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Modi's historic change in diaspora outreach

Howdy Modi" may seem an exceptionally strange way of addressing India's Prime Minister, except perhaps in Texas. Fortunately, it was an event in Houston, Texas, that billed a diaspora outreach programme of Narendra Modi in this fashion.

The labelling, however, is secondary. What is more relevant is that, having done a spectacular programme at New York's Madison Square Garden shortly after his election victory in 2014, Modi chose another major American city to connect with the Indian diaspora this Sunday. The event having been fully subscribed, it is certain that the capacity crowd of 50,000 members of the Indian diaspora will greet him enthusiastically, just as they did at the UNESCO building auditorium in Paris on Friday. It is also certain that in his speech, the Prime Minister will spend some time explaining the rationale behind the abrogation of Article 370 and 35A from Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

The careful cultivation of the Indian diaspora by Modi is often seen by cynics as a needless indulgence. In the past, visiting Indian Prime Ministers had met select notables from the overseas Indian community but no one had bothered to reach out to those who were not regarded as important to India's diplomatic or commercial needs. Modi has broken this social and class barrier and reached out to every social category. Moreover, he has reoriented the work of Indian missions overseas. Whereas the diaspora was earlier seen as an irritant to the more pressing business of evolving grand strategy, Modi has added service to the diaspora (and trade) to the functions of Indian missions overseas. When she was External Affairs Minister, Sushma Swaraj went out of her way to make overseas Indians and Indians travelling abroad feel that they could approach Indian missions for help in case of difficulties.

Why is this outreach important in today's context? Since the beginning of August, following the Government's moves to ensure the full integration of Jammu & Kashmir in the Indian Constitution, India has been subjected to relentless attacks. Some of this was predictable since it was unlikely that a political shift of this magnitude wouldn't evoke spirited protests. However, there is an additional dimension.

The point about Imran Khan's speech to the Joint Session of Pakistan's Parliament earlier this month that caught media attention was his near-categorical disavowal of retaliatory war which, in his view, was unaffordable given the nuclear dimension.

However, does this mean that Pakistan has no other option but to surreptitiously sponsor a proxy war that will be conducted by either home-grown jihadis in India or non-state players from Pakistan?

The answer may lie in the larger thrust of Imran's speech which appeared to many angry Pakistanis as being needlessly ponderous. In a sense it was. Imran claimed that India had reneged on its own Gandhian and Nehruvian inheritance by abandoning secularism in Kashmir and paving the way for a Hindu majoritarian state. To him, the full incorporation of a Muslim majority state was tantamount to India flaunting its 'racist' credentials with brazenness.

All that is familiar stuff. However, the subsequent two points are interesting. First, Imran argued that enlightened citizenship was identified by Jinnah in his August 11, 1947 speech. In other words, having spelt out the two-nation theory as the inescapable way out for Indian Muslims in the face of Hindu intolerance. However, having established a homeland for India's Muslims — that naturally included Kashmir — he wanted to ensure the complete freedom of religious beliefs. That, he said, invoking Islamic history and the experience of the Medina settlement in the 7th century, is the basis of Pakistan. With somewhat twisted logic he sought to reconcile an Islamic state that is Pakistan with liberal notions of citizenship.

Second, he sought a massive outreach programme aimed at persuading the West, not merely of the righteousness of the Kashmir bid for self-determination, but the venality of the Indian state. In his view this was best done using liberal arguments that would appeal there.

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BJP loses key strategist

Jaitley's cremation today afternoon at Nigambodh Ghat

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Arun Jaitley, who as Finance Minister ushered in India's biggest tax reforms and was the chief troubleshooter of the BJP and the Narendra Modi Government, passed away at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) here on Saturday after battling multiple health issues for the last several months. He was 66.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is away on a foreign visit, is not to cut short his tour as suggested by the bereaved family whom Modi spoke to from Bahrain.

In a brief statement, the hospital said Jaitley breathed his last at 12.07 pm. He was admitted to the hospital on August 9 following complaint of breathing difficulty. The cremation will be on Sunday afternoon at the Nigambodh Ghat.

Known as a consensus builder, Jaitley was the BJP's man for all seasons and acted as the key strategist for the Modi Government in its first

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Family members of former Finance Minister and BJP leader Arun Jaitley look on as leaders pay their respects, at his residence in Kailash Colony in South Delhi on Saturday. PTI

term. He headed the Finance, Defence, Corporate Affairs and Information and Broadcasting Ministries. Leaders across the political spectrum paid rich tributes to Jaitley, a quintessential moderate who was never associated with the hard edges of Hindutva politics.

He became a trusted friend of Modi as he smoothed the path for the Gujarat leader's rise

in the BJP by helping him win key allies. Jaitley played an instrumental role in implementation of Modi's various ambitious schemes and programmes after the BJP came to power in May 2014. His most important legacy was rolling out of Goods and Services Tax (GST) in 2017, the biggest tax reforms after Independence.

Modi, who is on a three-nation tour, said he had lost a valued friend and conveyed his condolences to Jaitley's wife and son. "With the demise of Arun Jaitleyji, I have lost a valued friend, whom I have had the honour of knowing for decades. His insight on issues and nuanced understanding

of matters had very few parallels. He lived well, leaving us all with innumerable happy memories. We will miss him!" the Prime Minister said.

In his two brief stints as Defence Minister, Jaitley cleared the path for ushering in a raft of long-pending reforms in the Armed forces and came out with key policy initiatives with an aim to make India self-reliant in defence production.

He was perhaps among the BJP bigwigs who made a smooth transition from the Atal-Advani era in the party to the one where Modi dominated, ushering in the rise of new generation leaders.

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Rahul detained at airport, sent back from Srinagar

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

A 12-member delegation of Opposition leaders led by Congress MP Rahul Gandhi was sent back by the Jammu & Kashmir Government from Srinagar airport after detaining them at the airport for around three hours on Saturday.

The delegation was visiting Srinagar to take stock of the ground situation in the aftermath of scrapping of Article 370. On their arrival in Srinagar airport, the leaders of the delegation were escorted to the VIP lounge and were not allowed to move out of the airport premises.

Amid chaos and confusion, which prevailed inside airport



premises, some media persons, accompanying the delegation, were reportedly heckled by the security personnel deployed at the airport. The security personnel repeatedly told media persons not to shoot inside Srinagar airport as the same has been categorised as Defence airport and photography is prohibited there.

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Jaitley's demise marks end of Delhi-4 clout in BJP politics

DEEPAK K UPRETI ■ NEW DELHI

The untimely passing away of Arun Jaitley, 66, at AIIMS in Delhi on Saturday after prolonged illness days after the death of former Foreign Minister Sushma Swaraj, 67, and months following the demise of Parliamentary Affairs Minister Ananth Kumar, 59, has

almost ended the frontline of BJP group of leaders, described as Delhi-4 — the Delhi-centric leadership that dominated the BJP politics for almost three-decades.

Unlike Sushma and Kumar, it was Jaitley who remained the ears and eyes of the Modi Government and the party, presently held in a tight grip by

Modi and party president Amit Shah and in fact made a "trimurti" deciding important decisions at all levels.

So much so that even after Jaitley lost his maiden Lok Sabha poll in 2014 to Captain Amarinder Singh from Amritsar, Modi retained him at the heart of his dispensation.

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Leaders throng ex-FM's residence to pay homage

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Political leaders in Delhi offered floral tributes to former Finance Minister Arun Jaitley at his Kailash Colony residence in South Delhi. From President Ram Nath Kovind to Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president Amit Shah, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and leaders of Delhi BJP unit thronged Jaitley's residence.

Recalling college days, BJP leader Vijay Goel said, "We both fought Students' Union election in Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC). He became president and I became the secretary. Since then, I have shared a great relationship with him."

A Delhi BJP leader said during the period of Emergency (1975-77), Jaitley was placed under preventive detention first in the Ambala Jail and then in the Tihar Jail in Delhi.

Party leaders from across the political spectrum, BJP workers and admirers filed past the body, which was kept in a glass casket, offering flowers and wreaths.

Union Ministers Shah, Harsh Vardhan, Jitendra Singh, S Jaishankar and BJP working president JP Nadda were seen paying last respects to Jaitley at his residence. CM Kejriwal, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath also paid homage to departure soul.

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Narendra Modi

Arun Jaitley Ji's contributions to public life will be remembered forever
Sonia Gandhi

His demise was a "huge loss" not only to the BJP and the entire Sangh Parivar, but also to the nation
LK Advani

Deeply saddened at the untimely passing away of Shri ArunJaitley. Visited him just day before & prayed for his speedy recovery. He was a leader with deep intellect & knowledge, and a voice of reason. He will be dearly missed. My prayers with his family, friends & admirers
Pranab Mukherjee

A Titan goes away too soon

By Chandan Mitra

Arun Jaitley and I became friends well before we met each other in Delhi University in 1977. Quite surprisingly I got a postcard, checked and stamped by Tihar Jail authorities from the president of Delhi University Students' Union (DUSU). The contents were brief and only requested me to raise the issue of permission to the interned DUSU president to take his MA Final Exams in Law, permission which required clearance from the University's Academic Council of which I was then a Student Member. Although I did not personally know Jaitley then and our college, namely, St Stephen's, was not remotely involved in University politics, I thought it to be my democratic duty to help an unfairly interned opposition leader to be allowed to sit for his examination.



and I have been steadfast friends regardless.

A multi-talented, multi-tasking person, he was equally fluent in English, Hindi and Punjabi which probably gave him the confidence to contest the Lok Sabha poll from Amritsar in 2014 which unfortunately he lost to Captain Amarinder Singh, current Chief Minister of Punjab. But unfazed as always, Jaitley rose up the political ranks, becoming Prime Minister Narendra Modi's confidant and India's second most important political personality, at least till the rise of Amit Shah. He was adept at managing party affairs across the country and combined affability and authority in equal measure. His one weakness was food, especially Punjabi cuisine, a passion he was forced to abandon due to mounting diabetes some years ago. A friend of friends, he meticulously kept in touch with them no matter how busy he might have been.

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A crusader against corruption, Jaitley would be burning the midnight oil with officials like Bhure Lal who was VP Singh's self-appointed anti-corruption bulldog.

In 1977 when the Janata Party came to power, he was named as the nascent party's National Executive member, a rare honour for such a young man. But the next day's newspapers frontpaged the headline that he had turned the offer down. Many friends were astonished. Bewildered, I asked Jaitley why he spurned the honour. He called me aside on the Coffee House courtyard and said, "Remember, you should get involved in politics only on your own resources, otherwise there will always be the temptation to accumulate easy money and you may go down the slippery slope and lose the respect you enjoy."

These are nuggets of the wisdom that the ever articulate Jaitley always bequeathed to his friends over time. That is why he is incomparable and unforgettable.

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Akhilesh dissolves all SP units

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In a belated move, Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav on Friday dissolved all units of the party in Uttar Pradesh, including the state executive, district and youth wings and the frontal organisations.

The SP, however, retained state president Naresh Uttam.

The move is seen as an attempt towards course correction in the party after its Lok Sabha poll debacle and the recent exodus from the party at various levels, including Rajya Sabha members, to the Bharatiya Janata Party.

"Party president Akhilesh Yadav has dissolved the state executive. All district executives and the executives of youth and other wings have also been dissolved and the new executives will be constituted soon," said SP state president Naresh Uttam.

The surprise development is being seen as an attempt by the SP to recover its electoral base after its poor performance in the recent Lok Sabha polls in which it could win only five seats — the same as in 2014 — despite stitching a pre-poll alliance with Bahujan Samaj Party and Rashtriya Lok Dal.

Much to the SP's chagrin, while its tally remained stuck at five, the alliance benefited Mayawati's BSP, which bagged 10 seats in the state. The BSP had drawn a blank in the 2014 parliamentary polls.

What rubbed salt to the

SP's wound was the shock defeat of Akhilesh Yadav's wife Dimple Yadav who had entered the fray as a sitting MP, representing the Kannauj Lok Sabha constituency.

Just a day after the Lok Sabha results were declared, the SP chief had sacked the panel of leaders appointed as party spokespersons for TV channels. The appointment of all party panellists was cancelled in one stroke by the SP chief, who also said that no TV channel should invite any of them for debates.

A party insider said Akhilesh Yadav began churning within the organisation the very day the results were out, with over a dozen Assembly by-polls not far away, and the bigger target of 2022 Assembly elections in mind.

"After the Lok Sabha polls, party president Akhilesh Yadav has been meeting people and taking feedback from party workers and office-bearers. After going through all the aspects, the party executives will be reorganised with new 'josh' (enthusiasm) to take on the BJP," party chief spokesman Rajendra Chowdhury said.

The Lok Sabha election debacle for the Samajwadi Party is the second instance when Akhilesh Yadav has miscalculated his moves.

He had tried his hand at coalition-building in Uttar Pradesh in the 2017 Assembly elections as well, teaming up with Congress. His father and party's founding leader



Mulayam Singh Yadav had advised him against the tie-up but he was ignored. The SP-Congress alliance failed miserably and BJP's Yogi Adityanath replaced Akhilesh Yadav as chief minister of Uttar Pradesh.

In the 2019 Lok Sabha polls also, Mulayam Singh Yadav had advised Akhilesh not to form alliance with the BSP. The veteran leader's advice was not heeded to again.

In 2017, Akhilesh had harped upon development agenda during his stint to attract voters. His "kaam bolta hai" (work speaks for itself) slogan failed to resonate among UP voters. The BJP had countered it by saying 'Akhilesh kaa karnama bolta hai'.

In 2019, Akhilesh Yadav had decided to go back to the tried and tested caste-based calculations to win seats but he failed again.

Having suffered back-to-back three electoral defeats,

Akhilesh now faces a daunting task of not only regaining the people's confidence in the party but also assuring them of its own identity in state and national politics, some party leaders said.

In 2012, after a stint as president of the SP's UP unit, Akhilesh was picked up by his father to become the state's youngest ever chief minister at 38.

In the early years of his term as SP unit chief and the chief minister, Akhilesh struggled with his father's legacy — tackling politicians like DP Yadav, Amar Singh and Mohammad Azam Khan. His uncle Shivpal Singh Yadav brought in mafia Mukhtar Ansari's Quami Ekta Dal into the SP against his will. Another uncle, Ram Gopal Yadav, backed Akhilesh as he tackled dissension in the party and the Yadav clan.

Just ahead of the 2017 Assembly polls, Akhilesh staged a "coup" of sorts when at an emergency convention of the party in January that year, Mulayam Singh Yadav was ousted as national president of the party and relegated to the insignificant 'post' of patron. Later, the BJP was to call him Aurangzeb, recalling what one Mughal emperor had done to his own father.

After the 'coup', the two SP factions went to the Election Commission, which ruled in Akhilesh's favour, allowing his group to retain the 'bicycle' poll symbol.

Arun Jaitley's death a loss to country: Yogi

Cancels Mathura visit to pay tributes to former Finance Minister

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Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath cancelled his visit to Mathura to inaugurate the Janmashtami celebrations on Saturday following the demise of former Union minister Arun Jaitley.

Sources said the Chief Minister had reached Agra to go to Mathura but suddenly the programme was changed and he went to Hindon airport from where he went to Delhi by road.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who was in Lucknow on a three-day visit, also cancelled all his programmes and rushed to New Delhi in the afternoon.

Several Bharatiya Janata



Party leaders of Uttar Pradesh and state ministers also rushed to Delhi to pay their tributes to the departed soul.

Governor Anandiben Patel and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath expressed their

grief over the death of former finance minister and senior BJP leader Arun Jaitley who died after prolonged illness in Delhi on Saturday.

In his tweet, Yogi Adityanath said that the death

of Arun Jaitley was a loss to the country as well as society and his absence would be felt for a long time. He said may the almighty give peace to the departed soul and the family the strength to bear this loss.

"I am shocked to hear about the death of the renowned lawyer and senior party leader. He was an active BJP leader since his student life and fought against the Emergency and served the nation till his last time," the Chief Minister said.

Jaitley, was a Rajya Sabha member from UP and his term was to expire on April 2, 2024. Governor Anandiben Patel also expressed her condolence on the death of Arun Jaitley.

Meanwhile, several senior leaders of the BJP, including party state president Swatantra Dev Singh, general secretary Vijay Bahadur Pathak and others also expressed grief at the death of the senior leader of the BJP.

SBSP may form alliance with SP

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Bharatiya Janata Party's former ally in Uttar Pradesh, Suheldev Bhartiya Samaj Party is likely to forge an alliance with Samajwadi Party for the upcoming bypolls to 13 Assembly seats in the state.

Former Cabinet minister in Yogi Adityanath ministry and SBSP chief Om Prakash Rajbhar on Friday met SP chief Akhilesh Yadav and both leaders held detailed discussion over the possibility of political alliance between the two parties for the by-elections to Assembly seats.

Sources in the SP said here on Saturday that the SBSP has demanded three seats of the 13 seats, all in eastern UP, going to bypolls. The SP, however, is yet to take a final call on this matter. Out of the 13 Assembly seats going to bypolls, the SBSP has demanded Jalapur seat in Ambedkarnagar, Balha seat in Bahraich and one more seat.

The sources said that the SP leadership was inclined to concede only two seats to the SBSP.

During the 2017 Assembly polls, Om Prakash Rajbhar's SBSP had won four Assembly seats, and the party had contested election in alliance with the BJP.

Rajbhars account for around four per cent of the total electorate in the state. The community has a sizeable strength in Azamgarh, Mau, Ghosi, Ballia, Salempur, Jaunpur, Lalganj,

Ghazipur, Deoria and some other constituencies in the state.

Rajbhars constitute 20 per cent of the Purvanchal population and are regarded as the second-most politically dominant community after Yadavs in eastern UP.

On the other hand, the BJP has been promoting its own leader from the Rajbhar community. Minister of State Anil Rajbhar has been promoted as Cabinet minister in the recent reshuffle in Yogi Adityanath's council of ministers.

Om Prakash Rajbhar was dismissed from the Cabinet by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath soon after the Lok Sabha elections in May after he used abusive language against BJP leaders during the election campaign.

The SBSP, despite the alliance with the BJP, had fielded candidates in 39 Lok Sabha seats. Besides, Rajbhar had been critical of the Yogi Adityanath government.

Meanwhile, Samajwadi Party chief and former chief minister Akhilesh Yadav asked his party workers on Saturday to pull their socks up for the bypolls. "People are now fed up with the BJP rule and we should aim at winning all Assembly seats in the bypolls," Yadav said.

He also asked party members to get the current status of the schemes initiated by the SP government such as 1090 Women Helpline, Dial 100 service, etc.

Country's economy robust, says CM

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A day after Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman dispelled apprehensions about recession and announced a slew of new initiatives to counter the economic slowdown, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said under the able leadership of Narendra Modi, the country's economy remained robust and was doing well.

In a couple of tweets on Saturday, Yogi Adityanath claimed, "The initiatives taken by the Bharatiya Janata Party government under the leadership of our Hon PM Shri Narendra Modi shows that government is committed to maintain fiscal prudence without compromising with development and growth."

He further said, "India's economy remains robust and doing well despite slowdown in the international market. Announcements by Finance Minister @nsitharamanji to further boost economy, reflects Modi administration's commitment to transform India into a 5 trillion dollar economy."

The UP government has already announced to touch one trillion dollar economy by 2024 and has taken several steps to boost the state's economy by inviting investments. On Friday, Sitharaman had announced several sops for the industrialists and investors to boost the economy.

Meanwhile, Bahujan Samaj Party president Mayawati on Saturday said the steps initiated by the Centre to deal with the threat of global recession were good but not enough.

In a tweet, Mayawati said: "Taking cognisance of the demand made by BSP on August 18 to save crores of people from severe poverty, unemployment, inflation and stress, the Centre has taken some necessary steps yesterday which is good but not enough. The Centre should not relax."

In a related tweet, she said: "For the crores of working people suffering from severe poverty, unemployment, inflation, retrenchment, tension and violence etc. there is a need to take measures to provide them prompt relief and jobs... The Centre needs to take this seriously."

Expressing concern over the prevailing economic condition in the country, the BSP chief had on August 17 said that the threat of an "economic recession" was looming over the country.

"In the midst of serious issues like widespread unemployment, poverty, price rise, illiteracy, health, tensions/violence, the threat of an economic recession is looming over the country," she had tweeted.

"The trader community is dejected and worried. After job cuts, they are forced to commit suicide. The Centre must take this seriously," she had said.

Communal clash in Bareilly on Janmashtami

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Communal tension flared up in Bareilly after a clash between two communities when a procession was being taken out on the occasion of Krishna Janmashtami. The clash in Makri Madava village left about half-a-dozen people, including a woman, critically injured.

The warring groups also torched several vehicles before the local police used force to chase them away.

Senior officials, including DIG of Bareilly Range, Rajesh Pandey, reached the spot and controlled the situation.

A case has been registered in this regard by the police and efforts are on to nab the accused.

According to reports, a 'shobha yatra' had reached its final destination in the Muslim majority village under Devraniya police station in Bareilly on Friday afternoon when members of one community started pelting stones at the other causing commotion, circle officer of Baheri, Alok Agrahari, said.

Both the groups brandished weapons, including firearms, the circle officer said, adding that additional force from four police stations and Provincial Armed Constabulary (PAC) was rushed to the village to control the situation.

The timing of the traditional 'shobha yatra' was deferred to 3 pm in view of Friday prayers and the incident took place when the procession reached its last destination at the Holi crossing, the circle officer said.

The injured were admitted to hospital, he added. SP (Rural) Sansar Singh, who visited the village, said that adequate force had been deployed and stern action would be initiated against those behind attempts to vitiate the atmosphere.

Labourer killed in blast at factory

Bhadohi (PTI): A labourer, Abdul Riyaz (21), was killed and two were injured when the rusted air-pressure tank of a carpet making machine exploded at a carpet weaving unit in Kotwali police station area on Friday night.



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I, Arnav Chaudhary S/o Usha Devi and Harbeer Singh, R/o C-6058, Sector-12, Rajajipuram, Lucknow, hereby declare that I have changed my name from 'Chaman Kumar' to 'Arnav Chaudhary' for all future purposes.

Apna Dal (S) chief demands high-level probe into mid-day meal served in Mirzapur school

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Apna Dal (Sonelal), an ally of the Bharatiya Janata Party, has demanded a high-level probe into reports of a primary school in Mirzapur district serving salt and nothing else with chapatis to the students as mid-day meal for the past two years.

The probe has been demanded by Apna Dal (S) MLC Ashish Patel, who is the national president of the party and husband of Anupriya Patel, the party MP from Mirzapur. She was Union minister of state in the previous Narendra Modi government.

Videos of children sitting in rows and eating chapatis with

salt were uploaded on social media and also beamed by local television channels on Friday. A few staff members at Siyur Primary School at village Hinauta in Mirzapur are also seen in the videos. The recommended mid-day meal menu at primary and upper primary schools in the state is rice and/or chapatis, dal, green vegetables and milk or fruit.

The Apna Dal leader said this irregularity was going on in the school for the last several years and the district administration and the basic shiksha adhikari (BSA) were responsible for the serious irregularity affecting the children.

Patel demanded the trans-

fer of the BSA out of the district, saying that "free and fair probe is not possible until the BSA is removed". He said many of the children had been quoted in the media as saying this had been their regular mid-day meal at the school since 2017 and that they and their parents had given up hope of it ever changing.

Several officials were suspended after Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath asked the district magistrate of Mirzapur to probe the matter. Those suspended include headmaster-in-charge Murari Lal, Arvind Kumar Tripathi, coordinator for the mid-day meal scheme in Roshnahr nyaya panchayat

under which the school falls, and assistant basic education officer Brijendra Singh. The BSA has also been served a notice to explain the lapse.

Congress general secretary in-charge of eastern Uttar Pradesh Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, posted one of the videos on Friday and tweeted in Hindi: "This is how the BJP government of Uttar Pradesh runs the state. Government welfare is worsening day by day. This kind of behaviour with children is condemnable."

Former chief minister and Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav described the state government as "insensitive".

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3.	07/पीसीएल/पीएम/प्रयागराज/2019-20 दिनांक 24.08.2019	अग्निशमन केन्द्र पथरताल, कोरौव, जनपद प्रयागराज के निर्माण हेतु (श्रमिक कार्य)	₹39.12 लाख
4.	08/पीसीएल/पीएम/प्रयागराज/2019-20 दिनांक 24.08.2019	अग्निशमन केन्द्र पथरताल, कोरौव, जनपद प्रयागराज के निर्माण हेतु सामग्री की आपूर्ति	₹38.21 लाख

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POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Allahabad Bank under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rules 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice on the dates noted against each account as mentioned hereinafter, calling them to repay given to the under-noted borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property/ies described here in below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said act read with rules 8 of the said rules on the dated mentioned against each account. The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/ies and any dealing with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of Allahabad Bank for the amounts and interest thereon mentioned against each account herein below. **The borrower attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secure assets.**

Sl. No.	Name of the Account/ Borrower	Name of the Guarantor/Mortgagor	Description of Mortgaged property (all the part & parcel of the property consisting of)	Dt. of Demand Notice Dt. of Possession Notice Amt. outstanding
Branch: Indira Nagar, Lucknow				
1.	M/S N B Pharma, Through Prop. Sri Dilip Bhatia Shop No. F-41, Karomat Market, Nishatganj, Lucknow-226001	Smt Prem Kumari Mishra, W/o Sri Ram Siromani Mishra, House No. 555 CH/7, Ram Nagar, Near Indiranagar Park, Alambagh, Lucknow-226005	All that part & parcel of House No. 555 CH/7 Ramnagar Near Indira Nagar Park Mauza- Kanausi, Alambagh, Lucknow Standing in the Name of Smt. Prem Kumari Mishra W/o Sri Ram Siromani Mishra, Measuring 92.84 Sq. Meters Or 999.00 Sq. Ft. Boundries-East- 10 feet wide Road there after plot of Maika Lal, West- Gali 4 feet thereafter plot Srivastava, North- Plot of Mr. Ramnarayan , South- House of Shyam Narayan Shukla	29.05.2019 22.08.2019 Rs. 31,14,073.00 + interest & other expenses

Place: Lucknow, Date: 25.08.2019 Authorised Officer

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Man knocked down by school bus

Driver escapes fearing police action, residents stage protest

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

A school bus knocked down a man who was crossing the road at Salim trisection in Jankipuram on Friday morning. The victim, identified as Jamal (40) of Sitapur, was in Lucknow to see his daughter Anjum, who lives in Khargapur Jageer locality. Reports said Jamal was crossing the road to take the lane leading to his

daughter's house when he was knocked down by the bus ferrying students of SR Global School (BKT). Jamal was rushed to hospital where he was declared brought dead. "The victim had his head smashed and he died instantaneously," doctors at the KGMU Trauma Centre said. Police registered an FIR and sub-inspector Pawan Kumar Patel was tasked with investigating the case and arresting the bus driver in question.

The incident gave frightening moments to students who started crying out of fear. Sensing police action, the bus driver fled the scene abandoning the vehicle on the road.

A huge number of locals and commuters reached the scene and staged protest. They tried to damage the bus but some elderly people intervened and stopped them.

Meanwhile, the Indira Nagar police on Thursday arrested the prime suspect in the Indira Nagar hit-and-run case. Pawan Singh (22) and Tushar Singh (23) of Indira Nagar were killed while their companion Himanshu Singh (24) sustained head injuries when a speeding SUV hit their two-wheeler near Aurobindo Park in late on August 14 night.

The accused, identified as Faiz aka Mohammed Saquib of

Presidency Colony in Indira Nagar, was taken into custody near Haq Plaza in Abarar Nagar around noon. The police had arrested earlier four aides of Faiz. Sources said Faiz managed to evade arrest using his father's rapport with policemen. The police suspected that the hit-and-run case was a result of a longstanding animosity that the accused had with the victims.

The families of the victims had lodged a case of murder and murderous assault against the accused claiming that they were crushed to death by an SUV being driven by the accused. Pawan's father Subedar Singh, who is a deputy

registrar in high court, had stated in his police complaint that the incident took place around 10 pm on August 14 near Aurobindo Park police outpost and the SUV was being driven at a high speed as the driver was aimed at killing his son and latter's friend.

Pawan's family had told the police that they suspected murder because four men, including one of their neighbours identified as Sandeep Singh, attacked Pawan with an iron rod following an alleged dispute over a girl's photograph on Facebook. Police sources said Pawan had lodged an FIR against Sandeep and his supporters in the past.

SHREE KRISHNA JANMASHTAMI

Yogi: Our govt revived celebrations at thanas



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

India has a rich tradition of festivals which are symbols of harmony, unity and happiness with religion and caste having no role to play, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said while speaking at the Janmashtami celebrations of Reserve Police Lines on Friday. Governor Anandiben Patel was also present on the occasion.

The Chief Minister said Janmashtami celebrations were organised because of the deep faith of devotees. "These celebrations were stopped at police stations by the previous government, but the same were revived in 2017 when BJP came to power in UP," he pointed out. He said the government had successfully organised 'Deepsav' in Ayodhya, 'Rangotsav' in Mathura, and 'Kumbh Mela & Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas' in Prayagraj with foolproof security.

He announced Rs 51,000 for Police Modern School for a scintillating performance. The occasion also witnessed the presence of Deputy Chief Minister Dinesh Sharma, Chief Secretary Anup Chandra



(Top) Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Governor Anandiben Patel and other at the Janmashtami celebrations of Reserve Police Lines. (Above) Students dressed as Radha-Krishna performing on the occasion

Pandey and DGP OP Singh.

Meanwhile, Janmashtami was celebrated with traditional fervour in other parts of the city on Friday and Saturday. On Shree Krishna Prakashotsava, Madhav temple was decked up with flowers, electric jhalars and balloons. At Radha-

Krishna temple in the premises of SKD Academy, the students celebrated Janmashtami with enthusiasm. Kids from nearby locality took active part in celebration. Colourful tableaux were the prime attraction as were children dressed as Radha and Krishna.



A commuter braves a spell of showers at Hazratganj on Saturday

BBDU student, family thrashed; shots fired

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

An on-campus rivalry took a turn for the worse when one group of BBD University students opened fire in the house of a rival in Chinhat and thrashed him and his family on Friday night. Luckily though, the victim and his family managed to dodge the bullets. As per reports, Vijay Chaudhary of Govind Vihar Colony in Chinhat is a student of BCom final year. He is said to have been at loggerheads with Vinay Thakur, Manish Singh and Dev Thakur. A couple of days back, Vijay and his supporters had a showdown with the above-named students but some senior students intervened and the issues subsided.

Around 10.30 pm On Friday, Vinay, Manish and Dev along with 20 supporters stormed the house of Vijay. "They started rapping the doors when we were going to retire to bed. My father Jai Ram Chaudhary

opened the doors after which the miscreants entered my house. They started abusing all of us and opened fire when we confronted them. We hid under the bed in other rooms and called police in the meantime. However, the miscreants had fled the scene by the time police could reach there," Vijay said. A police spokesman said a case for rioting while armed with weapons, abusing and for murderous assault had been registered in this connection.

"The police are searching for the accused named in the case. After their arrest, the name of other attackers will be clear and they will also be arrested. We are collecting CCTV footages to identify the unidentified miscreants," the spokesman said. He rubbished reports of incessant firing at the house of the victim and said the police recovered two bullet shells from the scene. Contrary to police claim, kin of the victim said the miscreants fired more than ten rounds.

LESA employee killed in freak road mishap

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

A lineman working on contractual basis with Lucknow Electric Supply Authority (LESA) was killed in a freak mishap while fixing a snag in Chinhat on the intervening night of Friday and Saturday. The deceased was identified as Om Prakash Gautam of Barabanki.

As per reports, Om Prakash, along with 5-6 other employees, was sent to a place near KTL Company in Chinhat (Faizabad road) to repair a broken overhead wire. Around 2.30 am, he caught one end of the wire after power sub-station officials stopped power supply and moved to the other end of the road. In the meantime, a truck passed by and the wire got stuck in it. As the truck moved ahead, Om Prakash had his right leg entangled in the wire. He was dragged several feet by the truck. He sustained grievous head injuries. He was rushed to KGMU Trauma Centre where he was declared brought dead. The incident sparked a protest by LESA employees who demanded compensation for the kin of the victim and arrest of the errant truck driver. A police spokesman said a case

OM PRAKASH WAS PREPARING TO REPAIR A BROKEN OVERHEAD WIRE WHEN A SPEEDING TRUCK PASSED BY AND THE WIRE GOT STUCK IN IT. HE HAD HIS RIGHT LEG ENTANGLED IN THE WIRE. HE WAS DRAGGED SEVERAL FEET BY THE TRUCK

was registered in this connection and the executive engineer had given Rs 5 lakh as compensation to the family of the deceased. Om Prakash was the only breadwinner in his family.

Meanwhile, a class IX student was killed in a road mishap in Banthra on Friday morning. Reports said the victim, identified as Nitin (14) of Tirwa village, was going to his school on a bicycle. When he reached the road, a speeding vehicle knocked his bicycle from behind. Due to heavy impact, he suffered head injuries. Passersby rushed him to a private hospital where he was declared brought dead.

Teacher accused of molesting class IV girl

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

A school teacher was accused of outraging the modesty of a class VI girl in Itaura. The school manager allegedly tried to go for a negotiation instead of helping the family of the girl lodge a police complaint. A case was registered against the prime accused while the manager was booked for criminal intimidation.

The accused teacher was identified as Vikas while the police were unaware about the name of school manager, popularly known as Agarwal. As per reports, the teacher used to make amorous advances towards the girl and would often call her in his chamber.

"My girl looked very sad when she returned home on August 14. When I asked her the reason, she explained in detail about her teacher's act. I went to the school to complain to the manager but he asked me to negotiate with the accused or be prepared for worse. He also told me and my daughter out of the school," her mother alleged.

She further alleged that the police did not take her complaint and she had to petition her case to BKT circle officer to get her case registered.

Man claiming to be army personnel dupes man of ₹70K

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

A man, posing as an armyman transferred to Kashmir, duped a Madaon resident of Rs 70,000 in the name of selling a motorcycle. Reports said Amit Singh of Priyadarshi Colony went through an advertisement regarding sale of a motorcycle on a website. As he called the seller to seek further information, the latter introduced himself as Srikant. He claimed to be an armyman and said he was selling the motorcycle as he had been transferred to Kashmir. An unsuspecting Amit sent cash through UPI and asked Srikant to deliver the motorcycle to him. "I was asked to pay Rs 25,000 as transportation charges then. A little later, I got a call from another man who introduced himself as the agent of a transport company. I sensed something fishy and told Srikant that I will pay the money only after I get the motorcycle. He asked me to pick up the bike from Basant Kunj locality on IIM road. When I reached there, I did not find any one there. When I called Srikant, he did not give any satisfactory reply to me," he told the police.

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Second Prize (01 No.)	₹ 30,000/-	₹ 30,000/-
Third Prize (01 No.)	₹ 20,000/-	₹ 20,000/-
Consolation (10 No.s)	₹ 7,500/-	₹ 7,500/-

National Level Awards

Awards	Group A	Group B
First Prize (01 No.)	₹ 1,00,000/- Plus Laptop & Fixed Deposit of ₹ 1,00,000/-	₹ 1,00,000/- Plus Laptop & Fixed Deposit of ₹ 1,00,000/-
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Third Prize (01 No.)	₹ 30,000/- Plus Laptop & Fixed Deposit of ₹ 30,000/-	₹ 30,000/- Plus Laptop & Fixed Deposit of ₹ 30,000/-
Consolation (10 No.s)	₹ 15,000/- each	₹ 15,000/- each

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बैंक ऑफ बड़ोदा Bank of Baroda

POSSESSION NOTICE
(Rule 8 (1))
(For Immovable Property)

Whereas the under signed being the Authorised Officer of the Erstwhile "Vijaya Bank", Now Bank of Baroda, Branch- Aliganj, Lucknow, under the Securitisation and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, has issued a Demand Notice calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of Receipt of the said notice.

under the Securitisation and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, has issued a Demand Notice calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of Receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Rules the Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Erstwhile "Vijaya Bank", Now Bank of Baroda, Branch- Aliganj, Lucknow, The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Sr. No.	Name of Account /Borrower	Details of immovable properties	Date of Demand Notice Possession Notice	Outstanding Amount
Branch - Aliganj, Lucknow				
1.	Borrower- Mr. Vinay Kumar S/o Shyam Lal and Mrs. Suman W/o Vinay Kumar	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of EWS House No. H-5/287, Situated at Barawan Khurd, Amrapali Yojna Ward, Hardoi Road yojna ward, Lucknow Bounded: North- House No.5/306, South- 6.00 mtr Wide road, East- House No.5/286, West- House No. H-5/288	07-06-2019 21-08-2019	Rs. 1889454.85 and interest and charges thereon
2.	Borrower Mr. Sameer Babu S/o Masuk Ali and Mrs. Rajiya Afrin W/o Sameer Babu	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of EWS House No. H-5/318, Situated at Amrapali Yojna, Hardoi Road, Lucknow, Bounded: North- House No.5-317, South- 6.00 mtr Wide road, East- 6.00 mtr Wide road, West- House No. H-5-319	07-06-2019 20-08-2019	Rs. 2628626.55 and interest and charges thereon
3.	Borrower- Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Singh Chandel S/o Karan Singh and Meena Singh W/o Sanjeev Kumar Singh	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Flat No. B-4/01/01, Ground Floor Type- B, One Bedroom, admeasuring 47.93 Sq Mtr., situated at Block, B-04, Sulabh Awas Sector-1, Gomti Nagar Extension Scheme, Lucknow, Bounded: Adjoining: Stair Case On Top: B-04/11/01 At Bottom: Nil	07-06-2019 19-08-2019	Rs. 579276.73 and interest and charges thereon
4.	Borrower- M/s Seth General Store Prop. Mr. Alokith Seth	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of House No. B-1/32A, Sector-B, Aliganj Street and city expansion yojna, Lucknow Bounded: North- Portion of Mr. Vineet Seth, South- Remaining Portion of the house, East- 30 ft Wide Road, West- Portion of Mrs. Shobha Mehrotra	07-06-2019 19-08-2019	Rs. 2066975.00 and interest and charges thereon
5.	Borrower- Mohd Nazeem S/o Mr. Badu 2. Sri Wasim S/o Mohd Nazeem 3. Mooina W/o Mohd Nazeem	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of House No. E-1/32, Type - EWS, Situated at Sector-1, Jankipuram Yojna, Lucknow Bounded: North- House No. 1/67, South- 4.50 mtr Wide road, East- House No. 1/33, West- House No. 1/31	07-06-2019 19-08-2019	Rs. 1812646.44 and interest and charges thereon

Place : Lucknow, Date : 25.08.2019 Authorised Officer, Bank Of Baroda

उत्तर प्रदेश पावर ट्रान्समिशन कॉरपोरेशन लिमिटेड, निविदा सूचना संख्या-04/HQ/ECTD-(L)/2019-20 एवं 05/ECTD-1(L)/2019-20 अघोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता द्वारा निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु पृथक-पृथक मुहूर्तवद निविदा दो भागों में, प्रथम भाग में धरोहर धनराशि एवं अर्हता तथा द्वितीय भाग में स्पेसिफिकेशन एवं दर, इच्छुक अनुभवी एवं प्रतिष्ठित ठेकेदारों/ट्रेडिंग एजेंसी से कार्यालय में उपलब्ध निविदा पत्रिका अथवा स्प्रीड-पोस्ट के माध्यम से आमंत्रित की जाती है, जिनकी विज्ञापित दिनांक 25.09.2019 तक तथा प्राप्ति व सार्वजनिक रूप से खोले जाने की तिथि दिनांक 26.09.2019 को क्रमशः 15:00 बजे व 15:30 बजे होगी। निविदा सूचना संख्या-04/HQ/ECTD-(L)/2019-20 1. मुख्य अभियन्ता (जानपद) पारंपर-द्वितीय, उद्योगाट्टा/काठको लो के विभागीय प्रयोगार्थ एक अदद डीजल (डीजल विभाग द्वारा देय) चलित इन्वोय अथवा समकक्ष वाहन, मय ड्राईवर किराये पर लिये जाने का कार्य। कार्य की अवधि 12 माह, धरोहर धनराशि ₹ 10,00,000 (₹ 10 लाख मात्र) निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य ₹ 560.00 (जीएएसटी सहित)। 2. महाप्रबन्धक (लेखा एवं सम्भाल) उद्योगाट्टा/काठको लो के विभागीय प्रयोगार्थ एक अदद डीजल (डीजल विभाग द्वारा देय) चलित इन्वोय अथवा समकक्ष वाहन, मय ड्राईवर किराये पर लिये जाने का कार्य। कार्य की अवधि 12 माह, धरोहर धनराशि ₹ 5,00,000 (₹ 5 लाख मात्र) निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य ₹ 550.00 (जीएएसटी सहित)। 3. अधीक्षण अभियन्ता (प्रणाली नियंत्रण), उद्योगाट्टा/काठको लो के विभागीय प्रयोगार्थ एक अदद डीजल (डीजल विभाग द्वारा देय) चलित इन्वोय अथवा समकक्ष वाहन, मय ड्राईवर किराये पर लिये जाने का कार्य। कार्य की अवधि 12 माह, धरोहर धनराशि ₹ 7,00,000 (₹ 7 लाख मात्र) निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य ₹ 560.00 (जीएएसटी सहित)। 4. अधीक्षण अभियन्ता (सीएलसी प्रकोष्ठ), उद्योगाट्टा/काठको लो के विभागीय प्रयोगार्थ एक अदद डीजल (डीजल विभाग द्वारा देय) चलित इन्वोय अथवा समकक्ष वाहन, मय ड्राईवर किराये पर लिये जाने का कार्य। कार्य की अवधि 12 माह, धरोहर धनराशि ₹ 5,00,000 (₹ 5 लाख मात्र) निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य ₹ 560.00 (जीएएसटी सहित)। 5. उद्योगाट्टा/काठको लो पूल के लिए विभागीय प्रयोगार्थ एक अदद डीजल (डीजल विभाग द्वारा देय) चलित इन्वोय अथवा समकक्ष वाहन, मय ड्राईवर किराये पर लिये जाने का कार्य। कार्य की अवधि 12 माह, धरोहर धनराशि ₹ 7,00,000 (₹ 7 लाख मात्र) निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य ₹ 560.00 (जीएएसटी सहित)। निविदा धरोहर धनराशि जो 'Ex.En., E.C.T.D.-1, U.P.P.T.C.L., Lucknow' के पंजाब नेशनल बैंक, आलम्बाबाग, लखनऊ Punjab National Bank, Alambabaag, Lucknow के A/C. No. 0301002100037021 में RTGS/NEFT के माध्यम से सीधे खाते में जमा की जायेगी। पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा। उक्त निविदा की अन्य शर्तें तथा मात्रा बीजक इत्यादि का विस्तृत विवरण <https://upptcl.org> साइट पर प्राप्त किया जा सकता है। अधिशासी अभियन्ता, विद्युत जानपद पारंपर खण्ड-प्रथम, उद्योगाट्टा/काठको लो परिसर, विद्युत खण्ड, गोमतीनगर, लखनऊ पंजाब-953 दिनांक 24.08.2019 "सद्विहित में विजली बचाए"।

CITYBRIEFS



DEFENCE MINISTER VISITS CENTRAL COMMAND

As a part of his visit, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh reached Central Command Headquarters and 11 Gorkha Rifles Regimental Centre. The visit commenced with a solemn wreath-laying ceremony at Smritika, the Central Command war memorial. Singh was given a comprehensive brief by Lt Gen Abhay Krishna, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Central Command, on operational and administrative issues. During his visit to 11 Gorkha Rifles Regimental Centre, Singh visited the training facilities and also witnessed a demonstration on a variety of training activities such as para-sliding, rock climbing and martial arts. He also had a 'Bada Khana' with the troops where he interacted freely with the personnel posted at Lucknow and recruits at the training centre. He expressed confidence in the combat capability and operational readiness of Central Command. He also expressed satisfaction on the efforts being made by Central Command to ensure welfare and administration of its soldiers and veterans.

AWWA DAY



Army Wives' Welfare Association (AWWA) Day celebration concluded at Surya Command on Friday (August 23). The theme for AWWA Day this year was 'Year of Next of Kin'. Bibha Krishna, regional president of AWWA, was the chief guest at the event which commenced with the lighting of traditional lamp and AWWA song, followed by a variety of cultural programmes and felicitations of families at Lt Puneet Dutt Auditorium. The celebrations covered a large number of welfare activities involving the families of soldiers over the last three days. In addition to a medical and dental health check-up camp, a lecture on 'Awareness on Issues Concerning NOK' and 'May I Help You' counter for renewal of canteen and ECHS cards were set up for families as part of celebrations. Veer Naris and widows of Lucknow district were also felicitated by Bibha Krishna. The celebrations also included a plantation

AWARENESS EVENT

Swayam Siddha, in association with an oil company, organised an environment awareness event, 'Blue: The Colour of Survival', at Urdu Akademi. The event commenced with a 'nukkad natak' titled 'Pani Ki Chhitti' by class XI students of CMS, Mahanagar. Prashansa Gupta spoke about the initiatives taken by the agency for restoring groundwater through community participation in Banda, Bundelkand.

3-year-old girl's body found abandoned

Lucknow (PNS): The body of a girl aged around three years was recovered from near Hariom Sewa Sansthan (beside Queen Mary's Hospital) in Chowk on Friday. As per reports, some commuters spotted the body lying on the roadside and alerted the police. A police spokesman said the body appeared to be a day old and bore no injury marks. "The body appeared to be around 8-10 days old and the deceased was aged around 35," Para SHO Triloki Singh said.

person who may have dumped the girl there," he said. Meanwhile, the body of a man was recovered from a canal alongside the road between Dr Shakuntala Misra National Rehabilitation University and Para police station on Friday. Police claimed that the body bore no injury marks. "The body appeared to be around 8-10 days old and the deceased was aged around 35," Para SHO Triloki Singh said.

ELECTROCUTED

A youth, identified as Naseem Ahmad of Malihabad, died after he suffered an electric shock in the locality on Friday evening. Report said an overhead electric wire had snapped and was lying near a primary school. Naseem inadvertently came in contact with the wire and suffered an electric shock. He was taken to a hospital where he was declared brought dead.

which collided with a loader. He was rushed to a hospital where he was declared brought dead.

Meanwhile, a 40-year-old slum-dweller was found hanging from a tree in Gazipur police station area on Saturday morning. The deceased, identified as Vijay of a slum area in Ismailganj locality, was a native of Barabanki and worked as a janitor at a gymnasium in Indira Nagar (sector 12). Vijay was found hanging from a tree with a saree tied around his neck. "He was mentally upset and ended his life due to the same reason," police claimed.

drive by the families, including children, at Army Public School.

ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP

The 59th National Inter State Seniors Athletics Championship-2019 is being organised jointly by PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industries and UP Athletics Association at PAC Athletics Stadium from August 27 to 30. As per the National Athletics Calendar which was decided in April 2018, the championship was allotted to West Bengal Athletics Association and it was supposed to be held at Kolkata from July 13 to 16. Due to some reasons, the organisers showed their inability to host this championship and AFI received this message during the first week of June. AFI asked UP Athletics Association to host this championship.

CONSULTATIVE PROCESS

Bank of Baroda, convener of State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC) for Uttar Pradesh, convened the consultative process under the aegis of SLBC in its efforts to review internal performance, reinforce alignment with national agenda and contribute to the strengthening of macro economy. These state-level consultations were part of the stage-2 deliberations following the two-day consultative intra-bank workshops that were held on August 17 and 18



in stage 1, involving all branches of public sector banks at the regional level, which led to generation of a number of implementable and innovative suggestions on how PSBs in general can improve their performance. The suggestions and ideas that were discussed at the regional level were further deliberated upon at the state level consultations held on August 22 & 23. The meeting was attended by Bank of Baroda MD & CEO PS Jayakumar and senior officials from state government, Reserve Bank of India, NABARD Industry Associations.

City girl among finalists of online beauty pageant

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

Shreya Singh Chauhan, a Lucknowite who has completed her schooling from Loreto Convent Intermediate College, has done the city proud. Shreya (20) is one of the 50 finalists selected from among more than 1900 entries of TGPC's Miss India Season 7. This is the first ever online beauty pageant in the world which provides a platform to young girls to showcase their talents and groom them for further career opportunities in pageantry.



Delhi. She loves dancing, writing, fashion designing, painting and volunteering for social

causes. Asked about the reason for participating in the competition, she said: "I always had a passion for fashion designing and modelling. I have always believed in taking small steps to reach my goal. But most importantly, I believe this contest will be a great platform to voice my concerns and raise awareness for women empowerment among young females of the country and how they can use their skills and talents to be more independent".

Her participation will be a significant achievement towards her goal and will further strengthen and encourage her to work for the cause she believes in.

JAITLEY'S DEMISE...

A suave and modern face who won the saffron party new allies and remained a bridge between the so-called hard and soft ideologues, the late BJP leader never fancied himself to be charmed by the 'extreme-line' of politics in the BJP even as he took logical road to defend party's ideological convictions at all forums as its senior leader and main spokesperson.

Soon after party's defeat in 2004 when party held its National Executive in Mumbai with the talk of 'succession' in the air and party leaders articulating themselves as who would be Atal Bihari's 'Laxman' or 'Hanuman', Jaitley used to give a broad smile when asked as in what role he sees himself in the ongoing 'Ramayan' "I am not into it," he said wryly with a smile on his face.

Despite being one of the most powerful decision maker in the BJP Governments, he was a happy and good natured man with nice manners. And he had a very good sense of humour that he would appreciate in others. Jaitley, known for his deft strategic moves and ready articulation, all through his political journey tread a middle-path and as to his own admission was not a given to take "extreme positions" in political and ideological battles.

"I have friends in all political parties and have good relations with...," he said one of his umpteenth 'de-briefings' in his room number 27 at Parliament house where scribes would go to get the pulse of the government which was turning difficult to 'feel' with a kind of 'iron curtain' around the working of the party and government in the post-Vajpayee era. Jaitley held his sway as party saw many ups and downs in its fortune, particularly after the surprise defeat at the hustings in 2004 and power struggle that followed with Narendra Modi seen to be the main challenger to the throne at Delhi. An experienced lawyer, the late leader, had by the time emerged as a close confidante and advisor to Modi and was one of the first to back his candidature as BJP's Prime Ministerial candidate.

BJP LOSES...

His death is another jolt to the BJP after the demise of Sushma Swaraj, a contemporary of Jaitley and one of its prominent faces, on August 6. Party leaders mourned Jaitley's loss, remembering him as a dear colleague, mentor and guide and hailing his contribution to the growth of the party and the nation. Jaitley, an urbane and media-savvy leader and a legal luminary, was one of the sharpest political minds not only within the BJP but also in the larger political spectrum where he made lifelong allies cutting across the ideological divide. Paying homage to Jaitley, Congress chief Sonia Gandhi and other Opposition leaders said his contribution to public life will be remembered forever. A gifted raconteur whose interest spanned from politics to Bollywood to sports, his informal gatherings were always a full house as journalists, friends and politicians enjoyed his wit, sarcasm -- which singled his colleagues and adversaries alike -- and grasp of issues that he delivered in his ever relaxed and warm demeanour. Jaitley was the bridge that the BJP used to win over new allies, and also its warm, affable and persuasive face to bring Opposition parties around on key issues. JD(U) president and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar was his personal friend for decades after he played a key role in ensuring that he is projected as the chief ministerial candidate of the BJP-led National

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Democratic Alliance.

Jaitley had undergone a renal transplant on May 14 last year at AIIMS, and his health condition gradually worsened, forcing him to take frequent breaks from his work. He was also diagnosed with soft tissue cancer. He opted out of the second term of the BJP-led NDA Government as Modi led the saffron party to a landslide win in May this year.

RAHUL DETAINED...

Media persons alleged they were manhandled by the security personnel without ascribing any reasons at the Srinagar airport. After returning from Srinagar, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said that the media persons who were with the delegation were mishandled and beaten up and the situation in Jammu and Kashmir "clearly is not normal". After landing at the Delhi airport, Rahul Gandhi said that the delegation wanted to get a sense of what people were going through in the region but "we were not allowed beyond the airport".

Rahul Gandhi said, "Some days ago I was invited by the governor to visit J&K. I accepted the invitation. We wanted to get a sense of what people are going through, but we weren't allowed beyond the airport. Press people with us were mishandled, beaten. It's clear that the situation in J&K isn't normal." Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad, who was accompanying Rahul Gandhi on his visit to Kashmir, said that the situation in Srinagar is "terrifying". "We weren't allowed to go to the city, but the situation in J&K is terrifying. The stories we heard from the passengers of Kashmir present in our flight, would bring tears even to a stone," Ghulam Nabi Azad said. On their arrival in Srinagar, senior officers had reportedly informed the leaders of the delegation that in view of imposition of Section 144 of CrPc they cannot be permitted to step out of Srinagar airport. The delegation comprising leaders from the Congress party, CPI-M, CPI, RJ, NCP, TMC and DMK wanted to visit Srinagar to interact with the local residents, and meet state politicians who were put under house arrest for past 20 days. Rahul Gandhi was accompanied by Ghulam Nabi Azad, KC Venugopal, from the Congress party while CPI-M's Sitaram Yechury, CPI's D Raja, LJD's Sharad Yadav, JD(S) MP

D Kupendra Reddy, DMK's Tiruchi Siva, RJD's Manoj Jha and Dinesh Trivedi from TMC were also part of the delegation. Reacting strongly to the visit of opposition leaders led by Rahul Gandhi, Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Governor Satya Pal Malik on Saturday said that he had invited Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to Kashmir out of goodwill. Satya Pal Malik also said that while he had invited Rahul Gandhi purely out of goodwill, the Congress leader started politicising the J&K issue.

LEADERS THROG...

"Jaitley was one of the finest politicians in the country. He was a great human being and an excellent orator. I shared very good relations with him. Nothing will be able to make up for this loss. Delhi will miss him," Kejriwal said.

Delhi BJP president Manoj Tiwari also paid homage to Jaitley. He said the nation has lost a great economist and an advocate. Jaitleyji had great affection for the people of Delhi. He had been guiding Delhi BJP from time to time."

A number of Delhi BJP leaders, party MPs Gautam Gambhir, Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore and Parvesh Sahib Singh Verma paid floral tributes to the senior BJP leader. SAD chief Sukhbir Singh Badal and his wife and Union Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal were also present at the former Union finance minister's residence. Late Atal Bihari Vajpayee's foster daughter Namita Kaul also laid wreath on Jaitley's body.

Jaitley was a leader of both eras from former Prime Minister of India Atal Bihari Vajpayee to Modi-Shah, Jaitley's demise is a huge loss for BJP leaders. "In 1977, being the convener of the Loktantric Yuva Morcha at a time when the Congress suffered a humiliating defeat in the General Elections, I (Jaitley) was appointed the president of the Delhi ABVP and All India Secretary of the ABVP. Later, I headed the youth wing of the BJP as its president," a few lines from Jaitley's blog quoted. West Delhi MP Parvesh Sahib Singh Verma said, "I cannot believe we have lost him. It is a massive loss to the nation and to me personally. We will continue to follow the path he showed. He told us Rome was not built in a day and one needs to make continuous efforts to accomplish. He loved me like a son."

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Notice Inviting E-Tender

Golden Opportunity for Cargo Operators and Transporters to be a partner with Northern Railway through contracts of leasing of Parcel Space in 15 M/Exp. Trains originating from different stations of Lucknow Division. Tender Notice for Leasing of SLR space for a period of five years. The Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Lucknow invites E-tender from Registered Lease Holders of Lucknow Division" with applicable GST registered under CPLP-2014 for the contract of leasing of SLR spaces in the following trains originating from various stations over Lucknow Division.

Tender Opening Date	25.09.2019	
Tender (Name of work)	Date & Time for online submission of Tender	Date & Time of opening of Tender
1/2019 Leasing of 4/3.9 tonnes SLR spaces of M/Exp. Trains originating from different stations of Lucknow Division for 5 years. Following Trains numbers are as under:- 11072, 19168, 14257, 14265, 12144, 12166, 11068, 12540, 19058, 22684, 19404, 13134, 12174, 20904, 17324	Upto 25.09.2019 till 15.00 hrs.	25.09.2019 at 15.30 hrs.

Interested registered leaseholders may submit bid through E-tendering only by registering themselves on the Portal i.e. www.parcel.indianrail.gov.in. Online bid can be submitted up to 15:00 hrs. Dt. 25.09.2019 on the web portal i.e. www.parcel.indianrail.gov.in with individual 'User ID & password' provided. The bidding will close at hrs on 15:00 hrs Dt. 25.09.2019. Details of the Notice Inviting Tender, Terms & Conditions and Agreement will be available on the website of Northern Railway <https://www.ireps.gov.in/> Online bid in the system along with tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like Net banking, Debit Card, Credit Card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's Cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc are not allowed.

Note:
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Notice No. C/SLR Leasing Contract-2019/KS 2728/19

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SYMPOSIUM

Archit Narayan, a class X student of St Joseph College (Sitapur Road), stood third in National Science Symposium held at Prayagraj. The symposium organised by the Education department on August 22. The topic of the symposium was "The Impact of Periodic Table on Human Welfare". The aim was to commemorate the 150th year of the Periodic Table. After bagging first position in the district level and zonal level of the symposium, Archit ended up third at state level. His presentation was appreciated by all the eminent guests and professors.

ODYSSEY INTERNATIONAL

'Odyssey International-2019', a four-day International English Literary Fest organised by City Montessori School, Rajajipuram Campus I, concluded with a closing ceremony on Saturday. Winners of various competitions from India and abroad were awarded shields, medals and certificates. The overall championship of Odyssey

International-2019 went to Springdale Senior School, Amritsar, whereas the runner-up trophy was bagged by CMS, Rajajipuram Campus I. Earlier, the chief guest on the occasion was managing director of Uttar Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation Raj Shekhar, who inaugurated the closing ceremony and gave away prizes to the winners.



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DM reviews preparations ahead of Moharram



Lucknow (PNS): District Magistrate Kaushal Raj Sharma presided over a meeting to review arrangements for Moharram at Collectorate on Saturday. The Moharram month will start from September 1. Processions are taken out on the first day besides seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth. The DM said all the arrangements being made by LESA, PWD, Nagar Nigam, Jal Sansthan and other government departments should be completed by August 30. He said that in Chowki Nakkhas and Hussainabad, cops should be deployed in three shifts to maintain law and order. He directed Setu Nigam officials to stop work for the construction of overbridge in Old City for a period of six days and ensure that the portions of the bridge where waterlogging took place were repaired.

Modi's global outreach holds...

Without being explicit, he sought an unspoken alliance between the jihadis, the Islamists and the Muslim nationalists on the one hand and the human rights industry, the wet liberals and the campus radicals looking for a cause. Above all, he sought to draw in anyone who was pathologically opposed to the Modi Government. All these divergent strands would be united in a grand alliance to undermine the moral backbone of Indian democracy. Meanwhile, presumably, the ISI would continue its covert backing of terrorism all over India, and not merely in the Kashmir Valley.

It is astonishing that this speech of Imran Khan — which no doubt has the endorsement of the 'deep' Pakistan state — hasn't received greater attention in India. It is by far the most explicit elaboration of how Pakistan, from a position of weakness, is seeking to regain the upper hand. I know it is thought to be crude to join the shrill nationalist outrage against the tukde tukde gang. But should we bank on aesthetics to offer a kid glove treatment of those who — maybe unwittingly — are following a script written in Pakistan. India's liberals think they are virtuous and brave by resisting the will of the majority. I, however, see no virtue in becoming a puppet of a disagreeable neighbour. As our liberals feed the Pakistan narrative in the Western media, the campuses and in the literary salons, do they realise that Islamabad thinks of them as the proverbial 'useful idiots'?

Leaders across party lines pay tributes to Jaitley

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Transcending ideological divide, top leaders from the political spectrum paid rich tributes to former Finance Minister Arun Jaitley who died at the AIIMS here on Saturday. The senior BJP leader breathed his last at AIIMS, where he was admitted on August 9 and was treated by a multidisciplinary team of senior officers. He was 66.

In his condolence message, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said he has lost a valued friend, whom he had known for decades. "His insight on issues and nuanced understanding of matters had very few parallels. He lived well, leaving us all with innumerable happy memories. We will miss him!" Modi said in a series of tweets.

Stating that Jaitley and the BJP had an unbreakable bond, Modi said "As a fiery student leader, he was at forefront of protecting our democracy during the Emergency. He became a much liked face of our Party, who could articulate the Party programmes and ideology to a wide spectrum of society."

President Ram Nath Kovind also condoled the death and said he was extremely saddened. "A brilliant lawyer, a seasoned parliamentarian, and a distinguished Minister, he contributed immensely to nation building," the President said.

"Shri Arun Jaitley possessed a unique ability of discharging the most onerous responsibility with poise, passion and studied understanding. His passing leaves a huge void in our public life and our intellectual ecosystem. Condolences to his family and associates," Kovind said.



Senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad consoles family members of former Finance Minister Arun Jaitley at Greater Kailash in New Delhi on Saturday

Legal experts condole demise, call BJP leader crusader

New Delhi: Eminent jurists on Saturday said that with the passing away of senior BJP leader Arun Jaitley, the country has lost a legal luminary, an outstanding politician and a crusader who came to the help of all and never succumbed to any provocations.

Former solicitor general Ranjit Kumar and senior advocates Rakesh Dwivedi and Ajit Sinha described him as a person without any "malice" and a man with "intelligent brain".

"He never used to get angry whatsoever be the provocation," Kumar, who had worked closely with Jaitley, told PTI.

While Dwivedi said the former Union minister was an "eminent lawyer", Sinha said he always worked for the "welfare and upliftment of the bar". Jaitley, who was a senior advocate, had a thumping practice as a lawyer in the courts, especially Delhi High Court, before he was made minister in the BJP government. Kumar said that Jaitley's demise is "a great loss to the nation and a most outstanding person one can think of has passed away".

He said that Jaitley was a person without any malice and was available for everyone without any discrimination and whosoever reached out to him was heard.

"First of all, Arun Jaitley was a good friend

of mine and he was an eminent lawyer as long as he was practising both in the Supreme Court and the high court," Dwivedi said, adding, "he had the intelligent brain and was an articulate speaker".

He said usually people can think but cannot articulate. However, Jaitley who was very soft spoken and friendly had a "rare combination" of both, he added. Sinha, who is also a former high court judge, described Jaitley as a "crusader" who was first in the family to become a legal luminary.

Apart from that, Jaitley always worked for the welfare and upliftment of the bar and was ready to help those who use to come before him for genuine cause, Sinha said.

"He was an excellent thinker, orator, strategist and was the think-tank of the BJP government," Sinha said, adding that Jaitley used to keep the choicest watches and pens.

Dwivedi said that Jaitley was one of the finest finance ministers ever.

"We have lost a good friend, a good lawyer and good politician," he said, adding, "The government will be missing him because he was an important speaker. Though the prime minister and other important ministers like home ministers are themselves good speakers, but Arun Jaitley had his own place." PTI

Stating that Jaitley as "a long time dear friend and one of my closest associates", Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu said he was deeply shocked to learn about his demise. "His death is an irreparable loss to the nation and a personal loss to me. I have no words to express my grief," he said.

BJP chief and Union Home Minister Amit Shah said Jaitley's death was a personal loss for him. "I am deeply saddened by the death of Arun Jaitley. His untimely demise is a personal loss for me. I have lost not only a senior leader of the organization but also an integral member of the family whose support and guidance I have been receiving for years," Shah tweeted.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said, "Jaitley will always be remembered for pulling the economy out of the gloom and putting it back on the right track. The BJP will miss Arunji's presence. I extend my heartfelt condolences to his bereaved family."

BJP veteran L K Advani fondly remembered Jaitley as a man with a deeply analytical mind who the party depended on for finding solutions to complex issues. "A dedicated party worker for decades, he was someone who was inducted into the BJP core team when I was Party President and he soon rose to become one of the most prominent leaders of the party," Advani said in a statement.

BJP's working president JP Nadda recalled Jaitley's fiery speeches in Parliament and said that the senior leader's smiling face as he dealt with tough situations will always remain with the party members.

"His beliefs will always be our guide. The demise of Arun Jaitley has created a vacuum in Indian politics which can never be filled. With responsibilities of both the party and the government, Arunji has always been dedicated to the service of the nation. Be it strengthening the Indian economy or its defence, his role in placing India in the front row in the world is incomparable," said Nadda.

BJP ally and Union minister Ramvilas Paswan remem-

bered him as one of the tallest leaders and also a fine human being. Jaitley was also a reliable troubleshooter for the BJP, he said, recalling his contribution during the first BJP-led NDA government headed by Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

The Congress said, "We are deeply saddened to hear the passing of Shri Arun Jaitley. Our condolences to his family. Our thoughts and prayers are with them in this time of grief. Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh described him as an eminent lawyer, an excellent orator, a very good administrator and an outstanding parliamentarian."

Congress President Sonia Gandhi expressed deep pain

and distress at the passing away of Jaitley. Jaitley had a long innings as a public figure, parliamentarian and minister and his contributions to public life will forever be remembered, she said.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal called Jaitley's demise a huge loss for the nation. "Untimely demise of former FM and senior leader Sh Arun Jaitley ji is a huge loss to the nation. A legal luminary and an experienced political leader known for his governance skills will be missed by the country.

Thoughts and prayers with his family in this moment of grief. RIP," Kejriwal said.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said, "Extremely saddened at the passing away of Arun Jaitley Ji, after a battle bravely borne. An outstanding Parliamentarian & a brilliant lawyer, appreciated across parties. His contribution to Indian polity will be remembered. My condolences to his wife, children, friends & admirers," Banerjee said.

Former President Pranab Mukherjee said he had visited

him a day back and had prayed for his speedy recovery. "He was a leader with deep intellect and knowledge, and a voice of reason. He will be dearly missed. My prayers with his family, friends and admirers," Mukherjee said.

Chief Ministers of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Punjab as also Lt Governors of Puducherry and Governors of Jammu and Kashmir, Chhattisgarh, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh also condoled Jaitley's death.

Soli Sorabjee remembers Jaitley as easily accessible lawyer, Minister

New Delhi: Former attorney general Soli Sorabjee on Saturday mourned the death of former Union minister Arun Jaitley, and described him as a very honourable as well as easily accessible lawyer and minister.

Sorabjee, a senior advocate, remembered Jaitley as a rare kind of politician who was a combination of integrity and ability.

"He always thought of consensus and made efforts to win over the people across the spectrum. He was a rare kind of politician. He never had any bitterness for anybody," Sorabjee said.

Jaitley, who was a senior advocate, had a thumping practice as a lawyer in the courts, especially the Delhi High Court, before he was made minister in the BJP government. PTI

Rupani lauds people of Gujarat for relief efforts in Bihar floods

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani has lauded the efforts of the people of the State in contributing towards flood relief in Bihar led by a team of social workers Rishikesh Singh and Rampal under the banner of Bihar Flood Relief Material Committee.

In his appreciation note issued on Wednesday, Rupani said, "Flood has affected many areas of Bihar rendering a number of them homeless. In this difficult hour, items like clothing, food materials and other household items have been dispatched from Gujarat to Bihar," Rupani said, adding charity is a noble cause of humanity.

A train wagon load (25 tonnes) of relief material comprising rice flakes, jiggery, biscuits, water bottles garments,

sarees, rice, pulses, candles, packaged milk, medicines and sanitary napkins were collected from donors and dispatched from Ahmedabad to Darbhanga earlier this month.

The reserved railway wagon was flagged off by Ahmedabad District Collector Vikrant Pandey.

Apart from contributions from private individuals and entities especially Ahmedabad, Vadodara and Gandhinagar, a number of bureaucrats serving in Gujarat and Delhi also contributed with relief materials, said Convener of Bihar Flood Relief Material Committee Rishikesh Singh. Voluntary organizations like Saral Foundation and Chinmaya Welfare Trust also contributed in the welfare initiative where contribution was only received in kind and not money, Singh added.



Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and other dignitaries pose for a photograph after paying tribute to the former Lok Sabha speaker Balram Jakhar on his birth anniversary at Parliament House in New Delhi on Friday

People in Gujarat villages adopted by Jaitley mourn his death

Vadodara: People of a group of villages in Dabhoi taluka of Vadodara district on Saturday mourned the demise of BJP leader Arun Jaitley by downing shutters of shops and holding condolence meetings.

Jaitley, a three time Rajya Sabha MP from Gujarat, had adopted Karnali, Pipaliya, Vadia and Baglipura, all part of Karnali group panchayat, in December 2014 under the Centre's Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana. Jaitley died at AIIMS in Delhi on Saturday afternoon after prolonged illness. He was 66.

"People of Karnali and Pipaliya, Vadia and Baglipura expressed grief by closing shops and attending condolence meetings. Jaitley had rolled out a plan to modernise Karnali village, situated on the banks of Narmada river," Rajni Pandya, chief priest of a famous Lord Shiva temple here told PTI.

"Jaitley helped develop various facilities in Karnali where lakhs of Lord Shiva devotees visit the Kuber Bhandari temple every year," Pandya said.

Jaitley had spent a day in his adopted village on June 1, 2015, and had also laid the foundation stone of a water tank and modern post office. PTI

OFB workers call off nation-wide strike

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI/KOLKATA

The nation-wide strike by more than one lakh workers of 41 Ordnance Factories all over the country against proposed corporatisation of the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) was called off on Saturday after the Government assured that no final decision was taken on the matter. The production is likely to resume from Monday after the strike began on August 20.

Giving this information here on Saturday, defence ministry officials said the agitation was called off following talks with representatives of four recognized unions on Friday. While reaffirming that the proposed corporatisation of OFB is under examination of the Government, Secretary, Defence Production listened to the concerns expressed by the Employees Federations regarding how the benefits/interests of employees in terms of wages, health facilities and other service matters may be affected due to corporatisation of OFB.

The Employees Federations inter-alia suggested that their views should be considered while preparing the roadmap for increasing the turnover of the proposed entity from the current levels. After detailed deliberations, it was agreed to recommend to the government, the setting up

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of a high level official committee to interact with employees federations to examine their concerns and other aspects of the proposed new entity. The Federations on their part have agreed to withdraw the ongoing strike and continue with the process of dialogue. With this, employees will now be resuming their duties with effect from Monday, officials said.

A joint statement by the three recognised federations said they have taken a decision to "postpone" the ongoing strike from Monday (August 26), claiming that they have been assured by the government that no final decision has been taken to corporatise the ordnance factories, reported PTI from Kolkata.

The three recognized federations are All India Defence Employees Federation, the Indian National Defence Workers Federation and the Bharathiya Pratiraksha Mazdoor Sangh.

They claimed that they decided to postpone the ongoing strike, "considering the statement made by the Secretary, Defence Production,

such plans.

Continuing the process of dialogue which had started from 14 August 2019, the fourth meeting was held yesterday with the office bearers of AIDEF, INDWE, BPMS and CDRA under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DDP. While reaffirming that the proposed corporatisation of OFB is under examination of the Government, Secretary, DDP patiently listened to the concerns expressed by the Employees Federations regarding how the benefits/interests of employees in terms of wages, health facilities and other service matters may be affected due to corporatisation of OFB.

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Defence production at the ordnance factories, which manufacture sophisticated weapons and equipments from tanks and artillery guns to specialised vehicles and ammunition, was affected with the 82,000-strong work force going on a strike from August 20 to protest the Centre's plan to corporatise the Ordnance Factory Board.

The unions claimed that the government's motive was to ultimately privatise the defence production facilities of OFB, which is under the Defence ministry, while the government asserted that it has no

ISI likely to recruit J&K youths for suicide bombings via internet

Pak's intel agency already has gained expertise in hoodwinking a number of security forces' personnel through honey trapping

RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

Amid a strong security grid and controlled communications network in Jammu and Kashmir post-abrogation of Article 370, Pakistan's covert agency Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) is likely to exploit the services of online terror motivators to radicalize and recruit gullible youth for suicide bombings in the Indian hinterland and the Valley.

With the recent scrapping of Article 370 and bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir State into two Union Territories and a significant presence of security forces on the ground in the Valley, the Pakistan-sponsored terror groups are rattled according to Intelligence chatters and unwilling to cross over into the Indian side as of now, sources said.

According to the inputs, a number of Pakistani terror cadres are reluctant in entering the Valley to carry out subversive activities and been articu-

lating that the so called jihad is a responsibility of the Kashmiris themselves.

In this backdrop, ISI could resort to online radicalization of people in the Indian hinterland amid a lockdown in the Valley. When the telecommunication and internet restrictions are eased in Jammu and Kashmir in due course, the ISI would seek radicalization and recruitment of youth in the Valley to carry out terror attacks to register Pakistan's presence in Kashmir post scrapping of Article 370.

The ISI has been working 24 x 7 to gather content to malign India and Indian security forces by falsely projecting and propagating that normal law and order duties by the security forces in the Valley as excesses against the Kashmiris.

The ISI has already gathered data through social media platforms wherein a number of citizens have expressed their views against the scrapping of Article 370 and the restrictions on telecommunication networks in Jammu and Kashmir.

ISI already has gained expertise in hoodwinking a number of security forces' personnel through honey trapping initiatives to gather intelligence. "The ISI would now transfer the knowhow to exploit the

social media platforms and one to one communication apps like WhatsApp and Messenger to the terror groups for radicalizing and recruiting people in the Indian mainland as well as in Jammu and Kashmir," an official said, adding that recruiting people through online mode in the Valley is relatively easy as a section of the population is already radicalized due to the propaganda of terror banned groups like JKLF as also from the Hurriyat.

Since physical entry of terror recruiters is virtually next to impossible in J&K in the wake of strengthened security apparatus, the ISI is most likely to exploit the technological tools to further its terror agenda in the Valley. Such a shift in terror tactic by the Pakistani forces is also likely as Islamabad has been squeezed in terms of operational manoeuvrability after scrapping of the special status in the border State that has been victim of the arc of terror attacks for the last three decades by the Pakistani ISI-Army combine, said a counter-terrorism expert and added that the telecom restrictions should continue for some time till the time J&K police and counterparts in other States are fully geared to monitor the social media platforms.

Girls still fear that unless they marry, they won't get respect: Mumbai Court

Mumbai: It is an unfortunate aspect of the Indian society that girls still fear that unless they get married, they will not be respected in the society, a court here has observed.

Additional Sessions Judge HC Shende made these observations recently, while sentencing a 51-year-old man to 10 years of rigorous imprisonment for raping a woman in 2007.

According to the prosecution, the convict had raped the woman on the pretext of performing certain rituals to drive away evil spirits from her, which he said were posing hurdles in the way of her getting married.

"It is an unfortunate aspect of our Indian society...Girls are still under fear that unless they get married, they will not get respect in the

society. Unless they have a son, they will not get respect after marriage. That they will get respect in the society only when their marriage remains intact, they will get respect if they die before the husband," the judge observed.

"Out of the fear, they are coming under false promises, dreams showed to them by the person like the accused," she said.

According to the prosecution, the convict, Manoj Jani, used to run a marriage bureau in suburban Kandivali, where the 31-year-old victim was employed as a telephone operator in 2007.

Jani also worked as an astrologer and suggested solutions to various problems of people.

A few weeks after joining his office, the woman told him

about the problems she was facing in getting married.

Jani prepared her horoscope and told her that it was happening as she was possessed by evil spirits. He also told her that she would have to perform certain rituals and a 'puja' in order to drive away the spirits.

As part of the rituals, the convict made her consume "vibhuti" (sacred ash), following which she fell unconscious in his office. After that he raped her.

"The victim, who hailed from a poor family, was sexually assaulted on a false promise," the prosecution said.

"She was harassed by the accused even after she got married in 2013. When the situation worsened, her husband asked her to return to

her parents' place. Thereafter, the victim approached the police and lodged an FIR in 2015," it added.

The defence argued that the FIR was filed after a gap of seven years and the reason for the delay was not explained properly.

The judge, however, said, "We cannot apply a straight-jacket formula that if there is a delay in (filing) FIR, then all the criminals would be acquitted."

"We know that many a time, such offences even remain unreported and buried in the four walls due to the fear of defamation and humiliation in the society and at workplace. The legislatures are taking cognisance of such offences and hence, making laws to give protection to women...," she added. **PTI**

AFTER HOOGHLY SCHOOL SERVES BOILED RICE, SALT Bengal Govt fixes menu for mid-day meal in schools

Kolkata: After the shocking incident of boiled rice and salt served to students during mid-day meal in a school in Hooghly district came to light, the West Bengal Government has suspended two teachers of the institute and has also fixed a menu for the mid-day meal, an official said.

Two teachers of the Chunchura Banimandir Balika Bidyalaya have been suspended after footage of the students being served rice and salt triggered an outrage on Monday last prompting Education minister Partha Chatterjee to order a departmental probe into the incident and promise strict action.

A School Education department official said on Saturday that the two, one former teacher-in-charge and the other present

teacher-in-charge were put under suspension on Tuesday, a day after the incident was reported in tv channels and BJP MP Locket Chatterjee rushed to the school demanding all those found to be involved in giving rice and salt to the children instead of the scheduled routine menu be punished.

"We will take further action on the basis of probe which is still on," the official said but didn't divulge identity of the two teachers.

In the wake of the incident, the School Education department on Thursday sent notification to all District Magistrates asking them for strictly maintaining the menu and also gave a chart which specified on which date which type of menu will be served. A copy of the notification to the DM of East

Midnapore district specified - rice, dal, potato, vegetable curry will have to be served on Monday; rice, dal, egg/fish curry will be given on Tuesday; rice, dal, mixed vegetable will be given on Wednesday.

Rice, fish or egg curry, vegetables will be given on Thursday; rice dal, potato curry (posto) for Friday and rice dal, soyabean and potato curry for children on Saturday, it said.

All officials, in-charge of midday meals have been asked "to instruct all local level officers, education supervisors to visit cent percent schools" (all the schools) from August 24 to August 31 to monitor the mid-day meal is provided in a proper manner to the students and send compiled report everyday to the School Education department. **PTI**

Man arrested for giving triple talaq in Muzaffarnagar

Muzaffarnagar: A man has been arrested in Uttar Pradesh's Muzaffarnagar district for allegedly divorcing his wife by pronouncing the word 'talaq' thrice, a practice which has been criminalised, police said on Saturday.

A case has also been registered against four other members of the husband's family for allegedly beating up the woman, they said.

Officials said the woman has alleged that her husband along with his brother, sister-in-law, mother and father went to her house and thrashed her. The husband, Aas Mohd, then gave the woman 'triple talaq'. The incident happened on August 17 in New Mandi police station area and Aas Mohd was arrested on Friday. **PTI**

Sonia gives nod to Left-Cong alliance in West Bengal

Kolkata: Congress interim president Sonia Gandhi has given her nod to Congress-Left Front alliance in West Bengal for the upcoming assembly bypolls in the State following the party's dismal performance in the Lok Sabha polls in the state, top party sources said on Saturday.

Gandhi held a meeting with West Bengal Congress president Somen Mitra in Delhi on Friday night and discussed various organisational issues, including the upcoming assembly bypolls in the state, the sources said.

"We informed Sonijaji about the seat adjustment we are having with the Left Front for the upcoming by elections

in the state. She told us if the Left Front agrees then both the parties should go for an alliance in the state," Mitra said.

The seat adjustment decision was taken by the Congress state leadership when the party had no president after the resignation of Rahul Gandhi from the post. The nod was given by Sonia Gandhi, who was chosen the party's interim president earlier this month.

According to Congress sources, Gandhi's go ahead to the Congress-Left alliance is politically significant given TMC's recent call for uniting of all opposition forces in Bengal in a bid to stop the

march of BJP in the state.

"It is quite clear that Sonijaji despite sharing a good relation with TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee, has chosen the Left for forging an alliance. One of the reasons behind it is that in 2021 assembly polls the fight will be against the TMC government. So just in the name of opposing BJP we can't align with it (TMC)," a senior Congress leader.

The West Bengal Congress and the CPI(M) leaderships had recently sealed a seat adjustment for the upcoming bypolls in three Assembly seats in West Bengal to stop the march of the BJP and the Trinamool Congress in the State. **PTI**

Four held in TN, Kerala for LeT intrusion in TN

Kochi/Coimbatore: A man suspected to have links with terror outfits was on Saturday taken into custody from a Kerala court premises, while three people have been detained in Coimbatore in connection with the reported intrusion of six Lashkar-e-Taiba members into Tamil Nadu.

The three were taken into custody for interrogation on suspicion that they were in touch with terrorists and are being interrogated at an undisclosed place, police said in Coimbatore, as strict vigil continued in various parts of Tamil Nadu for the second day on Saturday. In Kerala, a man suspected to have links with terror



outfits was taken into custody by police from the premises of a court at Kochi, sources said.

Malayalam Television news channels aired video of the man being whisked away by police from the district court premises.

Police did not answer queries by the media. His lawyer told a channel

that the man from Kodungallur in Thrissur district, who returned from Bahrain two days ago, and a woman were picked up by police as they came to the court to move a plea to "prove his innocence" before law enforcement agencies following reports that he had links with LeT members who had reportedly intruded into Tamil Nadu from neighbouring Sri Lanka.

The Indian Navy has sounded a high alert at sea following intelligence inputs about the intrusion.

"... The Indian Navy continues to maintain its high alert situation at seas and in coastal areas," a defence spokesman told PTI in Kochi. **PTI**

5 Maoists dead, 2 jawans hurt in gunfight

Raipur (PTI): Five Maoists were killed in a gunfight with security forces in Narayanpur district of Chhattisgarh on Saturday, police said. Two jawans of the District Reserve Guard (DRG) were also injured in the gun-battle, they said.

"The exchange of fire took place around 6 am in the forest near Dhurbada village, located around 20 km away from Orcha police station in the district. It occurred when a DRG team was out on a counter-insurgency operation." Director General of Police (DGP) DM Awasthi told PTI. Acting on a specific intelligence input about the location of a Maoist training

camp in the interior forest of Orcha, about 350 km from Raipur, a team of DRG raided the place, he said. The gunfight lasted for around one-and-a-half hour, following which the ultras disappeared into the dense forest, he said. "During search operations, bodies of five Naxals were recovered from the spot. Besides, a huge cache of weapons was also seized from there," the officer said.

Two DRG personnel sustained injuries in the gunfight, he said, adding that efforts were on to move them from the forests. Further details will be known once the patrolling team returns to its camp, he added.

'Lost friend, guide in Jaitley demise'

VIJAY GOEL RECALLS LEADER'S FONDNESS FOR GOOD FOODS

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Former Union Minister Vijay Goel paid rich tributes to his multi-faceted friend Arun Jaitley on Saturday.

Jaitley, a former Union Finance Minister and a senior leader of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), passed away on Saturday at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) here, where he was undergoing treatment.

Goel, who knew Jaitley for nearly five decades, said he lost a "friend, colleague and guide" in his demise.

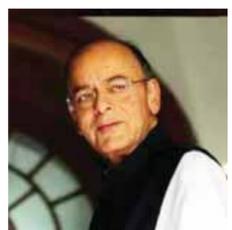
"I first met him in 1971 at the Sri Ram College of Commerce, where he was my senior. He was the president of the college students' union, while I was the secretary. Our relationship started as Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) activists and lasted for 48 years," the BJP leader

said. Recalling Jaitley's fondness for good food, he said, "He loved parathas very much. Whenever he visited my haveli (Dharampura Haveli) at Chandni Chowk, he would ask for parathas."

Jaitley spent 19 months in jail during the Emergency in the 1970s for taking out a protest march, the Rajya Sabha MP said, adding that journalist Rajat Sharma and he himself soon followed suit.

During his college days, Jaitley would go on outings to Shimla and Mussoorie, he said, adding that the former Finance Minister used to go to the Lodhi Gardens here for morning walk and regularly interacted with fellow morning-walkers over tea at a spot, which came to be known as the "Jaitley corner".

As a Union Minister, Jaitley deftly handled important portfolios such as defence, and finance among others, Goel, who was his Cabinet colleague in the first term of the Narendra Modi Government, said.



"He made special contributions in demonetisation, GST, macro-stabilisation, bank consolidation and the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code in the Modi government," he said.

In the party organisation as well as in the government, Jaitley always offered his wise counsel to younger colleagues, Goel said, adding that the void created by his demise would be very hard to fill.

Leader of Opposition (LoP) in Delhi Legislative Assembly and senior BJP leader Vijender Gupta, while condoling the death of Arun Jaitley, said that his death is not only loss for the nation but also a big

personal loss for him. He was my guide and mentor.

"Jaitley Ji represented voice of the people when in opposition or in the government. He made sure that people's will is represented in the Govt. Every moment of his life was dedicated to the nation. He will be remembered for his immense contribution towards making India one of the fastest growing economies of the world. The entire nation mourns his loss."

Recalling GST reforms, Gupta said that he was ever responsive to the concerns of small traders and businesses.

Meanwhile, the security was also beefed up at AIIMS on Saturday afternoon after the hospital authorities declared the demise of former Finance Minister and BJP stalwart Arun Jaitley. Later Jaitley's Kailash Colony residence in south Delhi was turned into a fortress as leaders from all parties turned up there to pay tribute to his mortal remains. Senior police officials were monitoring the security arrangements.

Great orator whose heart was with SRCC, juniors remember Jaitley

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Arun Jaitley was a great orator and born leader whose "heart was with the SRCC" — that is how the principal and his juniors remembered the famous and beloved alumnus of the college. He was the Shri Ram College of Commerce president of and later went on to become the president of Delhi University Students' Union in 1970s.

SRCC college principal Simrit Kaur said as the Governing Body member, he would be present in all the meetings and had not missed a single meeting.

"His interest and his heart was with SRCC. We had our annual day this year and he was there. He was with us for close to two hours. His family would also talk about his love for the SRCC. He always supported us, and with his passing away there is a void that can never be filled," she told.

Kaur said she would interact with Jaitley on a

daily basis on the college initiatives.

"Once, we were deliberating on how to bring counselling services for students — for career and psychological. Within a minute, he said, go for online as well as offline counselling. It is because of him that we have 24x7 counselling services."

"He wanted to do everything for students. There was a time when we were trying to get air-conditioners installed around 10 years ago. As a member of the alumni association, he connected us with people. Ours is the only college which is fully air-conditioned," she said, crediting Jaitley for it.

Fashion Design Council of India (FDCI) president Sunil Sethi recalled Jaitley as the senior who saved him from ragging in college.

"He was my senior in St Xavier's School and then in college also, he was two years senior to me. When he was in the third year, I was in first year. We were in the same debating team and our team

would always win because of his oratory skills. He was such a great orator," Sethi told.

He said that while Jaitley could speak extempore on any subject, others had to make notes. Sethi said he was a born leader and interested in everything — from cricket to politics.

"He would also be interested in cricket, even when he was not in the DDCA. There were so many times when we went to the Feroz Shah Kotla ground to watch matches. He would always remember which test match was won by which team and other such details," Sethi recalled.

Sethi recalled that he had last met Jaitley a few months ago at a party hosted by Sidharth Luthra for Justice Arjan Sikri after his retirement. "He was advised to keep a safe distance from everyone since he did not want to catch an infection. His body was fragile. Even when he was going through this, he made time to come there," he told PTI. Sethi said he was the

president of the "Rotaract Club" and they would go out for intellectual meetings.

"He had this leadership quality even before he became DUSU president. Recently Gulshan Grover (who was also in SRCC) had launched his book. We were to go to his (Jaitley's) house to give it around July 28 but we did not go as he was sick and we thought it would not look nice," he said.

He had a "rational" approach, and could appeal to any section of the society, Sethi said adding he had a "great sense of humour" with an infectious smile.

"He had not forgotten his friends and he would call me 'czar of fashion'. He was well-versed in Hindi and English. He wanted me to become his joint secretary, but I was always with him, even during his campaigning," Sethi recalled.

Jaitley, 66, died at AIIMS here on Saturday after being admitted on August 9 following complaints of breathlessness and restlessness.

Govt to rope in private players for World Skill Centres in 3rd phase

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Government is planning to rope in private players for World Skill Centres in third phase. As per the assurance committee report released in ongoing monsoon session, the Government has prepared a policy to invite private sectors for the new World Class Skill Centers; the policy report has been submitted to Deputy Chief Minister and Education Minister Manish Sisodia.

Notably, in a meeting which was held in March this year, it was informed by the Department Representative from Training and Technical Education that there was a proposal for 25 World Class Skill Centers, out of which 06 centers have been inaugurated.

"Balance 20 World Class Skill Centers were to be started from August, 2019. Besides, the department was making policy for private sector which they had submitted to the Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia. In third phase, private sector World Class Skill Centers

would be started," the report quoted.

Interestingly, there was a proposal to open three ITIs, as per the committee report, two ITIs had been converted in to World Class Skill Centers and construction work also completed and by August 2019, they would run as technical centers. Out of three it is, the one ITI was in Chhatrapur and was associated with Health Department and a hospital was being constructed.

"There was a land dispute, perhaps, the land was under Ridge area. The project could not move forward," quoted as said in the report.

Significantly, to educate youth keeping empowerment in view, induction of five polytechnics also mentioned in proposal.

Remarkably, as far concern to placement to youth trained in World Class Skill Centers (WCSC), the Government claimed their placements in Radisson Hotel, Oberoi, Le Meridien, Jaypee for hospitality operations whereas few are also placed with retail chains — Reliance, Tata, Costa, Shoppers Stop.

After waiting 2 hours for ambulance, woman delivers in police vehicle

Banda (UP): A 21-year-old woman in labour, waiting for an ambulance on road for around two hours, gave birth in a police vehicle that was passing by, police said on Saturday. Chameli, a resident of Kotwali police station area of Banda district, was waiting for an ambulance at Baber bypass on Friday night. Till midnight, the ambulance did not reach, Superintendent of Police Ganes Prasad Saha said on Saturday.

Meanwhile, the sub-inspector of Mataundh police station, who was passing by, took the woman in his vehicle to hospital but before they

could reach, Chameli gave birth, the SP said.

The police officer said both, the woman and child, were later admitted to the Government hospital here. When contacted, Chief Medical Officer Dr Santosh Kumar said, "The issue of non-availability of ambulance has been probed. The ambulance did reach the village, but could not find the patient."

However, Chameli's father Shyamsundar said the ambulance staff had asked them to come to main road and despite waiting there for nearly two hours, the ambulance did not come. **PTI**

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Bolsonaro sends army to fight Amazon fires

As EU threatens trade retaliation, the far-right leader announces he has authorised troops to help contain raging fires

AP ■ PORT VELHO (BRAZIL)

Under international pressure to contain fires sweeping parts of Brazil's Amazon, President Jair Bolsonaro has authorised use of the military to battle the huge blazes while thousands took to the streets to protest his environmental policies.

Brazilian forces will deploy starting Saturday to border areas, indigenous territories and other affected regions in the Amazon to assist in putting out fires for a month, according to a presidential decree authorising use of the Army on Friday.

The military will "act strongly" to control the wildfires, Bolsonaro promised as he signed the decree.

The armed forces will collaborate with public security and environmental protection agencies, the decree says.

"The protection of the forest is our duty," the President said.

"We are aware of that and will act to combat deforestation and criminal activities that put people at risk in the Amazon. We are a Government of zero tolerance for crime, and in the environmental field it will not be different."



Neri dos Santos Silva watches an encroaching fire threat after digging trenches to keep the flames from spreading to the farm he works on, in the Nova Santa Helena municipality, in the State of Mato Grosso, Brazil on Friday

Bolsonaro has previously described rainforest protections as an obstacle to Brazil's economic development, sparring with critics who note that the Amazon produces vast amounts of oxygen and is considered crucial for efforts to contain climate change.

As the president spoke, thousands of Brazilians

demonstrated in Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo and the capital of Brasilia demanding the government announce concrete actions to curb the fires. People also banged pots from their homes, a traditional mode of protest in South America.

An Associated Press journalist who travelled to the Amazon region Friday saw

many already deforested areas that had been burned.

Charred trees and fallen branches were seen around Porto Velho, the capital of Rondonia State, which borders Bolivia. In some instances, the burned fields were adjacent to intact livestock ranches and other farms, suggesting the fires had been managed as

part of a land-clearing policy.

A large column of smoke billowed from one fire, and smoke rose from a couple of nearby wooded areas. Life appeared normal in Porto Velho. However, visibility from the windows of an arriving airplane was poor because of smog enveloping the region.

Small numbers of demonstrators gathered outside Brazilian diplomatic missions in Paris, London, Geneva and Bogota, Colombia, to urge Brazil to do more to fight the fires. Larger protests were held in Uruguay and Argentina. Hundreds also protested in Chile, Ecuador and Peru.

Neighbouring Bolivia and Paraguay have also struggled to contain fires that swept through woods and fields, in many cases set to clear land for farming. About 7,500 square kilometers (2,900 square miles) of land has been affected in Bolivia, Defense Minister Javier Zavaleta said.

A B747-400 SuperTanker arrived in Bolivia and began flying over devastated areas to help put out the fires and protect forests. The US-based aircraft can carry nearly 76,000 liters (20,000 gallons) of retardant, a substance used to stop fires.

Some 370 square kilometers (140 square miles) have burned in northern Paraguay, near the borders with Brazil and Bolivia, said Joaquin Roa, a Paraguayan state emergency official. He said the situation had stabilised.

Close to 20 per cent of the Amazon has already been deforested, said Thomas Lovejoy, a George Mason University environmental scientist.

"I worry that the current deforestation will push past the tipping point leading to massive loss of forest and biodiversity," Lovejoy wrote in an email to *The Associated Press*. He said Brazil is "turning its back" on past environmental achievements, including the 1992 Earth Summit, and has proposed infrastructure projects that will accelerate the challenge of climate change.

"Fires are directly burning into the Amazon rainforest and that releases the carbon stored in those trees," said Doug Morton, a NASA scientist. "The carbon then enters the atmosphere as carbon dioxide or methane, where it contributes to the greenhouse gases that are causing climate change, bringing us a warmer and a drier planet."

Morton said there is now "an uptick in the pressure against the remaining Amazon forest, to expand agriculture production in areas that are the leading edge in the deforestation frontier." Fires are common in Brazil in the annual dry season, but they are much more widespread this year. Brazilian state experts reported nearly 77,000 wildfires across the country so far this year, up 85 per cent over the same period in 2018. Just over half of those fires have occurred in the Amazon region. Brazil contains about 60 per cent of the Amazon rainforest.

US President Donald Trump said on Friday that he spoke with Bolsonaro. "Our future Trade prospects are very exciting and our relationship is strong, perhaps stronger than ever before," Trump tweeted.

"I told him if the United States can help with the Amazon Rainforest fires, we stand ready to assist!" In escalating tension over the fires, France accused Bolsonaro of having lied to French leader Emmanuel Macron and threatened to block a European Union trade deal with several South American States, including Brazil. Ireland joined in the threat.

GLOBE TROTTERING

TROPICAL STORM TRAPS 18 IN TAIWAN
Taipei (Taiwan): A landslide triggered by a tropical storm stranded 18 people in Taiwan on Saturday as the storm headed for China's southeastern coast.

12 DEAD IN NIGER BOKO HARAM VILLAGE ATTACK
Niamey: A night raid blamed on Boko Haram has left a dozen villagers dead in southeastern Niger on the frontier with Nigeria, a local official said on Saturday.

UK 'DISAPPOINTED' BY N KOREA MISSILE LAUNCH
London: Britain on Saturday said it was "disappointed" after North Korea fired what appeared to be two short-range ballistic missiles into the sea after vowing to remain the biggest "threat" to the United States.

US, SE ASIA TO HOLD JOINT MARITIME DRILL
Bangkok: The US and 10 Southeast Asian States will hold their first-ever joint maritime exercises in September, aimed at preventing "wrongdoing" as Washington and Beijing jostle for influence in the region. Washington has traditionally been the dominant naval power in Southeast Asia and its re-engagement with the area comes as a deteriorating trade war with China threatens to engulf the global economy.

Macron, Trump break ice with surprise pre-G7 lunch

AFP ■ BIARRITZ (FRANCE)

French President Emmanuel Macron hosted his US counterpart Donald Trump for a previously unscheduled lunch Saturday ahead of the official opening of the G7 summit in southwest France.

The two leaders sat on a terrace at the ornate Hotel du Palais in the Atlantic resort of Biarritz, the G7 venue, just a day after Trump reiterated his threat of tariffs against French wine in retaliation for a new tax on major US tech companies.

The surprise lunch appeared to be an attempt by Macron to get the summit off on a good footing after a tense build-up in which Trump and EU leaders traded threats of trade war.

Speaking to reporters in fluent English, Macron called Trump "a very special guest."

He said that they would be



US President Donald Trump sits for lunch with French President Emmanuel Macron at the Hotel du Palais in Biarritz, south-west France on Saturday

discussing a raft of pressing international issues, including the standoff with Iran over its alleged nuclear weapon ambitions, and stressed that "strong coordination" was needed.

Trump met that appeal for unity with a somewhat softer approach of his own, having left the United States on Friday with a dire warning about taxing French wines "like they've never seen before."

"We actually have a lot in common," Trump said across the table to Macron, adding that they had "been friends for a long time."

Trump said that at times they "go at each other a little bit" but had a "special relationship."

The setting for the G7 summit in the French seaside resort clearly pleased the US president.

Boris, EU chief in Brexit blame game

AFP ■ BIARRITZ (FRANCE)

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said on Saturday that the European Union needed to drop its insistence on the so-called Irish backstop to avoid a "no deal" Brexit. "I don't want a 'no deal' Brexit. I say to our friends in the EU, if they don't want a 'no deal' Brexit then we have to get rid of the backstop from the treaty," Johnson told reporters on the way to the G7 summit in Biarritz, southwest France.

He also responded to EU Council President Donald Tusk, who earlier urged Johnson not to go down in history as "Mr No Deal."

"If Donald Tusk does not want to go down as Mr 'No Deal' Brexit then that point should be borne in mind too," Johnson said. During a press confer-

ence in Biarritz, Tusk had warned: "One thing I will not cooperate on is a 'no deal', and I still hope that Prime Minister Johnson will not like to go down in history as Mr No Deal." "We are willing to listen to ideas that are operational, realistic and acceptable to all member states, including Ireland. If and when the UK government is ready to put them on the table," he added.

At stake is the "backstop", a provision guaranteeing that border checks will not return between Ireland, an EU member, and Britain's Northern Ireland.

Johnson has called it "anti-democratic" because it would require London to keep its regulations aligned with those of the EU during a transitional period when the country is no longer a member of the bloc.

Hong Kong Police fire tear gas as protests take violent turn again

AP ■ HONG KONG

Hong Kong protesters threw bricks and gasoline bombs at police, who responded with tear gas, as chaotic scenes returned to the summer-long anti-government protests on Saturday for the first time in nearly two weeks.

Hundreds of black-clad protesters armed with bamboo poles and baseball bats fought with police officers wielding

batons on a main road following a march against "smart lampposts" that was sparked by surveillance fears. The chaotic scenes unfolded outside a police station and a nearby shopping mall as officers in riot gear faced off with protesters who set up makeshift street barricades. The violence interrupted nearly two weeks of calm in Hong Kong, which has been gripped by a turbulent pro-democracy movement

since June.

Police fired tear gas to disperse the crowd after repeated warnings "went futile," the government said in a statement.

By early evening, most of the protesters had melted away.

Earlier in the day, some protesters used an electric saw to slice through the bottom of a smart lamppost, while others pulled ropes tied around it to send it toppling and cheered as it crashed to the ground.

Pak Foreign Minister Qureshi dials UN chief over Kashmir

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi on Saturday called UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres to apprise him about the "evolving and delicate situation" in Jammu & Kashmir.

Addressing the media here to provide details of his conversation with Guterres, Qureshi said it was responsibility of the international community to play a role in addressing the Kashmir situation.

Tensions between India and Pakistan spiked after New Delhi abrogated provisions of Article 370 of the Constitution to withdraw Jammu and Kashmir's special status and bifurcated the State into two Union Territories on August 5.

India has categorically told the international community that the scrapping of Article 370 to revoke the special status of Jammu and Kashmir was an internal matter and also advised Pakistan to accept the reality.

"I highlighted the delicate situation that exist at the moment in Jammu and Kashmir during my conversation," he said.

Guterres said he was ready today as he was before to defuse the tension and will also probably meet Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi tomorrow in France on the sidelines of the G7 Summit to discuss the issue, he said.

Qureshi said he also thanked Guterres for the Security Council meeting as the UN officials briefed the members during the meeting. He said Pakistan wanted peace but it was important to address the suffering of the people in Kashmir who are reeling under day and night curfew for the last 20 days.

The foreign minister said he told the Secretary-General that some people in Kashmir who wanted to go to the UN office were not allowed to do so. Qureshi said he also highlighted the arrests in Kashmir as well as shortage of food and medicines in his conversation with Guterres.

Docking aborted for Russia's first humanoid robot in space

AFP ■ MOSCOW

An unmanned spacecraft carrying Russia's first humanoid robot to be sent into orbit failed to dock automatically at the International Space Station on Saturday, in a new setback for Moscow. "Russian cosmonauts issued a command to abort the automated approach of an uncrewed Russian Soyuz spacecraft to the International Space Station," the US space agency NASA said in a statement.

"The craft was unable to lock onto its target at the station," and "backed a safe distance away from the orbital complex while the Russian flight controllers assess the next steps," NASA said.

Russian flight controllers had told the ISS crew it appeared the problem that prevented automated docking was in the station and not the Soyuz spacecraft, NASA added.

Moscow news agencies quoted the flight centre control as saying the Soyuz craft had to retreat to a "secure distance" from the ISS.

The docking had been scheduled for 0530 GMT but a live broadcast of the event on the website of the Russian space agency Roscosmos was interrupted when the Soyuz approached to about 100 metres (100 yards) off the ISS.

"The Soyuz is on a safe trajectory above and behind the space station that will bring it in the vicinity of the orbital complex again in 24 hours and 48 hours," NASA said.

NATIONAL TOBACCO CONTROL PROGRAMME Lucknow, U.P.

NTCP/2019-20/7805 Date : 19.08.2019

(Expression of Interest)
State Tobacco Control Cell on behalf of National Tobacco Control Programme under National Health Mission invites proposal in the prescribed format from competent NGOs / Foundations / Trusts / Charitable / Non Profit institutions for carrying out School Programmes as per programme guidelines. Terms of Reference (TOR) for NGO engagement could be downloaded from the website <http://dgmhup.gov.in> & upnrhm.gov.in.

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GOVERNMENT OF UTTAR PRADESH UTTAR PRADESH WATER SECTOR RESTRUCTURING PROJECT Phase-II, INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING Date : 20.08.2019
Bid No.: E-3/NCB/SWaRA/UPWSRP/Ph-II/Computer Operator/Skilled/Unskilled persons for Office Job Works /2019-20 Chairman, State Water Resources Agency Lucknow (SWaRA) By the Govt. of U.P. invites bidder for selection of Hiring Agency for providing services of Different Type of Karmic in SWaRA office as given in the table and detailed description of which is mentioned in tender form.

Sl. No.	Name of Non-Consulting Service	Bid Security (Rs.)	Cost of Document (Rs.)	Period of Completion
1	Hiring Agency for providing services of Computer Operator / Skilled/ Unskilled persons for Office Job Works	88,469.00	1769.38+ 318.48 (GST)= 2088.00	12 Months from signing of Contract

1. Eligible, Interested bidder may see and download the bid document from 26.08.2019 at 10:00AM to 25.09.2019 upto 5:00 PM from website <http://etender.up.nic.in> and Technical Bid shall be opened on date 26.09.2019 at 03:30PM online in the office of Manager Administration, State Water Resources Agency, WALMI Bhawan, Utrathia, Lucknow by the Committee.

2. Eligible bidder may fill the tender form fully and upload the prescribed fee and scanned copy of the required document on the Manager Administration, State Water Resources Agency, WALMI Bhawan, Utrathia, Lucknow upto dated 25.09.2019 at 05:00PM.

3. Technical Bid shall be opened on date 26.09.2019 at 03:30PM online in the office of Manager Administration, State Water Resources Agency, WALMI Bhawan, Utrathia, Lucknow by the Committee.

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CEE acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No ELCOREOHE-TSS-Gr259MOD-2 Closing date 23.09.2019, 15:00. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

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Tender Type	Open
Tender Closing Date Time	23.09.2019 15:00
Pre-Bid Conference Required	No
Advertised Value (₹)	3382901389.16
Bidding Style	Single Rate for Each Schedule item
Earnest Money (₹)	10000000.00
Tender Doc. Cost (₹)	25000.00
Contract Type	Works
Bidding Start Date	09.09.2019
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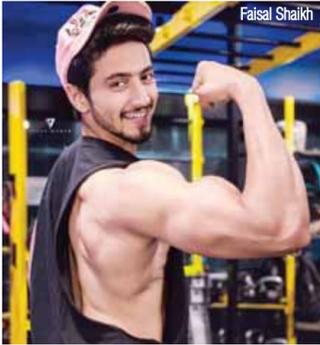
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Every season Big Boss has something new to offer to its viewers to keep them interested in the show. Speculation has it that this time the show makers have roped in a few TikTok stars. MUSBA HASHMI tells you more



The Boss is back

Come September and all the Big Boss fanatics start dreaming about their favourite celebrities that will grace the show in the new season. The show has endeared itself among the audience. So much so that they wait for a new season. Ugly fights, lots of drama, fun tasks with a bit of romance has been the show's USP since it's advent.

Now, it's time for Big Boss 13 and the fans have already started predicting the contestants. The show comes up with a unique theme every time, be it the Commoners VS Celebrities or the Double Trouble or for that matter Heaven-Hell. This year there are speculations about that the makers have decided to go an extra mile and introduce the TikTok stars in the show. However, there is no confirmation on the same but if this is the case then it will definitely make for an interesting watch.

Here are a few TikTok stars that people will love to watch on the show along with their favourite celebrities.

Mr Faisu aka Faisal Shaikh. A 24-year-old boy from Mumbai is making waves on social media because of his videos. He is seen lip syncing dialogues or just doing random moves. Unfortunately or shall we say fortunately, Mr Faisu has surrounded himself with a lot of controversies recently. His TikTok account was suspended because of a video that according to the app's developers was beyond the permissible limit. In the video, he was seen criticising the lynching of Tabrez Ansari. So, if we go by the saying that all publicity is good publicity, Mr Faisu has done it right for himself. This will make him a good option for the Big Boss house since the house is all about controversies. Apart from that, Mr Faisu will prove to be an active participant in the tasks as well because of his well-build physique. We can also get to see the aggressive side of Shaikh in the tasks. And not to mention that charming looks and a chocolate boy image



will be a part and parcel of Shaikh's personality.

Onaiza Rana. The girl along with three others went viral in 2018 because of a video in which all of them were seen doing raunchy moves on the song *Isme Tera Ghata*. Though, Rana had received much criticism for the moves but the video took the app (then called Musically) by storm. Rana could be seen flaunting a bold avatar in the show. Her presence will definitely increase the glamour and fashion quotient in the show. We can also expect some cat-fights or a love triangle.

Vishnupriya. This 19-year-old girl from Aurangabad has become an internet sensation overnight. The reason being her lip syncing videos on various songs. The girl goes by the name of Shizuka on the app and has successfully managed to grab 5.4 million followers.

Vishnupriya will make for an exciting contestant on the show. Her cute smile and confidence will be an add on. We can hope

some good performance from her in the tasks because of the competitive nature that she possess. Vishnupriya's presence will add the much needed desi touch because of her simplicity, exactly like Urvashi Vani did in the last season.

Aashika Bhatia. This 19-year-old is not only a TikTok star but an actor as well. Bhatia has appeared on shows like *Meera*, *Parvarish* and many more. She is an avid TikTok user. Bhatia will be a treat to watch in the Big Boss house. She can add all the drama and glamour. Her take on different things and all the fights in the house will be a thing to look out for. Her friendships in the house and her performance in tasks will also make for an interesting watch. She will prove to be a tough competition for all the others in the show.

And last but not the least — **Manjul Khattar.** This Gurugram-based 21-year-old boy is both cute and handsome. Khattar has a colossal amount of followers on the app — 12.1 million. If Khattar is to grace the show, then we can expect this season to be full of cuteness. He will be one of the heart-throbs in the show. We can also expect a couple of fights in the house with this charming soul. And a lot of jealousy among other boys.

The final list of the contestants is yet to be released but the makers will definitely make this season much better than the previous one, which turned out to be below the expectations. Now who all will make for the shortlisted contestants, only time will tell.

Priyanka to star in Netflix's new offering

Priyanka Chopra Jonas has joined the Netflix action fantasy feature *We Can Be Heroes*, written, directed and produced by Robert Rodriguez.

The story revolves around when alien invaders kidnap Earth's superheroes, their children must team up and learn to work together if they want to save their parents and the world.

Up next, Chopra Jonas will appear in *The Sky Is Pink*, based on the motivational speaker Aisha Chaudhary, which will premiere at The Toronto International Film Festival in September. The *Gala Presentation* film, which she additionally co-produced is the only official selection from Asia at the festival this year.

On the film side, she will also produce and star in an untitled wedding comedy



set in India, co-produced by Mindy Kaling and Dan Goor for Universal.

Most recently, Chopra Jonas appeared in the romantic comedy *Isn't It Romantic* opposite Rebel Wilson, Liam Hemsworth and Adam DeVine.

Additionally, she starred in the family drama *A Kid Like Jake* with Claire Danes, Jim Parsons and Octavia Spencer.

Under her Purple Pebble Pictures banner, Chopra Jonas has produced several acclaimed features including *Paani*, *Ventilator*, *Pahuna: The Little Visitors* and *Firebrand*, the latter released earlier this year on Netflix.

In television, Chopra Jonas is widely known for her starring role as Alex Parrish on the hit ABC drama *Quantico* for three seasons.

Anirudh shares similarities with Hanuman



World is full of either extroverts or introverts. Extroverts find it easy to express themselves but introverts usually struggle to put forward their feelings and thoughts. In Sony Entertainment Television's show *Patiala Babes*, Hanuman Singh played by Anirudh Dave, although an outspoken inspector, is struggling to express his feelings to Babita played by Paridhi Sharma. The *dabang* officer, is seen trying hard to gather courage and express how he feels about Babita. Mini (Ashnoor Kaur) along with her friends is helping Hanuman to learn the tricks to impress and charm Babita, but still he is unable to confront her because of his shy nature.

Aniruddh Dave's wife — Shubhi Ahuja has drawn huge similarity between his real character and real life personality. According to Shubhi, Aniruddh is an extremely shy person when it comes to expressing his feelings. He took very long to confess his feelings and propose to Shubhi to marry him. Now that she is seeing the same personality in his character Hanuman Singh. She is continuously telling Aniruddh, that it is high time for Hanuman to confess his feelings towards Babita and propose her to marry him. She is quite bothered about the time that Hanuman is taking to express his feelings. Every time there is a romantic track on,

between the two, Ahuja is able to relate to it.

When asked Aniruddh Dave about this, he said: "Shubhi has shared my real personality and it is true that I am an extremely shy person. I do not share my feelings easily neither did I confess my love for her at once. It took me a couple of months to gather the courage to express my feelings to her. My character, and I definitely share this trait and hence Shubhi is constantly asking me, 'when is Hanuman Singh going to propose to Babita in the show?' And I reply to her saying if I took so long to confess my feelings, Hanuman Singh is only going to take longer."

'Focus on becoming a performer'

He started off as a contestant and now have come a long way. MUSBA HASHMI speaks with choreographer TUSHAR KALIA about his journey to becoming a judge of a reality show

■ **From a contestant to now a judge, how has your journey been?**

It has been an incredible and overwhelming one. I have learnt a lot. I was a part of *Jhalak Dikhla Jaa* Season 1 and 2, both went well for me. I feel fortunate that the panel of judges were great — Karan Johar, Remo D'Souza and Madhuri Dixit. I was also a stage director of *India's Got Talent* and then eventually *Ae Dil Hai Mushkil* happened. I feel great when I look back at my journey. And, now I am judging *Dance Deewane*, it feels great.

■ **How did you come on board as a choreographer for Ae Dil Hai Mushkil?**

All thanks to Karan Johar who gave me this opportunity. He saw my work in both the reality shows — *Jhalak Dikhla Jaa* and *IGT* and liked it. That is how I was offered my first Bollywood — *Ae Dil Hai Mushkil*.

■ **How was the experience with the film?**

It was a wonderful experience. I choreographed all the eight songs for the film. I was travelling with the team for two months and it was a great learning experience. I had never done a movie before, I was more involved in the stage work, so I didn't know how the industry works. I remember that throughout the shooting, I was learning too.

■ **What is the USP of this season?**

The talent. We have brilliant performers on the show. The first season worked because the format was unique and it still is. This season audience is getting to see the bonding between four of us — Madhuri Dixit, Shashank Khaitan, Arjun Bijlani (who is the host) and I. This season the contestants are better than the previous one.

■ **What qualities do you look out for in the contestants?**

In the show we have three generations who are competing with each other. But, the moment the contestants come on the stage, they are equal for us. They all are performers. They have to perform to their full capability. The performance should touch our heart and soul. It has to be a good performance. That is all what we look out for in the show.

■ **How is the environment on the sets?**

It is fun to work with the whole team.



We all bond so well. It is a very light environment on the sets. We crack jokes. We all gossip together and do lots of *masti*. ■ **Any favourite contestant in the show?** All the contestants are good and

talented. There are no favourites. As a judge, it is important to keep your emotions aside and give your judgement without any bias.

■ **When did you first realise your passion for dance?**

It happened when I was in school. My mother was a dancer and she was a teacher in the same school as mine. You know how it is like to have your mother as a teacher in your school. *Beta chalo annual function hai perform karo, beta ab yeh funtion hai school mein chalo perform karo*. And, you can't say no. That is how I got interested in dance. Then, it was my mother who insisted me that I should make a career in dance. She asked me if I would be interested in learning kathak and since I didn't know much about dance that time, I said no to it. I thought it was too feminine. Then, she asked me to go and see a stage performance in Kamani Auditorium, New Delhi. The moment I saw the performance, I made up my mind that this is what I want to pursue.

■ **How do you define dance?**

Just three words — it's my life. That is all. I don't know anything but dancing. That's what I have been doing from the last 15 years.

■ **One thing that goes in your mind while you are performing on stage?**

Step na bhul jaun kahin. I still have this fear. I still feel nervous whenever I am on stage. I still get butterflies in my tummy as soon as I step on to the stage. And, it is very important to have this fear. It helps in bringing out the best in you.

■ **What advice would you like to give out to the aspiring dancers?**

I would just say that go and dance your heart out. It is the most important thing. Your soul should be visible while dancing, it is not just about the physical moves. We should be able to connect to you. Most of the times, aspirers lack this quality. Earlier, it was missing in my performance too. Back then, I was a technically correct dancer, but not a performer. Now, people look for complete performers. So imbibe the quality of an overall performer in yourself and you are good to go.

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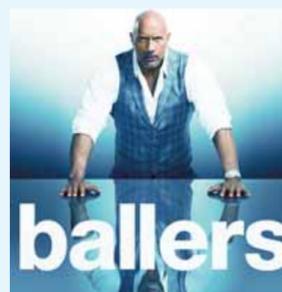
FAST FORWARD



StarPlus' show *Yeh Rishtey Hai Pyaar Ke*, is marching towards a leap. Recently, the audience is witnessing high end drama with Kunal — Kuhu's wedding preparations as well as Abir and Mishty confessing their love for each other. But as per the new promo, their lives are going to turn a drastic turn. The question is, will Kuhu and Kunal get married to each other?

In order to increase the curiosity and build on the drama, we hear that the makers are planning to take a one year leap on the show. With Meenakshi forcing Kunal to marrying Kuhu, and Mishty learning this truth, will she confront Meenakshi and save her sister or will this remain a mystery as the show is heading towards a leap? Only time will tell.

BALLERS RETURNS



After a successful four season run, Comedy series *Ballers* returns with its fifth season! Starring Wayne Johnson (Spenser Strasmore) and Created by Stephen Levinson, *Ballers* explores the glamorous and often cutthroat world of pro football through a group of past and present players striving to stay in the game.

This season finds Spencer (Wayne Johnson) settling into retirement and reflecting on his past, when an offer that's too good to refuse comes his way and sends him back into the lion's den, this time as a team owner. In the wake of his split with Spencer, an ambitious Joe (Rob Corddry) gambles aggressively to make Sports X greater than ever with the help of his new partner, Lance (Russell Brand).

MEN IN DISGUISE

In a constant effort to make peace between the Gokhales and Thakkar and bringing the newly-weds Abhishek (Akshay Kalkar) and Gayatri (Akshita Mudgal) together, Sony SAB's *Bhaskarwadi* has witnessed various twists and turns. This slice of life show continues to keep the viewers hooked with its light hearted

storyline. The show is witnessing a major tussle between the Gokhales and Thakkar where Abhishek as a dutiful son-in-law is supporting Mahendra (Paresh Ganatra) and Urmila (Bhakti Rathod) while Gayatri is assisting Anna (Deven Bhojani). While Abhishek is still barred from entering his own house, Mahendra has finally figured out a way to reunite his beloved daughter, Gayatri and his son-in-law, Abhishek.

Anna decides to hire some helpers for Gayatri and on the other hand, Abhishek announces that he is leaving for Bangalore



without taking Anna's permission informing anyone. Learning about Anna's search for two female helpers, Abhishek and Mahendra disguise themselves as Chandramukhi and Sulakshana. These two 'ladies' make their way to Anna's house while impressing the onlookers on the street.

Will Anna appoint Chandramukhi and Sulakshana as helpers? Will Abhishek and Mahendra be successful in their plan?

BAHUBALI IMITATES BHAIJAAN

Star Plus's popular dance reality show *Nach Baliye 9* has been entertaining audiences week-on-week with some blockbuster performances by the star-studded couples of television industry. As the competition gets more and more intense, the top contestants are pulling out all the stops to present pathbreaking performances and impress everyone with their scintillating moves. This weekend the viewers can look forward to a special treat as Prabhas along with his gorgeous co-star Shradha Kapoor grace the stage of *Nach Baliye 9* to promote their upcoming movie *Saaho*.



Amidst number of fun moments on stage, the quirky host of the show Manish Paul revealed that: "While the entire nation is crazy about the superstar's Swag, personality and style, Prabhas is crazy about

the beauty and elegance of the diva of the Bollywood — Raveena Tandon." Upon hearing this, ace choreographer and judge of the show Ahmed Khan took the opportunity and requested the superstar to imitate the *bhaijaan* of Bollywood — Salman Khan. He gleefully accepted the proposal and requested Raveena Tandon to shake a leg with him. Prabhas effortlessly imitated the signature step of Salman Khan's song *Jummain Ki Raat Hai*.

Apart from shaking a leg with the gorgeous actor Raveena Tandon, the viewers will witness some jaw-dropping performances by the power couple Vishal and Madhurima to *Tip Tip Barsa Pani* and by Urvashi Dholakia and Anuj Sachdeva to *Kate Nahin Katte*.

NEW SHOWS

ALTBalaji and ZEE5, the two OTT industry giants recently announced a content alliance, where they will co-create 60+ originals. Following the announcement, the OTT platforms launched the trailer of two originals — *Cold Lassi Aur Chicken Masala* and *Mission Over Mars* (M-O-M). These co-created originals will be available on both platforms, from September 3 and September 10, respectively.

Starring heartthrob Rajeev Khandelwal and the reigning queen of television Divyanka Tripathi, *Cold Lassi aur Chicken Masala* is a story of two aspiring Chefs-Nitya and Vikram. The trailer gives a sneak



peek into their lives as they fall in love but get separated due to circumstances. Their crackling chemistry sure promises a delicious treat but leaves a thousand questions unanswered. Why do they fall apart? Will they be able to resist the conspicuous attraction?

Mission Over Mars (M-O-M) is a fictional adaptation of real-life heroes at ISRO who worked on Mangalyaan and played pivotal roles in making the mission a success against all odds. The web-series charts out the journey of M-O-M from inception to execution and will be a moving story of the faith and determination of four lady-scientists who aid ISA (Indian Space Agency) to overcome insurmountable technical and financial challenges as well as time pressures to mount the successful mission over mars. They not just make the whole nation proud, but also place India ahead of many other countries on the map. In the process, they conquer their own inward imperfections, making for an inspirational story. This series is certain to inspire people across the globe that 'Nothing is impossible.'



UNENDING AGONY

The misery of rape survivors doesn't end with the crime. SHALINI SAKSENA and MUSBA HASHMI tell you that there is much more to their stories — the trauma of reporting the crime at a police station, to the agony of the two-finger test, to being shunned by society, to being shamed and stigmatised

It was a bright and sunny day. One of those usual afternoons when 14-year-old Mansi (name changed), was taking lunch for her parents, who were toiling in the field. But the day didn't turn out to be usual. Mansi was kidnapped on her way, by a perpetrator who had his eyes on her for a long time. He forcefully took her to a river bank, beat her up and raped her.

Mansi's parents were waiting for her to come for lunch unaware of what had transpired. After some time, Mansi's mother Geeta Devi saw her daughter coming towards her. It brought a smile on her face only to fall into doom.

Devi's daughter was trembling with fear. She instantly knew that the devil was back.

This was not the first time that Mansi was raped by the same man.

"It was in 2013, when a boy from the neighbourhood gatecrashed into our house at 2 am. My husband and I were away for work. My daughter was alone. It was one horrible night as he raped my daughter. My daughter was in shock and pain. She was only 10 then. The incident devastated her. We complained about the boy to his family. But, no action was taken," Devi tells you.

In 2016, history repeated itself. While Mansi on her way to school, the same boy forcefully took her to a deserted place and raped her again. A traumatised Mansi stopped going to school.

The boy belonged to a powerful family and no action was, thus, taken against him.

"It was again in 2017, that the devil raped my daughter. But I knew that I had to put an end to it. That was when we decided that complaining to the *panchayat* or the boy's family would get us nowhere. We went to the police station to lodge an FIR. We were surprised by their behaviour. We were made to wait for five hours before an FIR was finally registered. We were treated like we were the culprits," she recalls.

The police, a word that instils fear in some and is a ray of hope among others, was of no help. Instead, the officers insisted that the girl's family should make a compromise and the matter be settled amicably between the families as the boy was from the same village and of the same caste.

"When we didn't agree, everyone in the village stopped talking to us. My daughter stopped going out of the house. I felt like my world had fallen apart. The

thought of seeing my daughter in that condition where I was a mere spectator, was killing me every day. So, I gathered courage and decided to leave the village. I knew that place was not safe for my family. We shifted to Jhansi. Then we came to know about Rashtriya Garima Abhiyan. We contacted them and they are helping us. My daughter has started going to school," she tells you.

Devi has only one request to the Government — that the rape survivors should not be humiliated and justice should be delivered in time. "There are many girls who fall prey to such crimes. They are not able to speak up and their voice goes unheard. My only request to the Government is that justice should be delivered on time. No girl should ever have to beg for justice. It is their right. If this wouldn't happen, then people like Hitesh will not hesitate in committing such crimes in future too. Strict actions should be taken against such criminals and they should be put behind bars," she opines.

Geeta Devi and her daughter are not alone. Thirty five-year-old woman — Nisha (name changed) has a similar story. Nisha, a resident of a village in Ujjain, was raped by middle-aged Bhagwan Singh, Arjun Singh and Bajrang Singh, from the same family, in 2016. Nisha used to work as a domestic help. It was on one unfortunate day, when Bhagwan lured her with finding her more work at his village. He raped her there with the other two.

Nisha's miseries started when her husband refused to keep her with him. She had nowhere to go, even her parents refused to take her in.

"Those were tough times. When I reported the incident to my husband and in-laws, they said that I could no longer live with them, they refused to accept me. They beat me up. Even my parents said that *agar mar bhi jao toh bhi yahaan mat aana*. I was a mother of two. My husband kept both the children and threw me out," Nisha recounts, tears up.

Even the police didn't come to Nisha's rescue. She went to the police station for four days and only then a complaint was registered. "No one was listening to me. The policemen said I was making false claims. When I went for the medical test, the doctor conducted a two-finger test. Nothing came in the report, no injuries were shown even when there were clear marks on my body. The case came to court. The lawyers blamed me for impli-

cating the culprits. No one believed me," she tells you.

Nisha's problems were compounded when she couldn't find work. "After that, I left my village and shifted to Ujjain. But, there too I faced a lot of difficulties. No one was willing to keep me as a domestic help. I was jobless for six months. The moment I used to narrate my horror story to people, their behaviour towards me used to change. Even the men in their families would start looking at me weirdly. They would think of me *ki yeh toh aisi hi hai*. It felt like it was all my fault. But, I stood strong. I knew it was not my fault," she tells you.

Another woman who went through the same trauma is Gauri (name changed), a resident of Indore. Seven years back, she was raped by a 35-year-old man from her neighbourhood. The reason behind this heinous act — he wanted to take over their house.

MOST OF THE GIRLS FROM RAJNAK COMMUNITY END UP AS BAR DANCERS. THEY GET LURED BY THE GLAMOUR. THEY SEE OTHER GIRLS DANCING IN BARS, WEARING FANCY CLOTHES AND JEWELLERY. THEY SEE ONLY ONE SIDE OF THE COIN. THEY DON'T SEE THE DARK SIDE OF THIS BUSINESS UNTIL THEY ARE IN IT WITH NO ESCAPE ROUTE. BY THEN, IT IS TOO LATE

— VIJAY RAJ

"He had been eyeing our property for a long time. Initially, he came and threatened us that if we didn't leave our house, he would kill us. When we didn't take him seriously, he came and beat us up. Then, also we were not willing to leave our house and why would we — it was our property. That was when one night, around 3 am, he forced himself into our house, beat up my husband and raped me. Somehow I managed to free myself from him and ran to the police station.

The police made me sit there till 9 am before they finally lodged a complaint against him. The reasons they gave for not filing a report was *abhi bade sahab nahin hain, vo aayenge toh report likhenge*. At 11 am they took me for a medical test. The doctor did a two-finger test," she tells you.

The good part in this horror situation was that her husband, who works as a labourer, stood with Gauri through thick and thin, giving her the confidence to fight.

"Now, whenever I come to know that a girl is going through an ordeal or is not speaking up about rape, I go to her and explain that reporting a crime is important. If you don't, then it will only give the culprit more courage to repeat the crime. I ask them to go the police and file a complaint. People usually don't understand it at one go. It is only after insisting upon them a couple of times, when they finally go and register a complaint," she tells you.

The one thing to look out for in these stories was they all were similar — not only in terms of what happened to them but for the fact that they all survived and stood strong. They are the real fighters, who dared to raise their voice against the evil and didn't fear the culprit or his power.

Vijay Raj, Jansash Development Society, Madhya Pradesh, Devash and working in Ajmer and Jaipur, tells you that the problem lies in the fact that there are some communities who force the girls into prostitution. "These communities, for generations, have been forcing their daughters into this profession. Take the case of the Rajnak community. Most of the girls from these communities end up as bar dancers or in prostitution. The young girls get lured by the glamour. They see other girls dancing in bars, wearing fancy clothes and golden jewellery. They see only one side of the coin. They don't see the dark side of this business until they are there. By then it is too late. There is no escape then," Raj opines.

He tells you that the reason why girls from the community are in this profession because it is expected of them. "Then there is there the age old traditions that families follow," Raj tells you.

But not all is lost. Over the last five to eight years, a lot of work has been done to educate the girls by holding workshops and telling them about the pitfalls of getting into this profession. "The good is that many families have realised this and

are now open to sending their daughters to school. These girls are now studying beyond Class VIII, something that was unthinkable in 2010. The achievement is that three girls from a small village near Ajmer are in college," Raj says.

A 20-year-old from the Bachda community who has been working to improve the plight of the girls in her community agrees with Raj and tells you that the girls of her community are forced into prostitution because when the sons get married they have to give ₹10 lakh to ₹15 lakh to the girl. Obviously, the parents can't give this kind of dowry. So they force their daughters into prostitution," she tells you.

She is lucky that her father studied till Class XII and hence made sure that all his daughters studied. However, this didn't sit well with their community. "They feel that my father is going against the tradition. If my father put his foot down. He told all my sisters that they should concentrate on their studies and not worry about what the people are saying. This has not been easy for us. We have been looking for an alternative for a long time. We want to leave our small in Madhya Pradesh and start over some place else. For this we need to sell our land to start afresh, but we are not getting the correct price," she says.

Ashif Shaikh, Convenor National Survivor Forum tells you that there are several challenges when it comes to dealing with rape and sexual abuse survivors. First, there are several communities in the country especially in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan where the girls are forced into prostitution because it is a tradition. "The parents force their daughters into this. We have come across many cases where young girls have been made to service up to 30 men in a day. The police look the other way because they feel that the women are being paid and hence it is consensual. The truth is that these girls have no say. These girls are forced. The money they earn goes into building a dowry that they can give to the girl their son marries. But they forget that nobody will marry their daughters. Since it is an age old tradition, they are not bothered as long as the money keeps coming in," Shaikh says.

The second challenge is that there are over 600 women who are yet to get the compensation that has been set even though their abuser has been convicted. The amount varies from ₹3 lakh to ₹7 lakh that has been set by law. "This

money goes a long way into rehabilitating these women," Shaikh says who has recently submitted a letter to the Chief Justice of India with signatures of over 1500 women and their families pulling their attention towards the plight of the rape survivors.

"We are also in the process of submitting more data that will help our case. This included data of the States where despite conviction, the survivors have not received compensation," Shaikh shares.

However, he doesn't agree that providing compensation will escalate rapes in the country. "The truth is that timely conviction will go a long way to curb crime against women. Another thing that needs to be done is that instead of supporting the perpetrator, the survivor should be supported. As of now, it is always the survivor who is shamed. In almost 90 per cent cases when a survivor goes to the police to report, she is one who is blamed. Worse, people don't believe that she is telling the truth. In such cases the perpetrator goes scot-free. This when only one or two per cent cases are reported. Almost 98 per cent still go unreported especially where minors are involved. In many cases, the survivor only comes forward after she has been raped repeatedly by the same person over a prolonged period," Shaikh says and paints a horror picture by telling you that the reason why the woman is shamed is because there are thousands of cases where it is a relative who has done the minor.

"Fathers and uncles being most common. We live in a patriarchal society. The man wants to show his domination over the weak. Women are vulnerable. Raping them and abusing them is easy. It proves that the men are in control and can get away with whatever they dish out to the woman," Shaikh explains who is now working towards gathering national data of sexual abuse in shelter homes for women and children.

"We believe that there are over a million children involved in sexual exploitation in India. However, the police and the Governments opine that they are sex workers. But we believe that they are being raped by more than 20 different men in a day. So we are initiating a national survey in such cases. These cases therefore needed to be reported under POCSO Act. Third, we are interacting with over a crore students in schools creating awareness about what constitutes sexual abuse," Shaikh says.

'It's the perpetrator who needs to be shamed and humiliated'

BHANWARI DEVI, a social activist from Rajasthan, tells SHALINI SAKSENA that there is only one way to stop rapes in the country — by providing quick justice to survivors

It has been more than 25 years, but Bhanwari Devi all of 56 today, still remembers the day like yesterday. She was gangraped by five men of the family when she tried to prevent child marriage. "I don't want to talk about that. Four of the men have died. Only one remains and struts around in my village as if nothing happened. Find me a lawyer who will take my case and fight in my behalf. It has been more than two decades, I still want justice.

I want the man to know that he can't get away with the crime," Bhanwari Devi tells you who is now a social worker from Bhatari, Rajasthan. She holds workshops where girls are educated about what is right and wrong. She also comes to the rescue of rape and sexual abuse survivors and guides them how to get justice.

"The problem is that the one crime where quick justice is needed is a crime which takes the longest to prove. And

even then, there is no guarantee that justice will be meted out. We are all aware how most times the perpetrator gets away with proving that the act was consensual. This is bad. It sends a signal to the other men that they too can get away with raping a woman. We have to stop this from happening," the 56-year-old tells you.

Her solution is simple even if it might be naive. "Rape survivors are looking for

immediate justice. They need to know that the perpetrator didn't get away with the act. So shame the criminal. This is easier to do in villages — parade him around the village with the shoes on his head. This way everyone will have a good look at his face. They will know that he is an offender. Women will stay clear of him. The elderly will also take note that he is an offender. If he is caught harassing a girl, he can be immediately reprimanded.

This way other men will also be wary. It can go a long way in preventing crimes against women. Also, eve trading needs to be tackled. It all started with it. Men realised that they got away with it. They got bold and their actions turned more heinous.

If the parents, the society and the police had taken timely action, we would not have so many crimes against women," Bhanwari Devi opines and tells

you that turning the police of the system is not the solution.

"We have to change. We have to educate the girls, we have to tell them that it is not correct to suffer in silence. This is what I tell the girls when I hold workshops. This is what I tell the survivor as well — she is not to be blamed. She had done nothing wrong. She needs to speak out so that other women are not made fresh targets," Bhanwari Devi says.

Third-time lucky?

Sindhu to face Okuhara in repeat of 2017 final, Praneeth settles for Bronze

PTI ■ BASEL

PV Sindhu stood one win away from an elusive World Championships Gold after entering a third successive final but B Sai Praneeth settled for Bronze following his defeat to Kento Momota here on Saturday.

Sindhu, who had claimed successive Silver in the last two editions of the prestigious tournament beside two Bronze, was a picture of perfection as she outclassed World No 3 and All England Champion Chen Yu Fei of China 21-7, 21-14 in a 40-minute semifinal.

The 24-year-old Olympic Silver medalist will take on Japan's World No 4 Nozomi Okuhara in the summit showdown today. Two years ago, Okuhara had robbed off the Indian the title after an epic battle that went down as one of the greatest contests in badminton history.

The third seeded Okuhara outlasted former world champion Thailand's Ratchanok Intanon, seeded 7th, 17-21, 21-18, 21-15 in the other semifinal.

Overall, Sindhu enjoys a slender 8-7 advantage against Okuhara in 15 career meetings. The Indian will fancy her chances of a win, having beaten the Japanese on her way to the Indonesia Open final last month.

"I was well prepared and from the start I was in the lead and then finished it off," Sindhu said.

"In the second game, I made some unforced errors and then I was leading again and it gave me my confidence. Overall, the game went well and I hope it goes well tomorrow (on Sunday)."

However, Praneeth's impressive run ended after his attacking game couldn't dent the



PV Sindhu attempts to return a shot against Chen Yu Fei during BWF World Championships semifinal match

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defence of in-form defending champion Momota, going down to the Japanese World No 1 13-21, 8-21 in 41 minutes.

On Friday though, Praneeth achieved a rare distinction of becoming the first Indian male shuttler in 36 years to win a medal in the tournament.

Prakash Padukone was the first to win a men's singles World Championships medal — a Bronze — in the 1983 edition.

After his dream run ending with Bronze, Praneeth described the feat as one of the best of his international career.

The 27-year-old from Hyderabad, who was conferred with the Arjuna Award this year said, "This was one of my best tournaments that I ever had in my career. There are lots of learning and positives to take. I think the recent performances have been good," Praneeth told reporters.

Praneeth, who had finished runners-up at Swiss Open early this year, admitted he just couldn't find the wherewithal to put pressure on Momota during the semi-

final contest. "Momota was varying the strokes. I was pushing the pace but I wasn't getting the result. I was getting tired. I didn't know what to do. I was blank. I was attacking but a few strokes went out," he said.

"I couldn't think anything except hitting the strokes and he was taking all the shots and I was hitting the net too often."

“It is important to keep yourself focused. It is not over yet for me. Yeah, I am happy but not satisfied yet. There is one more match to go and I would want to get the Gold. It is not going to be easy. I have to be focused, patient and give my best in the final”

The world No 19 Indian lavished praise on the world No 1 Japanese, terming him a "complete player".

"He has got an all-round game and he can vary his game according to the opponent and that is a big plus point," said Praneeth, the 2017 Singapore Open champion.

"If you see, Momota is a completely different player. You can't go blindly and play him. You have to be fit and keep him in play and change the strategy all the time. The main thing is you have to be mentally fit."

"He has a lot of patience and variation. He can read his opponent. He has something different from others which is making everything tough to beat him. But we will figure it out and yeah, someday I will definitely beat him."

SINGLES

MALINGA TO LEAD IN NZ T20S

COLOMBO: Veteran fast bowler Lasith Malinga, who recently retired from ODI cricket, will lead Sri Lanka in the three-match T20 series against New Zealand, beginning September 1 in Pallekele. Sri Lanka dropped former captain Angelo Mathews and all-rounder Thisara Perera from the team's squad. Niroshan Dickwella, the left-handed wicket-keeper batsman, has been named as Malinga's deputy in the 15-member squad for the home series. All-rounders Angelo Perera, Dhananjaya de Silva and Priyamal Perera, wicket-keeper batsman Sadeera Samarawickrama and bowlers Suranga Lakmal, Jefferey Vandersay, Asitha Fernando and Kamindu Mendis, all of whom had toured South Africa, have been sidelined.

NAIR MISSES TON BY RUN

BENGALURU: Out-of-favour India batsman Karun Nair missed out on a century by one run but Himachal Pradesh's Ankit Kalsi made 106 before India Red were all out for 285 in their Duleep Trophy match against India Blue here on Saturday. India Red fought back to reduce their opponents to 74 for 3 in 24 overs at stumps, getting the key wickets of the highly-rated Shubman Gill (9) and in-form Ruturaj Gaikwad (37). Earlier, Nair's hopes of scoring a hundred were dashed when he was stumped by Snell Patel off left-arm spinner Saurabh Kumar. Pathania was the best bowler for Blue with a haul of 4 for 55 from 32 overs, while Saxena took 3 for 57 and Aniket Chaudhary captured two wickets.

LILLE CONFIRM SANCHES TRANSFER

MUNICH: Bayern Munich's unsettled Portuguese midfielder Renato Sanches has signed a four-year contract with Ligue 1 side Lille, both clubs confirmed on Friday. The 22-year-old arrived in northern France on Friday to undergo a medical before closing the deal with a club who will compete in the Champions League group stage after finishing second in Ligue 1 last season. "We are very happy to have completed the signing of Renato Sanches, who is an exceptional player. He has an interesting profile which suits our project," said Lille director general Marc Ingla in a statement on the club website. According to a source close to the club, Lille will pay in the region of 20 million euros (\$22.1 million) to sign the former Benfica player.

GOKULAM KERALA LIFT DURAND CUP

KOLKATA: Trinidadian forward Marcus Joseph led by example with a brace to inspire Gokulam Kerala FC to Durand Cup title in their debut campaign with a 2-1 win over 16-time champions Mohun Bagan at the Salt Lake Stadium on Saturday. Joseph converted a penalty in the 45+1st minute and doubled the lead with his menacing left-footer in the 51st minute. Terribly let down by their defence especially in the first-half, the Mariners stepped up the attack after the changeover and pulled one back through Salva Chamorro header from a Joseba Beitia free-kick in the 64th minute. **AGENCIES**



Tom Latham, left, celebrates after scoring 100

Latham ton drives NZ reply

AFP ■ COLOMBO

A sparkling century by Tom Latham powered New Zealand's first innings reply after Sri Lanka posted 244 on day three of the rain-hit second Test in Colombo on Saturday.

Latham, on 111, put together an unbeaten 70-run stand with BJ Watling, on 25, to thwart the Sri Lankan bowling attack that had made early inroads into the Kiwi batting.

The tourists were 196 for four at stumps, still trailing Sri Lanka by 48 runs.

Earlier Dhananjaya de Silva made 109 to lift Sri Lanka after they resumed the day on 144 for six following their decision to bat first.

But Latham made the day his own as he registered his 10th Test hundred — fourth against Sri Lanka — to hold the New Zealand innings after they lost key wickets including skipper Kane Williamson for 20.

Latham combined the right dose of caution and aggression as he hit 10 boundaries in his 184-ball stay at the wicket so far.

"Tom is getting better and better every season. He had a great summer back home," New Zealand paceman Tim Southee, who claimed four wickets in the Sri Lankan innings, told reporters.

"Great to see him kick on and continue that form overseas especially to come here and play the way he has played on conditions that are tough."

In the morning session, De Silva moved from his overnight 32 to complete his fifth Test century.

Southee returned figures of 4-63 while pace partner Trent Boult got three wickets.

India continue to dominate WI

PTI ■ NORTH SOUND

India continued to maintain their supremacy over the West Indies by garnering a healthy lead on the third day of the first cricket Test here on Saturday.

India were 66 for one after 27 overs in their second innings. The visitors now enjoy an overall lead of 141 runs with nine wickets in hand.

Opener Mayank Agarwal (16) was the only wicket to fall, LBW by Roston Chase in the 14th over although TV replays showed the ball was missing the leg stump but the batsman didn't go for the review.

KL Rahul was batting on 34 while giving him company was Cheshwar Pujara on 16 as the duo shared unbeaten 36 runs for the second wicket.

India earlier took a healthy 75 runs lead in the first innings, which swelled to 89 by lunch time on the third day.

India bowled out West Indies for 222 in 74.2 overs in their first innings in reply to 297 with Ishant Sharma returning with best figures of 5 for 43.

Besides Ishant, Mohammed Shami (2/48) and left-arm spinner Ravindra Jadeja (2/64) scalped two wickets a piece.

For West Indies, Roston Chase top-scored with 48, while skipper Jason Holder played a fighting 39-



Ishant Sharma celebrates with Virat Kohli after the dismissal of Kemar Roach

FASTEST INDIAN TO 50 TEST WICKETS

Bowler	Tests	Inn	Time
R Ashwin	9	16	1 year & 10 days
Anil Kumble	10	20	2 years & 220 days
Narendra Hirwani	11	19	2 years & 200 days
Harbhajan Singh	11	21	2 years & 361 days
Jasprit Bumrah	11	21	1 year & 230 days

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run knock as the hosts failed to build up partnerships.

At the opening break of the third day, India were 14 for no loss in their second innings.

Earlier, resuming at the overnight score of 189 for eight, Holder and Miguel Cummins stuck together for 103 balls, forging a crucial 41-run partnership for the ninth wicket to take West Indies close to the Indian total.

Holder kept a calm head and guided his younger partner Cummins brilliantly to get as close as possible to the Indian total.

While Holder made 39 off 65 balls with the help of five boundaries, Cummins gave his skipper the right support from the other end by just staying at the crease although he couldn't open his account.

Cummins' determination to stay at the crease and give his skip-

per company can be gauged from the fact that he played 45 balls for no runs.

The Indian bowlers found it difficult to break the stubborn partnership between Holder and Cummins as they needed 85 balls in the opening session of the third day to dislodge the stand.

The partnership was finally broken when Holder edged a Mohammed Shami delivery to wicketkeeper Rishabh Pant behind the stumps in the 74th over.

Left-arm spinner Jadeja finally drew curtains on West Indies innings when he cleaned up Cummins an over later.

Brief scores:

(AT LUNCH)
India 1st innings: 297 all out & 14 for no loss (Mayank Agarwal 8 not out, KL Rahul 6 not out).

West Indies 1st innings: 222 all out in 74.2 overs (Roston Chase 48, Jason Holder 39; Ishant Sharma 5/43).

Root, Denly come to Eng rescue



AFP ■ LEEDS

England captain Joe Root and Joe Denly were fighting hard to prevent a three-day defeat in the third Test after Australia threatened another Ashes rout at Headingley on Saturday.

When Australia took two wickets for no runs in four balls to leave England 15-2, it looked like another dramatic collapse was on the cards following the hosts' woeful 67 — their lowest Ashes total since 1948 — in the first innings.

But at tea on the third day, England had recovered to 90-2.

Root, in on a pair, was 41 not out

and Denly 30 not out with their third-wicket stand so far worth 75 runs.

England still needed a further 269 runs to reach an unlikely target of 359 and with 39 overs left in the day there was time for them to be bowled out before stumps.

But they were at least making Australia work for a win that would see them retain the Ashes at 2-0 up with two to play in a five-match series.

Surrey openers Rory Burns and Jason Roy both fell cheaply shortly after lunch.

Left-hander Burns (seven) edged a lifting Pat Cummins delivery to David Warner at first slip before Roy, yet to convince as a Test match opener, played down the wrong line to Josh

Hazlewood, who took 5-30 in the first innings, and was bowled.

Root, in on a pair, got off the mark with a three off fast bowler Hazlewood to the delight of his home Yorkshire fans in a capacity, sun-drenched crowd.

Denly, the only England batsman to reach double figures in the first innings with 12, repeatedly played and missed either side of being hit on the head by a Cummins bouncer.

But both he and Root applied themselves on an increasingly slow pitch that was making life tough for Australia's pace attack.

And there was a huge cheer from the crowd when Root's controlled hook off Hazlewood raised a fifty part-

nership with Denly.

The odds were still hugely in Australia's favour, given only three sides have made more than 300 to win in the fourth innings of a Test at Headingley — Australia (404-3 in 1948), England (315-4 against Australia, 2001) and the West Indies with 322-5 two years ago.

Earlier, Marnus Labuschagne missed out on a maiden Test hundred as he top-scored with 80 in Australia's second-innings 246.

Labuschagne was 74 not out when Cummins's dismissal left Australia 226-8.

But rather than being denied a century in his seventh Test by a lack of partners, the South Africa-born batsman ran himself out.

Labuschagne joins elite club

AFP ■ LEEDS

Australia's Marnus Labuschagne joined an exclusive club while making 80 against England in the second innings of the third Ashes Test on Saturday.

In the process, Labuschagne became just the fifth batsman and fourth Australian — a list that includes head coach Justin Langer — in Test history to make two scores in a match higher than a total posted by

an opposing team in one innings.

Labuschagne made 74 in the first innings. England were dismissed for just 67, their lowest Ashes total in 71 years.

The only batsman from outside Australia to achieve the feat is outstanding West Indies opener Gordon Greenidge, who hit two hundreds in a 1976 Test at Old Trafford, Manchester, where England collapsed to 71 all out in their first innings.

Labuschagne ignored the old rule of 'never run on a misfield' when Denly fumbled at third man and then failed

to beat a throw to Bairstow as his valuable 187-ball innings featuring eight fours came to an end.

Gokulam Kerala stun Bagan to lift Durand Cup



PTI ■ KOLKATA

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Three minutes left on the clock, Kerala were down to 10 players when Jestin George was shown a second yellow card for a terrible tackle on Kima.

But their defence managed to hold on to their slender lead despite the numerical disadvantage clinch the Asia's oldest football tournament for Kerala for the first time after 22 years.

FC Kochin were the previous and the only Kerala club that won the trophy before while Viva Kerala, had participated in the tournament in 2007 only to exit in the league stages.

It was a tale of sorry state of defence led by Fran Morante as they crumbled under pressure especially when the ball came to Joseph and Henry Kisekka, who played for Mohun Bagan last season.

Mohun Bagan had better possession, more shots on target but failed to convert any as they went into the half-time conceding a stoppage time (45+1st) goal by Marcus.

The Mariners last won the third oldest tournament of the world way back in 2000 defeating Mahindra United 2-1 by a golden goal from RC Prakash, while this was their first final appearance since 2009.

Following a tale of missed opportunities, Mohun Bagan goalkeeper Debjit Majumder made a mess of a one-on-one with Henry, when he pulled down his former teammate inside the box as referee Ajit Kumar Meitei had no hesitation in awarding a penalty to Gokulam.

Their left-footed captain, with two hat-tricks in the group stage, stepped up to convert from the spot with his shot to the right of an outstretched Majumder.

Six minutes into the second half, Joseph returned to haunt once again as he

Bagan coach blames refereeing

KOLKATA: Mohun Bagan coach Kibu Vicuna blamed refereeing for their Durand Cup final loss to 10-man Gokulam Kerala 1-2 in front of a boisterous crowd at the Salt Lake Stadium here on Saturday.

Marcus Joseph scored a brace for the Kerala outfit while Mohun Bagan reduced the margin in the 64th minute when Salva Chamorro scored from Joseba Beitia free-kick.

Vicuna claimed that the move of the first goal from a penalty was off-side. He also blamed the referee Ajit Kumar Meitei for not awarding a penalty in the 90+6th minute when Muhammad Irshad came in the way of Chamorro inside the box.

Mohun Bagan too got a red card when Fran Morante, who was on the bench, shouted at the referee and linesman in the 90+7th minute for not giving a penalty.

"I think there were two situations. For the first goal, I thought Henry (Kisekka) was offside slightly and second was the penalty," the Spaniard said about Kisekka being brought down by their goalkeeper Debjit Majumder.

"I don't want to give an excuse. But tonight for me the first goal was offside at least on the field. Also, the penalty was genuine. It was unbelievable. I respect the referees but the fourth official disrespected me. That is not something I will accept," Vicuna said.

doubled the lead to take his goal tally to 11, something that virtually sounded a death nail for the 16-time champions.

The move was initiated by Naocha Singh from the midfield as there was another another defensive lapse by two Mohun Bagan defenders who left a big gap to see Joseph making full use of the thorough pass.

The Trinidadian managed to stay on side and surge past Lalchhawnkima to slot it home with his left-footer with Mohun Bagan goalkeeper Debjit Majumder not able to cover the angle in time.

Earlier in the league stage, the 28-year-old had begun the team's campaign in emphatic style with a hat-trick against Chennaiyin FC, followed by a brace against Indian Air Force in the next match. Joseph brought up his second hat-

In both the instances, TV replays showed that Kisekka was on-side, while Irshad did not hand the ball in the dying minutes of the game.

The coach, however, conceded that it was not their match as they were tired after playing 120 minutes against Real Kashmir in the semifinals.

"It wasn't our match since the beginning. I felt the team was tired. We tried and tried but the tempo was slow. Perhaps it was too much playing every 3 days. They were physically better than us but we finished well. It was a crazy game.

"We have not even trained for two months. The players are adapting to a particular style. The team is playing good football. Tonight the opponent pressed hard. As I said before we have a lot of things to improve," he added. This was Mohun Bagan's third consecutive Durand Cup final after 2004 and 2009.

Incidentally, Gokulam Kerala's semi-final match against East Bengal too stretched past extra time as they settled the issue in the penalties.

Marcus Joseph finished with 11 goals from five matches to be adjudged Man of the Match Golden Boot winner.

"My dream has come true. Yesterday I was telling Etienne that we have to win the tournament. We came one month before and winning the trophy now is great," he said dedicating this win to his family back home in Trinidad.

trick of the meet against I-League debutants from Manipur TRAU FC in their final league fixture to help the Malabarians finish with all wins from three matches to top group D.

Chamorro delivered with a clinical header from Joseba Beitia's freekick as Ubaid fumbled to take an easy chance to see Mohun Bagan pull one back in the 64th minute. A couple of minutes later, Joseph was set up brilliantly by Kisekka as he shot powerfully beating Mohun Bagan goalkeeper Majumder by pace but thankfully for the home side it missed the target by a few inches.

A desperate Mohun Bagan pressed on their attack and Jesuraj put a low cross to Fran Gonzalez but his shot failed to breach Ubaid who found himself well placed.

Sumit Nagal to clash with Fedex in US Open opener

PTI ■ NEW YORK

Earning a dream Grand Slam debut for himself, Indian tennis player Sumit Nagal sets up the US Open first round clash against one of the greatest players of all time — the legendary Roger Federer — on Monday.

When Nagal stepped on the court to take on Brazil's Joao Menezes in the final qualifying round on Friday, he would not have thought a win would pit him against a global superstar, who has 20 Grand Slam titles to his name.

Nagal lost the first set but regrouped for a 5-7 6-4 6-3 win over the Brazilian in two hours and 27 minutes.

The 22-year-old Indian has become only the fifth Indian player to feature in a Grand Slam singles main draw in this decade. Somdev Devvarman, Yuki Bhambhani, Saketh Myneni and Prajnesh Gunneswaran are the only ones who have played at Tennis Majors.

Nagal had also become only the sixth Indian player to win a junior Grand Slam title in 2015 when he won Wimbledon boys doubles with Nam Hoang Ly of Vietnam.

With Prajnesh also playing in this US Open, India now will have two players in the Grand Slam main draw for the first time since 1998 when legends Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi competed at the Wimbledon.

Prajnesh is set to clash with Cincinnati Masters winner and world number five Daniil Medvedev, who conquered Novak Djokovic during his title triumph.

Nagal came into the US Open qualifiers confident, backed by terrific results during the clay court season.

Consistent results on the Challenger Circuit meant that he broke into the top-200 for the first time in his career and

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"It means a lot. Everyone dreams about this. I played well in Qualifiers. Every match meant something, I had some history with all of them. It was a roller-coaster. Of course, I am super happy. I don't even know what to say," Nagal told PTI.

"It will be a great opportunity to play Roger at Arthur Ashe stadium. It's probably the best thing that could have happened. I was hoping I get to play Roger someday. He is God of tennis, so yeah I am looking forward to it," added Nagal.

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has now earned himself a chance to play a match which every tennis player dreams of.

He had started the year outside the 350 bracket and had to overcome a difficult period, encountering injuries but came back strong.

India's Davis Cup captain Bhupathi, who was the first to spot Nagal's talent and took

him under his wings to provide support, said it's a career defining moment for the 22-year-old from Jhajjar in Haryana.

"Nagal has been unlucky with injuries and has worked very hard to get back to this level. Playing Roger at the US Open at night is every qualifier's dream and nightmare and I think this experience will both

be a confidence booster and a career defining moment for him," Bhupathi told PTI, reacting to Nagal's impending Grand Slam debut.

So what Nagal needs to do to not get overwhelmed when he finds Federer across the court? "He needs to enjoy the moment and go for his shots," suggested Bhupathi.

Marquez on Silverstone pole, Quartararo fireworks fizzle out

AFP ■ SILVERSTONE

World champion Marc Marquez secured pole for the British MotoGP with a track record time at Silverstone on Saturday as French rookie Fabio Quartararo's fortune ran out.

Quartararo shone in the first three practice sessions, with the 20-year-old on Yamaha's SRT satellite bike clocking a track record time on the freshly laid surface Friday and lowering his own mark again in third free practice.

But in fourth free practice and then final qualifying, Marquez for Honda stole the show with a new fastest time of one minute and 58.168 seconds.

The Spaniard, starting from pole for the fourth consecutive race, is joined on the front row on Sunday by Italian veteran Valentino Rossi.

The seven-time MotoGP world champion pushed his factory Yamaha to within 0.428sec of Marquez with the pair joined at the head of British grid by Australian Jack Miller on Ducati's Pramac.



Free-practice trailblazer Quartararo had to settle for fourth, and the second row, after his effort of 1min 58.612sec.

Marquez leads the MotoGP championship standings by 58 points from Andrea Dovizioso, who sets off from the third row after placing seventh in qualifying.

But the 26-year-old is by no means taking a seventh win of the season for granted after his 60th pole in the top division.

"With this surface and perfect conditions the race will be very physical and demanding," said Marquez.

"Yamaha are riding a good wave and they'll be the main opposition." One man who may beg to differ on that analysis is Yamaha's legend Rossi, who had his maiden qualifying lap cancelled for exceeding track limits.

"I'm very, very happy," said the father of the MotoGP pack, the 40-year-old starting from the front row for the first time since Austin in April.

"My pace is quite good, I had some traffic and had to wait and had to do everything in one go, it was a great lap."

"I'm hoping now for good weather," he said of a race that was cancelled 12 months ago due to standing water on the circuit.

The British crowd's hopes of local favourite Cal Crutchlow taking pole evaporated when he slid off his Honda.

LOCAL EVENTS

SPORTS COLLEGE THRASH NER

Sports College thrashed NER 11-0 in Lucknow Hockey League match at Mohd Shahid Stadium on Saturday. Rajan Gupta scored three goals while Triloki Vinvanshi sounded the board twice. Skipper Ajeet Kumar, Suraj Pal, Ajay Yadav, Vishal Kumar, Mohd Haris and Mohd Amir chipped in goal each.

LMC BLANK DPS

LMC blanked DPS, Eldeco 2-0 in a league match of the 5th Martin Cup at La Martiniere ground on Saturday. Kane and Anas scored for LMC in the 23rd & 40th minute respectively. In other matches, Haleem College defeated APS 3-0 while Mission School outclassed APS 'B' 4-0. Stella Maris, St Joseph also won their respective matches against Jubilee College and Manpal School while Montfort played a 2-2 draw with Army Public School.

BAREILLY BEAT LUCKNOW 'RED'

Bareilly Zone beat Lucknow Zone 'Red' by 64 runs in a league match of Under-16 Inter-Zonal trial match at Ekana Cricket Stadium on Saturday.

BRIEF SCORES:
Bareilly: 143 (Siddharth Narayan 33, Abhijeet Gangwar 27, Anubhav Deep 21; Apratim Tiwari 20/4, Shashank Shekhar 36/2)
Lucknow : 79 (Aviral Kanojia 22, Kushagra Singh 16, Rishi Aryan 15; Madhav Gupta 4/4, Shubham Mishra 11/3, Abhishek Pal 15/2).

ATIF SCORES HAT-TRICK

Atif scored a hat-trick to help Ex-students seal a final berth, beating Police New Boys 3-0 in the 2nd Major Durga Mall Memorial District Football Tournament at Chowk Stadium on Saturday. Atif struck in the 8th, 24th and 43rd minute. Ex-students will now take on Sahara Estates in the final.

Abraham double fires Chelsea to first win of Lampard's reign

AFP ■ NORWICH

Tammy Abraham fired Chelsea to their first win of the Frank Lampard era as the young striker's double clinched a 3-2 victory against Norwich on Saturday.

Lampard had gone three games without a win in all competitions since he took over as Chelsea manager, but the Blues legend finally got off the mark thanks to his faith in Abraham.

Abraham had failed to score in his three previous appearances this term, but the 21-year-old striker bagged his first goal for the club to put Chelsea ahead in the sunshine at Carrow Road.

A pulsating encounter saw Todd Cantwell equalise for Norwich before Mason Mount restored Chelsea's advantage.

Teemu Pukki's fifth goal in three games this season brought Norwich back on level terms before half-time, only for Abraham to give Chelsea the points with his predatory second half finish.

After a thrashing at Manchester United and a draw with Leicester in Chelsea's first two Premier League matches, Lampard will have been encouraged by the displays of Abraham and Mount. He has pinned his hopes on the youngsters to lead Chelsea through a potentially difficult season that sees the club under a transfer ban and without their best player following Eden Hazard's move to Real Madrid.

While Chelsea have now conceded nine goals in four games in all competitions under Lampard, the former England midfielder will hope his team's attacking potential keeps them afloat.

When Pedro suffered a hamstring injury in the warm-up and was replaced



Norwich City's Grant Hanley, right, tackles Chelsea's Tammy Abraham, resulting in a penalty appeal but nothing is given, during the English Premier League soccer match between Norwich City and Chelsea at the Carrow Road Stadium, Norwich on Saturday

by Ross Barkley, it left Lampard to send out the youngest start league line-up for Chelsea in 25 years at an average age of 24 years and 208 days.

Abraham was one of the youngsters Lampard had backed to shine as he replaced Olivier Giroud after being benched against Leicester last weekend.

Subjected to racist abuse on social media after missing the penalty which saw Chelsea lose the European Super Cup penalty shoot-out against Liverpool recently, Abraham took just three minutes to reward Lampard for his decision.

Cesar Azpilicueta whipped over a precise cross and Abraham alertly drifted

away from the Norwich defence to drill a fine first-time strike past Tim Krul from 10 yards.

TOUCHLINE CELEBRATIONS

Abraham, who flourished on loan at second tier Aston Villa last season, celebrated by sprinting to the touchline to hug

'There's no livelihood in theatre'



Talktime

SUDHIR PANDEY

Known for his roles in Bombay Talkies, Batti Gul Meter Chalu and Toilet: Ek Prem Katha, Pandey has earned his place in the industry. He shares with Muskan Bakshi his experience, favourite movie and his free-time dos

How did acting happen to you?

It all started with radio. I was born in Delhi. At that time there was only radio and cinema for entertainment. My father used to work as a host for All India Radio. I grew up in an environment where radio was a must. So, that got me interested. With radio, I did theatre also. After completing my studies, I decided to take up acting as a profession. There were no shortcuts. I knew nothing about how the industry worked neither did I have any Godfather in Mumbai. I decided to pursue graduation from a film institute. I got a chance to do a TV play for Doordarshan. That was the beginning of my career. I start getting more roles and entered into mainstream cinema.

Which movie came close to you?

Toilet: Ek Prem Katha. The film has a special meaning. Sanitation is a big problem in our society. This movie throws light on this issue. I like the kind of movies which are made for a social cause. The movie is an inspiration for all those people who are against making toilets in their houses.

How do you think we can overcome these challenges in real life?

Cinema is playing its part by making movies such as *Toilet...*, but the responsibility lies with the society. It's our duty to spread awareness. It is the key to stopping beliefs that building a toilet at home is wrong. Making such films will help overcome various maladies in the country.

You did TV, theatre and films. Which one do you prefer the most?

I am still doing theatre. It is close to my heart. It is something I don't want to leave. But, there is no livelihood in it that is why I not able to make it my priority. As an actor, my priority lies in

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films. Because it has a wide reach and if we perform good then our performance has archive value. Nowadays, people want to see old movies. They are stored for the long run. But, in TV once the show is finished people forget your character. That way, I prefer cinema.

When you are not shooting, what keeps you busy?

I like to travel in my free time. I love cooking and experimenting with new recipes. I like to read poetries and *shayaris* too.

What is your take on kind of films being made today?

There are two types of films being made. One is for purely commercial purpose that revolves around singing, dancing, romance, fight and action. Second is content-oriented films. The movies that have a social value like *Toilet Ek Prem Katha* and *Article 15* to name a few. The one thing that I like about today's cinema is that the focus has shifted to making content-driven films that

are real and talk about the social issues.

What is your character in Ishaaron Ishaaron Mein, the TV show?

I play Raam Lal Srivastav aka Dadaji, Yogi's grandfather. Dadaji is very emotional. He always engages in small fights with his wife which shows how much he love her. He is caring and believes in keeping the family together.

What made you say yes?

First, the story. Second, the channel on which it is aired — SET. Third, this type of story is never been told on TV before.

Any plans to step into the digital space?

I will be definitely interested in doing web series if a story on a good subject comes up. Digital space is booming. If I am offered a good dramatic character then I will not turn it down. I will grab the opportunity with both hands.



'Language is no barrier to music'



Kashmiri folk singer AABHA HANJURA speaks with SHALINI SAKSENA about her band Sufistication and the reason why she is experimenting with classical folk and contemporary sounds

What is your latest track about?

Actually, I have released two singles, one in Hindi and one in Kashmiri — *Chalo Chinaro Ke Gharon and Dilbaro Yuiar Valo*. They are part of my first album — *Sound of Kashmiri*. The song begins with Kashmiri and ends in Hindi. We have also done a music video series for the two parts. The song is about hope and love. The first part celebrates the beauty of the land and the Hindi version is about my desire to go back to Kashmir.

How did your musical journey begin?

I always wanted to be a singer. My mother discovered my voice and taught me music at home. Then, I started learning Hindustani classical music for sometime. It is very important to have a good teacher when you are young. Unfortunately, my *guruji* died.

With him, my learning ended. I landed a reality show — *Indian Idol*, and was a finalist. But I was always meant to be an indie artist. I contemplated getting back to music and was searching for something. A visit back home was an emotional one. I felt that singing in my language would help me pay homage to my land and this gave me purpose and I started my band *sufistication*.

Why Sufistication?

It is not about single music. It is essentially about a thought. I have always been influenced by *sufi thoughts* from different parts of the world. Kashmir, too has a lot of *sufiana*, though people don't recognise it. The first song that I ever composed was by a *sufi saint* — *Lal Ded from the Valley*. A lot of Punjabi artists have also kept the *sufi music* alive. I wanted to bring in a blend of modern sounds with what is earthy. I sing in Hindi, Kashmiri, Urdu and Punjabi. It is an eclectic concept. The sound of our band can't be put in a box. Hence, the name.

You won an award. What was it about?

I have won a bunch of them. There is one that I won for *Hukus Bukus* (2017) — The Hungama Best Folk Artist Award. I won the Times Our Woman award for Excellence in Music, a couple of months back.

What are the challenges that artists face in the Valley?

I did have an *'aha'* moment when I had gone back and embarked on my journey. Subsequently, I went back to look for the sound and met many folk artists and collaborated with them for my album. These artists play different folk instruments. The challenge is that there is nothing besides Bollywood music in the country right now. There is a Bollywood cloud over us. This is an overall phenomenon. With respect to Kashmir, our music is very intrinsic to us. Unfortunately, the situation has tense for a long time and music has lost itself. It has to come from the Valley. Artists there don't get to play music as much. Music can't grow if played for a select few.

Do you think that language is hampering the music from the Valley to spread?

Personally, language is never a barrier when it comes to music. My song has had three million views. So that is not an issue. The good is that a lot more songs are becoming popular. Recently, my song got picked up for a film. But we can't wait for the industry to come and save us. Every artist has to do his bit. However, it can't be denied that a Kashmiri song in a film will make the music popular faster.

IT'S PAWSTASTIC

Dressing up your furry companion has become a new trend. With a wide range of designs to choose from, there is something in place for everyone. MUSBA HASHMI tells you more

From pet friendly cafes to spas to day cares and to hotels, the industry is gradually turning pet-friendly, realising the importance of a furry friend in life. Now, it's time for pet clothing. Yes, you read that right. Your furry friend can too flaunt a funky T-shirt just like you do — without compromising on their comfort.

The apparel brand — Ruse, is offering T-shirts, jackets and coats for your pets. Founded by a 31-year-old Delhi-based man — Vikram Dhir, who is an animal lover himself, the brand promises to provide full comfort to the animals.

Dhir's experience of working in the apparel industry and coming from an apparel business background helped him coming up with Ruse.

"I have always been an animal lover and I am fortunate enough to grow up in a home that welcomed dogs. My family business is manufacturing and exporting high-fashion apparel. It gained me a sound knowledge of the garment industry and how it works. Initially, I started Ruse as an apparel brand in June, 2017 that specialised in T-shirts for humans. But, I always wanted to do something unconventional and wanted to find an interesting way to combine my passion for business

with my love for animals. Soon after I got involved in the family business I was united with Elvis — a 6-year-old golden retriever, who inspired me to take the brand a notch higher and diversify into the pet space. Slowly we pivoted into a brand not just for humans, but also for their furry companions. I have been always conscious of the fact that most people are just as passionate about their pets as I am. Taking inspiration from Elvis, Ruse evolved into a full-fledged pet brand in December, 2017. And that's how we managed to create a unique product line that fused my love and passion for both animals and apparel," he says.

Though some vets say that apparel's are not meant for animals, Dhir has different take on that.

"Being a dog owner and lover, I'm very particular about the research we put into the products we're making. It depends entirely on the breed of the dog, the weather conditions and the quality

THE PRODUCTS ARE DESIGNED TO BE EXTREMELY EASY TO PUT ON PETS, REDUCING PET PARENTS' INCONVENIENCE. ALL PATTERNS ARE TRIED, TESTED AND PERFECTED ON PETS IN VARIOUS SIZES BEFORE BEING PUT INTO PRODUCTION. THIS HELPS IN ELIMINATING DISCOMFORT OR IRRITATION



of the products in question. We have consciously created separate collections for summer and winter and our products have been designed and constructed keeping in mind that dogs normally have a higher body temperature. All our pet products are made from organic cotton, structured and stitched to make sure they're anti-chafing. We've created seven size patterns with adjustable utility velcro strips around the tummy area so as to fit all dog breeds comfortably, without causing them any annoyance and irritation. Also, the bottom and top lengths have been thoughtfully designed to ensure that the clothes don't get dirty while the dogs are attending to nature's calls — which is a big problem that Elvis too faced with all the existing products. And all our printing is done with DuPont Pigment inks that are water based. So, it's very safe and easy to use," he tells you.

The USP of Ruse's pet wear collection is what that sets it apart from all the other brands in the market.

"For starters, we enabled the pet owners to get custom printed apparel for their pets and themselves, which we feel, in this day and age of DIY everything, is much needed. Our products are designed to be extremely easy to put on the pets,

reducing the pet parent's inconvenience. All our fit patterns are tried, tested and perfected on pets in various sizes before being put into production. Quality checked at five stages, our product fits are consciously designed to avoid any kind of annoyance, displeasure or irritation to the animals and to provide maximum utility and mobility for the pet," he explains and adds that the brand have a "customer first" attitude. They offer a hassle free 15-day exchange/return policy which allows the customers to return the product in case of any discomfort.

Dhir says that there are many reasons why one can opt for clothing for their pets. First, these products serve multiple purposes like providing a stress free solution to the hair-shedding problem by trapping the hair from furry breeds inside the clothes. Second, they help in protecting the animals from ticks and fleas. Third, it also help cover wounds, prohibiting your pets from constantly licking or biting the same. Fourth, the winter collection helps protect the pets from extremely cold conditions.

Ruse not only offers collection for dogs but for cats too. The price varies from ₹500 to ₹2000 depending upon the design and size.

Though, the brand has established itself and is receiving a lot of positive response from the customers, it's not the end for Dhir's aspirations.

"We have a lot of interesting ideas in the pipeline ranging from bespoke pet wear to customised accessories. For most pet owners, their pets are like their babies, so we want to evolve into a product line, which enables every pet owner to let their pets have a wardrobe of their own," he tells you.

Whipping up sweet delights

SHALINI SAKSENA
NEW DELHI

Think of desserts and one thinks of cakes, pies, pudding and sweets. What makes us reach us out to certain kind of pastries and sweets? Is it because they are visually appealing, or because we know that they are sweet or because it is a dessert that one has not tried?

Chef Arvind Prasad, co-founder and executive of Whitecaps International School of Pastry Arts, Bengaluru, who has been in the industry for 21 years tells you that today, we look for art in everything. "We look how we can be part of art — be it a wall or food. Food is passion and a trending fashion. We want to experience it in all its forms including the luxury aspect of it. This means that

pastry and desserts are looked at differently. While the dish remains the same what has changed is the presentation due to technology and experimentation," Arvind says who recently mentored a person for a competition — The Pastry Queen — an international competition that was recently held.

He tells you that the students who come to learn at the school are enamoured visually. "Eye impression is important but there is need to ensure that the ingredients that are used in a pastry are able to retain their taste. I want to keep the taste as natural as possible. When we think of pastry, people think of *maida* and sugar. But a good dessert can be just a fruit that can be given a twist with a herb and spices. For me a dessert need not just be a sweet. The



experimentation too with the desserts stems from the need of the people to try something that is exotic. Therefore, ice cream with goat cheese and ice



Chef Arvind Prasad

cream with Parmesan and bacon ice cream has many takers," Arvind explains.

He tells you that the reason why pastries are expensive is

that because man of the ingredient used are imported. "Many chefs try to work with indigenous ingredients to bring down the cost. I love to experiment with berries but some Indian berries are expensive as well since they are restricted to certain areas like the berry from Ladakh — sea buckthorn — a sour berry," he says and opines that the word pastry is not well-defined in India.

Most Indians, when they visualise a dessert, they see a cake. But this is not true. Anything that is a pastry is a dessert. "For example, cake is for celebration that can make a great dessert. When I eat a *samosa*, it is a savoury pastry. When I eat *dhokla*, it is a savoury pastry. A pineapple pastry is a pastry, a croissant is a pastry. A dessert includes everything — pastries, sweets

and even pudding," Arvind shares who won the best chocolate showpiece in the Indian Chocolate Masters 2014.

The advantage of a competition, he says, is that you put your best foot forward. "You pick up new techniques like dessert snacking.

When you think of snacks, you reach out for popcorn or chips. But have you heard of chocolate snacking? This gives you ideas to push yourself. The latest trend taking the world by storm are eggless desserts. Even French pastry chefs are making eggless desserts. Pastry chefs are not mere chefs, we have to be good artists, good cooks, food scientists and even good managers," Arvind says who is now busy creating a team for a competition in Singapore and then in France.

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I always try to do my best to inspire people to be good and do the right thing, but I just can't live my life always trying to be a good role model
— Kylie Jenner



FROM THE INSIDE

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Lt Col K Gopinathan (Retd)'s new book is a satire on the current state of affairs in the country

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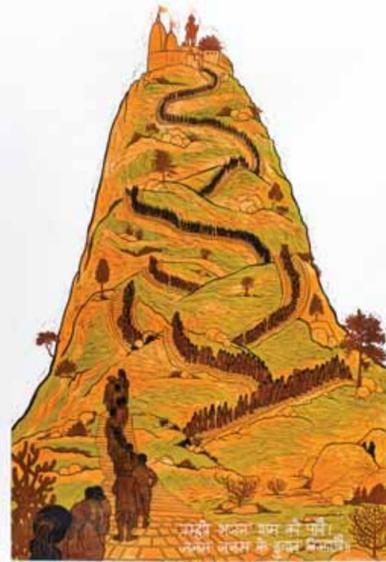


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Be practical to succeed
Instead of trying to find out the reasons underlying your ordeal, better work upon your fault lines



Suman Chandra; Art Alive Gallery



Champa Mohan; Blueprint12; DCAW



Ayesha Singh; Shrine Empire

WHAT IS CONTEMPORARY?

As the new season of art opens in Delhi with shows highlighting works by contemporary artists, NAVNEET MENDIRATTA looks at the new narratives and prominent trends emerging in the current scenario

The contemporary voices in the Indian art scene are emerging stronger and clearer with more galleries backing up younger artists. As the new season of art opens in Delhi, it is interesting to see new names emerge with a diverse body of work and compelling narrative to their credit.

THE NARRATIVE

"The current generation of artists is responding to ecological developments and the shift can be seen worldwide. Even internationally, the focus is on the ecology around them. That is what makes their art relevant to the times," opens Sunaina Anand of Art Alive Gallery. The gallery recently opened the season with 'What is Contemporary...', their first show in Contemporary Idioms series.

"Our focus was to look at the art institutions that the younger artists are coming from. The idea was to pick talent from diverse institutes across the country," she elaborates on the new series. Interestingly, all three artists currently showing at the gallery are in their 20s, come from different institutes and yet reflect a distinct synergy.

Agrees Debasish Mukherjee, whose solo exhibition, 'River Song' opened at Aakar Prakar Gallery recently: "Contemporary artists are a part of the same society after all. It's just the language which is different here. The current generation is certainly more open to experiments with their medium or the language."

Since 2016, Mukherjee has been working on a body of work, which explores the 'concept' of home, spaces or place of origin through sensorial and emotional memory. This includes a series of mix media works, which are more like textile sculptures and installations. "I have often wondered, what makes us yearn for an era lost? What triggers memories, and how we comprehend moments as we had experienced them, even though we no longer exist in that place or time. Is it possible to manifest the architecture of our memories into fabric, texture and impressions within the format of an exhibition? I have tried mapping all of these in to my current body of work," he shares of his current exhibition.

MAPPING THE MARKET

Even though the artists tend to voice the concerns of their times. The question is whether the market is ready to put their money on the shift?

"The contemporary market is slowly and steadily growing in India. Experimental art forms with strong concepts are definitely finding greater demand. Now there is more focus on South Asian artists," says Mandira Lamba of Blueprint12.

Blueprint 12 has collaborated with Vadehra Art Gallery to open a solo show with Youdhishir Maharjan and Kingsley Gunatillake last Thursday. The gallery is also a part of a larger collective, titled Delhi Contemporary Art Week (DCAW) featuring seven galleries, the other six being Gallery Espace, Exhibit 320, Latitude 28, Nature Morte, Shrine Empire and Vadehra Art Gallery, that starts at India Habitat Centre from August 1.

"The current scenario is particularly interesting for the direction that the younger artists are taking in the country. Increasingly, they have been invested in sustained research, conceptual and material concerns that develop from one body of work to another, while until recently artists have been more willing to change conversations from one body of work to another," adds Shefali Somani of Shrine Empire. Shrine too opened with a solo exhibition by Ayesha Singh, titled, 'It was never concrete' on August 22.

"Like artists of every age, the concepts that today's generation of contemporary artists is engaging with have to do with realities — political, social, and so on — of our times. They are also exploring their own expressions and practices. However, there is no one trend that is more popular than the others," shares Renu Modi of Gallery Espace. Also a part of DCAW, the gallery is additionally showing works of five contemporary artists in an upcoming show at its gallery space, titled, 'Rooted' starting Monday.

PROMISING YOUNG TALENT

"The young artists have been borrowing elements from the world they live in and are commenting on the changing social, environmental and cultural perceptions. For instance, Ketaki Sarpotdar, a young printmaker from Baroda, anthropomorphises animals in her work to comment on the human nature and human society. Similarly, Yogesh Ramkrishna and Subrat Kumar Behera take inspiration from mythology to create works that gauge sociopolitical realities. Artist such as Anupama Alias through the use of anatomy creates works that revolve around the theme of woman-



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hood. Apart from these, works by Sanket Viramgami, Rushabh Vishwakarma also looks promising," says Bhavna Kakar of Latitude 28. Kakar is one of the three art promoters who thought up the idea of DCAW as a common platform to promote young artists. For the upcoming show, the gallery is promoting artists such as Sudipta Das, Niyeti Chadha Kannal, Radhika Agarwala, Prajjwal Choudhury, Yogesh Ramkrishna, Ketaki Sarpotdar, Sanket Viramgami, Waswo X Waswo. "What interests me about these artists the most is that though the practice is varied, the artists continue to experiment with concept or material and develop their

practice further," she says.

"As a gallery, we are deeply interested in Sangita Maity's practice. She has been researching intensively on aspects of labour and tradition in the iron ore mining community in Orissa. The materiality of her serigraphs and canvases have been influenced by her original subject," says Somani. Maity's serigraphs are usually on iron sheets, and her canvases often use the soil from the mining areas as a medium.

"Ayesha is another interesting upcoming artist. Though a sculptor by training, she has been really pushing the boundaries of various media, from drawing — which she does in space with her sculptural works also — and

video as well as kinetic forms and performative gestures. Then she is able to tie together the possibilities of all these media to articulate her consistent preoccupation with architecture and how it defines identity," she adds.

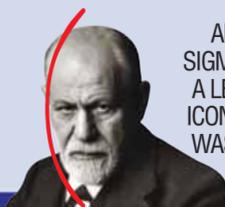
Anand is particularly impressed with the works coming from Suman Chandra. "What I really like about Suman's work is that he is not bound by media. He is as comfortable with canvas as he is with carving out a stone sculpture. Also the kind of research he has put in is impressive. In the last four years, Suman has spent a lot of time with the miners of Jharkhand. He has observed the shifts and changes that have taken place in the area. His art is about the lives affected. It's a deep study of people and the environment," she shares.

FUTURE IS BRIGHT

"If we were to compare the last five years, the future is only getting better!" says Lamba. "With India Art fair focusing on a special platform for South Asian Artists, Kochi Muziris Biennale getting international acclaim, Delhi Contemporary Art Week continuing into a 3rd edition, many more international residencies and show invitations for South Asian Artists, it's towards a rise," she says with great optimism. While most other art promoters agree that things are looking up, a slow economy notwithstanding, there are a few other factors that must be addressed.

"The biggest challenge that art faces in India is limited philanthropy," says Somani. "To push artists to make cutting edge work, it is important to invest in residencies, support production costs, and facilitate discourse around the arts. I feel that galleries become relevant to artists once they have already developed their own voice. Shrine Empire supports Prameya Art Foundation, our non-profit that tries to fill this lacunae through art education programs, by supporting residencies etc. But we need more institutions filling this role if we want India to be at the forefront of contemporary art globally," she points out.

While on the subject Lamba also calls for easier policies that would allow art exchanges between India and its neighbours. "While private initiatives are taking place in terms of contemporary museums, we definitely need government support for the same to push contemporary art to the next big level," she says.



AUSTRIAN PSYCHOANALYST SIGMUND FREUD ONCE ATTENDED A LECTURE GIVEN BY AMERICAN ICON MARK TWAIN. THE LECTURE WAS ABOUT A WATERMELON HE STOLE AS A CHILD!

A FINE BALANCE BETWEEN FACT AND FICTION

Lt Col K Gopinathan (Retd)'s book is a satire on the state of affairs in the country today and presents the readers with an alternative India that is at once mesmerising yet unfamiliar, writes COL AJAY RAINA (SENA MEDAL)

In this political satire, the author, a veteran army colonel, discusses the country's myriad problems such as fall of ethics in public life, repugnant caste politics, communal machinations, all pervasive corruption, socioeconomic inequity and terrorism. The topic is universal in nature and touches the everyday-life of the people. It has the latent depth and an immediacy to draw all genders, age groups, and every category of readers.

The book can be divided into two parts — One: The political coup, which discusses the power of democracy to throw out the undesirables and install well-meaning and dedicated political workers in seats of power. And two: Building a prosperous and powerful India through wise use of statecraft.

Baba, a teacher by profession, social worker by choice and politician by circumstances is a saintly person, who understands the underlying psychodynamics of the people and relates effortlessly with them. His anticorruption agitations give a new meaning and direction to the Indian political system. The people take up the challenge thrown at Baba by mainstream political parties to enter the parliament to enact the anticorruption legislation. They elect his newly formed political outfit, the Rashtriya Punarudhaan Sangh (RPS), to power.

Choice of Prof Krishna Moorthy, an intellectual and ruthless hard task master, as the Prime Minister shows that Baba means business. Lok pal is enacted, and the jails start filling up with convicted politicians, businessmen, bureaucrats and others. Tough decisions to tide over the sinking economy ruffle many in trade and industry. The evil nexus of deposed politicians, threatened bureaucrats and murky businessmen, whose heads are on the chopping block for corruption, nepotism and subversion of law, reacts. Trade unions call for nationwide strikes and traders shut shops; expecting to force Murthy to resign or put pressure on Baba to change him. Neither happen.

People suffer in the no-holds-barred political slugfest between adamant Murthy and his incorrigible adversaries. They react through the Bihar assembly



elections where RPS tastes its first electoral shock. Murthy decides to get back into the game. In a clandestine operation, four undertrial youths belonging to powerful Gurgaon families, accused of rape and murder, are kidnapped and castrated. This maverick act appeases the large discerning women voters in Tamil Nadu, Assam, Kerala and Puducherry, and RPS wins these assembly elections comfortably. The party is back into the hearts and minds of the people.

Gurgaon castrations and state assembly elections results take the wind out of the agitators' sails. Murthy decides to go after his opponents, but an unexpected bolt from the blue stalls him. The long-

awaited verdict on 2G telecom scam explodes on the political firmament. Those who played ducks and drakes with the exchequer escape the clutches of the law. The ever-active media swings into action and questions the government's inability to convict the high-profile culprits. The almost dead political agitations enliven and tear through the country's tranquillity. People become despondent; the country is back to square.

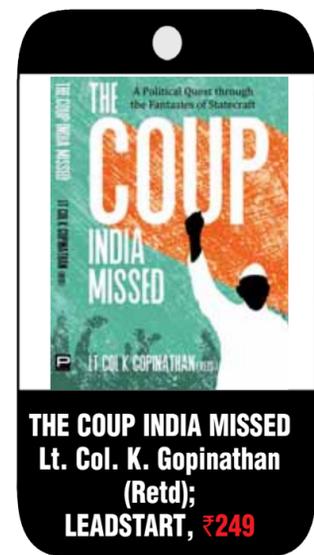
Unrelenting, Murthy looks out for a subterfuge to permanently silence his opponents so that he can concentrate on development of the country. His opportunity comes through a massive bomb blast in a shopping mall at Vijayawada

in which hundreds die and another few hundreds are seriously injured. Bhai, an Indian traitor holed up in Karachi, carried out terrorist activities in his motherland at the bidding of the ISI. Baba is very much pained and upset; he demands action. The daring kidnap of Bhai from Karachi by RAW and MARCOS is one of the best narrations in the book and thrills every reader. RPS's popularity soars.

Exploiting the kidnap euphoria for electoral gains borders political adventurism. With two-third majority in the new parliament, RPS embarks on the 'Executive President' form of government, an idea ardently discussed in many

public forums, the book further argues its necessity. Further dividing the states for administrative convenience is a Pandora's box, and is best left unopen. Electoral reforms to ensure the country suffered election fever only once in five years is worthy of wider political debate.

Emboldened with the massive mandate in the general elections held under the new Constitution, RPS embarks on its flagship project: education reforms, a point extensively discussed at many places in the book. Political parties have always fumbled to effectively get hold of this essential tool for socioeconomic development of the country. The idea to nationalise the entire school edu-



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LEADSTART, ₹249

cation is fraught with fissiparous tendencies and very strong political will and leadership is demanded. Free and compulsory education from 1st to 12th standard is part of the present government's National Education Policy on the anvil. The veteran author's suggestion of two years compulsory military service after school is not pragmatic, it drowns in the sea of sheer numbers. Having said so, the idea fits well into the storyline.

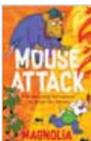
Exploiting the Baloch, Muhajir, and Pashtun unrest to create refugee crises and attract international attention is a reinvent of the Bangladesh saga. The military operations have been lucidly described. Keeping the United States, Russia and China in good humour, merges well with the plot.

The last chapter, Sannyasa, is a befitting epilogue to the story of the great Indian dream. In a country where political parties are considered family assets and genealogically passed on, the smooth transfer of power in RPS is enthralling and refreshing.

The views expressed are the reviewer's own

NEW ARRIVALS

MOUSE ATTACK: THE AMAZING ADVENTURES OF ARVEE THE MOUSE
Magnolia
Hachette, ₹227



Arvee, a clever and scholarly mouse, is horrified to find that he must leave his laboratory to live as a house pet. His new home, Paradise Villa, is charming and comfortable but boring. And lonely. That changes when Arvee meets bright, feisty Ellie and her family of house mice. They tell him about Pasha, a fearsome rat who, along with his thugs, has taken over Paradise Villa, harassing and enslaving the mice. A small, brave band of rebels is ready to fight back. But how? Arvee brings his thinking skills to the struggle, pulling in the help of other house creatures. But Pasha has very different plans for him. Will Arvee succeed in helping Ellie and the other mice?

THE ADVENTURES OF SHRILOK HOMELESS
Pika Nani
Penguin, ₹150



No case is bizarre enough for detective Shrilok, a *chaiwala* with a penchant for deduction, disguises and drama, and his partner in crime, Rohan Doctor. Be it a hand turning up in a steel lunchbox, a stolen rose diamond reappearing in a *vada pav*, a self-scandal in Bollywood, the Red Signal League of blind beggars or the dogs of Bhaskarville disappearing into the fog, the duo is sure to nab the suspects. They crack ten thrilling cases, no problem, but will Shrilok be a match for his nemesis, Masterji, in his ultimate encounter?

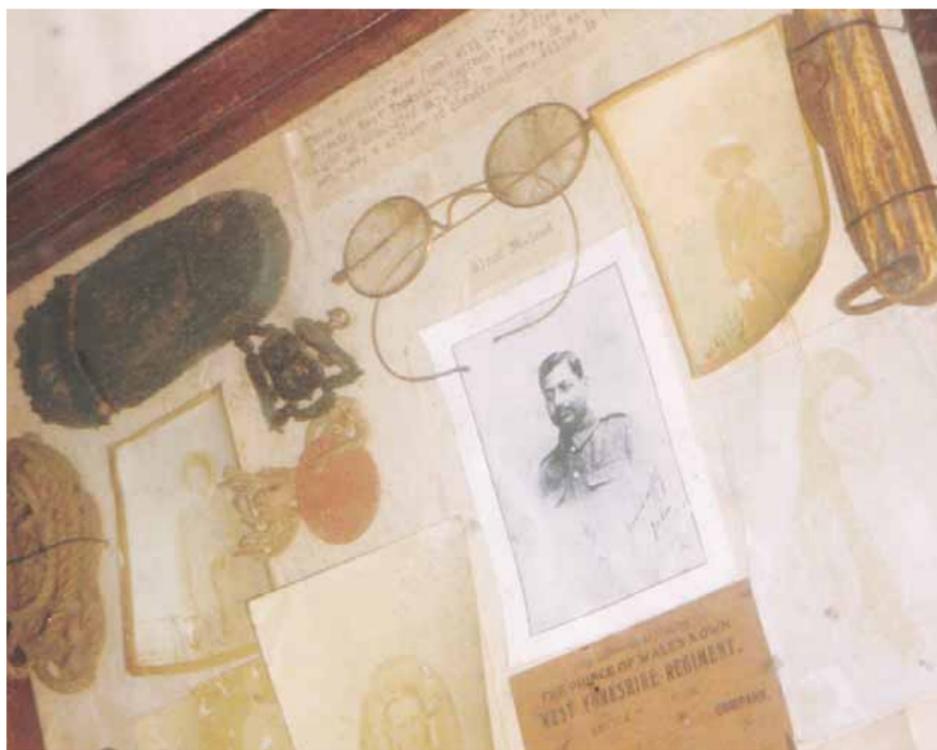
FLYAWAY BOY
Jane De Suza
Penguin, ₹250



Kabir doesn't fit in. Not in the wintry hill town he lives in, and not in his school, where the lines are always straight. Backed into a corner with no way out, Kabir vanishes. With every adult's nightmare now coming true, finding this flyaway boy will mean understanding who he really is. Or is it too late? Spirited and powerfully imaginative, *Flyaway Boy* is a story about embracing everything that makes you uniquely you.

A LETTER FROM HOME

SANTANU DAS' book *India, Empire and First World War Culture: Writings, Images, and Songs* examines the experiences of people from undivided India — both soldiers and civilians, men and women, sepoys, labourers, lascars, orderlies, doctors, politicians and intellectuals — in the First World War and the way such experiences were represented. An edited excerpt:



Artifacts of Private Jogen Sen, Duplex House and Museum. Personal Photograph

It was on a chance visit one winter afternoon in 2005 to the quaint Duplex House and Museum in Chandernagore — a former French colony by the Hoogly river and 33 kilometers from Kolkata — that I first saw the pair of glasses. They lay in a cabinet ringed with dust in a musty room. At the same time as noticing the glasses, my eyes fell on the label 'blood-stained' next to them, though all I could detect was a smudge on the right lens. Delicate, fragile yet seemingly intact they lay, with their arms gently curving around the photograph of their master wearing them, as if still trying to protect him from the violence. Above the glasses was another label: 'Broken and bloodstained glasses belonging to J. Sen, Private, West Yorkshire Regiment... he was the first Bengalee, a citizen of Chandernagore, to be killed in 1914-1918 War'. Jogen Sen was the only non-white member of the West Yorkshire regiment; he was gunned down on the night of 22 May, 1916.

It was two years later, in 2007, in a tiny room crammed with cabinets in the Humboldt Sound Archive in Berlin that I felt the same shiver down my spine as in Chandernagore. I was listening to a tremulous yet incantatory voice speaking largely in Punjabi:

*There was a man who would have butter back in India
He would also have two sers of milk.
He served for the British.
That man joined the European War.
That man was captured by the Germans.*

*He wants to go back to India.
If he goes back to India then he will get that same food.*

That man has spent three years already.
This is the story of Mall Singh, an Indian prisoner of war in the 'Haltmoon Camp' at Wunsdorf outside Berlin. The recording was made on 11 December 1916. He was made to stand in front of a phonograph machine held before him by

his German captors and instructed to speak. Mall Singh's was among the 2677 audio recordings made by the Royal Prussian Phonographic Commission between 29 December 1915 and 19 December 1918, using the First World War Prisoners of War held in Germany. Desolate, homesick and hungry, he distils all the pain and longing into the images of *makhan* (butter) and the two *ser*s [a form of measurement] of milk: home is remembered as taste.

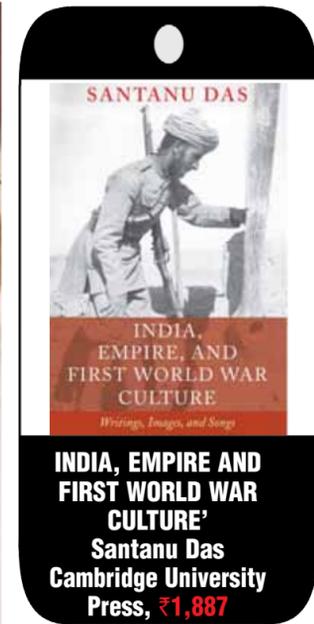
Mall Singh served on the Western Front. However, for me, his story resonates not with the homesick letters of his sepoy-brothers but with a letter written in Gurmukhi by a young girl called Kishan Devi from Punjab to her father Havildar Sewa Singh, of the 23rd Sikh Pioneers, serving in Egypt:

Dear Father, best wishes to you. Here all is well. With god's grace, your letter has arrived. We came to know about your situation. With the sight of your letter, I felt

at peace. Mother says that you can write your inner thoughts to us. Father, all your letters will be read by me... I am like a living dead without you... Dear father please take leave and come to meet us. Please do come. We repeat again and again.

A daughter's heart-breaking appeal, like the desolate voice of Mall Singh, 'repeats again and again' in the chamber of First World War memories, seeking to find an answer.

These moments have stayed with me and have shaped the book. Why do they matter so much? Jogen Sen's glasses, Mall Singh's voice and Kisan Devi's letter are not just tantalising sources but open up new ways of 'reading' — and writing — life in times of war; they force us to the weave together a narrative of fugitive fragments, the flotsam, jetsam and lagan of life wrecked by war. In a context where most of the colonial soldiers were non-literate, it is necessary, I argue, to go beyond only the textual to these material, visual and oral



INDIA, EMPIRE AND FIRST WORLD WAR CULTURE'
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sources to recreate the texture of the past. *India, Empire and First World War Culture: Writings, Images, and Songs* examines the experiences of people from undivided India — both soldiers and civilians, men and women, sepoys, labourers, lascars, orderlies, doctors, politicians and intellectuals — in the First World War and the way such experiences were represented. Between August 1914 and December 1919, India recruited one and half million men, including both combatants and non-combatants; of them, over a million served overseas, in places as diverse as Mesopotamia, France and Belgium, East Africa, Gallipoli, Egypt and Sinai, Salonika, Aden, East and West Persia, Tsingtao and Trans-Caspia. 'The state of things is indescribable. There is conflagration all around, and you must imagine it to be like a dry forest in a high wind in the hot weather, with abundance of dry grass and straw. No one can extinguish it but God himself — man can do nothing. What more can I write?' observed Sohan Singh, a sower in the 9th Hodson's Horse, on 10 July 1915, as he lay convalescing at the Kitchener Indian Hospital at Brighton. Excerpted with permission from *India, Empire, and First World War Culture: Writings, Images, and Songs*, by Santanu Das, published by Cambridge University Press, ₹1,887

US-China trade war: Beyond narrative

There is no agreement on an enforceable deal. While China wants the Trump Administration must lift punitive tariffs on Chinese products soon after they ink an agreement, the US desires to keep Beijing on a short leash



KRITHIKA SUBRAMANIAN

The US-China trade war that has grabbed the headlines for over a year now is set to escalate as US President Donald Trump on Friday retaliated to Beijing's announcement of new tariffs on American goods. Trump announced raising of tariffs on Chinese goods and ordered American companies to shift their business from China. Trump's announcement came a day after China's Ministry of Commerce spokesman Gao Feng, while reiterating Chinese threat of "corresponding countermeasures", on August 22 said, "We hope the United States and China can meet each other halfway and find a solution."

On August 23, hours after Beijing said it would hike tariffs on \$75 billion in US imports, Trump retorted by announcing hike in tariff on \$300 billion Chinese goods from 10 per cent to 15 per cent. The Office of the US Trade Representative said existing tariffs on another \$250 billion in Chinese imports would go from 25 per cent to 30 per cent on October 1 after receiving feedback from the public, according to a report by AP. "I have no choice. We're not going to lose close to a trillion dollars a year to China... Tariffs are working out very well for us. People don't understand that yet," Trump said.

Beijing has accused the Trump Administration of bullying tactics and economic intimidation. In fact, Trump's one of the first orders as the US President was to launch a full-scale investigation into Chinese



trade policies, China believes. Trump accused China of manipulating their currency and indulging in unfair trade practices. The bitter charge ensued into slapping of tariffs on Chinese goods entering America, and the resultant retaliation by China.

Till now twelve rounds of talks between the US and China have failed over how to enforce a deal. The next negotiation is scheduled for September in Washington, after the last round of talks in Shanghai in July ended in

deadlock.

Although in a lopsided trade balance, China doesn't have much to retaliate in the form of tariffs. Beijing has tried to exert pressure on the US by not approving customs clearance for US companies in China.

Defending Beijing's action, the State Council Information Office of the People's Republic of China issued a White Paper — released by the official Xinhua New Agency after the Communist nation declined the US invitation to hold talks

to try to resolve the ongoing trade dispute —outlining the widening gap between China and the United States in light of the ongoing trade war. The paper argued that economic ties have been instrumental in improving the stability, peace and prosperity of both the nations. However, the current trade disruptions, solely initiated by the United States according to the Chinese Government, have a negative impact on the global economic order. It also hinted at the Chinese willingness in resum-

ing trade talks that are mutually beneficial and trustworthy upon the condition that the Chinese principles are not compromised.

The paper pointed out that China was also responsible for the growth in employment, and revenue generation in the United States. By highlighting that the trade war is responsible for having increased production costs, and that domestic price hikes in the United States was leading to a negative impact on the American economy, the Chinese Government

aims to convey that Sino-American trade and economic relations are mutually beneficial rather than being advantageous for America.

Providing a detailed perspective on the global impact of the trade war, the Chinese White Paper highlights instances where the United States back-tracked on its promises, proving to be an unreliable negotiator. It also quashes claims of intellectual property theft and underscores China's efforts at establishing credible communication and mutual benefit. This document serves the domestic purpose of stressing the need to respect "sovereign affairs" as a prerequisite for further talks, and a purpose of communicating the Chinese position internationally.

The White Paper states that the United States has been indulging in protectionist measures since 2017 and has been coercing countries into accepting their demands. With the onset of the trade war, from early 2018, the United States has damaged its reputation, investment and trade. Not only has it been responsible for the drop in Chinese exports to the US, it has also caused a global economic slowdown. The Chinese State Council repeatedly insisted that the tariffs levied on the United States are exclusively a retaliatory measure taken by the Government for protecting the dignity and interests of their people; and that they hope to resolve these issues via dialogue and negotiations. However, if its principles are disrespected, China is

prepared to go to war.

Incidentally, the United States has accused China of changing the text under negotiation after the latest round of dialogue. Chinese response to this allegation was that it was common to make adjustments and new proposals when talks are underway, and that this was not a new practice given that the United States has repeatedly indulged in the same. Since the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949 and the introduction of market reforms in 1979, China's growth has seen an upward trajectory and historical records support their claims. The United States' observation of the country is purely negative, especially in terms of the theft of intellectual property rights (IPR) and technological innovation, leading to a back and forth relationship of levying tariffs and restrictions.

Highlighting the disadvantage the trade restrictions are posing to both the nations and the rest of the world, the People's Republic of China, in the White Paper, has called out the mistake the United States is making by equating the trade deficit with being taken advantage of. Beijing has also accused the United States of having undermined the authority of the multilateral trading institutions by breaching the fundamental World Trade Organization (WTO) rules, which in turn will threaten the global economic growth. According to the US Department of Commerce, in 2018 China was identified as America's largest trading part-

ner and source of imports, third largest export market, and a mutually beneficial ally in developing the spheres of tourism, culture and intellectual property rights.

Underscoring the instances throughout 2018 where the United States back-tracked on their commitments and levied sanctions, China strongly believes that the United States keeps changing its demands and wants more than what it is being offered. Beijing has also accused Washington of having used corruption and intimidation as tools to achieve their goals, which, according to China, will be responsible for the detrimental nature of their relationship. The Chinese Government has suggested that it is essential for both nations to mutually respect institutions and not cross the red line.

It is a well-known fact that China's development is not a smooth process. Having said that, the country has also been perceived to be optimistic and open to learning and has shown willingness in turning risks into opportunities.

In the post-Mao era, it has advocated for dialogue and negotiations as an effective method for solving the challenges at hand.

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PERSPECTIVE

Trump faces limits of go it alone

As Trump has started to realise that the US economy — the sturdy pillar undergirding his bid for a second term in office — is undeniably wobbly, he is shifting his position of hate for multilateralism in the hope to rally global leaders at G7 Summit to do more to promote economic growth

US President Donald Trump heads into a summit with global economic powers confronting the consequences of his preference for going it alone in a polarised nation and an interconnected world. The Group of Seven (G7) nations are gathering in a French beach resort town at one of the most unpredictable moments in Trump's tenure, with his public comments and decision-making increasingly erratic and acerbic of late.

Trump, growing more isolated in Washington over his pugnacious ways, faces an even icier reception on the world stage, where a laundry list of geopolitical challenges awaits. Anxiety is growing over a global slowdown and new points of tension with allies are opening on trade, Iran and Russia.

With fears of a financial downturn spreading, increasing the need for cooperation and collective response, Trump is attending the summit after having ridiculed Germany for its economic travails. But he may well need Angela Merkel and others to help blunt the force of China's newly aggressive tariffs on US goods.

Before leaving Washington on Friday, Trump added fresh fuel to the raging trade war with China by declaring that US businesses with dealings in China are "hereby ordered" to begin moving home. There was no immediate explanation of just what he expected or what authority he had to make it happen. He also slapped higher levels of tariffs on Chinese imports.

"Tariffs are working out

very well for us," Trump told reporters as he departed the White House for France. "People don't understand that yet." The US President earlier on Friday made light of a sharp drop in the financial markets in reaction to his latest trade actions, with a tongue-in-cheek tweet speculating that the Dow's plunge could be tied to the departure of a lower-tier candidate in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

In recent days, Trump has sent mixed signals on a number of policy fronts. At one point, he moved to de-escalate the trade conflict in order to ease the impact on consumers during the holiday shopping season. At another, he flip-flopped on the need for tax cuts to stimulate an economy that Trump publicly insists is rocking.

Feeding Trump's anxiety, aides say, is his realisation that the economy — the one sturdy pillar undergirding his bid for a second term — is undeniably wobbly. Now Trump, who has long eschewed multilateralism, hopes to use his time in Biarritz to rally global leaders around the need to do more to promote economic growth. Before arriving in France, he engineered a late change to the summit agenda, requesting a working session on global economic issues.

For the world leaders, it was the latest example of unpredictability from Trump. After two-and-a-half years of Trump's turbulent presidency, traditional American allies have come to expect the unex-



US President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump board Air Force One at Andrews Air Force Base on Friday to travel to Biarritz, France, for a G-7 Summit AP

pected and increasingly look elsewhere for leadership.

"They have figured out how to deal with this President," said Jon Alterman, a senior vice president at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "I think what we're going to see out of this summit is, on the one hand, an effort by countries and the leaders to align with

the president, but also an understanding that we'll have to do more without the US President."

The annual G-7 summit has historically been used to highlight common ground among the world's leading democracies. But in a bid to work around Trump's impulsiveness, French President Emmanuel Macron has

eschewed plans for a formal joint communique from this gathering.

Last year's summit, hosted by Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, ended in acrimony after Trump thought the Prime Minister had slighted the President after he had departed. Trump then tweeted insults at Trudeau from aboard Air Force One as he flew to a sum-

mit with North Korea's Kim Jong Un and withdrew his signature from the statement of principles that all seven nations had agreed to.

At his first G-7 summit in 2017, Trump's strong feelings against climate change roiled the gathering in Italy.

Trump has made his "America first" priorities clear at every turn. At a recent cam-

aign rally in New Hampshire, the crowd roared with approval when Trump declared, "I'm the President of the United States of America. I'm not the president of the world."

Addressing the global slowdown isn't the only pressing challenge that Trump has discovered requires multilateral action. For more than a year, his administration has struggled with persuading European leaders to repatriate captured fighters from the ISIS. To date his entreaties have been met with deaf ears.

Alterman and Heather Conley, the Europe expert at CSIS, both said Macron appeared to be trying to fill the void left by Trump on the world stage, noting the French leader's recent efforts to try to reduce tensions between the US and Iran.

Many of the summit proceedings will take place behind closed doors, in intimate settings designed for the leaders to develop personal relationships with one another.

Trump, White House aides said, is especially looking forward to his sit-down with new British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, the similarly brash pro-Brexit leader whose election he'd backed. On the margins of the annual gathering, Trump has scheduled individual meetings with several of his counterparts, including Macron, Trudeau, Merkel, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Also on the agenda will be the clashes between police and pro-democracy protesters in

Hong Kong; Iran's renewed nuclear enrichment and interference with shipping in the Strait of Hormuz; and the Islamic State prisoners who are currently imprisoned by American-backed Kurdish forces in Syria.

Increasingly fearful of an economic slowdown's potential to diminish his 2020 electoral chances, Trump was expected to press his fellow leaders about what can be done to spur growth in the US and abroad, as well as to open European, Japanese and Canadian markets to American manufacturers and producers. Trump has imposed or threatened to impose tariffs on all three markets in his pursuit of free, fair and reciprocal trade.

It is unclear what substantive steps could be taken by the leaders to address the global slowdown, and much of that discussion stands to be dominated by disagreements on Trump's trade policies.

While on French soil, Trump also intends to raise with Macron and the other leaders the issue of a digital services tax that France has imposed on major technology companies like Google and Facebook despite Trump's threats to slap back with retaliatory tariffs on French wine.

The Trump Administration says the tax targets and discriminates against US businesses. As he headed for the France, Trump got in a dig at the host nation, saying of the tax, "It's very unfair. And if they do that, we'll be taxing their wine or doing something else." AP



JANE SEYMOUR PLAYS TAROT READER, SOLITAIRE, IN JAMES BOND'S *LIVE AND LET DIE*. THE CARDS USED IN THE FILM WERE DESIGNED BY FERGUS HALL



YOUR WEEK AHEAD

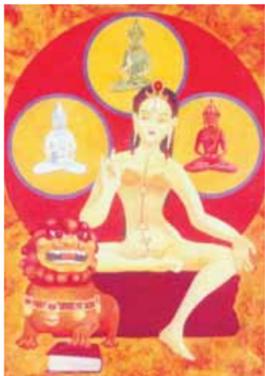
MADHU KOTIYA



ARIES March 21-April 19

This week you will be overburdened with work. Share your responsibilities with others to release the burden. A spiritual influence is needed to attain a balance in your life. Your casual attitude towards health may lead to seasonal infections. Be cautious of cold, cough, constipation, and gastric problems. Career-wise, you have been working hard but results are still awaited. You find it difficult to earn appreciation for a job well done because of rivalry and competition. This is the time for perseverance and patience. Recommendation of a senior will come your way. Relations will get back on track and you will feel much better. A news of pregnancy in the family, or child birth will please you. Affairs of the heart will find a new dimension.

Lucky number 11
Lucky colour Pastel Blue
Lucky day Thursday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

This week you will feel elevated both physically and mentally. Your body, mind and soul are in perfect harmony. You will be able to strike a balance between your professional and personal commitments and this would reflect in your work and attitude. Take out time for entertainment to bust stress. Those who have started a new business or joined a job recently, may face some tension. You may look for strategies to make your venture a success. Maintain a healthy communication and ask questions to make sure that you and your co-workers understand each other well. Patience is called for. On the love front, a new relationship is on the cards. This is a positive period for your love life. Pleasure trip to overseas and spending good time together is likely.

Lucky number 20
Lucky colour Golden
Lucky day Sunday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

You need to give a serious thought to your health. You may not be in the best of health this week. Be grateful for what you have. Pushing yourself when you are too tired can cause illness or injury. Slow down and take it easy. Take rest and spend some time alone. Meditation and yoga will work wonders for you. On the career front, your hard work and knowledge will be acknowledged by your seniors. A property or financial dispute may come to an end this week. Good news from overseas is expected. Sincere team work will bring good results. Unfinished projects are likely to get completed this week. Something may be troubling you with regard to your relationship. If you feel that something in your relationship is unhealthy, you are most likely to be proven correct.

Lucky number 8
Lucky colour Camel Brown
Lucky day Friday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

You will be full of energy this week. Overall health remains good. You will have the determination to move forward. Do not force things as it will affect your health. Some of the actions are in our own hands, so give your best and see where it lands. On the career front, you should invest your time in analysing and implementing some tough decisions. Avoid arguments, otherwise you might develop enmity at work place. You are ready to take on any challenge. Creativity will be in abundance. A travel is indicated which will act as a stress buster for you. Relationship-wise, don't play miser in expressing your feelings to someone you love. You need to balance your work with relationship. Married couples should also express their feelings.

Lucky number 1
Lucky colour Indigo
Lucky day Friday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

This week you need to bring balance in life. Your spiritual powers will prove to be a great booster. Take time out for your health. Take your diet, exercise, and relaxation time seriously. It is recommended that you take small breaks amidst busy schedules. This would increase your efficiency and get much better results. On the career front, a good news in is on its way. Those in export-import business will soon strike a big deal. Networking with the people abroad and new association formed in this period will prove fruitful for you. In terms of love, you are ready to start something new, and if you're currently in a committed relationship, you will enjoy a strong bonding this week. Avoid being emotional about things you cannot change.

Lucky number 12
Lucky colour Yellow
Lucky day Wednesday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

Neglecting your health at this point is not advisable. You have to give up all the bad habits and be alert both physically and mentally. Nurture your body, care for it and feed it with healthy food. Avoid junk and oily diet. Such food may cause acidity and inflammation in the body. On the career front, stay focused. Your mind and thoughts should be in harmony. Don't apply too much logic. Be careful of your enemies, rivals, and don't disclose your working plans. Those in teaching, counselling and arts fields need to be a little alert this week. Affairs of the heart are much favoured so no need to go into a shell. There is someone in your life you need to pay attention to. Healthy and happy relations are on the cards.

Lucky number 9
Lucky colour Red
Lucky day Tuesday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

Your determination to stay fit and a balanced approach to life will make you an extra ordinary person. You are likely to get rid of negativity inside you, making you more comfortable and confident. Your presence of mind and wisdom is incomparable. You will feel the physical and mental strength. On the career front, do not challenge your seniors as it will backfire on you. Focus on building a good team. Those in media, finance, and mind work will do better this week. Don't delve on past mistakes, be proactive to get the desired results instead. On the relationship front, you are not getting the positive response from your partner. You may lose your cool at some point. For some of you, beginning of a new relationship is indicated.

Lucky number 16
Lucky colour White
Lucky day Sunday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

Health-wise this week is not a good time for you. You need to take some time off and look after you, both mentally and physically. If you evaluate your attitude in past few days, you will feel the negativity. Be careful while using electrical gadgets, driving or climbing stairs as you are prone to some painful injuries this week. Your career is moving in the right direction, so don't quit your job. If you spot money making opportunity this week, grab it. Your goodwill and reputation will pay you rich dividends. Financial hurdles will get clear soon and you may pursue and execute your projects. It looks like this is an excellent time for affairs of heart. If there is someone you have been admiring from afar, now is the time to confront them. Socialising may activate you and rejuvenate your relations.

Lucky number 7
Lucky colour Brown
Lucky day Thursday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

Focus on your health this week. Make sure to eat healthy and look for ways to improve your wellbeing. Invest your time in exercise and pay attention to nutritional facts to attain good health. Revitalise yourself by taking a break from your hectic schedule. Professionally, this week will bring you good news. Money given might be paid back to you. No matter who you are, you have professional options. Life may change, and sometimes those changes are positive. If you're unhappy in your current work, know that you hold the key to changing it. This is a highly emotional time for those in love or a relationship. Things can quickly become heated and uncomfortable. Pick your battles and be sure to treat your lover like a friend.

Lucky number 17
Lucky colour Silver
Lucky day Saturday



CANCER June 21-July 22

You will walk the path to good health. Your concern for well-being is paying you rich dividends. This week you will feel very vibrant, energetic and full of life. Your positive mind set will add charm to your personality. On the career front, be cautious in your verbal communication. Avoid being too direct with people, lest you might offend them. You will face all challenges with cool mind. Your logical and reasoning powers will give full benefits this week. Increase in salary, promotion or financial gains in business are on the cards. Investments made this week will pay rich dividends in future. In relationship, warmth, care and concern for each other is likely. This is the time to take your relationship to the next level.

Lucky number 10
Lucky colour Off-white
Lucky day Monday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

A good message related to your health is indicated. Those awaiting test results may relax. You need a small course of medication to recover. Increase the intake of liquids, juices and fibrous food in your diet. On the career front, you will witness high creativity and positivity. You must not impose restrictions on yourself. You have to be careful in your communication. There are chances of getting into arguments and conflicts. Those in travel and tourism will do well. There is good news for those who aspiring for promotion/transfer. On the personal front, there is a need to liberate the mind and reconnect with the heart. For a peaceful mind, you need to start trusting and find a way of freeing yourself from suspicion, mistrust and jealousy.

Lucky number 3
Lucky colour Peach
Lucky day Saturday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

Those awaiting test results will have a reason to celebrate. Consider spirituality as stress buster and a way to lead a healthy life. If there is something that has been bothering you in terms of health and you are unable to find a solution, go for yoga and meditation. You will see your negativity turn into positive vibes. Career-wise, you may be moving to a new position or a new set of responsibilities. Promotion, hike in salary or profit is on the cards. Your ability to accomplish work with ease will be admired. This is the time to finish pending work. In your love life, mild conflicts are indicated. Allow your partner to have his or her space and clear doubts by having healthy discussions. Singles, go out and mingle. Generation gap should be sorted with friendly talks.

Lucky number 13
Lucky colour Rose Gold
Lucky day Tuesday

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BHARAT BHUSHAN PADMADEO

Success calls for addressing fault lines

Someone in late fifties going through a very difficult phase in life came with a host of questions: "Sir, I am a highly religious person and dedicate at least two hours every day in service of God. I follow a value system and have not intentionally hurt anybody in so far as I can remember. Yet, I have been put through unforeseen problems of such a dimension that it difficult to bear with. What bad Karma have I done to go through such an ordeal? How is it that my prayers have gone unheard? By what time shall I get relieved?"

At the outset, be assured that your situation may begin to ease out after August and start gaining grounds from November. Thereafter, you are expected to register sustained growth. Now, coming to your question, if you think that there is a God sitting in the heaven who would be selectively listening and responding to your prayers, you are simply mistaken. A divine *shakti* (power) does, however, keep playing within that keeps you alive, which when unavailable, you become a dead matter. But then, any *shakti* is a double-edged weapon, which you could use either ways — positively or negatively. How

intelligently you use that *shakti*, is your call, and which is guided by your individualistic mind traits. Please bear in mind; *puja* may help you in inculcating a value system and becoming a good human being. At the end of the day, however, you are to engage with a living world comprising of an assortment of good and bad people, each born unique, all carrying varied interests. In such a weird world, which remains the natural breeding ground for conflict of interest, it is just not enough to be a good Samaritan. You rather need to smartly conduct yourself without compromising with honesty of purpose.

Coming back to your Karma, you may be by and large aware of how you conducted during this life. But what about the implications of Karmic imprints carried over from the past life, which you are not aware of? If you have been beneficiary of good karma, you can't be spared of the vagaries of bad karma either. They play out concurrently. And the Karma cycle works almost in a self-automated mode, with no scope for any interference from any extra-terrestrial forces that can be appealed to one's asking. Also remember, Karma has



wide connotations. It is not just limited to your intent. It also includes how alert you have been against impending challenges posed by competing and contrarian forces, and how intelligently you attend to them.

You say that you have done no wrong in this life, but that is based on your self-defined standards, which may or may not be true to the callings of ground realities. Now, to figure out how good you have been so far in the game of life, calls for a look within. That may offer you an insight into your fault lines, which, in turn, may help you realise how realistic or delusional has been your approach to life. Perhaps astrological pointers to the basic fabric of your mind's making may help you in this respect.

You are born in Pisces *lagna* having exalted Venus there itself. The *lagna* lord Jupiter, well-fortified in its own sign over the head is full of promises. It also makes you a well-meaning person. The two put together, implies that you are a highly ambitious person expected to do well in life. That, however, will come about if the negative implications of planetary alignments in your chart get addressed. Jupiter ill-disposed off to Mercury, which is conjunct headless

Ketu, accounts for your vacillatory tendencies, insensible reasoning and judgment. Mercury again, placed adverse to Saturn speaks of a fixated one-track mind. If that would not be enough, the Sun locks horns with mischievous Neptune, Moon, and Uranus. That makes you a self-willed person, who, defying conventional wisdom would be tempted to go about with one's own delusory perceptions, often distanced from ground realities. You may not acknowledge truth at its first appearance. Instead, guided by the belief that when God is there with you, he will eventually lead you to success, you continue pursuing your line of thinking till pushed to the wall. And the result is there to see.

So, instead of trying to find out the reasons underlying your ordeal, better work upon your fault lines, develop practical sense, and be geared up to smartly take on the callings of life.

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