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## Schools deserted as Valley edgy

Only 10 students mark attendance in 196 schools in Srinagar

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

Meanwhile, some of the State Government offices too started normal functioning in Srinagar, but most of the market places in down town Srinagar and other vulnerable

areas were a deserted look.

The communication blockade continued with only landline services being restored partially. Mobile phone services remained suspended for the 15th day in succession in different parts of Kashmir valley.

In the wake of repeated incidents of stone pelting and token protests, security forces remained deployed in large numbers while barricades and concertina wires prevented smooth movement of traffic in several parts of Srinagar.

Central Kashmir DIG VK Birdi on Monday claimed

minor incidents of stone pelting were reported from some areas in Srinagar but situation largely remained peaceful. No major incident of violence was reported from anywhere in the area, he added.

Addressing a joint press conference, Director, Information and Public Relations, Syed Sehrish Asgar, Deputy Inspector General of Police (CKR) VK Birdi and School Education Director Muhammad Younis Malik said the presence of staff at all the primary level schools on Monday was an encouraging sign and the administration has decided to re-open all the middle schools across Kashmir on Wednesday.

Regarding the availability of supply stock in the Valley, it was informed that the essential services like PHE, PDD, Food & Civil Supplies, etc, are working smoothly.

It was also informed that Srinagar Civil Secretariat recorded 98 per cent attendance, and it is picking up rapidly in other Government offices.

They said the relaxations are being given by the Deputy Commissioners in their respective areas, adding no report of any untoward incident was received today during the relaxation period. They said that there was no law and order incident reported from Jammu region while urging people not to pay heed to rumours.

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

“A needless controversy is being sought to be created over RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat's address at a programme in Delhi. He merely stressed on the importance of addressing issues in society through mutual talks in harmony and called for considering a sensitive issue like reservation in a similar manner,” RSS ‘prachar pramukh’ (publicity head) Arun Kumar said in a tweet.

He also said that organisation has made it clear time and again that it fully supports reservation for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, OBC and those getting it on to economic grounds.

Bhagwat had said on Sunday that there should be conversation in harmonious atmosphere between those in



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favour of reservation and those against it.

“Attack on the rights of the poor, trampling on constitutional rights, snatching the rights of Dalits-backwards. This is the real BJP agenda. The anti Dalit-backward face of the RSS-BJP has been exposed. The conspiracy to end reservation for the poor and the policy of changing the Constitution have been uncovered,” Congress’ chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala said.

BSP chief Mayawati asked the RSS to shed its “anti-reservation mindset”, saying reservation was a constitutional provision and disturbing it would be an injustice. Mayawati said such a debate would generate a dangerous situation of doubt which was not needed.

“The RSS saying that there should be open-hearted debate pertaining to reservation given to SC/ST/OBC generates dangerous situation of doubt, which

is not at all needed,” the BSP chief tweeted.

She also said reservation is a humanitarian and constitutional provision, and disturbing it is injustice and improper and it would be better if the Sangh sheds its anti-reservation mindset.”

Reacting to the statement, RJD spokesman Manoj Jha questioned whether there is any conducive atmosphere in the country in the present Central regime. “The current dispensation has not left anymore a good atmosphere in the country where anything can be deliberated upon. The reality is that the benefits for SC and ST have not been passed to the beneficiaries and whatever has been shared to them is being looked upon to be reviewed. In the name of brute majority this BJP ruled Centre is attempting to trample the Constitution by all means,” Jha said.

## Bihar's last Congress CM Jagannath Mishra dies

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

He was sentenced to four years imprisonment. However, he was acquitted by a Ranchi court last year.

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has expressed grief on the death of Mishra. “Jagannath Mishra was a famous leader and educationist. He made an invaluable contribution to the politics of Bihar and India. His death is an irreparable loss to the field of politics, society, and education,” Nitish Kumar said in a statement. The Bihar Government has declared a three-day State mourning in the State.

In the 70s and 80s, Mishra was considered a powerful and mass leader of the Congress in Bihar. However, his popularity dipped after the emergence of the social justice forces under the likes of Lalu in 1990.

## Ex-MPs asked to vacate bungalows within week

Advani, Joshi to retain residences due to security reasons

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

Senior BJP leaders and former Deputy Prime Minister LK Advani and Murlu Manohar Joshi will retain their bungalow due to security reasons.

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

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

CR Patil, chairman of the Lok Sabha Housing Committee,



Irani and Ravi Shankar Prasad and Bengali actresses Mimi Chakraborty and Nusrat Jahan Ruhi.

The Centre has recently passed the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Amendment Bill, 2019. The Government provides residential accommodation to its employees, Members of Parliament and other dignitaries while they are in service or till the term of their office on licence basis. As per the existing allotment rules, after the expiry of the terms and conditions of the licence, the occupants of such residential accommodations become unauthorised for staying in such accommodation and should vacate the same. However, it is often seen that the unauthorised occupants do not vacate the Government accommodation on expiry of the terms and conditions of the licence as per the rules and uses dilatory tactics to withhold the accommodation.

President Ram Nath Kovind had on May 25 dissolved the 16th Lok Sabha with immediate effect on the recommendation of the Union Cabinet after the Modi Government was formed for a second term. The decision to provide temporary accommodation to new MPs at guest houses has been taken in an apparent bid to reduce the cost of accommodation for the MPs.

According to the rules, former MPs have to vacate their respective bungalows within one month of dissolution of the previous Lok Sabha. In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, more than 260 candidates were elected to the Lower House of the Parliament for the first time, including cricketer Gautam Gambhir, Union Minister Smriti

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

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

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

DIAL official said, “The move comes as part of DIAL's

efforts to enhance passenger experience at Delhi Airport at a time when SpiceJet, IndiGo and GoAir, operating from Terminal 2, have witnessed a steep traffic growth compounded by the re-allocation of Jet Airways traffic.”

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

When asked what new changes will incorporate for passengers' comfort, DIAL official said, “Under T2 capacity enhancement initiatives, the Security Hold Area (SHA), bus gate hold area, new arrivals area and passengers waiting areas would be expanded, while Pre-Embarkation Security Checks (PESC) area would be relocated and Automated Tray Retrieval System (ATRS) would be installed.”

This may be noted that several passengers have complained about the missing sitting area at T-II while T-II oper-



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

Commenting on the development, Videsh Kumar Jaipuria, CEO-DIAL said, “With Delhi Airport witnessing a surge in passenger traffic, DIAL is enhancing the capacity of T2. The move will ease the pressure of fast growing traffic, so that the capacity enhancement works at Terminal 2 can be carried out effectively and efficiently. We appreciate SpiceJet and IndiGo for their agreement to shift their operations from Terminal 2 to Terminal 3.”

Presently, GoAir fully and SpiceJet and IndiGo partially operate their respective domestic flights from T2, while Air India, Vistara and Air Asia India operate completely out of T3.

The revamped Terminal 2 was operationalized in October 2017, which saw partial shifting of SpiceJet and IndiGo, and complete shifting of GoAir from Terminal 1.

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

## SC dismisses Tejpal's plea to quash sexual assault charges

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

A Bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra asked Goa's lower

court to complete the trial preferably within six months in the case against Tejpal.

Tejpal is alleged to have sexually assaulted a former woman colleague inside the elevator of a five-star hotel in Goa in 2013. He has denied the allegations. Tejpal was arrested on November 30, 2013, by the crime branch after his anticipa-

tory bail plea was rejected by the court. He has been out on bail since May 2014. The court had on August 6 reserved its order on Tejpal's plea.

The Goa Police had claimed that there were “contemporaneous” WhatsApp messages and e-mails which showed that the *Tehelka* magazine founder should face trial in the case.

## Yamuna breaches danger mark in Delhi; 10k people in low-lying areas moved to safety

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

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

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



The Yamuna in spate as seen from the Old Yamuna Bridge, also known as Lohka-Pul, in Delhi on Monday. Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer

food, water and other amenities are being provided by Government agencies. To reach people, the Delhi Government also provides helpline numbers: 22421656 and 21210849.

Taking precautionary measures, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal appealed to residents of Yamuna flood-plains to shift to government tents. “The water level in Yamuna is expected to cross the danger level (205.33 meter) by today evening, since Haryana has released 8.28 lakh cusecs of water,” requesting not to panic since the government is taking all possible steps to combat evolving flood situation,” Kejriwal said.

“Since Haryana has released 8.28 Lakh cusecs of water on Sunday evening and excess water will reach Delhi within 36 to 72 hours,” Kejriwal

said. On the direction of Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM), Delhi Traffic Police also closed the Old Yamuna Bridge (Lothian bridge) to avoid any casualty.

Recalling past incidents of floods, Kejriwal appealed to people residing floodplains to shift in tents and not to return till water recedes.

Earlier in 2013, Haryana had released 8.06 Lakh cusecs of water that had resulted in raising the water level to 207.3 metres.

“Next two days are very crucial. We are monitoring the situation,” said the Chief

Minister. He also said that Delhi Government is coordinating with the Central Government and the Lieutenant Governor's office and all concerned agencies. The entire Government machinery is focused in tackling this emergency situation in the next two days as every life is precious for the government, the Chief Minister said.

The river was flowing at 205.2 metres in Delhi at 3pm. Haryana released 1.87 lakh cusecs water at 2pm on Monday and 1.79 lakh cusecs was discharged from Hathnikund barrage at 3pm.

Along with Home Minister Satyendar Jain, Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot and Chief Secretary Vijay Kumar Dev, CM Kejriwal conducted high level meeting with all the concerned departments to monitor the situation and review the preparedness.

“Delhi not to panic as the government is taking all possible measures to effectively deal with the situation, which may affect residents of low lying areas in six districts (North, North East, Shahdara East, Central, and South East) where Yamuna flows through,” Kejriwal said.

## CAPSULE

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

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

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

CONG-LED UPA ERA DEAL

# ED summons PC in ₹70,000 cr AI scam

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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



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

sources said. Besides being at the helm of the Finance Ministry, Chidambaram was also heading an Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) for these deals and his questioning is expected to help the agency in understanding the decision-making process undertaken by the government for the acquisition of the aircraft. Chidambaram is also being probed by ED in two separate money-laundering cases related to Aircel-Maxis deal and INX Media bribery scam and has been questioned in these cases multiple times in the past. Chidambaram had earlier described the ED action in the Aircel-Maxis case as a "crazy mixture of falsehoods and conjectures". The ED and CBI have sought custodial interrogation of Chidambaram in INX Media case. However, he has been granted protection from any adverse action by the Delhi High Court.

# Govt prepares action plan to end manual scavenging

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) on Monday came out with a detailed action plan that included modernising the sewerage system and facilitating mechanical cleaning so as to prevent human entry into sewers and septic tanks. The action plan also suggested storm water drainage tax by the municipal bodies within the maximum capping for Municipal Tax. Manual scavenging takes many forms, from clearing local garbage to 'cleaning' toxic sewers. The number of deaths of sanitation workers, while cleaning septic tanks and sewers, has risen despite a ban on manual scavenging. 620 cases have been reported since 1993, of which 88 occurred in the past three years. Of the 15 States and Union Territories that submitted details to the Ministry, Tamil Nadu has the highest number of sewer deaths with 144 cases, followed by Gujarat with 131. Of the 88 cases reported in 2017, 2018 and 2019, till June 14, compensation was pending in 52 cases. This is despite the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their



Rehabilitation Act, 2013, banning anyone from employing people to clean sewers. Manual scavenging refers to the south Asian practice of humans cleaning dry toilets and sewage systems. Addressing a workshop at Vigyan Bhawan, Union Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Dr. Thawar Chand Gehlot on Monday said that the action plan envisages identification of appropriate technological interventions in the field of mechanised cleaning so as to eliminate manual entry into sewers and septic tanks. "Swachh Bharat is indeed the first step towards Swasth Bharat," Gehlot said. Union Minister for Urban Development Hardeep Singh Puri said his Ministry has made efforts to devise systems, processes and technolo-

## SEWERAGE SYSTEM TO BE MODERNISED, SAYS MINISTRY

As far as action plan for drainage system is concerned, it said that all drains should be desilted thoroughly before onset of monsoon. According to action plan, the CCTV camera can be used for drainage pipes of diameter 100-900 mm. "Above 900 mm diameter (man entry and restricted also), there are limitations due to lighting problems and camera line angles. Continuous advances are being made in the quality and range of TV cameras," the Ministry said. "The agencies should ensure that all the drains are in good condition and works regarding, reshaping or profile correction, wherever required is completed well before the onset of monsoon," the guidelines said. A storm water drainage system consists either network of drains connected with junctions or underground conduits connected with manholes and related appurtenances such as gutters, detention tanks, detention basins, pumping stations and outfall structures. Housing and Urban Affairs Secretary Durga Shanker Mishra, Social Justice and Empowerment Secretary Nilam Sawhney and Municipal Commissioners of 500 cities attended the workshop.

## INSHORT

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

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

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

**OZ DELEGATION MEETS THAAWARCHAND GEHLOT**



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

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

## Defence, nuke energy key issues

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will pay a two-day State visit to France from August 22 during which he will hold talks with French President Emmanuel Macron to strengthen strategic ties in key sectors such as defence, nuclear energy, maritime cooperation and counter-terrorism. From France, the prime minister will proceed for bilateral visits to the UAE and Bahrain, and will return to the French city of Biarritz on August 25 to attend the G7 Summit where India has been invited as a partner country. Modi will arrive in France on Thursday evening and straightaway head for talks with Macron, who will also host a working dinner for the visiting leader. The next day, he will meet French Prime Minister Edouard Philippe, address an event of Indian

community at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris, and also inaugurate a memorial for Indian victims of two tragic air crashes of Air India flights in 1950 and 1966. The discussions are expected to broadly focus on reaffirming France and India as the key strategic and like-minded partners, strengthening of defence partnership, including future defence acquisitions, progress on setting up of the Jaitapur nuclear power plant, convergent, strategic and political priorities in the Indo-Pacific and related operational needs, Secretary (Economic Relations) T S Tirumurti said. Strengthening bilateral engagement in key areas of strategic cooperation such as defence, nuclear energy, space, counter-terrorism, maritime security, cyber security, International Solar Alliance, and joint development projects will also be deliberated upon, he said at a media briefing. The deliverables of the visit are expected to be in the sectors of skill development, space, information and technology and cyber. PTI

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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar on Monday said the Government is planning to cut down the whole process of environmental clearance to real estate projects to 60 days in a few days to come. "Environmental clearances used to be stumbling blocks before 2014. Average time taken to clear projects was 640 days. After we took over, we made processes so easy that now it takes only 108 days for a project to get environmental clearance," he said at the 15th National Convention of NAREDCO held here. National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO) was established as an autonomous self-regulatory body in 1998 under the aegis of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. Javadekar emphasised that small procedural delays can be done away with, without compromising on environmental clearances. "Our priority is both environmental protection and development, only then our country can

become a five-billion dollar economy. That's why the suggestions of institutions like NAREDCO are very important," he said. The Minister further added that his Ministry is in the process of issuing standard conditions for every project such as waste recycling and water harvesting as per the size of the real estate project. And these conditions will not be more than 10. "We are bringing about a regime change. We will introduce fewer conditions, but ensure their fullest implementation. If need be, we will amend the law so that you get the ease of doing responsible business. Because freedom is never a one-way street," the minister said. He further informed that the Union Environment Ministry is also in discussion with states to make the environmental process smoother and less time consuming. "The states must realize that the Centre has delegated environmental protection to them so that they do it with a sense of responsibility," he added.

# Manmohan Singh elected unopposed to Rajya Sabha

PNS ■ NEW DELHI/JAIPUR

Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh was elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha from Rajasthan on Monday. He was declared elected unopposed as the deadline for the withdrawal of nominations for the bypoll ended at 3 pm. Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot congratulated Singh on his election to the Upper House of Parliament. Returning Officer and Assembly Secretary Pramil Kumar Mathur made the announcement. The government's chief whip, Mahesh Joshi, received the election certificate on behalf of Singh. The former PM was nominated by the Congress while the BJP did not field any candidate for the bypoll, necessitated due to the death of Rajya Sabha MP Madan Lal Saini. The former PM had filed



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

# Moin Qureshi's aide Satish Babu Sana granted bail



New Delhi: A court here on Monday granted bail to businessman Satish Babu Sana, a close aide of controversial meat exporter Moin Akhtar Qureshi, in a money laundering case. Granting bail, special CBI Judge Anuradha Shukla Bhardwaj directed him to furnish a personal bail bond of ₹5 lakh and one surety of like amount. "The accused is, however, directed to co-operate in investigation and make himself available as and when called for by the investigating agency. He shall not leave the country without the permission of the court...," the court said. Allowing bail to Sana, the court observed that Qureshi, who is the main accused in the case, is already out on bail and Sana's role in the case is no graver than him. During the course of hearing on Saturday, lawyers KTS Tulsii and Mohit Mathur, appearing for Sana, contended that his statements cannot lead to his arrest as he was a witness and there is immunity provided to a witness that no such answers that a witness is compelled to give can subject him to be arrested. Tulsii argued that the entire case against Sana is based on his statements given in 2017 and 2019. He argued that ED victimised him for filing complaint against Asthana. Opposing the submissions, Special Public Prosecutor DP Singh argued: "We made him accused from a witness as the investigation reveals many things against him... we don't want to go to a stage where he is not telling anything and still enjoying the immunity." In October last year, on the basis of a complaint filed by Sana, CBI registered a case against the Special Director Rakesh Asthana on charges of accepting bribe to dilute the case. This incident led to the tussle in CBI between Asthana and Director Alok Verma. IANS

## FROM THE SUPREME COURT

# CBI granted time till Sep 6 to complete Unnao probe

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday granted to the CBI time till September 6 to complete the investigation into the road accident in which the Unnao rape survivor and her lawyer were critically injured and two of her aunts killed. The apex court, which had earlier given two weeks to the CBI to complete the probe, extended the time while noting that the probe agency has done "extensive investigation" in the case so far. "We have perused the report of the CBI. This court, vide order dated August 1, 2019, granted an outer limit of two weeks to complete the investigation. On perusal of the report, we find that the CBI has done extensive investigation but some loose ends need to be tied up," a bench of Justices Deepak Gupta and Aniruddha Bose said. "Some of the investigation relates to collating and analyzing the material already collected, especially the electronic records. Most importantly the statements of the victim and her counsel who was driving the car could not be recorded till date, as they are both not in a position to make a statement," the bench noted in its order. While seeking four more weeks to complete the probe, CBI told the top court that statements of rape survivor and her lawyer have not been recorded yet and it wants to analyse certain electronic evidence collected so far during the probe. The court also directed the Uttar Pradesh government to pay ₹5 lakh to the lawyer who is in a critical condition and undergoing treatment. PTI

## NARCO TEST OF TRUCK DRIVER, HELPER LIKELY

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

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

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday said that its orders on the Guru Ravidas Temple in Tughlaqabad forest area here cannot be given a "political colour". A bench comprising Justices Arun Mishra and MR Shah asked Governments of Punjab, Haryana and Delhi to ensure that no law and order situation is created politically or otherwise during the protests over the demolition of temple. "Everything cannot be political. Our orders can't be given a political colour by anybody on earth" the bench said. The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) had demolished the temple pursuant to the orders of the apex court, which had on August 9 observed that "serious breach" had been committed by Guru Ravidas Jayanti Samaroh Samiti by not vacating the forest area as earlier ordered by the top court. Following the demolition of the

500-year-old temple, protests have been staged at several places in Punjab and Delhi by political parties and members of the Dalit community. At the outset, Attorney General K Venugopal, who was on August 13 asked by the top court to assist in the matter, said that demolition of the temple has been carried out by DDA in pursuance to the top court order and a total of 18 organisations are staging protests against it. Venugopal told the bench that since a number of organisations have been agitating against the demolition it is very difficult to pinpoint a particular person behind the protests. To this, the bench said in case the matter is settled, there is no difficulty but if the issue remains the court will take up the matter for hearing. Venugopal then told the bench that it should direct governments of Punjab, Haryana and Delhi to ensure that the law and order situation is maintained. PTI

# Protection from criminal prosecution not available to PSU employees: SC

New Delhi: Protection from criminal prosecution is not available to those public servants who work in Government companies or undertakings, the Supreme Court held on Monday. Under section 197 of Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), prior sanction from a competent officer is needed to prosecute a Government servant for alleged criminal act done in discharge of his official duty and "no court shall take cognizance of such offence except with the previous sanction". A bench of Justices Navin Sinha and AS Bopanna dismissed the appeal of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) against the High Court's order



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

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

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday directed the chief secretary of Delhi to be present before it on August 23 and apprise it of the policy on holding social functions and marriages in hotels, farm houses and low density residential area here. A bench comprising Justices Arun Mishra and Deepak Gupta gave this direction after the counsel appearing for the Delhi Government told the court that they have finalised the policy and the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) would have to notify it. "Our policy is final. Now,

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

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

New Delhi: In the run up to Balakot strikes, Army Chief Gen. Bipin Rawat very categorically conveyed to the top brass of the Government that his force was fully ready to deal with any ground offensive by Pakistan and take the battle into the enemy territory, top military sources said. The Indian Army was prepared for a conventional warfare with Pakistan which would have included going inside Pakistan, the sources told PTI. The Army chief informed the government about pre-

paredness of his force when it was considering various options, including carrying out an aerial raid, to punish Pakistan for the Pulwama terror attack. Gen. Rawat, at a closed door interaction with a group of retiring Army officials on Monday, said the force was combat ready for any hostilities from Pakistan Army after the Balakot strikes, the sources said. Explaining Gen. Rawat's comments, a military official said what the Army Chief meant was that Indian Army was ready to take the battle into Pakistan. PTI



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

# CM to launch welfare schemes today at 'Rajiv Gram' Dugali

## To mark the 75th birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel will participate in the 'Gram Suraj' and Forest Rights Act Fair and dedicate 3.06 acres of 'Maa Angarmoti Gauthan' in village Dugali of Dhamtari district to mark the 75th birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi on August 20.

Former PM Rajiv Gandhi had visited the village on July 15, 1985 after which the village is also known as 'Rajiv Gram'. The district administration is ensuring the implementation of all the top priority schemes of

### Run for social harmony today

RAIPUR: To mark the 75th birth anniversary of late Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi a run for social and communal harmony is being organised by Raipur Smart City Limited on Tuesday. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel will specially be present during the run which will start at 8.00 a.m. on Tuesday. Mayor, Raipur Municipal Corporation, Pramod Dubey has appealed to the citizens of the capital city to participate in the run which has been organised to spread the message of social and communal harmony, peace and national integrity.

the state government, official sources said.

The forest village Dugali 'Gauthan' has been named after the 'Angarmoti Mata', the goddess of the

village. The village has 551 families out of whom 208 have 620 cattle. A grazing land covering 10 acres is also proposed. Funds were arranged through MGNREGA and recom-

mendation of Central area Development Authority through Sihawa MLA Dr Laxmi Dhruv.

Chief Minister will also dedicate an archery training centre at Tribal Boys Hostel. At primary stage 10 boys and 10 girls will be imparted training through expert archer.

Baghel will also open a malnutrition rehabilitation centre at Primary health Centre, Dug. The centre will be used for providing complete treatment and medical care for malnutrition children. Additional to it mothers will be trained on various aspects of malnutrition.

# Civil supplies deputy accountant in EOW net

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) on Monday carried out raids on the premises of a Chhattisgarh State Civil Supplies Corporation official to uncover disproportionate assets (DA), sources in the state EOW informed.

An EOW official identified the accused as Chintamani Chandrakar, a deputy accountant with the Kanker district unit of the civil supplies corporation.

"EOW teams raided four places, including one in Bengaluru, of Chandrakar after a DA complaint was received against him," he said.

The places raided include Chandrakar's house in Durg district's Adarsh Nagar, his son's flat in Bengaluru, his in-laws' house in Durg and his



Kanker-based office, resulting in recovery of crucial documents establishing his involvement in corruption, the official claimed.

He claimed the seized documents revealed Chandrakar had amassed movable and immovable assets worth several crores of rupees, though the exact figure was being ascertained.

Initial probe has also found that Chandrakar managed to win the confidence of senior officials and got himself important posts using influence, the official stated.

Through documents recovered during raids on the offices of the corporation in 2015, which unearthed an alleged multi-crore civil supply scam in the state, the ACB-EOW had now zeroed in on the accused, he said.

A case under the Prevention of Corruption Act was registered against Chandrakar, he added.

# Cong misunderstood word 'change': BJP

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Chhattisgarh BJP said increasing crime incidents in the state raised doubts over the state government's claim of security of citizens, law and order have improved.

BJP state spokesperson Sachchidanand Upasane citing the recent incidents of loot and snatching in Durg and Balod, said such incidents pointed out hollowness of government's claim on citizens' security and safety. He alleged that police department is failing in their duty of policing and are yet to bring any of those involved in the incidents to book.

The BJP leader said increasing incidents of crime



in the state is a live example of the failure of the government. He alleged that government is using the police for political vengeance and so they are failing to concentrate on their basic duty of policing.

The Congress has come into the government with the policy of vengeance.

# Four Naxals give up arms

STAFF REPORTER ■ BIJAPUR

Four Naxals, including a couple, surrendered before police in the insurgency-hit Bijapur district on Monday, police said.

The cadres, two of them carrying cash rewards on their heads, turned themselves in before Bijapur Superintendent of Police Divyang Patel and Deputy Inspector General (CRPF) Komal Singh, police said.

Of the surrendered Naxals, Rakesh Uika (26), section commander of the Peoples' Liberation Guerrilla Army (PLGA) battalion no. 1, was "one of the most dreaded rebels," Patel said.

Uika, carrying a reward of ₹8 lakh on his head, was instrumental in executing several deadly attacks on security forces in South Bastar since he joined the outlawed outfit in 2010, he said.



He was allegedly involved in the nine major attacks, including in Bhejji (Sukma district) in 2017 in which 12 security personnel were killed and in Pidmel, where eight jawans lost their lives, the SP said.

Another surrendered cadre, Kukkem Sukku (32), who was "equally dreaded" and active as section deputy commander in military platoon no. 13 of Bhairamgarh area committee of Maoists, was

carrying a reward on ₹3 lakh, he said. Sukku was also working as a teacher in the Mobile Political School (MoPoS) run by Maoists, he added.

Sukku's wife Somari Kadti (32), who was working with MoPoS in Bijapur, and Budhru Modiyam (30), a Janmilita Commander in Gangaloor area committee of Maoists, also surrendered.

"These Naxals expressed disappointment with the

hollow Maoist ideology and their lifestyle. They also said that they were impressed by the surrender and rehabilitation policy of the state government," the official informed.

The rebels who surrendered were given ₹10,000 each as "encouragement money", he said, adding that they all will be provided assistance as per the government's surrender and rehabilitation policy.

# Baghel, other state leaders meet Sonia in New Delhi

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

State leaders, including Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, Minister for Panchayat and Rural Development T.S. Singhdeo and PCC Chief Mohan Markam on Monday met Congress President Sonia Gandhi during their tour to the national capital. AICC in-charge of party's affairs in the state P.L. Punia was also present during the meeting.

This was a maiden meeting of Baghel and other leaders after Sonia Gandhi was reelected as Congress president.

Official sources informed that the state leaders discussed in detail with

the Congress president the state of affairs of the state. The leaders also invited Congress president to visit the state.

Congress president took information in detail from the state leadership about the ongoing welfare works and schemes undertaken in Chhattisgarh and gave necessary instructions. The chief minister briefed her about various steps taken by the state government especially for the welfare of tribals and farmers in the state.

Later the leaders from Chhattisgarh also paid a visit to party's veteran leader and AICC General Secretary (Administration) Motilal Vora.

# Sports Associations to felicitate CM today

RAIPUR: State Sports Associations under the aegis of Chhattisgarh Olympic Association will felicitate Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel in a function scheduled at a private hotel on August 20 at 6.00 pm.

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel had recently announced the constitution of Chhattisgarh Sports Authority, which has been widely welcomed by the sports persons and associations.

Umesh Patel, Chhattisgarh's sports and youth welfare minister, will preside over the function. Special guests in the occasion will be cabinet ministers T. S. Singhdeo, Tamradhwaj Sahu, Mohammed Akbar, Ravindra Choubey and others.

Office bearers of different sports association recognized by COA will also be present.

# Former Cong legislator Hora's brother commits suicide

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Gurvindar Singh Hora, brother of former Congress legislator Gurmukh Singh Hora, reportedly committed suicide at Union Club, Moti Baag on Monday late evening, police said.

"Hora shot himself with his personal pistol at the backseat of his car," Additional Superintendent of Police (City) Prafull Thakur informed, adding that the incident happened between 7:30 and 8:00 pm.

According to police, Hora had recently

undergone liver transplant and was reportedly suffering from cancer.

Police claimed that no suicide note was found at the incident spot.

"Hora had reached Union Club straight from home and according to people at the spot he appeared to be perfectly normal," ASP Thakur said.

"Before leaving the club he asked his driver to get some 'Bhaji' when the driver returned, he found Hora lying on the back seat in a pool of blood. The gun was found in his hand," the ASP claimed.

# Punia arrives on a three-day tour of C'garh



RAIPUR: AICC in-charge of Chhattisgarh P.L. Punia will be on a three day visit of the state from August 19 to August 21.

According to party sources Punia, who will arrive on Monday evening, will be in the state till August 21. He will specially be present in various programmes to be held in the state to commemorate the 75th birth anniversary of late Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

Punia will proceed to New Delhi through regular flight of Vistara on August 21.

# Political committee meets to contemplate on complete prohibition

## The panel recommends to decrease number of liquor outlets

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

The committee formed by the Chhattisgarh government to explore possibility of imposing total prohibition in the state, convened its maiden meeting on Monday. The meeting held at GST building in Nava Raipur was chaired by chairman of the committee Satyanarayan Sharma.

The meeting also came to a decision that slowly the numbers of liquor outlets in the state should be decreased and there should be drug deaddiction centers at each and every district headquarters.

In the meeting Sharma, after taking suggestions from committee members decided to discuss the matter with



various social organizations. It was also decided to send study

teams to other states where prohibition is being enforced.

The issues on which the committee discussed include loss of revenue and effect on economy due to implementation of total prohibition, effect on social structure, change in law and order situation after enforcing prohibition, parallel action on sale and transportation of illegal liquor and effect of providing relaxation in scheduled area.

Members of the committee-- Shishupal Shori, Kunwar Singh Nishad, Keshaw Prasad Chandra, Purushottam Kanwar, Dwarkadheesh Yadav, Rashmi Ashish Singh, Sangita Sinha, Uttari Ganpat Jangde and official of excise department-- were present in the meeting.

# Abhijit Pati to take over as Balco CEO

STAFF REPORTER ■ KORBA

Abhijit Pati will take over as the new Chief Executive Officer of Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (Balco).

Pati is a name to reckon with in the aluminium industry for the past three decades and he joined Balco after an appreciable stint as Chief Executive Officer of Vedanta Limited, Jharsuguda, according to a Balco press release.

Born on 1st January 1964, Abhijit Pati, has a humble family background from where he rose to the pinnacle of academic excellence and professional success. He comes with a rich experience and an illustrious career spanning over 30 years in the aluminium industry.

Alumni of the Calcutta

University, Abhijit Pati started his career as an engineer with Indian Aluminium Company (subsidiary of ALCAN, Canadian Major Aluminium Producer) in the year 1989.

Later joined INDAL/HINDALCO, Hirakud under the flagship of Aditya Birla Group of Industries, and established himself as a frontline leader. As a young and budding professional in his early career he was awarded the 'exceptional contributor award' by group chairman Kumar Mangalam Birla for his significant contribution in the turnaround story of the Hirakud Aluminium Smelter in the year 2006 and also bagged the prestigious British Sword of Honour for Hirakud Smelter in the year 1999.



He was serving the aspiration of the group as vice president till the year 2008 when he was offered the position of chief operating officer for leading one of the largest greenfield aluminium cum power complex of the world at Jharsuguda, Odisha by the global natural resources giant and conglomerate, Vedanta

Group. Subsequently, on March 16, 2015 Pati was elevated to the coveted position of president and CEO of Vedanta Ltd.'s Aluminium business and headed the world's largest single-location aluminium smelter at Jharsuguda for a little over four years.

Under his able leadership, Vedanta Ltd., Jharsuguda became an illustrious member of the prestigious 'Million Tonne Club' of global aluminium producing companies.

He is a proud Senior Management Executive Committee member of Vedanta's Global aspiration in its quest to emerge as frontrunner in global natural resource business. He is also the lead officio member of

Governing Council of Aluminium Association of India (AAI). He is a nominated representative of India for the Indo-Japanese collaboration on PAT scheme for collaboration on energy sector appointed by Government of India. He has also taken the responsibility to co-chair the FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry) Odisha State Council and is a nominated member of the Board of Management of BPUT, Odisha for a period of 3 years.

Pati's contribution to the aluminium industry has been recognized and held in high esteem by several industrial and academic institutions of India. He was felicitated with 'Technological Excellence Award 2016' at the 20th

National Conference on non-ferrous minerals and metals for his significant contribution as a frontline leader in the turnaround and growth of several aluminium production centers of the country, as a result of his expertise and years of experience with the major metal based corporate organizations. He was adjudged twice as the 'India Affairs Professional CEO of the year' at the 8th and 9th Annual India Leadership Conclave and Indian Affairs Business Leadership Awards. At the 3rd Corporate Excellence Award organized by Odisha Cultural Foundation, Pati was awarded 'Best CEO of the Year' in 2017 for his efforts in driving aluminium revolution in India as the CEO of Vedanta Ltd.

# Special Gram Sabha at panchayats today

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Special Gram Sabha will be organized in all village Panchayats of the state on August 20 where discussion on the agriculture, health, drinking water, and nutrition and child protection will be held along with implementation of the different government schemes.

All district collectors have been directed to fix the timing of Janpad, Panchayat-wise village meeting where one panchayat has more than one village. In such cases, different dates should be fixed where the Sarpanch and village secretary can participate in each village meetings. For success of the meeting, ground level

officers, employees should be given responsibility and accountability should be fixed.

The village meeting will also conduct social audit of the last meetings, pledges taken in the meetings.

Social audit of pension schemes, verification of beneficiaries, weekly market among others will also be taken up for review.

Villagers will also discuss on the control of mosquito, cleanliness, pure drinking water, repairs of handpump and status of conservation of water. The status of fertilizers, seed and pesticides provided by agriculture department, status of kharif crop, crop insurance scheme will also be taken up for discussion.

# DJB to rejuvenate 12 water bodies

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With an aim to clean Yamuna River and improving water and sewer network, the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) on Monday cleared some of the crucial projects including rejuvenation of 12 water bodies using (PTT) Phytoid Treatment Technology and extension of scheme for regularisation of domestic and commercial unauthorised water connection.

The decision was taken in 147th meeting of the DJB under the chairmanship of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.

The move is considered important as ground water level of Delhi has alarmingly gone down due to over exploitation and rapid urbanisation of the city. In this situation, using rain water to recharge the ground water through natural and artificial water bodies has become a need of the hour.

## 147TH MEETING OF THE DJB

In a meeting, the board approved the project to rejuvenate 12 water bodies using PTT of capacity of 400 KLD (kilo litres/day) and 150 KLD. "DJB has taken up the work of rejuvenation of 155 water bodies following the direction of Delhi Government for which a block estimate of ₹37,678.93 lakhs has approved in previous meeting," DJB said in a statement.

The board approved the extension of the scheme of regularisation of unauthorised water connection at a nominal amount of ₹500/- per connection for domestic consumer and ₹1500/- for commercial and industrial connections till March 31, 2020. By the implementation of the scheme the board will bring more and more consumers under its authorised water connection ambit.

It also accorded nod to the proposal of extension of

scheme of levy/recovery of development charges of water and sewer at reduced rates for domestic connection in case of colonies falling in D, E, F, G & H category of unauthorised colonies.

Besides, the board has also given its nod to procure 4,000 safety kits for sewer gang bel-dars and private labourers engaged in desilting and cleaning of sewers, drain and septic tank.

In order to eradicate the fatal accidents caused while carrying out cleaning works of sewer lines, drains, septic tanks, the Chief Minister and Chairman of DJB Arvind Kejriwal encouraged the use of safety gears and decided to distribute the basic safety gears for free of cost among the DJB sanitation staffs. The kit will comprise of hand gloves, gum boots, helmet, safety belts, fluorescent jackets, torch, litmus papers etc.

# Driver drags traffic cop on car's bonnet in G'gram after refusing to stop

STAFF REPORTER ■ GURUGRAM

A traffic police constable in Gurugram was dragged for 3 kilometres on the bonnet of a car after the driver was asked to stop for routine checking on police checkpoint. The accused later fled the spot.

The incident occurred on Sunday late night when constable Rohit Kumar along with other police personnel tried to stop a Hyundai Accent car on 7-Extension road in old Gurugram after they signalled the driver for routine checking.

Instead of stopping the vehicle, the accused slowed down and tried to escape. The cop leapt onto the car's bonnet to prevent him from fleeing but was dragged for 3-kilometres.

After the police constable was dragged to the side of the road, the accused stopped the vehicle and later fled the spot. The entire incident was captured in CCTV cameras. The constable suffered minor

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injuries in the incident.

"A case under relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) has been registered against the culprits at Shivaji Nagar Police Station," said Subhash Boken spokesperson of the Gurugram police.

Earlier in the month, a traffic police havidar was dragged for a few metres on the bonnet of a car after the driver was asked to stop for traffic signal jump at Sidheshwar Chowk in old Gurugram.

In another incident, a traffic policeman was dragged by an SUV driver for a few metres on the bonnet of a car after he entered the wrong side near Signature Tower Chowk on the Delhi-Jaipur Expressway.

# AAP Govt to flag off 1K standard floor buses with hydraulic lifts

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The people of Delhi especially those residing in South West part of city will have a better connectivity as the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) is going to launch the first lot of 1000 standard floor buses with hydraulic lifts on Tuesday.



room is set up at DIMTS office at Kashmere Gate. Further, the conductors have also been trained to operate the hydraulic lifts fitted in the buses," said a transport official.

After the inauguration at Raighat Cluster Depot, the buses will be sent to Dwarka depot. The buses will run on two routes 539 from Mehrauli to Nangloi and 579 Safdarjung Terminal to Nazafgarh buses.

The official further said, "The people rural and outer area will be largely benefited as frequency of 578 is very less. Now the people travelling to and from Nazafgarh from South will have a smooth journey and will save time." Moreover, the city will be getting new buses almost after a decade. The last buses were purchased during Sheila Dixit Government during Common Wealth Games.

In the first phase about 25 buses will be flagged off for the public use and also the national Capital will be the first city in the country to get the disabled friendly buses fitted with hydraulic lifts.

The first phase of disabled friendly buses will be inaugurated by the Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and Transport Minister will be the guest of honour.

The buses with unique features are procured especially to facilitate the physically disabled people. The buses are purchased under the Delhi Integrated Multi Modal Transit

System (DIMTS) and the completed lot buses will be purchased by the end of this year. The buses manufactured by the Ashoka Leyland.

Besides, hydraulic lifts, the bus will be fitted with three CCTV cameras (two inside the buses and one outside), 14 panic buttons installed on each windows and GPS tracking system.

"A microphone will be installed near the Driver's seat and as soon as a passenger will press the panic button, the driver will get a call from the control room within 10-15 seconds. The Emergency control

# SC lawyer files plaint against Shehla Rashid for spreading fake news

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A Supreme Court lawyer, Alakh Alok Srivastava, has filed a complaint with Delhi Police against activist Shehla Rashid, leader of Jammu & Kashmir People's Movement, for allegedly spreading fake news against the Indian Army.



The complaint against Rashid was filed after she posted a series of tweets on Sunday

Police said that they are verifying the facts and investigating the matter.

In a letter to the Delhi Police Commissioner Amulya Patnaik, the lawyer said that Jawaharlal Nehru University's Ph.D scholar Shehla Rashid should be booked for deliberately spreading fake news with intent to incite violence and malign the army's image in Jammu and Kashmir.

Confirming about the letter, Anil Mittal, Public Relation Officer (PRO), Delhi Police said the complaint has been forwarded to special cell of Delhi police who are now verifying the facts mentioned in complaint.

The complaint against Rashid was filed after she posted a series of tweets on Sunday, claiming that in Kashmir, armed forces are entering house during night, picking up boys, ransacking houses, deliberately spilling rations on the floor and mixing oil with rice.

Rashid in a series of tweet also claimed that she got to know about it from the people

coming from Kashmir. "In Shopian, 4 men were called into the Army camp and 'interrogated' (tortured). A mic was kept close to them so that the entire area could hear them scream, and be terrorized. This created an environment of fear in the entire area," Rashid had tweeted.

Srivastava said the allegations made by Shehla are absolutely false, baseless and concocted, which is evident from the fact that she has not produced any voice recording of the alleged torture or name, date, time or any other specific information about the alleged incident.

# Bike-borne snatch cell phone of Solicitor General's wife in Delhi

SHEKHAR SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

Cocking a snook at law enforcing agencies in the national Capital, two bike-borne ruffians reportedly snatched cellphone of wife of the Solicitor General (SG) of India, Tushar Metha.

The daring incident occurred in front of FICCI auditorium near Mandi House area on late Sunday evening when SG's wife Aparna Mehta was having a stroll. The snatching in the highly secured New Delhi district sent the cops into a tizzy and police teams were detailed to identify the snatchers and bring them to justice.

"Police have registered a case under relevant sections of Indian Penal Code (IPC) at Barakhamba Road Police Station and police teams have initiated manhunt to nab the accused," said a senior police official of New Delhi district.

"Police teams are also scanning the CCTV footage of the area. The complainant has told us that there was no number plate on the bike of the accused. While she was not able to see their faces as well," said the police official.

Aparna Mehta is not the only victim as the data available with Delhi Police shows that there were around 3,808 cases of snatching reported till this year's July 31st as compared to last year which were around 3,814. There was a minimal reduction of snatching incidents.

According to sources, as cell phones are the easiest to



steal, there is an organised chain of thieves and receivers across the city. "Most of the thieves are in contact with engineers who quickly changes IMEI number of the phones to evade police arrest and to get a good price in the market," said the sources.

Investigations carried out by The Pioneer revealed a well oiled chain of mobile snatchers and receivers. An engineer who did not wish to be identified displayed how the myth about IMEI's invulnerability can be dispelled in just 10 minutes. He arranged a device called a flasher. It resembled a regular Wi-Fi router. He opened the files contained on the disc on a computer and then used the flasher to connect the phone to the computer. After this was achieved, all that needed to be done was to change the digits.

"Once the IMEI is replaced with another number, the phone's origin can never be traced. This means there could be two or more devices with the same IMEI in circulation, depending on the number inputted. And all that the

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unscrupulous operators charge for this work is ₹400-800 per handset. The flasher itself costs ₹3,000-5,000", the engineer added.

"It is easier to junk the IMEI in phones that run on the cheaper MTK processor. Handsets fitted with Qualcomm Snapdragon are harder to crack, though they are not totally tamper-resistant. Changing the IMEI number of Apple handsets is, however, not possible because the flashers do not work on iPhones. Apple phones are almost always dismantled and their parts sold separately," said a police official.

# Advani visits Jaitely in AIIMS

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Veteran BJP leader LK Advani, Union Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Tripathi Singh, UP Governor Anandiben Patel and Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Modi visited AIIMS (All India Institute of Medical Science) to enquire former Finance Minister Arun Jaitley's health condition.

Among other prominent leaders Union Ministers Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi and Thaaarchand Gehlot, BJP national general-secretary Arun Singh and party MP Maneka

Gandhi also visited the hospital on Monday.

Jaitley has been put on extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO), which is used for patients whose lungs and heart are incapable of operating on their own, hospital sources said.

The AIIMS administration has not released a single medical bulletin regarding his health condition since August 10.

Till now many leaders from all the parties including Himachal Pradesh Governor Kalraj Mishra, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) joint general secretary Dr Krishna Gopal and former Samajwadi

Party leader Amar Singh, Union Minister Piyush Goyal, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and BSP president and former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Mayawati, Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan, BJP's Satish Upadhyay, Jammu & Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik, Congress' Abhishek Singhvi and Jyotiraditya Scindia and Air Force chief Air Marshal Birender Singh Dhanoa had visited the hospital to know about his well being.

The Additional Principal Secretary to Prime Minister, P.K Mishra, and Cabinet Secretary Pradeep Kumar Sinha also visited the hospital in the evening.

# South African woman held for carrying 4.9 kg of heroin at IGI Airport

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Customs officials at have arrested a South African woman for allegedly carrying 4.9 kilogram (kg) of heroin worth ₹20 crore. The woman was intercepted at Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport.

According to a senior Customs official, the woman on Saturday arrived at the Terminal-3 of the IGI from South Africa via Doha by Qatar Airlines flight.

"The woman was intercepted by the Customs officers after she had crossed the Green Channel. She was stopped by officials and during checking of her personal and baggage search resulted in the recovery of white coloured powdery substance with granules," said the senior Customs official.

"The powdery substance, recovered from two brown coloured packets concealed in a checked-in trolley bag, was found to be heroin weighing in total 4,900 grams valued at ₹20 crores," said the official adding that the drug has been seized and the woman has been arrested under relevant provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (NDPS).

## POLICE HEADQUARTERS, CHHATTISGARH, SECTOR 19, ATAL NAGAR, RAIPUR

Notice Inviting BODYWORN CAMERA

No.PHQ/Sec-10/Prove-2/ 3908 /19 Raipur, Dated: 16/08/2019

| S. No | Name of Item    | Qty | Specification                                      | EMD in Rs      | Remarks  |
|-------|-----------------|-----|--|----------------|--|
| 1     | BODYWORN CAMERA | 100 | Technical Specification available with Tender form | Rs. 2,61,000/- | One Advance Sample to prove conformity to the specification must be submitted before opening of bid. |

The cost of the tender document, State Govt. Challan of Rs. 2000/- (Rupees Two thousand only) amount to be deposited in the Head of A/C-0055-Police-800-other receipt or it shall be in the form of D.D. of State Bank of India/ scheduled Bank/ other than cooperative Bank/ payable at Raipur in favour of A.I.G., Accounts, Police headquarters, Naya Raipur. Tender Fee is non-refundable and cannot be exempted in any condition. The tender document may be obtained from the following address:

SDG of Police Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Atal Nagar Naya Raipur Pin:-492002, Phone & Fax : 0771-2431210, 2229622

The tender offer in the prescribed tender form along with all the relevant documents sealed and completed in all the respect must be submitted as per the schedule below.

### SCHEDULE FOR TENDER

| A   | Date and time of Prebid conference              | 26/08/2019 at 16-00 hours ROOM NO F-409   |
|---|---|---|
| B <td>Address for submission of tender document</td> <td>Block no 04 F/P branch Police headquarters, Sector 19, Naya Raipur, Chhattisgarh</td>  | Address for submission of tender document       | Block no 04 F/P branch Police headquarters, Sector 19, Naya Raipur, Chhattisgarh                                  |
| D <td>Last Date and time for receipt of tender</td> <td>13 / 09 / 2019 till 03.00 pm</td>   | Last Date and time for receipt of tender        | 13 / 09 / 2019 till 03.00 pm  |
| E <td>Place, Time and Date of opening Technical Bid -</td> <td>AIG of Police, BLOCK NO 04 ROON NO 409 Police headquarters Sector 19, Naya Raipur, C.G. 13 / 09 / 2019 at 4:00 pm</td> | Place, Time and Date of opening Technical Bid - | AIG of Police, BLOCK NO 04 ROON NO 409 Police headquarters Sector 19, Naya Raipur, C.G. 13 / 09 / 2019 at 4:00 pm |
| F <td>Place, Time and Date of opening Financial Bid -</td> <td>Shall be intimated later.</td>   | Place, Time and Date of opening Financial Bid - | Shall be intimated later.   |
| G <td>Date till which the Bid to remain valid</td> <td>120 days from the scheduled date of submission of the bid.</td>  | Date till which the Bid to remain valid         | 120 days from the scheduled date of submission of the bid.  |

Note:-  
1 In case of tender opening date being declared as holiday, tenders will be opened on next working day.  
2 Tender documents can be downloaded from our website www.cpolice.gov.in and at the time of submission of document tender fee 2000/- will be paid in the form of DD or on the account of Assistant Inspector General of Police (Accounts), Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Naya Raipur  
3 Modification/Amendments/corrigendum, if any shall not be Advertised in the news paper but shall be published in the aforesaid web site only.

D.I.G. of Police (F&P) For-Director General of Police G- 72598/3 Ryp/Dtd 19.8.19 headquarters, Atal Nagar naya Raipur(C.G.)

## POLICE HEADQUARTERS, CHHATTISGARH, SECTOR 19, ATAL NAGAR, RAIPUR

Notice Inviting ROAD STOPPER PLASTIC

No.PHQ/Sec-10/Prove-2/ 3907 /19 Raipur, Dated: 16/08/2019

| S. No | Name of Item         | Qty  | Specification                                      | EMD in Rs      | Remarks  |
|-------|----------------------|------|--|----------------|--|
| 1     | ROAD STOPPER PLASTIC | 1000 | Technical Specification available with Tender form | Rs. 1,92,000/- | One Advance Sample to prove conformity to the specification must be submitted before opening of bid. |

The cost of the tender document, State Govt. Challan of Rs. 2000/- (Rupees Two thousand only) amount to be deposited in the Head of A/C-0055-Police-800-other receipt or it shall be in the form of D.D. of State Bank of India/ scheduled Bank/ other than cooperative Bank/ payable at Raipur in favour of A.I.G., Accounts, Police headquarters, Naya Raipur. Tender Fee is non-refundable and cannot be exempted in any condition. The tender document may be obtained from the following address:

SPL,Director General of Police (P&P) Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Atal Nagar Raipur Pin:-492002, Phone & Fax : 0771-2431210, 2229622

The tender offer in the prescribed tender form along with all the relevant documents sealed and completed in all the respect must be submitted as per the schedule below.

### SCHEDULE FOR TENDER

| A   | Date and time of Prebid conference              | 26/08/2019 at 16-00 hours ROOM NO F-409   |
|---|---|---|
| B <td>Address for submission of tender document</td> <td>Block no 04 F/P branch Police headquarters, Sector 19, Naya Raipur, Chhattisgarh</td>  | Address for submission of tender document       | Block no 04 F/P branch Police headquarters, Sector 19, Naya Raipur, Chhattisgarh                                  |
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| F <td>Place, Time and Date of opening Financial Bid -</td> <td>Shall be intimated later.</td>   | Place, Time and Date of opening Financial Bid - | Shall be intimated later.   |
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D.I.G. of Police (F&P) For-Director General of Police G- 72597/4 Ryp/Dtd 19.8.19 headquarters, Atal Nagar naya Raipur(C.G.)

**SBI State Bank of India**  
RAJPC Ground Floor, Zonal Office, Byron Bazaar, Raipur (C.G.) Ph:-0771-4089154, 4267586 Fax: 0771-4040334

**Publication of Notice Regarding Possession of Property u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI Act 2002**

Notice is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, a demand notice was issued on the dates mentioned against each account and stated hereinafter calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notice. The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Act on the dates mentioned against each account. 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 STATE BANK OF INDIA for an amount and interest thereon.

| S. No. | Name of Borrower/ Guarantor                              | Description of the Immovable Property   | Date of Demand Notice | Date of Possession | Notice Amount Present Bal.            |
|--------|--|---|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1.     | Mr. Anurag Kumar S/o Mr. Kaulesh Prasad Singh (Borrower) | Kh No. 79/1(Part), Plot No.-151, Capital City Phase-2, Saddu, Kushabhau Thakrey Ward No-26, Area-1250 Sqft, P.H.No.-109, RIC-Raipur-1, Teh. & Dist.-Raipur (C.G.) | 16.02.2019            | 14.08.2019         | ₹ 38,95,800/- + intt. & other charges |
| 2.     | Mr. Ujjwal Kumar S/o Mr. Lalun Kumar (Gurantor)          | Boundries: North-Plot No. 150, South-Plot No.-152, East-Road, West-Plot No.-166.  |                       |                    |                                       |

Date 19.08.2019, Place - Raipur  
Authorised Officer State Bank Of India

**National Highways Authority of India**  
Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Govt. of India

**PUBLIC NOTICE ON USER FEE (TOLL) RATES AT BADAYIGUDA TOLL PLAZA APPLICABLE FROM 20.08.2019**

The public are hereby informed that pursuant to Fee Notification published in the Gazette vide S.O. No. 2613 (E) dated 22.07.2019 by MoRTH and approval of user fee rates vide letter dated 10.04.2019 of NHA, the user fee for the use of section from km 240.570 to 297.470 (Dahikonga-Jagdipal Section) of NH-30 is going to be started w.e.f. 20.08.2019 from 8:00 Am onwards at Badayiguda Toll Plaza (284.20 km, near Badayiguda village Bastar District) in the State of Chhattisgarh at the following rates:

| Category of Vehicle  | Fee for Single Journey | Fee for Return Journey within a day | Fee for Monthly Pass valid for 50 Journeys | Fee for Commercial vehicles registered in district |
|--|------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Car, Jeep, Van or Light Motor Vehicle  | 45                     | 70                                  | 1500                                       | 25   |
| Light Commercial Vehicle, Light Goods Vehicle or Mini Bus  | 75                     | 110                                 | 2425                                       | 35   |
| Bus or Truck (Two axle)  | 150                    | 230                                 | 5080                                       | 75   |
| Three Axle Commercial Vehicles   | 165                    | 250                                 | 5540                                       | 85   |
| Heavy Construction Machinery (HCM) or Earth Moving Equipment (EME) or Multi Axle Vehicle (4 to 6 Axle) | 240                    | 360                                 | 7965                                       | 120  |
| Oversized Vehicles (7 or more axles)   | 290                    | 435                                 | 9695                                       | 145  |

The rates for monthly pass applicable for local non-commercial vehicle residing within a distance of 20Km from the toll plaza shall be Rs.265/-.

2. The above section was developed under public funds (The above section was developed as per provisions of Contract Agreement dated 19.12.2014 on EPC and AE vide letter dated 16.05.2018 certified the completed length of 56.90 Km. for putting on commercial operation). The above rates are applicable for a completed length of 56.90 Km. which comprises of following

| Type of Section                | Length (Km.) | Equivalent Length (Km.) for which use fee is to be levied | Lane Configuration |
|--------------------------------|--------------|---|--------------------|
| Straight Section               | 51.1280      | 51.1280   | 2-lane             |
| Bypasses (Costing-Rs.10.0 Cr.) | 5.260        | 5.260   | 4-lane             |
| Structure (length>60m)         | 0.5120       | 5.120   | 2-lane             |

3. The following concessions are available at above Toll Plazas.  
(i) Return Journey within 24 hours from time of payment for all categories of vehicles (discount 25%)  
(ii) 50 single journeys in a month from date of payment for all categories of vehicles (discount 33%).  
(iii) Pass at Rs 265/- per calendar month for non-commercial vehicle residing within 20 km from Toll Plaza.  
(iv) Commercial Vehicle (excluding those playing under national permit) registered in the District of Toll Plaza (discount 50%)

4. The list of exempted vehicles is given in the Amendment of Fee Rules dated 03.12.2010 vide GSR 950(E).

5. The vehicle, which is loaded in excess of permissible load, shall pay 10 times the applicable fee rate and remove the excess load to make use of highway.

6. The Capital cost of the project is Rs.273.66 Crore. The user fee (toll) rates shall be reduced to 40% on recovery of capital cost.

7. For viewing the fee notification dated 22.07.2019 published in the Gazette, letter of NHA dated 10.04.2019 containing approval of rates, etc, the website http://nhaits.org may be visited.

8. For any enquired and/or giving complaints/suggestions, please contact

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Name of Representative | S.Choudhury, Project Director, NHA, PIU-Dhamtari (C.G.) |
| Address                | Block F-5, Shivraj Greens, Sihawa Road, Dhamtari        |
| Contact No.            | 07722-233433  |

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

AFP ■ WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump has warned China that carrying out a Tiananmen Square-style crackdown on Hong Kong pro-democracy protesters would harm trade talks between the two countries. "I think it'd be very hard to deal if they do violence, I mean, if it's another Tiananmen Square," Trump told reporters in New Jersey on Sunday. "I think it's a very hard thing to do if there's violence."

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

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

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

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

## Bank of England chief pulls out of Chinese event

London: Bank of England governor Mark Carney has withdrawn from a high-profile business event with China's ambassador to London, sources said Monday, as pro-democracy protests continue in Hong Kong. Carney had been due to speak at the dinner, aimed at boosting Chinese business links, which is scheduled for September 3 at the Guildhall, the administrative centre of the City of London financial district. However he will not now attend because of "diary issues", a source close to the matter told AFP.

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

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

AFP ■ KHARTOUM

Sudan's deposed military ruler Omar al-Bashir has admitted to receiving USD 90 million in cash from Saudi royals, an investigator told a Khartoum court on Monday. Police Brigadier Ahmed Ali said at the opening of Bashir's corruption trial, which an AFP correspondent attended, that the former president told him that the latest payment was "delivered by some of Mohammed bin Salman's envoys".

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

unshaven and wearing a white traditional gown. His relatives in the courtroom chanted "Allahu Akbar" (God is greatest), to which he responded with the same words.

The former strongman was forced from power on April 11 after months of protests. A transitional constitution meant to guide Sudan towards a civilian rule was officially signed on Saturday.

Bashir faces a raft of charges of war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide from the International Criminal Court over his role in the war in Sudan's western Darfur region. However, the jailed leader appeared in court Monday on charges of receiving and possessing foreign funds illegally. The police investigator told

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

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

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

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

## UK to end EU free movement immediately after Brexit

AFP ■ LONDON

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

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

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

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

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

PTI ■ COLOMBO

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

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

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

Silva headed the Army's 58th Division in the final bat-

tle against the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) rebels in the final stages of the civil war in 2009.

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

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

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

# Pak Army chief Gen Bajwa gets three year extension

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

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

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

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

"The decision has been taken in view of the regional security environment," the notification said, citing the decision

made by Prime Minister Khan, apparently referring to the fresh tension in India-Pakistan relations and the ongoing Afghan peace talks between the US and the Taliban militants, facilitated by Islamabad.

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

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

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

## GLOBE TROTTER

### IRAN OIL SUPERTANKER SAILS OFF GIBRALTAR

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

### PROTESTERS TORCH PARL IN INDONESIA'S PAPUA

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

### EU CHIEF JUNCKER TO MISS G7 AFTER SURGERY

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

### GREEK BISHOP CONVICTED OF HATE SPEECH RESIGNS

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

## Af vows to crush Islamic State havens after attack

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

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

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

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

**NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE**  
Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)  
N.I.T. No.: 04/19-20 dated 19.08.2019. (1) Name of work with its location: Proposal for establishing, operating, managing & maintaining CTMRI centre in already built up space in Northern Railway Central Hospital (NRCCH), New Delhi. (2) Approx. Cost of work: Rs. 10,00,00,000. (3) Earnest Money: (It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway only. Note:- FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no 2015/CE-ICT/51 dated 31.08.2016). Rs. 6,50,000/- (4) Completion period of Work: 120 Months. (5) Cost of tender on cash/bid post: (It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway only. Note:- FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no 2015/CE-ICT/51 dated 31.08.2016). Rs. 29,500/- (6) Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender: Upto 15:00 hrs. on 13.09.2019 Opening of tender at 15:00 hrs. On 13.09.2019. (7) Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen: Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. No.: 128-W/269/OET/19-20/NRCH/NIT 04 Dated: 19.08.2019. 2659/2019

**JAMMU & KASHMIR POWER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**  
Office of the Executive Engineer, EM&RE Div-II, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu  
Phone No: 0191-2458521, e-mail: eemred2@gmail.com  
e-NIT No.: 55 of 2019 Dated: 16-08-2019

**NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER**  
For and on behalf of the Governor, Jammu and Kashmir State, e-Tenders (In Two Cover System) are invited for Replacement of ACSR LT Conductor with LT AB Cables of Sizes 120/50mm<sup>2</sup>, erection of New LT line, insertion/replacement of Poles on LT/HT lines & creation of Isolation Points on Feeder SN-I on turn key basis Under Langulshing projects sanctioned by JKIDFC For Industrial Complex Gangyal from Self Help Groups/A Class Electrical Contractors of J&K having Valid Registration Certificate for the year 2019-20 and meeting eligibility criteria as per terms, conditions, technical specifications and schedules forming part of this tender document. S.No.1. Name of work :- For Replacement of ACSR LT Conductor with LT AB Cables of Sizes 120/50mm<sup>2</sup>, erection of New LT line, insertion/replacement of Poles on LT/HT lines & creation of Isolation Points on Feeder SN-I on turnkey basis Under Langulshing projects sanctioned by JKIDFC For Industrial Complex Gangyal  
Cost of Document (in Rs) :- 500/-  
Earnest Money/ Security Deposit (in Rs.) :- 88000/-  
Date & Time of Downloading of Bidding Documents :- 17.08.2019 from 5:00 PM  
Last Date of e-Bid Submission :- 03.09.2019 (upto 04:00 PM)  
Time & Date of Opening of tender :- 04.09.2019 at 03:30 PM  
1. Bidders are advised to study the Bidding Document carefully. Submission of e-Bid against this SBD shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications.  
2. The tender document is available at website <http://jtenders.gov.in>. Interested bidders may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bids online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below:  
Sd/- Executive Engineer  
No. DIPJ-2153/P19 Elect. Maint & RE Division-II  
Dated : 17.08.2019 Gandhi Nagar, Jammu

**NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE**  
Sr. DEE/EMU/GZB for and on behalf of President of India, invites open e-tender under single packet system for the under noted work:

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

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

**EASTERN COALFIELDS LIMITED**  
(A Subsidiary of Coal India Limited)

**GLOBAL E-TENDER NOTICE FOR PRE-NIT MEETING**  
Name of Area : MM Dept. ECL Hrs. Tender No. and Date : ECL/Pur/31981043/PreNIT043 Dated : 13.08.2019. Name of Work : Pre NIT Meeting for Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Station along with CAMC for 03 year under warranty period. Venue of Pre NIT Meeting : Office of GM(MM)/HOD, ECL, H.Q., Santocira - 713333. Estimated Tender Value : Rs. 47,84,250.00. Document Download Start Date : From 11.00 Hrs. IST to 20.08.2019. Uploading Suggestion Online End Date : At 11.00 Hrs. IST to 11.09.2019. Suggestions Opening Date : At 11.00 Hrs. IST to 11.09.2019. Pre-NIT Meeting Date : At 11.00 Hrs. IST to 20.09.2019. Note : Details of tender can be seen in [www.easterncoal.nic.in](http://www.easterncoal.nic.in) or <http://eprocure.gov.in> or <http://coalindiatenders.nic.in>  
General Manager(MM)/HOD  
VISIT US AT [www.easterncoal.nic.in](http://www.easterncoal.nic.in)

**Azadeh Mousavi's 'Finding Farideh' Iran's official entry to Oscars**  
Los Angeles: "Finding Farideh", a feature-length documentary directed by Azadeh Mousavi and Kourosh Atee, is Iran's official Oscar entry for the best foreign language film. The story revolves around an adopted child who has grown up in Europe, but at 40 decides to find her biological parents in Iran. According to the Hollywood Reporter, the film was picked by a committee of Iranian film industry professionals from a field of 10 possible Oscar entries. Iran last won the last best foreign language Academy Award for Asghar Farhadi's "The Salesman". Farhadi also won the Oscar in the same category in 2013 for "A Separation".

**Haffkine Bio Pharmaceutical Corporation Limited**  
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Acharya Dande Marg, Parel, Mumbai 400 012 (INDIA)

**TENDER NOTICE**  
Date:- 10/08/2019.  
Ref:-Tender No.RT-959/ HBPC/PC/MRI with Turn Key/2019-20.  
Managing Director, (Procurement Cell), Haffkine Bio Pharmaceutical Corporation Ltd., Mumbai had invited tenders in two envelope systems from eligible bidders for equipment/instruments for various Government Medical Colleges and Hospitals in Maharashtra.

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

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|---------|--|---|--|----------------|
| 1.      | M/s Mica Industries Ltd. / Vinay Gupta / Vikas Goel / NHDEL00000738641 | Flat No. 0001, (Ground Floor), Block No. 04, Harmony, Nirvana Country, Gurgaon / Aug 14, 2019 | March 30, 2019 Rs. 85,95,433/-                       | Delhi/ Ncr     |
| 2.      | Shahnawaz Nabi / Noorussaba Rahmani/ NHDEL00000737969                  | STR 8-402 4th Floor, Star Court Jaypee Greens Tower -T-8, Gr. Noida 201301 / Aug 14, 2019     | October 03, 2017 Rs. 45,69,060/-                     | Delhi/ Ncr     |

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Place : Delhi/ NCR  
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## 19 killed in Uganda fuel truck blast: Police

Kampala: Nineteen people died when a fuel truck barreled into other vehicles in a busy town in western Uganda and exploded, police said Monday. The blast occurred Sunday evening in the Kyambura trading centre, a mountainous area near the Queen Elizabeth National Park.

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

## US MULLS LEAVING INTELLIGENCE ASSETS IN AFGHANISTAN AFTER TROOP WITHDRAWAL

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

The US is considering leaving "significant intelligence" assets behind after withdrawing its troops from Afghanistan as it does not want the war-torn country to become a "laboratory for terrorism", President Donald Trump has said.

Trump's comments come after he met with top national security advisers to review a US-Taliban peace plan that could end America's longest running war. "We're talking to Afghanistan, both the government and also talking to the Taliban, having very good discussions. We'll see what happens."

## Syria forces enter key town amid fierce clashes: Monitor

AFP ■ BEIRUT

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

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

they lost control of it in 2014. The latest fighting, which broke out overnight Saturday to Sunday, has already killed at least 59 jihadists and allied rebels as well as 28 members of pro-regime forces, the Britain-based monitor said.

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

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| 1.      | Rajeev Kumar LBDEL00003000725                                      | Apartment Number 1106, 11th Floor, Tower K, Godrej Summit, Sector 104 Gurgaon/ Aug 13, 2019  | April 30, 2019 Rs. 1,08,62,364/-                     | Del/Ncr        |
| 2.      | Roshan Kumar/ Anil Jha/ LBDEL00003112806                           | C1-1701, Victory Ace, Plot No. GH-02, Sector-143, Noida, District Gautam Budha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh/ Aug 13, 2019  | April 30, 2019 Rs. 76,85,127/-                       | Del/Ncr        |
| 3.      | Jai Prakash Kothari/ Sangita Jai Prakash Kothari/ LBDEL00002899559 | B-1402, VVIP Homes, Meridian Towers Block A & B, Plot No GC-03K/GH-03, Sec 16C, Greater Noida West, District Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, 203207/ Aug 13, 2019  | April 26, 2019 Rs. 17,87,794/-                       | Del/Ncr        |
| 4.      | Amit John/ Martha John/ LBGHZ00001108274                           | Flat No. G-1 MIG Flat Plot No. 756, Shalimar Garden Extn.1 Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh/ Aug 13, 2019   | April 30, 2019 Rs. 6,72,869/-                        | Del/Ncr        |
| 5.      | Ratnesh Mishra/ Priyanka Pandey/ LBDEL00002884134                  | Flat No.1209 A, Arc Angels, Khasra No. 322 And 324 Village, Noor Nagar, Ghaziabad/ Aug 13, 2019  | March 16, 2019 Rs. 30,64,553/-                       | Del/Ncr        |
| 6.      | Namrata Raina/ Kumar Saurabh/ LBGUR00002481136                     | C1-1601, Victory Ace, Plot No. GH-02, Sector- 143, Noida, / August 13, 2019  | April 30, 2019 Rs. 63,65,865/-                       | Del/Ncr        |
| 7.      | Sumit Pratap/ Shilpi Parmar/ LBDEL00002392190                      | Flat No. A1-2701, 26th Floor, Victory Ace, Plot No. GH- 02, Sector 143, Noida, Distt Gautam Budh Nagar, Up/ August 13, 2019  | April 30, 2019 Rs. 51,58,370/-                       | Del/Ncr        |
| 8.      | Basant Kumar Dubey/ Kalyani Dubey/ LBND000002353221                | Flat No. A1-1903, 18th Floor, Victory Ace, Plot No. GH- 02, Sector 143, Noida, Distt Gautam Budh Nagar, Up/ August 13, 2019  | April 30, 2019 Rs. 46,55,761/-                       | Del/Ncr        |
| 9.      | Azra Khan/ Abdul Raheem Khan/ LBDEL00001662734 & LBGUR00002045283  | E-902, 9th Floor, Amarpali Platinum, Plot No. GH-001, Sector- 119, Noida/ August 13, 2019  | April 30, 2019 Rs. 50,16,775/-                       | Del/Ncr        |
| 10.     | Vikas Choudhary/ Geetika Choudhary/ LBDEL00002032547               | Victory Ace, Flat No. C3/1102, 11th Floor, Plot No.-GH- 02, Sector-143, Noida, District Gautam Budha Nagar/ August 13, 2019  | April 30, 2019 Rs. 30,69,866/-                       | Del/Ncr        |
| 11.     | Manoj Dudeja/ Sapna Mittal/ A J M D & Co/ LBDEL00002667225         | Flat No. 402, 4th Floor, Tower- E, Capital Gateway, Sector 111, Gurgaon/ August 13, 2019   | March 30, 2019 Rs. 93,81,256 /-                      | Del/Ncr        |
| 12.     | Suraj Mal / Kamla / LBDEL00001085177                               | Flat No. B- 93/ UG- 2, Upper Ground Floor Part Of Free Hold Property No.B-93, Part Of Khasra Bearing No.1076/5/2/360 Situated At Dilshad Extn. No.1, Now Known As Dilshad Colony Village Jhilmil Tahipur Shahdara Delhi 110095 / August 14, 2019 | March 02, 2019 Rs. 2,66,624/-                        | Del/Ncr        |

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## AIIMS needs fire lessons

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



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

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

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

## Concussion protocols

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



The sight of Steve Smith lying low after a bouncer from English bowler Jofra Archer must have sent a chill down the spine of those not only sitting at Lord's but also millions of spectators across the world. It was heartening to see Smith get up, something his Australian companion Phillip Hughes could not when he was struck by a bouncer in a domestic Australian game five years ago. However, nowadays, the worry is not just about immediate injuries but also the long-term consequences of head injuries, particularly concussions.

A concussion occurs when the brain bounces around inside the skull, leading to bruising of the brain tissue. This, as doctors and scientists discovered, particularly with players in America's National Football League (NFL), where there are regular head to head collisions, leads to a condition called Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE).

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

# Pak in a pincer attack

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



SANDHYA JAIN

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

Kashmir's demographic character.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## SOUNDBITE

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

**BJP leader**  
—Shivraj Singh Chauhan



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

**Actor**  
—Adnan Sami



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

**Afghan diplomat**  
—Roya Rahmani



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

**Congress leader**  
—Priyanka Gandhi



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Girl next door

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

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

**Anil R Torne**  
Maharashtra

### The Damocles sword over Kashmir

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

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

### For the sake of peace

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

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

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

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

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



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

**JS Acharya**  
Hyderabad

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

**P Senthil**  
Via email

### Integrate the Valley

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

**Bal Govind**  
Noida

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**FIRST COLUMN**

**Creating micro entrepreneurs**

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



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

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

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

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

The guidelines clearly state that direct sellers and firms shall be guided by provisions of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986.

There are law enforcement agencies that look at direct selling companies through the lens of the Prize Chits and Money Circulation Schemes (PCMCS) Banning Act, 1978. This Act seeks action against any scheme that involves making easy money or getting money as the consideration for a promise to pay money based on enrolment of members to the scheme.

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

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

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

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

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

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

—WEST BENGAL CHIEF MINISTER  
MAMATA BANERJEE

**POINT COUNTERPOINT**



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

—BJP STATE GENERAL SECRETARY  
SAYANTAN BASU

**This isn't blending in**

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



PANKAJ SARMA



POPIMONI SHARMA

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

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

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

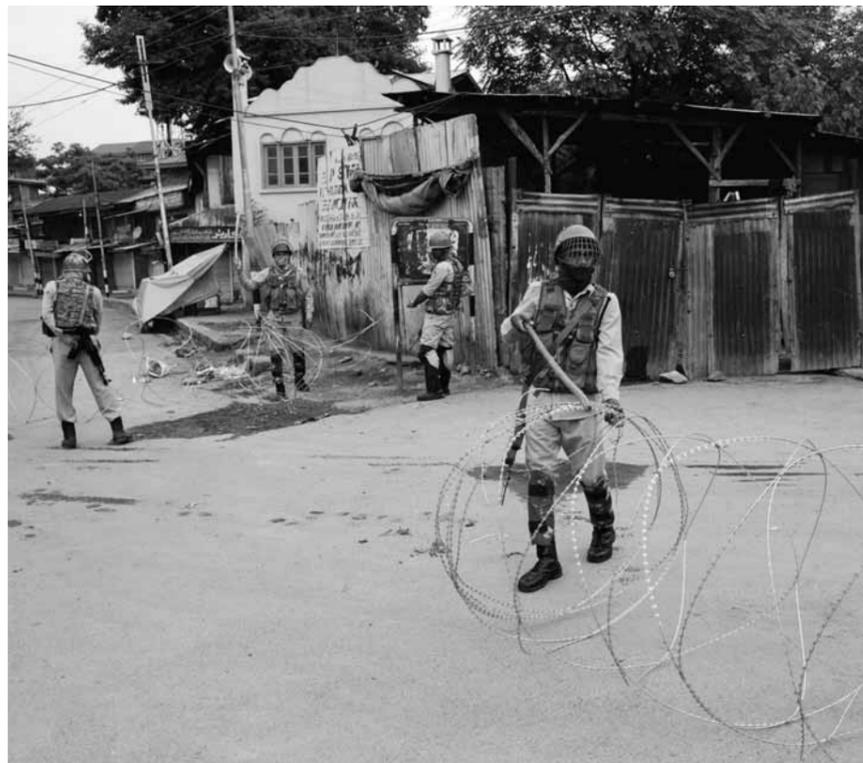
Article 370, which granted special status to J&K and Article 35A that empowered the state legislature to define the "permanent residents" of J&K and their special rights and privileges, has long been under the shadow of controversy. It has been a contested constitutional question whether the provisions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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**The curious Orientalist paradox**

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



NADEEM PARACHA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# NO LAVISH WEDDINGS IN KASHMIR

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

PTI ■ SRINAGAR

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

Mutton suppliers, camping agencies, jewellers, wedding wear outlets and wazwan (traditional Kashmiri cuisine) cooks have seen their business slump due to the no-frills wedding ceremonies after restric-

tions were imposed on the movement of people.

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

"Due to the prevailing situation, the wedding ceremony of my son, Yasir Bashir, will be held in a simple way. The invitation for the walima function (banquet performed after marriage ceremony) is hereby cancelled. Inconvenience caused is regretted," reads an advertisement

published in a local Urdu daily.

There are over 25 such advertisements in Monday's edition of the daily, which is being circulated to limited areas in the city. Many families have opted to convey the message of cancellation of wedding feasts through a private television news channel, which has been running both video and text messages free of cost for the benefit of the people.

Abdul Majid, whose daughter is getting married on Saturday, said, *Gulistan News* is available both on the cable network as well as on various

platforms of direct-to-home (DTH) television. "It becomes easier for people like us to reach maximum persons on the guest list as there is no other way to reach them," he said.

The wedding cancellations have severely affected the businesses, which sustained on these occasions.

According to Mushtaq Ahmad, a wazwan cook, an average wedding feast has a guest list of 600-800 people. "But now, we are asked to cook for only 150-200 people, which basically constitutes the close family and friends of the

groom or the bride."

Ahmad said his earning had reduced by more than 70 per cent due to the prevailing situation. "This is the fifth wedding season since 2008 that has been hit by turmoil or other reasons, like the flood in 2014," he said.

As the guest lists have shortened significantly, it directly translates to a lesser quantity of mutton being consumed at the weddings, which are usually lavish even in moderation. "I would supply eight-10 quintals of mutton for a wedding usually. But now the

demand has reduced to around two quintals," said Mohammad Altaf Ganaie, a wholesale mutton supplier who had stopped importing livestock due to the slump in demand.

Mohammad Iqbal, a jeweller, said gold sales dipped by more than 50 per cent this season as people stopped spending lavishly on jewellery for the weddings. "Gold in our society is normally considered to be an investment, but with earnings already hit and no end in sight to the uncertainty, the bride's family is buying just enough jewellery to make the wedding cer-



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

emony look normal," Iqbal said. Bilal Ahmad Rather, who provides tents and decoration to the wedding functions, said people associated with his trade had been the worst hit. "As the guest lists are very

short, people do not need tents and they are avoiding to install decorative lights on their houses in view of the situation," Rather said. "It has effectively meant little to no business for people like me."

## How J&K officers are fighting Pak canards

FIANS ■ SRINAGAR

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

Among the officers of Jammu & Kashmir busting fake news, the contributions of IPS officer Imtiaz Hussain and Srinagar District Magistrate Shahid Choudhary are particularly noteworthy.

Pakistan's Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Ali Haider Zaidi on Sunday shared a 2017 video with a caption that falsely mentioned that it showed the sufferings of the people of Kashmir due to the policies of Prime Minister Narendra

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

The #Hitler from the East rises while the world sleeps. @realDonaldTrump should consider imposing trade sanctions on India to control this monster before it's too late! #SaveKashmirFromModi #IndianHitlerModi," read the caption of the video.

Hussain did not take long to expose Zaidi's false propaganda. "This video is from August 2017 and the location is Panchkula, Haryana and not #Kashmir. People seen in the video are followers of Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh and were protesting against his arrest. @AliHZaidiPTI," he said in a tweet. Hussain also shared the links of the same video which was uploaded on

YouTube in 2017.

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

"If you want to understand how Ghafoora (@OfficialDGISPR) troll Army operates, check out this Twitter handle. There are thousands of these fake Twitter handles employed to create False Twitter trends to deceive the world," he tweeted.

Hussain acknowledged that the rumour mills were working overtime to peddle fake news as the enemies of the country are "disappointed by almost zero violence" following the abrogation of Article 370.

"Having dealt mobsters, rioters making murderous assaults on Cops/SFs during unrests of 2008, 10, 13 & 16 all sponsored aided abetted by Pakistan & its

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

Choudhary is also fighting false claims of scarcity of supplies in the Valley and issues related to administration.

Responding to claims that medical shops are shut in the valley and ATMs have run out of money, he said, "As many as 1166 medical shops are open. Cash machines have disbursed Rs 243.44Cr in last 4 days. All sorts of stocks being replenished as demanded. Agree, some people are still facing difficulties. We are trying to address every single problem flagged. Trust. #Srinagar."

He said officials in Jammu & Kashmir were making every possible effort to reduce inconvenience and enhance facilities in the State.

## Didi alleges human rights violation in Valley

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

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

Tweeting on the occasion of World Humanitarian Day, Banerjee said human rights had always been a subject close to her heart. Praying for the people of Kashmir, the Chief Minister said she could not remain silent watching human rights being violated in the manner it was being violated.

Mamata who is also the president of the All India Trinamool Congress said, "Today is World Humanitarian Day. Human rights have been



totally violated in Kashmir. Let us pray for human rights and peace in Kashmir."

The Chief Minister had been critical of the process the Centre's divided Jammu & Kashmir and scrap Article 370 and 35A and said the Centre should have discussed the issue with the local people before scrapping it.

Reminding that she had hit the streets on several occasions in the past for the because that the subject (human rights) was

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

Incidentally repeated inquires led police nowhere even as the Marxists called the agitations as a part of her rabble rousing politics. During the Singur movement too she launched a massive protest movement against the CPI(M) in Tapasi Malik murder case which was subsequently handed over to the CBI without much breakthrough even as the CPI(M) alleged how a senior party leader was falsely framed and jailed in the case though nothing came out against him.



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

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

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

Tweets from the handle @sageelani were largely in praise of Pakistan and Major General Asif Ghafoor, the Director-General of the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR). The earlier Twitter handle @sageelani was suspended in June for its vitriolic anti-India and separatist content.

The current handle has

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

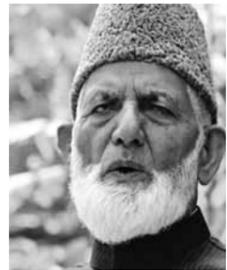
The tweets have no local content, which normally should have been available to a Kashmiri present on the ground.

Take for instance an August 4 tweet. It says "#IndiaUsingClusterBombs Pakistan we need your help!! #KashmirUnderThreat". Pakistan alleged that India had

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

The handle specifically eulogises and thanks Asif Ghafoor, who is the head of the media wing. The ISPR is known to run fake pro-Kashmiri and anti-India handles to keep the separatist fire burning among the people of the Valley.

Separatist hawk Geelani is known not to run his Twitter handles. His earlier account, now suspended, was run by the



All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC). Geelani was put under house arrest, as numerous other separatist leaders, ahead of revocation of Article 370 that gave special status to Kashmir, and division of the State into two Union Territories — J&K and Ladakh. IANS

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

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

The bus service was suspended after authorities in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK) did not respond to call from their Indian counterparts to let the bus get across the border, he said.

"The cross-LoC bus service has been suspended. We had sent a message to PoK authorities for bus service today, but they did not respond," the official said.

Out of 42 PoK residents

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

The cross-LoC bus service was started along the Srinagar-Muzaffarabad route in April 2005 and the Poonch-Rawalakot road in June 2006 to facilitate trade and travel between the divided families of J&K and PoK. PTI

# BSY all set to expand Cabinet after 20 days

KESTUR VASUKI ■ BENGALURU

Twenty days after he was sworn in as Karnataka Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa got the go ahead from the party high command and is all set to expand his Cabinet on Tuesday. After a humiliating and unprecedented political drama in the State, Yediyurappa is expected to induct 16 Ministers which include one independent candidate who supported the saffron party. Much to the embarrassment and humiliation to Yediyurappa, the BJP high command has finally given go ahead to expand the one man Cabinet on their terms and conditions.

BJP sources said after this exercise another Cabinet expansion will take place based on the list cleared by the party high command.

Yediyurappa took oath on July 26 as the Chief Minister of the State has to face the wrath of flood fury and single handedly worked in the hour of crisis without any Cabinet Minister. He is the first Chief Minister in the State to hold the three Cabinet meetings in 20 days without any Ministers in his Cabinet.

Yediyurappa who was the architect of operation Lotus has decimated the coalition led by the Congress and the JD(S) to take the hot seat and made Karnataka the door to his party BJP second time to enter South India.

Because of Yediyurappa's mass leadership and Lingayat community the saffron party had to dilute the age factor in



the party rule book and made him the Chief Minister with many riders and humiliation.

Yediyurappa after getting clearance now has to face the pressure from Lingayat community and their mutts for plum posts in the Cabinet. He has also to take the demands of the Congress and JD(S) rebels who have sacrificed their posts to install the BJP Government.

Yediyurappa literally is walking on the razor edge with pressure from high command and also from other groups.

The saffron party sure to face the demands of the rebel MLAs who's mutiny helped bring down Congress-JDs government in the State. Since they have been disqualified, and are precluded from contesting the election (as and when they are held), the BJP is taking it easy on the issue. But if the court takes a different view from that of the Speaker, this equilibrium will be shattered for the BJP.

However, with no decision yet by the Supreme Court on 17 disqualified Congress-JD(S) MLAs, whose resignation from the Assembly paved the way for the BJP to gain power, the Chief Minister has no immediate compulsion to accommodate them.

## West Bengal's 'Ambulance Man' battles eye ailment

Jalpaiguri: Karimul Haque, who won the Padmashree award in 2017 for extending "bike ambulance" services to residents of West Bengal's Jalpaiguri and Alipurdwar districts, is suffering from an eye ailment. According to a private eye institute in Jalpaiguri's Malbaraz, Haque, who is in his mid-fifties, is having difficulty in binocular vision.

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

"Though I am building a hospital in my village with the help of the locals, I have not yet received any help from State or Central Government apart from Rs 3.27 lakh donated by former Jalpaiguri MP Bhoj Chandra Burman," he said. PTI

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

PTI ■ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

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

The Regional Transport Officer (RTO) here suspended the licence for one year in the wake of the accident, in which journalist KM Basheer had died at the spot after being hit by the luxury car driven by the officer allegedly in an inebriated condition.

Thirty two-year-old Venkitaraman, who was placed under suspension, was arrested and later let off after a magistrate court here granted him conditional bail.

There had been widespread protests over the delay in suspending his licence though the MV department officials had said necessary

## SBSP MLA, 138 booked for violence in Kushinagar

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

On Saturday, protests broke out following the death rumour of drug peddler Naurang Singh. Roads were blocked, shops were ransacked and huts were torched while personnel from three

## Rahul deserted sinking ship: Shivraj

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

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

The BJP national vice-president and a former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister also said instead of Rahul Gandhi's resignation, the Chief Ministers of the states ruled by the Congress should have quit for "failing" to waive crop loans and provide unemployment allowance.

"We have heard that if any ship sinks, the captain makes efforts to save it till the last breath. But the Congress captain took the first plunge," Chouhan said, adding that there was no Congress president for several days. PTI

## Karti seeks stay on shifting of case

PTI ■ CHENNAI

Congress MP Karti Chidambaram and his wife on Monday approached the Madras High Court terming as "erroneous" transfer of a case against them from an Economic offences court to a special one trying criminal cases related to MPs and MLAs. Karti Chidambaram said he was not a lawmaker at the time of the alleged offence in 2015.

## ISRO to inject Chandrayaan 2 into lunar orbit today

Bengaluru with support from Indian Deep Space Network (IDSN) antennas at Bialalu, near Bengaluru.

All systems on board Chandrayaan2 spacecraft are performing normal, ISRO said on August 14. According to ISRO, Chandrayaan2 — India's second lunar expedition — will shed light on a completely unexplored region of the Moon, its South Pole.

"This mission will help us gain a better understanding of the origin and evolution of the Moon by conducting detailed topographical studies, comprehensive mineralogical analyses, and a host of other experiments on the lunar surface," the space agency has said.

"While there, we will also explore discoveries made by Chandrayaan1, such as the presence of water molecules on the Moon and new rock types with unique chemical composition," it said. PTI

# IAF rescues 2 fishermen Several rivers in spate in UP



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

PNS ■ JAMMU

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

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

Defence PRO in Jammu said, "On receipt of request from Divisional commissioner Jammu, IAF had launched a rescue mission. He said the mission was led by Commanding Officer, Wing Commander Mukul Khare, with Co-pilot Squadron Leader Prem Pratik and Garud

Commandoes Corporal Pahaar Singh and LAC Kedar.

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

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

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

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

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



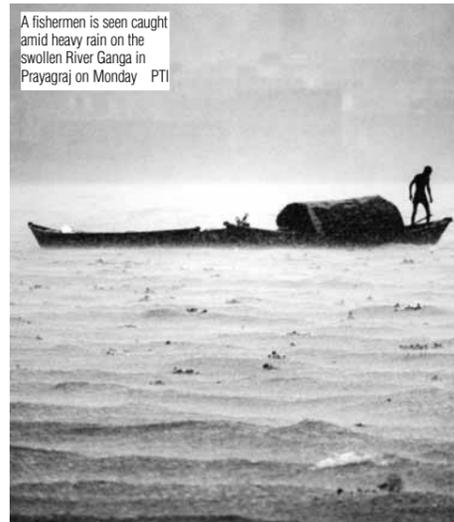
A view of a flooded area after water levels rose in Rivers Ganga and Yamuna following monsoon rain in Prayagraj on Monday

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



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

According to the Central Water Commission, the Yamuna is flowing above the danger mark in Auraiya and Jalaun; while the Ganga in Badaun; the Chambal river at Palia Kalan in Lakhimpur Kheri; and the Ghaghara are flowing above the red mark.



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

According to officials, 16-year-old Anshu drowned in Etawah district due to release of water from the Kota barrage into the Chambal. District Magistrate Jitendra Bahadur Singh said the Chambal river was flowing two metres above the danger level due to the release of 2.5 lakh cusecs of water. "Due to floods, over a dozen villages are cut off from the district headquarters and crops in hundreds of acres have been damaged," he said.

Minister Dharmpal Singh said leaves of all officers and employees related to flood-related works had been cancelled till further orders.

While inspecting the central flood control room, the minister said 48 control rooms have been set up in the state to monitor flood situation arising due to release of water from

## Farm loan waiver to Maha flood victims

PTI ■ MUMBAI

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

Heavy rain and floods battered several areas of western Maharashtra and the Konkan region earlier this month, with Kolhapur and Sangli districts bearing the maximum brunt.

Addressing a Press conference here, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis said a committee will ascertain causes for the unprecedented floods and suggest measures to avoid their recurrence. "The farmers who have lost crops on up to one hectare will get complete loan waiver," he said. The Government has also decided to pay annual rent of Rs 24,000 (rural) and Rs 36,000 (urban localities) in the flood-hit areas, where people have been forced to live in rented accommodation, the Chief Minister said.

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



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

future, Fadnis said.

Wadnere is a retired principal secretary of the water resources department. "The State Government will also pursue (with the Centre) its demand of offering relaxation in terms of filing Income Tax and GST returns in the flood-affected areas. We will take up this matter with the Centre," Fadnis said.

He was speaking to reporters at his residence in south Mumbai after holding a meeting with senior bureaucrats. The beneficiaries of Prime Minister Awas

Yojana, who lost their houses due to the floods, will get a new house as well as Rs 1 lakh as cash assistance, Fadnis said.

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

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

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

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

The ED is investigating the alleged irregularities in the IL&FS's loans and investments worth over Rs.860 crore in M/s Kohinoor CTNL, a company funded by former Maharashtra CM Manohar Joshi's son Umesh Joshi.

Joshi has gone to the ED office on Monday. Apart from being issued a notice, the MNS chief has been asked to present himself in the ED headquarters here on Thursday.

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

Umesh along with son

along with IL&FS and Raj Thackeray-owned Matoshree Construction had in



### MNS calls Thane bandh on Aug 22

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

2005 jointly had made a bid and bought for the NTPC's Kohinoor Mill's 4.8-acre property for Rs 421 crore.

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

In 2017, M/s Kohinoor CTNL entered into an agreement to sell some commercial

and residential properties in the upcoming Kohinoor Square Towers to IL&FS to settle outstanding of around Rs 500 crore in loans. Following this, IL&FS extended another Rs 100 crore to Kohinoor CTNL on which it defaulted. Jr Joshi's company is now under control of another company.

Raj, who was a staunch supporter of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, turned a vociferous critic more than two years ago. Though his party did not contest the Lok Sabha polls this year, Raj campaigned against the Modi-led BJP in the LS polls.

Raj was also instrumental in bringing the Opposition parties on one platform against EVMs. The Opposition parties have planned a morcha to the State Election Commission demanding the use of ballot papers in the State Assembly polls to be held in October this year.

The ED's notice and summons to the MNS chief is being seen as a political vendetta.

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
Corrigendum-I  
Name of Work: "Supply and Filling of River Sand cleaned, sieved, dried & clay free conforming to specification AAR-M 916-51, packed in 10 kg. waterproof bags to be supplied for filling in Diesel Locomotive at GZB and SSB yard round the clock in 20772 Diesel Locomotive for a period of two year from the execution of work" may be read with Corrigendum-I. Date of opening of tender is rescheduled and will open on 13.09.2019 at 15:00. All terms and conditions will remain same. No.: 116-SI/4/2/Sanding DSL Loco/SSB-GZB (2019)/ML-IV Date: 19.08.2019 2653/19  
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**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
Open E-Tender Notice  
The Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer/Chg., Northern Railway, Delhi Division for and on behalf of President of India invites sealed e-tender on "TWO PACKET SYSTEM" for following work from experienced and capable tenders.  
Name of Work: Comprehensive Mechanized cleaning of coaches, depot premises & work of OBHS and Linen Distribution of trains based at ANVT Depot for two years  
Work Place: ANVT  
Period of work: Two Years  
Approximate cost of work: Rs.34,23,73,770.00/- (With provision of GST)  
The earnest money in the form of Net Banking Ref.No. ....dated.....is attached./I/we have clearly noted that the earnest money in the form of Bank Guarantee Bond is not acceptable Rs. 18,61,900/-  
The tender fee in the form of Net Banking Ref.No. ....dated..... is attached./I/we have clearly noted that the earnest money in the form of Bank Guarantee bond is not acceptable Rs. 11,800/- (including GST@18%)  
Pre-Bid Meeting: 26.08.2019 at 15:00 hrs  
Date and time of availability of e-tender documents: From 19.08.2019 to 12.09.2019, upto 15:00 hrs  
Date and time of e-tender box closing: 12.09.2019 at 15:00 hrs. If the date of opening happens to be a holiday the e-tender shall be opened on the next working day.  
Date and time of e-tender: 12.09.2019 at 15:00 hrs. If the date of opening happens to be a holiday the e-tender shall be opened on the next working day.  
Note: If e-tender documents are downloaded from website, cost of e-tender documents shall have to be deposited separately along with the bid, failing which the offer shall be liable to summarily rejected. No. 197-S/115/DRC-OBHS-LD/ANVT/19/MC-IV-RT Dated: 19.08.2019 2658/19  
SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

**SEARCH OF MISSING**  
General public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo), **Namely: Nisha, D/o: Sh. Manohar Lal, R/o: N-17C/531, JJ Colony, Wazirpur, Delhi, Aged: 22 years, has been missing since 19.07.2019 vide DD No. 46-A, Dated 19.07.2019, has been lodged at P.S. Bharat Nagar, Delhi.** Her physical description is as under:  
**Complexion: Shallow, Height: 45" Feet, Face: Round, Built: Medium, Clothing: Blue Suit and Pajama.**  
Any person is having any information/clue about this missing girl, may inform SHO, Bharat Nagar, Delhi at E-mail: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) or website : <http://cbi.nic.in> in Tele No. : 11-24386838 or 24386841  
**S.H.O P.S. Bharat Nagar, Delhi Ph.: 011-27301200, 27301400**  
DP/9260/NW/19.

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED**  
See Section 82 Cr.PC  
Whereas complaint has been made before me that **Aman S/o Hargobind Gupta R/o H-772, Mangolpuri, Delhi** has committed (or suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 59/19 U/s 363/366 IPC PS Mangolpuri, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Aman** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Aman** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).  
Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Aman** of **FIR No. 59/19 U/s 363/366 IPC PS Mangolpuri, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on **04.11.2019.**  
By Order  
**Shri Rakesh Kumar-II**  
Metropolitan Magistrate (North-West)  
Room No. 105, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor,  
Rohini Courts, Delhi  
DP/2563/OD/19

**PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited**  
(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall Patiala-147001 Corporate Identity Number U40109PB2010SGC033813 Website: [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in))  
Tender Enquiry No. 252 Dt. 16-08-2019  
Short Description: Supply & complete retrofitting (Excluding Pedestal Structures) of 132 KV/98KV Isolators/Disconnectors at 132 KV sub-station Shanah, HEP, PSPCL, Joginder Nagar inclusive of dismantlement of old isolators, erection, testing & commissioning of new Isolators / Disconnectors.  
Start date for downloading tender documents: 23-08-2019  
Date and time upto which tender can be downloaded: 21-09-2019 (11:00 AM)  
Date and time upto which tender shall be received: 23-09-2019 (11:00 AM)  
Date and time of opening of tender: 23-09-2019 (11:30 AM)  
EMD: @2% of Tender Value rounded off to a multiple of Rs. 10/- on the higher side. It is informed that in case tender process is not completed due to any reason, no corrigendum will be published in newspapers. Details regarding corrigendum may be seen on official PSPCL website: [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in).  
Tender specification along with detailed terms and conditions can only be downloaded from PSPCL website <https://pspcl.abprocure.com>. Details regarding e-tendering is available on website [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in).  
All the prospective bidders are requested to get their digital signatures, register themselves on the website: <https://pspcl.abprocure.com> and get conversant with the process of on-line submission of tenders well in time so as to submit the tender by the due deadline. No request for extension in due date of tender opening on the above grounds shall be entertained.  
**ICI HYDEL PROJECTS, PSPCL PATIALA**  
Superintending Engineer, Hydel Projects, PSPCL, Patiala  
C-325/19  
DPR/16AUG19/C6690 Dt. 16-08-2019

**APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION**  
General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male **Age : Approx 26 years, Height : 5'5", Complexion : Sallow, wearing kawaria Dress,** was found unconscious on 02.08.2019. He was admitted in BSA Hospital, Sector-6, Rohini, Delhi, during the treatment doctors declare him dead. In this regard DD No. 36-B dated 02.08.2019 has been lodged at P.S. South Rohini, Delhi.  
Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone numbers.  
**SHO - P.S. South Rohini, Delhi Tel. No. 011-27510515, 27512189 8750870328, 8750861100**  
DP/3165/RD/19

**AXIS BANK**  
Retail Asset Centre Delhi: Lower Ground Floor and Upper Ground Floor, Himalaya House, K.G. Marg, Delhi-110001 Also at: Axis Bank Ltd., Axis House, Tower T-2, 2nd Floor, I-14, Sector-128, Noida Expressway, Jaypee Greens Washdown, Noida (U.P.)-201301, Retail Asset Centre, Ghaziabad: SF-1A,2,3, 1st Floor, Aditya City Centre, Noida Khand-1, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad-201012, Retail Asset Centre Faridabad: Axis Bank Ltd. SCO-8, Huda Shopping Centre, Sec. 16, Faridabad, Haryana-121002, Retail Asset Centre Gurgaon: Axis Bank Ltd - ASC Gurgaon, SG-107, DLF Galleria Complex, Near Post Office, DLF City Phase 4, Gurgaon-122009, Corporate Office: Axis House, Block B, Bombay Dyeing Mills Compound, Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Worli, Mumbai-400025 Registered Office: 'Tishah', 3rd floor, opposite Samartheshwar Temple, Law Garden, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad-380006  
**POSSESSION NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002**  
Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Axis Bank Ltd. under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (1)(2) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notice upon the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagor(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagor(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Axis Bank Ltd.  
The Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagor(s) attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.  
Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower Description of Property 1. Date of Demand Notice 2. Date of Possession 3. Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)  
1. Mr. Sanjay Singh, S/o - Arjun Singh Flat No - 1410, Tower B, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Galaxy North Avenue, Plot No - G C -3, GH - 01, Gaur City -1, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh - 201301 Also At: Mr. Sanjay Singh S/o - Arjun Singh, Project Lead Manager At Tech Mahindra 58 A/B Noida Special Economic Zone Phase - II, Sector - 80 Noida Uttar Pradesh - 201301 Also At: Mr. Sanjay Singh S/o - Arjun Singh, Flat No - 1410, Tower B, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor, Galaxy North Avenue, Plot No - G C -3, GH - 01, Gaur City -1, Greater Noida UP - 201301 Also At: Mr. Sanjay Singh S/o - Arjun Singh, T - 28, Sector - 11, Noida UP - 201301 1.20-May-2019 2.17-May-2019 3.31,04,04,04- (Rupees) Thirty one Lakh sixty four thousand six hundred and forty six only  
2. Mrs. Poonam Prakash, W/o - Mr. Sanjay Singh Flat No - 1410, Tower B, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor Galaxy North Avenue, Plot No - G C -3, GH - 01, Gaur City -1, Greater Noida Uttar Pradesh - 201301 Also At: Mrs. Poonam Prakash, W/o - Mr. Sanjay Singh Flat No - 1410, Tower B, 14 Floor Galaxy North Avenue, Plot No - G C -3, GH - 01, Gaur City -1, Greater Noida Uttar Pradesh - 201301 Also At: Mrs. Poonam Prakash W/o - Mr. Sanjay Singh T - 28, Sector -11, Noida UP - 201301 1.20-May-2019 2.17-May-2019 3.31,04,04,04- (Rupees) Thirty one Lakh sixty four thousand six hundred and forty six only  
The above-mentioned Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagor(s) are hereby given a 30 days' Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days' from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.  
Date: 20-08-2019, Place : New Delhi Sd/-, Authorized Officer, Axis Bank Ltd.,

# Sensex, Nifty rise for 3rd day in a row

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Equity benchmarks Sensex and Nifty on Monday rose for a third straight session but gains were restricted due to lag-end selling in financial and auto counters amid growing concerns over economic slowdown and health of NBFCs.

After rallying 369 points during the day tracking positive global cues, the 30-share Sensex settled 52.16 points, or 0.14 per cent, higher at 37,402.49. It hit an intra-day high of 37,718.88 and low of 37,358.49.

The broader NSE Nifty too edged 6.10 points, or 0.06 per cent, up at 11,053.90. During the day, it swung between a high of 11,146.90 and low of 11,037.85.

Over the past three sessions, the Sensex has gained 444.33 points, or 1.20 per cent, while the Nifty has advanced 128.05 points, or 1.17 per cent. However, a sense of caution still prevails among investors who are awaiting some measures from the government to arrest demand slowdown in various

sectors which has been pulling down the economy.

Further, lingering concerns over the health of non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) made markets jittery, leading to sell-offs in financial stocks.

Top gainers in the Sensex pack included Sun Pharma, TechM, Axis Bank, L&T, Reliance Industries and ICICI Bank, which rose up to 2.66 per cent. On the other hand, Yes Bank, PowerGrid, ONGC, SBI, Mahindra and Mahindra, Hero MotoCorp, Tata Steel, Asian Paints and HDFC Bank were among the major laggards — losing as much as 3.46 per cent.

Sectorally, BSE consumer durables, capital goods, industrials, healthcare, energy and IT indices ended up to 1.57 per cent higher. While, BSE oil and gas, auto, metal and FMCG indices fell up to 0.59 per cent.

Banking stocks fell after Reserve Bank governor Shaktikanta Das ruled out ordering an asset quality review of the systematically important shadow banks for now.

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

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Indian rupee tumbled 29 paise to close at an over six-month low of 71.43 against the US dollar on Monday amid growing worries over economic slump and sustained foreign fund outflows.

Further, rising crude oil prices and strengthening of the US dollar vis-a-vis other currencies overseas also took toll on the Indian currency.

Forex traders said investors are awaiting government intervention to revive the slowing economy. There are expectations that the government would come out with sector-specific stimulus sometime soon.

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Former RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan has called slowdown in the economy "very worrisome" and said the government needs to fix the immediate problems in power and non-bank financial sectors and come out with a new set of reforms to energise private sector to invest.

Rajan, who was Governor of the Reserve Bank of India from 2013 to 2016 but was denied a second term, also called for a fresh look at the way GDP in India is calculated as he referred to research by Narendra Modi government's former chief economist Arvind Subramanian about overestimation of growth rate.

"There are a variety of growth projections from the private sector analysts, many of which are perhaps significantly below government projections and I think certainly the slowdown in the economy is something that is very worrisome," Rajan told CNBC TV18.

India's economic growth has slowed to 6.8 per cent in 2018-19 - the slowest pace

since 2014-15, and various projections by private experts and the central bank estimate that the GDP growth in the current year will be less than government estimate of 7 per cent.

In ominous signs that the slowdown may be deep, the auto sector is facing its worst crisis in two decades with reports suggesting thousands of job losses in the automobile and ancillary industry, real estate sector has huge unsold inventory, while fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) companies have reported a decline in volume growth.

"You can hear businesses all around worrying and complaining out loud that they need some kind of stimulus," he said. Rajan said "a fresh set of reforms" are now needed to boost the economy and growth rate.

Rajan advocated for a new set of reforms to get the private sector to invest.

The former governor also drew attention to former chief economic advisor Arvind Subramanian's research that GDP growth was overestimated by 2.5 per cent during 2011-12 and 2016-17.

## Govt removes debenture reserve requirement for housing finance companies, NBFCs

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government has removed the redemption reserve requirement for issuance of debentures by non-banking financial companies, housing finance companies and listed firms, a move aimed at reducing cost for raising capital.

Under the companies law, these entities raising money had to create Debenture Redemption Reserve (DRR) and that requirement has now been done away with.

The corporate affairs ministry on Monday said the requirement for a DRR of 25 per cent of the value of outstanding debentures issued by listed companies, Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) and Housing Finance Companies (HFCs) has been removed.

The changes would be applicable for public issue as well as private placements.

In the case of unlisted companies, the DRR requirement has been reduced to 10 per cent from 25 per cent of the outstanding debentures.

## Business Corner



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



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



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

## Economists expect US recession in 2020 or 2021: Survey

AFP ■ WASHINGTON

A majority of economists expect a US recession in the next two years, but have pushed back the onset amid Federal Reserve actions, according to a survey released Monday.

The survey came out after President Donald Trump pushed back against talk of a looming recession as a raft of US data reports last week showed a mixed picture on the economy.

"I'm prepared for everything. I don't think we're having a recession. We're doing tremendously well. Our consumers are rich," Trump told reporters Sunday.

"I gave a tremendous tax

cut, and they're loaded up with money. They're buying. I saw the Wal-Mart numbers, they were through the roof," he said. "And most economists actually say that we're not going to have a recession. But the rest of the world is not doing well like we're doing."

His chief economic advisor Larry Kudlow also downplayed talk of a recession.

"I sure don't see a recession," he told NBC's Meet the Press. "Consumers are working at higher wages. They are spending at a rapid pace. They're actually saving all while they're spending... So I think actually the second half, the economy's going to be very good in 2019," he said.

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

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump has claimed that China has lost more than 20 lakhs jobs in a very short period of time, due to his tough policies, including imposing additional import tariffs.

Chinese economy, he said, is doing "very, very" poorly. "China is eating the tariffs because of monetary manipulation. And also, they're pouring a lot of money into their country because they don't want to lose jobs... They lost

over two million jobs in a short period of time," Trump told reporters at Bedminster in New Jersey on Sunday.

Trump said China wants to make a trade deal with the US. Officials of the two countries are having a series of meetings on this for the past several months. "We will see what happens. But they definitely want to make a deal," he said.

He refused to comment on reports that he has spoken to the Chinese President Xi Jinping on this.

## FM says corporate tax for firms to be cut gradually

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday said corporate tax rate for companies with over ₹400 crore turnover will be gradually cut to 25 per cent and the government will support wealth creators. In her maiden Budget last month, she had cut corporate tax for companies with annual turnover of up to ₹400 crore to 25 per cent from 30 per cent earlier.

Last year, the then Finance Minister Arun Jaitley had cut the corporate income tax rate to 25 per cent for companies

with a turnover of up to Rs 250 crore. Speaking at an industry event here, Sitharaman said the corporate tax reduction for the rest of corporates would be gradual. She did not give a timeframe for the reduction.

Echoing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Independence Day speech, she said Indian wealth creator entrepreneurs will be given all kind of support.

Modi had in his annual Independence Day address to the nation on August 15 had extolled the role of wealth creators and said they must not be viewed with suspicion.

## Everything isn't doomed and gloomy about economy: Das

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Admitting that the economy is slowing down and faces many a challenge both from within and outside, Reserve Bank governor Shaktikanta Das Monday urged everyone to look at the opportunities ahead and stop being the proponents of gloom and doom. The statement comes amidst reports that an increasing number of corporate honchos are livid with the Narendra Modi government, especially after a slew of initiatives in the recent budget, including higher taxes on the rich and foreign portfolio investors.

This had FPIs dumping domestic equities and debt like dung since the budget, pulling down the benchmarks by over 13 percent July 5. Continuing their selling spree that began with the budget and amidst the rising uncertainty over the FPI tax and global trade worries, foreign portfolio investors, and as per depository data, have sold equities worth ₹10,416.25 crore between August 1 and 16 and debt worth ₹2,096.4 crore.

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Department of Health, Government of Bihar  
e-tender (NIT) Reference No.: 8/SHSB/PPP(X-ray)/2019-20

**NOTICE INVITING TENDERS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Disclaimer:** Please note, in the "Estimated value box" on the e-Procurement Portal (<https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON>), "Zero" has been mentioned, by State Health Society, Bihar (SHSB). The actual value of the project depends on the L1 rate decided by this tender and therefore due to this, it has been mentioned "Zero". However, the bidders will be required to do financial estimations on their own and quote the bids based on the terms and conditions mentioned in the tender document.

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**Executive Director**  
State Health Society, Bihar

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**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON**

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

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

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

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

DP/9286/NW/19

**UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY**

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

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

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

SHO  
**P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi**  
Ph.: 011-23967889, 8750870123

DP/327/N/19

**SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED**

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

Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>  
E-mail Id - [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)  
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641  
Fax No. 011-24368639

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**P.S. Narela Industrial Area, Delhi**  
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7065036324

DP/514/ON/19

**SEARCH FOR MISSING**

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

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

Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>  
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DP/2540/OD/19

**SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED**

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

**Name: Anjali, Gender: Female, Age: 24 years, Height: 4'10", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Built: Medium, Wearing: Green colour Suit-Salwar and Slippers in Feet.**

If anyone has any information regarding this missing/kidnapped female, kindly inform SHO/Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi.

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SHO  
**P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi**  
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DP/510/ON/19

**SEARCH FOR MISSING**

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

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

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SHO  
**P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi**  
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DP/9280/NW/19

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Known to all that my Client **Shri Manoj and Manoj Kunjumon** are purchasing the property i.e First Floor, with Basement Plot No. RZ-2520, Khara No. 424, Plot No. 2020-A, Block-F, Main Jagdamba Road, Tughlakabad Extn, New Delhi from **Hansh Saluja Kumar & mortgaging the same with Satek Housing Finance Ltd. Hansh Saluja Kumar has lost original GPA/ATS WILL dated 10.01.2001 executed by Chandrar Singh favoring Hansh Saluja regarding plot no. RZ-1413-B, Khara No. 423 related to said property. Police complaint dt 17.08.2019 was given to P.S. Conna Branch, Delhi. It is informed that any deal with said lot deeds by any person except my said client with Hansh Saluja and said institution regarding said property, shall be deemed as null & void. If any person found said deeds or is having right in said property then he may contact and hand over the same and advise his claim to undersigned and within 7 days of this publication.**

For Ad Rem Legal Solution, Ch. No. 760, Dwarka Court Sector-10, Dwarka, N. Delhi-75. # 8880213018

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By Chief Engineer (Construction), Western Railway, Pratnagar, Vadodra-390 004, invites E-tender as per the details given below: 1. E-Tender No. Dy.CE/C/BR/CD-DB-CDD-KEW/26. Name of the work: Earthwork minor bridges and RUBs from Km. 34.00 to 50.60, including the covering on RUB approaches between Chandod Station to Kevadia Station in connection with "Dabhol-Chandod" Gauge Conversion with extension upto Kevadia (49.47 Km.). Approximate cost work: ₹6369.14 Lakhs. EMD: ₹33,34,600/-. Availability of online Tender for bidding From 21.08.2019 at 11.00 Hrs. To 04.09.2019 up to 12.00 Hrs. 2. E-Tender No. Dy.CE/C/BR/CD-DB-CDD-KEW/27. Name of the work: Construction of two Lane Road Over Bridge No. 37 (CH: 21803), 39 (CH: 23115) and 59 (CH: 30442) on village roads including approaches between Chandod station to Kevadia station in connection with "Dabhol-Chandod Gauge Conversion with extension upto Kevadia (49.75 Kms)." Approximate cost work: ₹2560.63 Lakhs. EMD: ₹14,30,400/-. Availability of online Tender for bidding From 21.08.2019 at 11.00 Hrs. To 04.09.2019 up to 12.00 Hrs. Note-1) Regarding detailed notice containing cost of tender document (non refundable), EMD, eligibility criteria, Similar Nature of work, detailed tender conditions, please visit [www.irps.gov.in](http://www.irps.gov.in) 2) Opening of price Bid will be advised later on, after Technical suitability of the Bidders. Manual offers will not be considered.

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

# Living up the hype

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

AFP ■ LONDON

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# England unchanged for Headingley Test

AFP ■ LONDON

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Anderson's fitness will be assessed continually ahead of the fourth Test at his Old Trafford home ground starting on September 4.



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

# Smith closes gap as Kohli maintains top spot

PTI ■ DUBAI

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

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

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

Sri Lanka captain Dimuth Karunaratne made rapid strides, entering the top-10 at eighth with a jump of four ranking places. South Africa's Aiden Markram also improved upon his ranking to be positioned sixth while England captain Joe Root paid for his slight slump in form to be at ninth.

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

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

Meanwhile, India could

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

India are on top of team table with 113 points followed by New Zealand (111 points) and South Africa (108 points).



# Rahane gets runs ahead of first Test



PTI ■ COOLIDGE

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

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

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

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

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

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

Indies A.

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

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

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

Ishant, India's red ball specialist, hit the right length straightaway in his first spell dismissing Jeremy Solozano (9) and Brandon King (4) with a hint of away movement.

For Jasprit Bumrah, it was more about getting overs under his belt and he bowled 11 of them.

Umesh, who hasn't been among the top three pacers in the starting line-up, also gave a good account of himself rocking the A team's middle-order.

However, with Bumrah, Shami and Ishant being the top-three choices, it will be difficult for him to break into the side unless Virat Kohli decides upon playing four specialist fast bowlers.

For Kuldeep, getting three wickets will keep him in a good headspace and if India happen to play five bowlers with two spinners, he is sure to play his part.

The first Test begins here on Thursday. **Brief Scores:** India 297/5 decl and 174/5 in 70 overs (Hanuma Vihari 64, Rahane 54), West Indies A 181 all out in 56.1 overs.

# Saini stays as cover for Tests

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Impressed with his skill-set, the Indian team management has decided to keep speedster Navdeep Saini as a net bowler for the two-Test series against the West Indies, aiming to groom him for future red-ball assignments.

Saini, who plays domestic cricket for Delhi, made his T20 International debut against the West Indies in Florida and won the man of the match award in his maiden appearance.

He has earlier been the Indian team's net bowler and a cover for Bhuvneshwar Kumar during the ICC World

Cup in England as well.

"Yes, Navdeep saini has been asked to stay back by the team management for the Test series. He will stay back primarily as a net bowler, they want to groom him for the Test format keeping an eye on the future," a senior BCCI official said on Monday.

Saini, in fact, bowled six overs during the West Indies A first innings in the ongoing practice match to give relief to Ishant Sharma, Jasprit Bumrah and Umesh Yadav. Mohammed Shami and Bhuvneshwar Kumar didn't bowl in the first innings.

"Saini has been a performer in red ball cricket for



the past few years. He has the pace, and ability to hit the deck, move the ball both in air and off the pitch.

"If he is groomed well, it will only increase our pool of fast bowlers for the top tier cricket. That's how the team management is looking at him," the official said.

It is believed that if Saini stays back, it will help bowling coach Bharath Arun to invest more time in the 26-year-old Karnal-lad, who has taken 120 wickets from 43 first-class games with three five-wicket hauls.

"One can't ignore the effort that Arun has put in to make India's fast bowling unit

the best that has emerged from the country. Rather than playing domestic cricket, he now needs to be in and around the international scene and learn the tricks of the trade for the next level," he said.

India will play five Test matches at home this season with three against South Africa and two against Bangladesh in October and November.

It will not be a bad idea to blood Saini against Bangladesh since the management would be monitoring Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Shami's respective workloads.



# Pandey, Iyer to share India A captaincy

**The five one day matches against South Africa A will be played at The Sports Hub in Thiruvananthapuram on August 29, 31 and Sept 2, 4 and 8**

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Manish Pandey was on Monday named India A captain for the first three one-dayers against the touring South Africa A, while Shreyas Iyer will lead in the last two matches of the series beginning August 29 in Thiruvananthapuram.

Rising talent Shubman Gill is there in both Pandey's and Iyer's teams and so are Vijay Shankar, Anmolpreet Singh, Ricky Bhui, Shardul Thakur, Axar Patel and Nitish Rana.

Ishan Kishan was picked as wicketkeeper in the team led by Pandey, while the immensely talented Sanju Samson will do duty behind the stumps under Iyer's captaincy.

India leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal is part of the team for the first three matches.

The matches will be played at The Sports Hub in Thiruvananthapuram on August 29, 31 and September 2, 4 and 8.

The All-India senior selection committee picked the teams here.

**Team for first 3 one-day:** Manish Pandey (Captain), Ruturaj Gaikwad, Shubman Gill, Anmolpreet Singh, Ricky Bhui, Ishan Kishan (wicket-keeper), Vijay Shankar, Shivam Dube, Krunal Pandya, Axar Patel, Yuzvendra Chahal, Shardul Thakur, Deepak Chahar, Khaleel Ahmed, Nitish Rana.

**Team for last two one-day:** Shreyas Iyer (Captain), Shubman Gill, Prashant Chopra, Anmolpreet Singh, Ricky Bhui, Sanju Samson (wicket-keeper), Nitish Rana, Vijay Shankar, Shivam Dube, Washington Sundar, Axar Patel, Rahul Chahar, Shardul Thakur, Tushar Deshpande, Ishan Porel.

# Shastri names Iyer for No 4 spot

IANS ■ ST JOHNS

Head coach Ravi Shastri has for the time put an end to the debate over the No 4 spot in the Indian batting line-up by identifying Shreyas Iyer as the man for the job.

Impressed with the pool of talented youngsters coming up the ranks in Indian cricket, Shastri — while speaking to *Times of India* — said Iyer will continue to bat at No 4 in ODIs for India.

"One of the areas we concentrated on over the last two years was to blood as many youngsters as possible. Shreyas Iyer, for instance, he is going to stay at No 4," said Shastri who has been reappointed as the head coach till World 2021 T20.

Iyer batted at number five during the just-concluded ODI series against the West Indies and scored 71 and 65 in the two innings he played.

Wicketkeeper-batsman Rishabh Pant was India's number four but he failed to grab the opportunities and scored 20 and 0 in the two ODIs.

Kohli, after the third ODI against the West Indies, said that 24-year-old Iyer has presented a strong case for himself to be a regular feature of the team in the limited-overs format.

Earlier, former India skipper Sunil Gavaskar also advocated for Iyer to bat at No 4. "In my view, Rishabh Pant is much better like MS Dhoni at 5 or 6 as a finisher because that's where his natural game and natural flair will come into play," Gavaskar had said.

"If it's a question of batting for 30-35 overs, then I think it should be Shreyas Iyer at No 4 and Pant at No 5," he had said.



Shreyas Iyer defends during third ODI of the three-match series against Windies AP

# Support staff selection begins, announcement on Thursday

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Ignored for the head coach's position, Lalchand Rajput was among the aspirants appearing for interviews on Monday to pick the support staff of the Indian cricket team, joining heavyweights such as Venkatesh Prasad.

The senior selection committee, led by former stumper MSK Prasad, started an extensive process to pick the support staff.

The 57-year-old Rajput entering the fray means competition for the batting coach's position could only get tougher with former Test opener Vikram Rathour already emerging as a strong contender to replace incumbent Sanjay Bangar.

Among the incumbents, bowling coach Bharat Arun and fielding coach R Sridhar have emerged favourites to retain their posts after head coach Ravi Shastri stressed on retaining the staff.

However, Bangar still faces a tough challenge with most of the applications received for the batting coach's post. The former India all-rounder has been with the team since 2014 during which India have played 50 Tests and 119 ODIs.

The process is expected to be completed only by Thursday after all the interviews for various positions including batting, bowling and fielding coach are done with.

Also eyeing the batting coach's job are Pravin Amre,



Mumbai stalwart Amol Mazumdar and Saurashtra's batting bulwark Sitanshu Kotak.

It was learnt that former India batsman Hrishikesh Kanitkar and ex-Delhi batsman Mithun Manas also appeared for interview before the five-member panel.

One of the candidates said that giving presentation was not mandatory.

For the position of bowling coach, former India pacers Venkatesh Prasad, Paras Mbabrey and Amit Bhandari appeared for the interview.

As per the criteria for batting, bowling and fielding coach, the three personnel should have played at least 10 Tests or 25 ODIs and be less than 60 years of age.

The process to choose the support staff will continue on Tuesday.

# Keys locks up Cincy title

AFP ■ CINCINNATI

Madison Keys came from a break down in both sets to defeat Svetlana Kuznetsova 7-5, 7-6 (7/5) on Sunday to win the WTA Cincinnati crown.

The 2017 US Open finalist notched her fifth career title and second this season after a win in Charleston in April.

She'll return to the top 10 in the world rankings with the US Open a week away.

Kuznetsova, a two-time Grand Slam champion working her way back up the rankings after a series of injuries, was broken back in the 10th game of each set by 16th-seeded Keys — who fired 13 aces on the way to victory.

"If my team had told me a week ago that I would be here, I would have laughed in their face," admitted Keys, who had endured two opening-match defeats since a second-round exit at Wimbledon.

Keys belted a total of 43 winners with 33 unforced errors and broke Kuznetsova three times.

Kuznetsova was the fourth Grand Slam winner Keys beat during the week, a string that included Spain's Garbine Muguruza, reigning Wimbledon champion Simona Halep and Venus Williams.

"It was a tough draw from the very start," Keys said. "I definitely think I played some of my best tennis consistently this week."

"I'm obviously really happy and really proud of myself," she added, while stressing she won't let the performance put more pressure on her at the US Open.



Madison Keys holds the Rookwood Cup after defeating Svetlana Kuznetsova in the women's final

"It's definitely more of a building block," she said.

Former world number two Kuznetsova, who received a wildcard into the draw, beat top seed Ashleigh Barty, world number three Ashleigh Barty and 2017 US Open champion Sloane Stephens on her way to

the final.

"I had a lot of matches where they could have gone either way, including this one," said Kuznetsova, who will jump from 118th to 31st in the rankings and said she had a "great week."

"I had chances but she hit

the ball well and was more aggressive. I'm happy with how I played, I'm feeling great," she said.

"It could give me more motivation in the future," Kuznetsova added. "I just want to rest and get ready for the Open."

## Prajesh advances in Winston Salem Open

PTI ■ NORTH CAROLINA

India's top singles player Prajesh Gunneswaran advanced to the second round of the Winston Salem Open ATP 250 tournament with a straight set win over Cedrik-Marcel Stebe here.

Prajesh, ranked 89th in the world, beat his German rival 6-3, 6-4 in a match that lasted one hour and 13 minutes on Sunday night.

The Indian utilised two of the five breakpoints he earned while holding his serve throughout the match.

He will next face top seed Benoit Paire of France, who received a first round bye. Paire is ranked 30 in the world.

The Indian will fancy his chances in the next round as earlier this year, Prajesh had stunned Paire at the Indian Wells ATP Masters event for one of the biggest wins of his career. In the doubles event, the Indian pair of Divij Sharan and Rohan Bopanna crashed out in the first round.

The Indian duo lost to American pair of Nicholas Monroe and Tennyson Sandgren 3-6, 3-6.

Meanwhile, wild card entrants Leander Paes and his Israeli partner Jonathan Erlich, will take on the duo of Rajeev Ram and Joe Salisbury in the opening round.



Daniil Medvedev, left, meets with David Goffin after winning their men's final match during the Western & Southern Open

## Medvedev in top five

AFP ■ CINCINNATI

Daniil Medvedev, coming off back-to-back ATP finals defeats, held off David Goffin 7-6 (7/3), 6-4 on Sunday to win the ATP Cincinnati Masters.

The ninth-seeded Russian finished with an ace after saving break points in the final game, lifting a first Masters 1000 trophy after settling for runner-up finishes to Nick Kyrgios in Washington and Rafael Nadal in Montreal last weekend.

"These have been the best three weeks of my life," Medvedev said. "My mentality was the best, my serve was the best, my tennis has been really consistent."

"I didn't have one bad match, I hope to continue this way for next few weeks."

After his full-on post-Wimbledon schedule, the winner admitted: "I'm so exhausted, I almost can't talk now."

Medvedev, who only recently gained the ATP Top 10, now will find himself ranked fifth as a result of his three-week run of form.

"I don't check the rankings every two minutes, but I do look after I do well at a tournament," he said. "If I had lost I'd be seventh, now I'm fifth." Medvedev followed up his semi-final upset of defending champion Novak Djokovic as he controlled feisty Belgian Goffin to win an

ATP leading 31st hardcourt match.

He has the most match wins on any surface this year with 43.

Spanish superstar Nadal, who did not play this week — is second with 41, followed by Roger Federer on 39.

Medvedev stamped himself a contender for the US Open, the final Grand Slam of the season that starts in Flushing Meadows in a week.

Goffin was competing in his second final of 2019 after losing to Federer in Halle.

"Congratulations to your team," he told Medvedev. "Once again, an unbelievable week for you, fantastic."

"I think you are ready for New York."

## SINGLES

### HADDIN JOINS SRH AS ASST COACH

ZURICH: Indian Premier League (IPL) side Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) on Monday announced former Australian vice captain and wicketkeeper Brad Haddin as their assistant coach. The former IPL champions made the announcement via their social media handles. Haddin thus joins Trevor Bayliss in the SRH backroom staff. Bayliss was named the SRH head coach in July, replacing Tom Moody in the role. Haddin replaces Simon Helmot, who was assistant to Moody. Bayliss has previously led Kolkata Knight Riders to two IPL titles between 2012 and 2015, while Haddin was with KKR as a player in 2011. Haddin has prior coaching experience with Australia, having been appointed fielding coach of the side in 2017 after coaching Australia A that year.

### 33 PROBABLES ANNOUNCED FOR CAMP

NEW DELHI: Hockey India on Monday named the 33 core probables' list for the upcoming junior women's national coaching camp which will focus on preparing the team for a tri-nation tournament involving Australia and New Zealand to be held Down Under later this year. The probables will undergo a training and conditioning camp till September 14 under the supervision of coach Baljit Singh Saini. "We have called up all the core probables for the national camp keeping an eye on the three-nation tournament that is scheduled for the end of this year," Saini said. "We will be focused on making sure that the players keep their fitness levels high, and are in the rhythm of playing intense hockey at the highest level. We will also have the chance to identify the key areas where we need to work on, and we have enough time together to make sure that we work on those areas before the tournament in Australia later this year," he added.

### DANNI WYATT SCRIPTS WCSL HISTORY

LONDON: Danni Wyatt has scripted history as she became the first ever English player to score a ton in the Women's Cricket Super League (WCSL). Playing for Southern Vipers, Wyatt scored 110 off 60 balls. Meanwhile, her score is the second-highest of all time in the competition, after Suzie Bates' 119 in 2017. "It was a tricky wicket," Wyatt was quoted as saying after the game. "Me and Suzie [Bates] struggled a bit in the first few overs. It was one of those wickets where you have to just back yourself and slog it really. I came off the pitch thinking, 'Wow, how did I manage that?' 'Once I was in, I wasn't thinking and just wanted to hit boundaries. Anything up there and full I tried to get my hands through. I've not hit a 100 for about 15 months so it's nice to get another one!" she added.

### DANI ALVES SCORES WINNER ON DEBUT

SAO PAULO: Brazil veteran Dani Alves scored the winning goal on his debut for Sao Paulo on Sunday, weeks after signing a three-year deal with the club. Alves, 36, found the back of the net in the 40th minute to score the only goal of the game against Ceara. Alves and Spanish international Juanfran, 34, are the stars for Sao Paulo, who snapped up both players after their contracts with European clubs expired. Alves' return to Brazil after 17 years playing for top clubs in Europe has had a big impact on his home country.

### RAIN SPOILS DULEEP TROPHY OPENER

BENGALURU: Heavy overnight rain washed out the entire third day's play in the Duleep Trophy opener between India Blue and India Green here on Monday. The rain resulted in a wet outfield and the conditions didn't improve through the day, forcing the officials to call off play without a ball being bowled for the second straight day. The second day's proceedings on Sunday had been washed out due to wet ground conditions. With only 49 overs having been bowled so far and no innings completed, the match is headed for a stalemate. India Green had reduced India Blue to 112 for 6 in 49 overs on a truncated opening day on Saturday.

# Trippier, Felix star on debut

AFP ■ MADRID

Alvaro Morata headed in a sumptuous Kieran Trippier cross to ensure a new-look Atletico Madrid beat Getafe 1-0 on Sunday and made a winning start in La Liga.

Trippier looked right at home at the Wanda Metropolitan when his bending ball was nodded in by Morata before two red cards in four minutes, one for each team, made it 10 against 10 before half-time.

Getafe striker Jorge Molina and Atletico left-back Renan Lodi were the players sent off and then Morata missed a penalty, earned after a mesmeric run from Joao Felix, Atletico's 126 million euro signing from Benfica.

It was enough for Felix to depart to a standing ovation and Atletico held on, even if this was perhaps not the statement opening to the season that Diego Simeone might have hoped for.

Getafe were stubborn opponents, showing again why they fin-



Alvaro Morata celebrates with Kieran Trippier after he scoring against Getafe



ished fifth last season, only narrowly missing out on a place in the Champions League to Valencia on the final day.

Felix aside, Atletico's other debutants impressed, including Lodi, before he was sent off, and Trippier, the first Englishman to play for Atletico since the Spanish Civil War and 20th in the history of the

Spanish top flight.

The former Tottenham defender's pin-point cross was the highlight of a confident performance that earned regular praise from the home fans. Getafe had struggled to find a way into the match but two red cards in four minutes threatened to shift the balance.

First, referee Cuadra Fernandez turned a yellow card into a red for Molina after consulting VAR, the striker catching Thomas Parthey late down the back of his heel. Then Lodi was handed a second yellow for planting his hand in the face of Damian Suarez.



Sai Praneeth and H S Prannoy in a file picture

## Sai Praneeth, Prannoy make winning start

PTI ■ BASEL

India's Sai Praneeth and H S Prannoy made convincing starts at the BWF World Championships to advance to the second round here on Monday.

Praneeth, ranked 19th, defeated 66th-ranked Jason Anthony Ho-Shue of Canada 21-17, 21-16 in a first round clash lasting 39 minutes. In another men's singles

first round match, world number 30 Prannoy fought back to beat 93rd-ranked Eetu Heino of Finland 17-21, 21-10, 21-11.

India got a favourable result in the women's doubles also with Meghana Jakkampudi and S

Poorvisha Ram getting past the Guatemala pairing of Diana Corleto Soto and Nikte Alejandra Sotomayor 21-10, 21-18 to enter the second round.

PTI ■ CHENNAI

Star raider Vikas Kandola did the star turn as Haryana Steelers beat U Mumba 30-27 for an important win in a Pro Kabaddi League match at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium here on Monday.

The closely fought contest saw the Mumbai side match the Steelers till the very end, but Kandolas nine-point game and some uncharacteristic errors from the U Mumba defence handed Haryana victory.

Both sides went into the match with identical records (four wins and four losses in eight matches),

# Kandola shines in Steelers win

but Haryana Steelers started aggressively, with coach Rakesh Kumar recognising the lack of raiding quality in U Mumba's ranks.

The defence kept a high line, strangling U Mumba's opportunities to pick up Bonus Points, thereby forcing them to make mistakes while Vikas Kandola picked up the points with his raids in the other end.

His three-point Super Raid 12 minutes into the match set the tone



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for the Haryana side, which inflicted an All-Out on U Mumba with three minutes remaining to half time.

Steelers led 16-8 at half-time. In the second half, the introduction of raider Abhishek Singh by U Mumba brought about a change in the proceedings as his raids helped the team reduce the lead to just two points 10 minutes into the half.

However, consecutive Super

Tackles by Ravi Kumar and Chand Singh, along with a few errors in the Mumbai defence quickly widened the gap to 25-17 in favour of Haryana with seven minutes to the final whistle.

Sandeep Narwal's raid for Mumbai with six minutes left on the clock, taking out Dharmaraj Cheralathan and Chand Singh, tilted the balance of the match once again and the subsequent all-out meant the gap was reduced to one point with less than three minutes remaining. But the push came a little too late for Mumbai as they succumbed to another defeat.

# Coutinho joins Bayern on loan

AFP ■ MADRID

Barcelona's Philippe Coutinho has joined Bayern Munich on a one-year loan worth 8.5 million euros (\$9.5 million) with an option to buy, the Spanish club confirmed on Monday.

"The agreement provides for an option for Bayern to buy at a 120-million-euro fee," Barcelona said.

The 27-year-old Brazilian joined Barcelona from Liverpool in January 2018 for an initial 120 million euros in a deal that included another 40 million euros in potential additions.

But the midfielder's stint at Barcelona never worked out as hoped despite huge excitement

around his arrival at the Camp Nou.

Initially tried in midfield where he plays for Brazil, Coutinho was pushed into the front three by Ernesto Valverde last season but the switch never paid off.

"For me, this move means a new challenge in a new country with one of the best clubs in Europe," Coutinho said on Bayern's website.

"I'm very much looking forward to that. Like FC Bayern, I have big ambitions and I'm convinced that I can achieve them together with my new teammates." The German club hope he will provide reinforcement in attack following the departure of veteran duo Arjen Robben and Franck Ribery at the end of last season. "With his creativity and outstanding skills, Philippe is a player who will immediately strengthen our attack," Bayern CEO Karl-Heinz Rummenigge said.

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AFP ■ PARIS

Champions Paris Saint-Germain slipped up in their second league game of the season losing 2-1 to Rennes on Sunday in a repeat of April's French Cup final with a 16-year-old playing a starring role.

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# PSG suffer defeat at Rennes



Benjamin Bourigeaud is chased by Kylian Mbappe during Ligue 1 match

first player born since January 2002 to feature in Europe's top five leagues, had continued to improve since making his first team debut in April.

"It's more than six months

he's been training with the professionals. He's settled in well with the squad," he told broadcaster Canal+.

"We've prepared him with the players, the staff and the

whole club so he can evolve in the right conditions.

"He started doing it at the end of last season and he's confirming all the talent we think he has at the start of this season," he added.

PSG skipper Thiago Silva admitted his side stepped off the gas after their good start through Cavani's effort.

"We started well but we eased off a bit, I don't know why, we lost concentration," he told Canal+.

"It wasn't the real PSG. Rennes played well, they were solid defensively, they were more careful than us," he added.

Elsewhere Saint-Etienne salvaged a late point at home against Brest with new signing Denis Bouanga's 83rd minute effort claiming a 1-1 draw and it finished goalless between Reims and Strasbourg.