot to Bradley Klahn during the second round of US Open

upset by Italian giant-killer Thomas Fabbiano 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, the Austrian fourth seed slumping to another first-round exit, having lost at the same stage at Wimbledon.

Greek eighth seed Tsitsipas struggled with cramps and accused umpires of having "preferences" after he fell to a 6-4, 6-7 (5/7), 7-6 (9/7), 7-5 defeat by Next Gen rival Andrey Rublev in a gruelling four-hour slog.

Tsitsipas, for whom it was also a second successive Grand Slam opening-round defeat, was hit with a point penalty for a time violation in the final set.

Russian ninth seed Khachanov lost to Canada's Vasek Pospisil in five sets, with 10th seed Bautista Agut of Spain succumbing in similar fashion to Mikhail Kukushkin of Kazakhstan to leave that quarter of the draw wide open for Nick Kyrgios.

The volatile Australian eased past American Steve Johnson 6-3, 7-6 (7/1), 6-4 in a match that finished at 1:12 a.m. local time.

Alexander Zverev, seeded sixth, outlasted Moldova's Radu Albot 6-1, 6-3, 3-6, 4-6, 6-2, while Marin Cilic, the 2014 champion, advanced in

straight sets over Slovakia's Martin Klizan.

Reigning women's US Open champion Naomi Osaka confronted severe nerves as she overcame Russia's Anna Blinkova, the world number 84.

Osaka suffered a first-round exit last month at Wimbledon and the Japanese star struggled to put away Blinkova before prevailing 6-4, 6-7 (5/7), 6-2.

The top seed goes on to face Poland's Magda Linette. Osaka must retain her US Open crown to have a chance of remaining world number one.

Wimbledon champion Simona Halep, ousted in the opening round the past two years at Flushing Meadows, beat US lucky loser Nicole Gibbs 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.

"I feel much better that I could win a match finally in this tournament," Halep said. "I feel like my game, it's there."

Sloane Stephens, the 2017 champion, slid to a 6-3, 6-4 loss to Russian qualifier Anna Kalinskaya, while 15-year-old Wimbledon sensation Coco Gauff edged past Anastasia Potapova, 18, in three sets on her US Open debut.



Sai Praneeth looks for consistent show to seal early Olympic berth

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Bolstered by a historic World Championships Bronze, Indian shuttler B Sai Praneeth is now eyeing a consistent show in the season's remaining tournaments to seal his Tokyo Olympic spot by early next year.

Last week, Praneeth became the first Indian male player in 36 years to win a medal at the BWF World Championship, emulating the legendary Prakash Padukone, who had clinched a Bronze at the 1983 edition.

His historic feat saw him jump four places to World No 15 in the latest world rankings.

Only two shuttlers from one country, inside the top-16 on April 30, 2020, will qualify for the Tokyo Olympics and Praneeth said his chances are also bettered by the fact that he does not have to defend ranking points in the tournaments he will participate in from now.

"...Till Swiss Open next year. So there are a few tournaments where I can play well and give some good performances and maintain my rankings for the Olympics," Praneeth said.

"The Swiss Open is the only tournament in the qualification period where I have to defend lot of points. Last year, I didn't play China, Korea and lost early in Denmark and French. I lost in first round at Hong Kong as well.

"So if I can reach the semifinals and quarterfinals consistently or win a tournament, that will help seal my ranking," he explained.

The 27-year-old from Hyderabad, however, said he needs to work on his fitness to trouble big players such as two-time world champion Kento Momota.

"I know if I am fit I can play much better. In the last few tournaments, I have been performing well, so it gave me confidence. For me, fitness has always been the key and I still need to be more fit to beat players such as Momota," said Praneeth, who lost to the Japanese in the semifinals at Basel.

Praneeth, who has been conferred with the Arjuna Award this year, said the news of the national award came as a massive boost for

him ahead of the World Championship.

"The year has gone well for me and knowing about the Arjuna just ahead of the World Championship, naturally gave me an additional boost," he said.

"Winning the last point in the quarterfinals against Jonatan Christie) is a moment that I will always remember. It was a big thing. I knew it would be a record for India if I win."

On way to the World Championship semifinals, Praneeth had stunned two Indonesians in straight games — World No 9 Anthony Sinisuka Ginting and World No 4 Christie.

Talking about the role of the coaches — Pullela Gopichand and Park Tae Sang, Praneeth said, "The inputs of the coaches were important for the win. Sometimes in pressure situation during matches, a player can't think anything and the coaches can provide the strategy.

"So both the coaches helped me, especially Gopi sir, in the quarterfinals he gave me some inputs which I didn't even think of."

Praneeth also attributed his success to the endurance training of new foreign coach Park.

"Park is very committed. He is always behind the players. He is helping us and played a role in our success. His endurance training, long sessions ahead of the tournament helped," he said.



PTI ■ HYDERABAD

India might be celebrating a world champion in P V Sindhu right now but national badminton coach Pullela Gopichand feels there are reasons to be worried about the future as the country has not "invested enough in coaches".

Sindhu, who is also an Olympic Silver-medallist, became India's first world champion in the sport with a straight-game triumph on Sunday. She returned to a frenzied welcome on Monday night.

However, Gopichand feels the country needs to wake up to the fact that there aren't enough coaches to handle the talent that is rising.

"...We have not invested enough in coaches," he said here with Sindhu by his side at a press conference on Tuesday night.

Gopichand, a Dronacharya awardee, is credited with grooming not just Sindhu but also the trail-blazing Saina Nehwal and K Srikanth among others.

"We actually have a big vacuum in terms of producing coaches of quality and it's not a training program. It's an ecosystem issue. So, we need to work harder to bridge that gap," he said.

Gopichand said although there are some foreign coaches like South Korean Kim Ji-Hyun on

We haven't invested in coaches: Gopichand worried about future

board, more are needed to deal with the talent that is coming up.

He said more coaches are required to strategise for matches against seasoned international players like Lin Dan.

"That we have not achieved. Hopefully, when this generation of people retire, we will actually get these people. If these people get back into coaching, then we'll actually get back numbers which are required," he said.

"It's a question without an easy answer and till that time, foreign coaches need to support," he said.

The former All England champion said the hectic calendar of the sport is also the reason why a larger pool of coaches and physiotherapists is required.

"It's also our own doing. Because, we have grown too fast and the infrastructure around us hasn't grown enough.

"That's a big problem we have and we need to sort it out. We need to talk about it and collectively find an answer," Gopichand said.



Indian shuttlers B Sai Praneeth and PV Sindhu along with coach Pullela Gopichand respond to media queries on Wednesday

Arpinder wins Gold, but fails to touch World C'ship mark

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

Asian Games Gold medallist Atriple jumper Arpinder Singh won the Gold but failed to touch the World Championships qualifying mark on the second day of 59th National Inter-State Athletics Championships here on Wednesday.

Arpinder managed the season's best jump of 16.83m, 12cm short of World Championship qualifying standard of 16.95m under hot and humid conditions at the PAC Stadium here.

Karnataka's U Karthik and Tamil Nadu's Mohammed Salahuddin took the Silver and Bronze respectively with jumps of 16.0m and 16.79m.

The 26-year-old Arpinder, who has a personal best of 17.17m (2014), will have another shot at World Championships qualification in the Indian Grand Prix in New Delhi on September 5.

None of the Indians could come close to the qualifying

marks of the World Championships to be held in Doha from September 28 to October 6.

Balakumar Nithin and Alex Antony won the men's 200m and 400m gold respectively in the absence of top runners.

Having won the sprint double in the Khelo India Youth Games in Pune earlier this year, Nithin's winning time of 20.91 seconds here was the third-best on the list among Indians over the 200m this year.

Only Arokia Rajiv and Muhammed Anas Yahiya — both 400m specialists — have run faster in 200m than the bespectacled sprinter from Tamil Nadu.

The 200m qualifying time for the World Championships is 20.40.

Kerala runner Alex, who first gave glimpses of his potential with a 46.66 second run in the Indian Grand Prix V in Patiala earlier this month, improved his personal best with a 46.17 second effort.

It's creditable that he won a

race that included runners of the caliber of Ayyasamy Dharun (400m hurdles national record holder) and Tamilarasan Santhosh.

Dharun and Santhosh finished fifth and seventh while Haryana's Harsh Baljeet Singh and Karnataka's Sachin Roby took the Silver and Bronze respectively by finishing inside 47 seconds.

Kunhu Mohammed, who has been part of the Indian 4x400m relay team, was unable to go past the semifinal run in the morning, clocking 47.69 to finish third in his heats. Iranian Mahdi Pirjahani won the men's 400m hurdles in new meet record time of 49.33 seconds. The Athletics Federation of India had invited some foreign athletes for the meet.

P U Chithra won the women's 800m in her personal best time of 2:02.96 while Mohammed Afzal pocketed the gold in men's 800m in the absence of Manjit Singh and Jinson Johnson with the year's best by an Indian, clocking 1:48.35.



Simona Halep returns a shot to Nicole Gibbs during the first round match

AP

Halep thrilled to end drought

AFP ■ NEW YORK

Reigning Wimbledon champion Simona Halep, a first-round US Open loser the past two years, felt a load had been lifted Tuesday after advancing to the second round.

"Definitely I feel lighter now," Halep said. "I feel much better that I could win a match finally in this tournament."

Halep lost to Russian five-time Grand Slam champion Maria Sharapova in the 2017 first round and fell to Estonia's Kaia Kanepi last year.

"Well, the pressure was tricky today. Winning one match in three years, it's pretty tough," Halep said with a smile. "But it's good that I could go over that."

"I was stressed before the match, also on this court that I lost last year. Was not easy. But I'm really happy that I could manage in the end to play better than before."

Halep said she was thankful for a tough fight in her opener, thinking it better prepares her for the tests to come.

"I'm not feeling great at the beginning of the tournament, but always when I played tough

matches at the beginning, then I went through the semi-finals or quarter-finals," Halep said. "So I'm confident. I feel like my game, it's there. I'm moving well. I just need a little bit of mental confidence. Now I'm trying to get it."

Halep hopes to match the level she reached in last month's Wimbledon final, where she outplayed 23-time major champion Serena Williams to collect her second Grand Slam title after the 2018 French Open.

"The good thing is that I believe I can touch that level," Halep said. "If I keep working every day really hard, I'm able to do it again. So that's why I'm motivated. I'm still hungry for results, of titles. I'm sure that with matches and with tournaments I can get back there."

She could become the world number one by winning the US Open title and could chase for the year-end number one ranking she held last year. "If I'm healthy, I will go for it 100 percent," Halep said. "I want to finish number one. I still have chances, so I'm going to work for them. I'm confident I have actually a big chance. I will fight."

Sumit, Prajnesh are our new stars: Rijiju



Sumit Nagal returns to Roger Federer

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Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju has lavished praise on tennis players Sumit Nagal and Prajnesh Gunneswaran who participated in the ongoing US Open.

On Monday, Nagal became the first tennis player to win a set in the first round of the US Open against Swiss legend Roger Federer since 2003. However, the 22-year-old from Jhajjar eventually lost the match 6-4, 1-6, 2-6, 4-6 in two hours and 30 min-

utes. On the other hand, Prajnesh was knocked out of the competition after losing 4-6, 1-6, 2-6 to world No 5 Daniil Medvedev.

"I am very happy to see two young tennis players Prajnesh and Sumit exceedingly displaying their talents in the US Open. I think they have a great future ahead," Rijiju said in a video posted on his official Twitter handle on Wednesday.

"I am very happy to see their performances in the US Open and this gives a lot of encouragement to the entire youth, especially in the tennis world. These are good signs for Indian sports," he added.

The Sports Minister also urged the two players to keep their focus and train hard.

Sumit had also earned praise from Federer who said that the 22-year-old will have a solid career in the future.

"I think he knows what he can bring. That's why I think he's going to have a very solid career. But, of course, it's not the game that comes out with the biggest surprises. It's really consistent. I think he did it very well tonight," Federer had said in the post-match interview.