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PM Modi's global outreach holds key

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

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

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

Why is this outreach important in today's context?
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BJP loses key strategist

Jaitley's cremation today at Nigambodh Ghat in afternoon

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

Known as a consensus builder, Jaitley was the BJP's man for all seasons and acted as the key strategist for the Modi Government in its first term. He headed the Finance, Defence, Corporate Affairs and Information and Broadcasting Ministries. Leaders across the political spectrum paid rich tributes to Jaitley, a quintessential moderate who was never associated with the hard edges of Hindutva politics.

He became a trusted friend



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

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

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

decades. His insight on issues and nuanced understanding of matters had very few parallels. He lived well, leaving us all with innumerable happy memories. We will miss him!" the Prime Minister said.

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

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

generation leaders.

His death is another jolt to the BJP after the demise of Sushma Swaraj, a contemporary of Jaitley and one of its prominent faces, on August 6. Party leaders mourned Jaitley's loss, remembering him as a dear colleague, mentor and guide and hailing his contribution to the growth of the party and the nation.

Jaitley, an urbane and media-savvy leader and a legal luminary, was one of the sharpest political minds not only within the BJP but also in the larger political spectrum where he made lifelong allies cutting across the ideological divide.

Rahul detained at airport, sent back from Srinagar

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

A 12-member delegation of Opposition leaders led by Congress MP, Rahul Gandhi, was sent back by the Jammu & Kashmir Government from Srinagar airport after detaining them at the airport for around 3 hours on Saturday.

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

Amid chaos and confusion, which prevailed inside airport premises, some media per-

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

Media persons alleged they were manhandled by the security personnel without ascribing any reasons at the Srinagar airport.

After returning from Srinagar, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said that the media persons who were with the delegation were mishandled and beaten up and the situation in Jammu and Kashmir "clearly is not normal".

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

DEEPAK K UPRETI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

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IN PURSUIT OF PERFECTION

Every season Big Boss has something new to offer to its viewers to keep them interested in the show. Speculation has it that this time the show makers have roped in a few TikTok stars. MUSBA HASHMI tells you more



The Boss is back

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

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

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

Mr Faisu aka Faisal Shaikh. A 24-year-old boy from Mumbai is making waves on social media because of his videos. He is seen lip syncing dialogues or just doing random moves. Unfortunately or shall we say fortunately, Mr Faisu has surrounded himself with a lot of controversies recently. His TikTok account was suspended because of a video that according to the app's developers was beyond the permissible limit. In the video, he was seen



criticising the lynching of Tabrez Ansari. So, if we go by the saying that all publicity is good publicity, Mr Faisu has done it right for himself. This will make him a good option for the Big Boss house since the house is all about controversies. Apart from that, Mr Faisu will prove to be an active participant in the tasks as well because of his well-build physique. We can also get to see the aggressive side of Shaikh in the tasks. And not to mention that charming looks and a chocolate boy image will be a part and parcel of Shaikh's personality.

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

Vishnupriya. This 19-year-old girl from Aurangabad has become an internet sensation

overnight. The reason being her lip syncing videos on various songs. The girl goes by the name of Shizuka on the app and has successfully managed to grab 5.4 million followers.

Vishnupriya will make for an exciting contestant on the show. Her cute smile and confidence will be an add on. We can hope some good performance from her in the tasks because of the competitive nature that she possesses. Vishnupriya's presence will add the much needed desi touch because of her simplicity, exactly like Urvasi Vani did in the last season.

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

'Focus on becoming a performer'

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

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

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

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

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

How was the experience with the film?

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

What is the USP of this season?

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

What qualities do you look out for in the contestants?

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

How is the environment on the sets?

It is fun to work with the whole team.



We all bond so well. It is a very light environment on the sets. We crack jokes. We all gossip together and do lots of masti.

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

When did you first realise your passion for dance?

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

How do you define dance?

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

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

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

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

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

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7	प्री बीड मीटिंग की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 03.09.2019, समय 12.30 बजे अपराह्न। अभियंता प्रमुख का कार्यालय, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, नेपाल हाउस, डोरण्डा, राँची।
8	बीड प्राप्त की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 11.09.2019, समय 4.00 बजे अपराह्न तक।
9	बैंक गारंटी एवं परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य जमा करने की तिथि, समय एवं स्थान	दिनांक 12.09.2019, समय 3.00 बजे अपराह्न तक।
10	निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	कार्यालय अभियंता का कार्यालय, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, चाईबासा दिनांक 13.09.2019, समय 5.00 बजे अपराह्न।
11	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी एवं कार्यालय का पता	कार्यालय अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, चाईबासा
12	ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट पदाधिकारी का फोन नं०	06582-256194

बैसे संवेदक जो पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग में पंजीकृत नहीं है, वे भी इस निविदा में भाग ले सकते हैं लेकिन बैसे संवेदक को कार्य आवंटन के दो माह के अन्दर पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, झारखण्ड, राँची से पंजीकृत करा लेना अनिवार्य होगा। प्राक्कलित राशि घट-बढ़ सकती है।
विस्तृत जानकारी हेतु वेबसाइट नं०-<http://www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है।
बूंद - बूंद नहीं बरतेंगे तो बूंद को तरसेंगे हं /- कार्यालय अभियंता पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, चाईबासा।
PR.215204 West Singhbhum(19-20)-D

Priyanka to star in Netflix's new offering

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Anirudh shares similarities with Hanuman

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

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

झारखण्ड सरकार
झारखण्ड खेल प्राधिकरण
(पर्यटन, कला-संस्कृति, खेल-कूद एवं युवा-कार्य विभाग)

आवश्यक सूचना

एतद द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि दिनांक 21 जुलाई, 2019 (PR No. 212225) झारखण्ड खेल प्राधिकरण, राँची के द्वारा राज्य भर में संचालित एवं प्रस्तावित एकलव्य खेल केन्द्रों एवं साझा खेल केन्द्रों के हॉस्टल में आवासित प्रशिक्षुओं को उच्च कोटि की केंटरिंग व्यवस्था एवं रसोई के संचालन से संबंधित अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना अपरिहार्य कारणों से रद्द किया जाता है।

बिसे अब तक ना समझे, वो कहानी हूँ मैं, मुझे बर्बाद मत करो पानी हूँ मैं। हं /- कार्याकारी निदेशक।
बूंद - बूंद नहीं बरतेंगे तो बूंद को तरसेंगे
PR 215196 (Art Culture Sports and Youth Affairs) 19-20 (D)

उपायुक्त का कार्यालय, हजारीबाग। (जिला पंचायत राज शाखा)

शुचना

जिला पंचायत राज कार्यालय, हजारीबाग के विज्ञापन संख्या 01/2017 द्वारा 14वें वित्त आयोग अन्तर्गत कनीय अभियंता तथा लेखा लिपिक-सह-कम्प्यूटर ऑपरटर की संविदा आधारित नियुक्ति हेतु आवेदन आमंत्रित किए गए हैं। प्राय आवेदन पत्रों को कार्मिक, प्रशासनिक सुधार तथा राजभाषा विभाग, झारखण्ड सरकार के संकल्प ज्ञापक 3854 दिनांक 01.06.2018 के द्वारा वर्ग-3 के पदों पर स्थानीयता के आधार पर नियुक्ति किए जाने के लिए निहित प्राधान्य के आलोक में हजारीबाग जिले के अम्यर्थी तथा गैर हजारीबाग जिले के अम्यर्थियों की अलग-अलग प्रारंभिक मेधा सूची तैयार की गई है।

प्रारंभिक मेधा सूची को दिनांक 17.08.2019 को जिला स्तरीय चयन समिति की आयोजित बैठक में रखा गया, जिसके संबंध में निर्णय लिया गया कि प्रारंभिक मेधा सूची को NIC के Website पर प्रकाशित करते हुए तीन स्थानीय समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशित किया ताकि अम्यर्थियों प्रारंभिक मेधा सूची का अवलोकन कर सकें।

अतः प्राप्त निदेश के आलोक में आप सभी अम्यर्थियों को सूचित किया जाता है कि कनीय अभियंता /लेखा लिपिक-सह-कम्प्यूटर ऑपरटर की नियुक्ति हेतु तैयार प्रारंभिक मेधा सूची को आज दिनांक 20.08.2019 को NIC के जिला Website www.hazaribag.nic.in पर दिनांक 21.08.2019 से 27.08.2019 तक के लिए प्रकाशित किया जाता है। प्रकाशित सूची हजारीबाग जिला के अम्यर्थियों तथा दुसरे जिला के अम्यर्थियों का अलग-अलग है। आप सभी अम्यर्थियों से अनुरोध है कि प्रकाशित सूची का अवलोकन करने के उपरान्त यदि अवश्यक हो तो दिनांक 21.08.2019 से 27.08.2019 तक के बीच प्रकाशित सूची में व्याप्त त्रुटि के विरुद्ध जिला पंचायत राज पदाधिकारी, हजारीबाग के कार्यालय में कार्य अवधि में दावा आपात दे सकते हैं। दावा/आपति के समय निम्न बिन्दुओं पर ध्यान दिया जाय:-

- हजारीबाग जिला के अम्यर्थियों का नाम यदि अन्य जिला हेतु तैयार सूची में शामिल किया गया है, तो आपति दिया जा सकता है।
- हजारीबाग जिला को छोड़कर कर अन्य जिले के अम्यर्थियों का नाम यदि हजारीबाग जिला में शामिल किया गया है, तो आपति दिया जा सकता है।
- प्रारंभिक मेधा सूची में नाम के सामने दर्ज प्रविष्टि आपके द्वारा समर्पित कागजात के आधार पर अंकित है परन्तु प्रविष्टि में कोई त्रुटि यदि है तो आप आपति दे सकते हैं।
- किसी प्रकार के आपति आवेदन के साथ आपति से संबंधित आवश्यक दस्तावेज की छायाप्रति सत्यापन हेतु अवश्य संलग्न करें तथा मूल प्रति साध लेकर कार्यालय आवें।
- दावा आपति प्राप्त हेतु निर्धारित तिथि 21.8.2019 से 27.08.2019 तक के बाद दावा आपति न तो प्राप्त किया जाएगा, न ही विचार किया जाएगा।

बिसे अब तक ना समझे, वो कहानी हूँ मैं, मुझे बर्बाद मत करो पानी हूँ मैं। जिला पंचायत राज पदाधिकारी, हजारीबाग।
PR 215195 (Hazaribag) 19-20 (D) **बूंद - बूंद नहीं बरतेंगे तो बूंद को तरसेंगे**

झारखण्ड सरकार
कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल चास

ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट निविदा सूचना

ई-निविदा सं०-RWSS/CHAS-09/2019-20 दिनांक 24/08/2019

कार्य का नाम- Detailed survey, designing and drawing, construction of R.C.C. Intake Well cum Pump House, R.C.C. Gangway 132 M long and 3.00 M wide, 5.50 ML capacity Conventional Water Treatment Plant, RCC Elevated Service Reservoir (i) 6.00 lakh liter capacity 17 M Staging, (ii) 8.40 lakh liter capacity 17 M Staging, Staff Quarter, Compound wall, Railway Crossing, Supplying and laying Raw and Clear Water rising main and Distribution Network, House Connection, Supplying and Installation of VT and Centrifugal pump motor, Five years operation & maintenance with allied works etc. All complete job for Polkeri and Adjoining villages Rural Water Supply Scheme under D.W. & S. Division Chas on turnkey basis. * Year 2019-20

2	प्राक्कलित राशि	2870.26 लाख
3	अग्रघन की राशि	28.703 लाख
4	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	27 माह + 3 माह परिचालन एवं परीक्षण
5	वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि एवं समय	03.09.2019 को 5.00 बजे अपराह्न
6	प्री-बीड मीटिंग की तिथि एवं स्थान	दिनांक 11.09.2019 को 12.30 बजे अपराह्न में अभियंता प्रमुख का कार्यालय पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग नेपाल हाउस डोरण्डा राँची।
7	निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 25.09.2019 को अपराह्न 5.00 बजे तक।
8	पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल चास के बैंक गारंटी एवं परिमाण विपत्र	दिनांक 26.09.2019 को अपराह्न 5.00 बजे तक।
9	की मूल्य जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 27.09.2019 को अपराह्न 02:00 बजे।
10	निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	कार्यालय अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल चास।
11	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी एवं कार्यालय का पता	कार्यालय अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल चास।
12	प्रोक्वोरमेंट कार्यालय का संपर्क नं०	8114550869
12	ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट सेल का हेल्पलाइन नं०	0651-2480345

नोट :- बैसे संवेदक जो पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग में पंजीकृत नहीं है वे भी इस निविदा में भाग ले सकते हैं तथापि बैसे संवेदक को कार्य आवंटन के दो माह के अंदर पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग झारखण्ड, राँची से पंजीकृत करा लेना अनिवार्य होगा। विस्तृत जानकारी हेतु वेबसाइट <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है।
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PR 215231 (Drinking Water and Sanitation) 19-20 (D)

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

CWC summons city school management

PNS ■ RANCHI

Taking suo moto cognizance, the child welfare committee of Ranchi has summoned the principal of JK International School, a private school situated in Ratu, for allegedly beating up and torturing a student of class 10.

The summon was sent on Friday directing the school principal Sanjay Kumar Singh to appear in front of the CWC bench. However, the principal failed to turn up at the given time and the CWC has now directed the members of the entire school management committee to appear at CWC court on Monday.

"The matter came to our notice on Friday when a vernacular daily published a report regarding this. This is a serious case and we will take the steps best suited for the welfare of the child," said Rupa Kumari, CWC chairperson.

On August 21, the aggrieved, a resident of Gumla who lived at the school hostel arrived five minutes late to class, following which he was slapped by the school principal, which led to severe damage of his ear drums.

The child was admitted to Rinchi Trust Hospital by class teacher and school nurse after he complained about having ear pain. The guardians of the child were called, and his grandfather filed an FIR against the school

Beating resulted to blood clot and eardrum damage of 16-year-old

principal at Ratu police station. The child's grandfather wrote in the FIR that the doctor who treated the child said that there is a blood clot in the ear and the ear drum has been damaged.

Kumari said, "The child has gone back to Gumla. We have written a letter to CWC Gumla to provide counseling to the child in his hometown, which would prevent him from the hassle of travelling Ranchi every now and then."

She added, "CWC Gumla will counsel him and submit the final report to us following which we will take action."

Kumari informed that despite corporal punishment being prohibited under RTE Act, many schools still continue beating students on the name of punishment.

She said that if the principal is found to be guilty he might have to pay a huge fine.

"Section 75 of Juvenile Justice Act says that if a child is tortured or beaten up the punishment to the accused can be up to three years of imprisonment and Rs. 5 lakh fine," Kumari said.

State's political fraternity mourns Jaitley's demise

PNS ■ RANCHI

The political fraternity in Jharkhand, cutting across party lines and ideologies, mourned the death of former Finance Minister and veteran BJP leader Arun Jaitley on Saturday. Senior leaders remembered Jaitley's contributions to Indian politics and poured in tributes on social media as well as in person.

Chief Minister Raghubar Das took to social networking platform, Twitter, to pay homage to Jaitley and express solidarity for his bereaved family. "Today we have lost an irreplaceable and integral part of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) family. May his soul rest in peace and may the almighty provide strength to the bereaved family at this hour of extreme agony," Das tweeted.

The Chief Minister followed this tweet with another tweet in which he said that Jaitley's ideologies and thoughts will keep guiding the country to new heights. "His unmatched

oration even left the opposition in awe. His contribution in the development of the country can never be forgotten," Das said in his second tweet.

Later in the day, Das told media persons that he will leave for New Delhi by air tonight and attend the last rites along with other senior BJP leaders on Sunday. "It is also a personal loss for me. He guided me even during the days when I headed the Jharkhand unit of BJP. One of the pillars of the country is gone forever," he said.

Sixty six-year-old Jaitley was admitted at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in New Delhi on August 9. He had been suffering from various ailments during the past couple of years and had also refused accept any portfolio in the latest cabinet of Prime Minister Narendra Modi due to his poor health. An official statement from AIIMS on Saturday said that he breathed his last in the hospital at 12.07pm.



Ex-Finance Minister Arun Jaitley (R) with Chief Minister Raghubar Das during the Global Investors Summit-2017 'Momentum Jharkhand' in Ranchi on February 16, 2017. File Photo

The BJP on Saturday adjourned an ongoing meeting of the core committee in Ranchi soon after the news of Jaitley's demise flashed on social media. The party had three important meetings to be chaired by Jharkhand's election-in-charge

for the party, Om Prakash Mathur. All the meetings were cancelled.

Leader of Opposition, Hemant Soren, who also happens to be the Executive President of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) expressed con-

dolences to Jaitley's family and wrote words of praise for the departed leader on Twitter. "Deeply saddened by the untimely demise of former Finance Minister Arun Jaitley Ji.

He had been an excellent statesman, administrator, lawyer and a tall leader," Soren tweeted. Former President of Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee (JPCC), Ajoy Kumar, said that Jaitley was a distinguished lawyer and a political stalwart.

Union Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda shared an old picture of him and Jaitley on Twitter and wrote an emotional adieu message to the former Union Minister. "Adieu my friend! With a heavy heart I have to say final good bye because ordainments of God are irrevocable. Your warmth and infectious smile will remain etched in my memory forever," Munda tweeted.

Later in the day, he told media persons that the country has lost a supremely capable person who selflessly served India in spite of his deteriorating health and put in place the biggest tax reform of the future in the country. "GST will remain synonymous with his (Jaitley's) name," said Munda.

'BJP to contest booth-centric polls'

PNS ■ RANCHI

The election in-charge for Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Jharkhand, Om Prakash Mathur, on Saturday said that the party will achieve its target of winning more than 65 seats in the upcoming elections by strengthening the party's dominance at the booth level.

Addressing media persons at party's State headquarters in Ranchi, Mathur said, "We have been contesting booth-centric elections for the past two to three years. Even our party President

Amit Shah always asks workers to focus on winning booths. We will achieve our target of winning 65 seats in the upcoming elections by doing the same."

Earlier in the day, Mathur chaired a meeting with senior leaders of the party here. The meeting was adjourned half way through after the news of former Finance Minister Arun Jaitley's demise reached the party office here. "I have lost a good friend. We worked together for 10 years in Rajya Sabha," Mathur said, remembering his camaraderie with Jaitley.

Mathur said that the leaders in the BJP camp here are confident about achieving the target set by the party chief Amit Shah. "This is the ninth time that I have been given the responsibility of elections in a State. I can feel a strong current in favour of BJP here," he added.

The BJP National Vice President also lauded the initiatives of the Centre and the State Governments in implementing

welfare schemes. He said that the welfare schemes of the two Governments have benefited people in rural India and garnered support for the BJP. "The State has done a commendable job of not only implementing all the Centre's schemes effectively, but also launching its own welfare schemes for the people of Jharkhand," Mathur said.

Taking a jibe at the Congress party, he said BJP is not run by an individual or a family. "Our party runs on ethics, morals and principles," said Mathur, adding that even minor issues carry importance for the party and it is committed in addressing all issues irrespective of their severity. He said that the party workers were ecstatic about the revocation of article 370 and 35a of the Constitution of India.

The party, which has 42 members in the 81-member assembly here, has set a target of winning at least 65 seats in the next assembly elections slated this year. The party won 12 of 14 parliamentary constituencies in Jharkhand in the recent Lok Sabha polls and is expecting to replicate its success story in the Assembly polls.

Cong likely to announce JPCC president today

SAURAV ROY ■ RANCHI

Congress National President Sonia Gandhi is likely to announce the name of Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee's (JPCC) new chief within the next 24 hours, said a JPCC office bearer who was in New Delhi on Saturday. Senior party leaders from Jharkhand met Gandhi at the office of All India National Congress on Friday evening and shared their views on the contenders for the important position.

"Some senior leaders from Jharkhand met Sonijai yesterday (Friday). It was an informal meeting wherein our State leaders assured the national president that they will go to the assembly polls as a united team," said the office bearer.

Former State Minister Geetashree Oraon, former Union Minister Subodh Kant Sahay, former JPCC President Pradeep Balmuchu and former MP Rameshwar Oraon were among the leaders who met Gandhi on Friday.

The top position in the Congress party's state unit has remained vacant since former MP Ajoy Kumar's dramatic resignation from the position on August 9, a day before the Congress Working Committee (CWC) met in the national capital. Kumar had spit venom in his three-page resignation letter to former

Congress president Rahul Gandhi and accused senior JPCC leaders of toxic nepotism and having vested interest.

However, after Kumar's exit, the party leaders here are hoping to get a leader who can keep all the party workers united on road to the assembly polls. All hell broke loose in the Congress party in Jharkhand last month when supporters of Kumar and former union minister Subodh Kant Sahay locked horns at the State headquarters of the party in Ranchi and the tiff between them transformed into an ugly scuffle, which broke open the lid of bottled-up differences within the party. The party's high command summoned senior Jharkhand leaders to New Delhi and Kumar tendered his resignation a week after the meeting.

Congress Legislative Party (CLP) leader Alamgir Alam and former State president and Lohardaga legislator Sukhdeo Bhagat are leading the race for the position of JPCC president, party insiders said. Alam was among the few leaders who received praise from Kumar in his resignation letter, which was otherwise riddled with critical rhetoric. On the other hand, Bhagat had led the party to elections in 2014. Bhagat as well as Alam have maintained a neutral stand in the party and are equally respected by leaders and workers from all lobbies, said an office bearer who has been in the thick of events lately.



BJP National Vice President and Jharkhand Assembly Election in-charge Om Prakash Mathur along with Assembly Election co-incharge Nand Kishore Yadav and State BJP president Laxman Gita during a Press meet at party headquarter in Ranchi on Saturday. Vinay Murmu | Pioneer

Faculty development programme on earth system science at RU

PNS ■ RANCHI

The 10 day faculty development programme on ICT in Earth System Science commenced at Department of Geology, Ranchi University on Saturday.

Coordinator of the programme, and head of geology department at RU, Prof. Bijay Singh said, "The programme is open for industries personnel, faculty members of universities and engineering colleges, government professionals, research scholars and post graduate students. The aim of organizing this programme is to enhance the use of communication and telecommunication in digitizing the changes on earth system."

The programme is organized under the banner of Electronics and ICT Academy, NIT Patna and is sponsored by Ministry of Electronic and Information Technology, Government of India.

The objectives of the programme are to provide tutorial instruction, make use of integrated learning systems

and simulation modeling, using databases and spreadsheets, data logging and much more.

Speaking about ITC Singh said, "It includes all the modern techniques of communication right from web technology, radar communication, and more. It's something the common man uses every day. We are going to use these technologies in earth system sciences."

The programme will also help in controlling and monitoring experiments, graphing, working with interactive media, accessing information for the internet technologies and updating participants on software used in earth system sciences.

"The participants will be trained for the entire ICT techniques, specially its usage in earth system science. The training will be both theoretical and practical and experts from across country have been invited to train the participants," Singh said.

The expert trainers include Prof. Bijay Singh, Head,

University Department of Geology, RU, Siddharth Kumar Rai, Joint Director, Software Technology Parks of India, Ministry of E&IT, Government of India, Prof. AC Pandey, head, SLRM, Central University of Jharkhand, Ajey Kumar Pathak, Senior Scientist, NBFGR-IISR, Lucknow, Director, Jharkhand Space Application Centre (JSAC), VK Baraik, Associate Professor, IGNOU, New Delhi, Dinesh Singh, Associate Professor, TERI, Ghazipur, Govind Singh, Assistant Professor, MGCGV University, MP, Aprana Singh, Assistant Professor, APS University, Rewa MP and Brijendra Kumar Yadav, Assistant Professor, GPDC, Bundelkhand University, UP.

The organizing committee of the programme is headed by Prof. DK Bhattacharya while BR Jha is the convener. The other members of the committee include Nitish Priyadarshi, J Nandi, Neha Mallick, Jugnu Prasad and AR Bilung.

BJP trying to displace tribals from Santhal: JMM

PNS ■ RANCHI

Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) on Saturday alleged that Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is trying to displace local and tribal from Santhal Paragana area to usurp huge quantity of minerals like gold, iron and coal of found in the area.

Addressing a press meet, party general secretary Supriyo Bhattacharya said the BJP is focusing on Santhal Pargana and Kolhan area because of its abundance of mineral resources. "Biggest coal belt of Asia is in Santhal Pargana, Kolhan is rich of Iron mines and in Khtkuti area of the region a huge resource of Gold was found. BJP is trying to displace the local and tribal living in the area through a planned conspiracy but JMM will not let them to succeed in their heinous attempt. In upcoming State Assembly election people of the area will give them a big blow and the party will be wiped out from the State. Amit Shah's visit will not impact our prospects as people know intention of BJP," he added.

Speaking on the future strategy of the party Bhattacharya said that former Chief Minister and Executive president of the party, Hemant Soren will start 'Badlaw Yatra' from August 26 and will visit every district of the State to meet people through his public meeting and he will also inform about the heinous agenda of the State Government through public meetings. The party will organize a huge Badlaw Rally on October 21 in the State Capital, he added.

Hitting hard on BJP and its ally JD (U) in Bihar the party General Secretary said BJP knows that there is immense anger among people against its government in the State so that to confuse voters of JMM as the party symbol is bow and arrow where as JD (U)'s election symbol is arrow.

"JD (U) had appealed to Election Commission of India (ECI) to cease JMM's symbol in Bihar and ECI had ceased the party's symbol in Bihar. On similar ground JMM met ECI to cease symbol of JD (U) in Jharkhand and ECI accepted the party's request and ceased JD (U)'s symbol in the State.

XISS holds CSR conclave

PNS ■ RANCHI

Xavier Institute of Social Service (XISS) organised a CSR conclave 'CSR and Small Business Development for Rural Sector' here on Saturday. The chief guest for the occasion Sourav Roy spoke on the sustainable development of the society with CSR initiatives.

Associate Professor XISS Niranjan Sbaoo welcomed the dignitaries where as Acting Director XISS Dr Amar Eron Tigga presented the welcome address.

In the first session, RM Programme Head Dr Himadri Sinha focused on scope, opportunity and dynamics of empowerment of the vulnerable and the development strategies for Rural Based Enterprise through CSR. The Rural Management Club- Prakriti was also launched with the objective of showcasing on and off campus activities of RM Programme. Professor Sudhir Kumar Sinha (IRMA), an alumni of XISS was the key speaker who shared his views on the voluntary and compulsory working of CSR rather than choice.



Professor Sudhir Kumar Sinha (IRMA) along with, Dr Rajshree Verma during the seminar on CSR and Small Business Development for Rural Sector at XISS in Ranchi on Saturday. Vinay Murmu | Pioneer

The second session focused on dealing with the challenges faced by CSR in Small Business Development for Rural Sector. Professor Sudhir Kumar Sinha (IRMA), Associate VP Malini Gupta and CSR Head, JCB, Faridabad were the speakers for this session.

In the third session, Professor KK Bhagat presented the success stories of CSR's of various companies and their respective representatives including GM-ER Tata Motors

Deepak Kumar, Adani Enterprises CSR Head Rajesh Ranjan, AM-CSR, CCL Sweata Shalini Hansda, Founder Director LEADS Ranchi Awadh Kishore Singh among others.

The last session was coordinated by Associate Professor RM Programme Sant Kumar Prasad. Assistant Director XISS Fr Pradeep Kerketta and the rapporteur Associate Professor RM Programme Dr Anant Kumar also addressed the gathering.

Sahaj Yoga transforming lives in city

PNS ■ RANCHI

In an attempt to transform people's life through practices of Yoga, Secretary level officers of Government of India and Vice president of Sahaj Yoga, Dinesh Ray on Friday inaugurated three-day conference cum practice programme of Sahaj Yoga at Tana Bhagat stadium of Khelgaon sports complex in the State Capital.

The event is being organised to popularise practices of Yoga under supervision of Ranchi Sahaj Yoga Kendra. Informing about Sahaj Yoga's qualities Convener Sahaj Yoga Center in Jharkhand Vijay Bahskar said it is a unique method of meditation based on an experience called Self

Realization (Kundalini awakening) that can occur within each human being.

"Through this process an inner transformation takes place by which one becomes moral, united, integrated and balanced. One can actually feel the all pervading divine power as a cool breeze, as described in all religions and spiritual traditions of the world. This is the actualization of such transformation, which is taking place now, worldwide, and has been proved and experienced by hundreds of thousands in over 90 countries," Bhaskar.

Speaking about the programme Bhaskar said, a large numbers of people are from across the Country and the State participating in the programme. "On Saturday school



Girls perform during inaugural session of three-day conference cum practice programme of Sahaj Yoga at Tana Bhagat stadium of Khelgaon sports complex in Ranchi. Pioneer photo



Prof. AC Pandey, head, SLRM, Central University of Jharkhand, addresses to the students during faculty development programme on ICT in Earth System Science commenced at Department of Geology, in Ranchi University on Saturday. Ratan Lal | Pioneer

Framers training programme at ICAR-IIAB



PNS ■ RANCHI

ICAR- Indian Institute of Agricultural Biotechnology (IIAB) organised a 'Farmers Training cum Farm Machinery Distribution Programme' at Soparam village in Latehar district on Friday under the aegis of Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP) of the Government of India with nearly 350 farmers from Diridag, Semarsot, Munda Toli and Chetag of Balumath block attending the programme.

ICAR-IIAB is playing a crucial role in the implementation of various schemes for agricultural development and farmers' welfare in the State. During the programme, 10

Kirloskar Mega T (15 HP) Power Tillers with accessories, 10 Kirloskar 5HP Varsha-4 diesel pump sets with accessories, 6,000 feet of high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipes, 40 battery operated Agrolife (16 lit) pesticide sprayers and 350 bags of fertilizers were distributed among 10 groups of 12-15 farmers each.

A training programme focusing on farm mechanization, resource conservation technologies suited for the region and the problems arising during the kharif season with their potential solutions was conducted with Director (Research Birs Agriculture University Prof. DN Singh, Director ICAR-IIAB Dr. TR

Sharma, Principal Scientist ICAR-IIAB Dr. VP Bhadana and Head KVK, Balumath Dr. Mahesh Kumar Jerai being the key speakers.

Led by Senior Scientist Dr BK Singh and Scientist Dr Avinash Pandey, ICAR-IIAB has been organising events under the Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP), SCSP, Farmers First Project and Front Line Demonstrations (FLDs) for the last three years. Several capacity building programmes have been conducted and agricultural inputs have been provided to nearly 2500 farmers in 6 districts of Jharkhand to promote agriculture, agroforestry, horticulture, animal husbandry, poultry, and fishery.

INBRIEF

FMPs CELEBRATES JANMASHTAMI



A function was organised at First Mark Public School on the occasion of Krishna Janmashtami to mark the birthday of Lord Krishna. The celebration comprised of performance by the tiny tots like dances and enactments. A fancy dress competition was organised for the children of play group to LKG where girls dressed up as Radha and boys dressed up as Lord Krishna. Director of the school, Kalpana Soren said that life of Lord Krishna and his teachings to mankind marked the world. She appreciated the efforts put in by the teachers to make the programme a success. A Dahi handi competition was also organized for the students. Administrator of the school, Pramod Kumar said that festivals of different cultures are celebrated at the school so that the children can learn about the various cultures and traditions of India.

JANMASHTAMI AT BIT, MESRA

The Rotaract Club of Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra organised a 'Matki Phod' competition on the occasion of Janmashtami on August 24. The members of the organising club set the stage on fire with a spectacular dance performance. There were a total of 16 participating teams, each with a minimum of 10, and a maximum of 15 members. After a neck-to-neck competition, the 'Soul' team emerged victorious. The spectators grooved to the beats of enlivening bollywood songs that was played. The Gokulashtami competition finally drew to a close with the competitors and audience dancing joyously to the tunes of the live DJ.

B4U LAUNCHES NEW CHANNEL

B4U Network recently launched B4U Kadak as its premium offering in the Hindi Movie Genre & B4U Bhojpuri in the Bhojpuri Movie Genre. Now in a spectacular feat, both the newly launched channels, B4U Kadak and B4U Bhojpuri, along with B4U Music, have been rated No. 1 in their respective genres as per the BARC report of Week 32. Considering that B4U Kadak and B4U Bhojpuri were launched in May this year, the achievement becomes even more significant. B4U Kadak is a Hindi Movie Channel targeted at Urban and Rural audiences in the HSM market with a bank of popular Bollywood & South Indian dubbed movies with a promise to offer 101 World Television Premieres.

New Giridih DC takes charge

PNS ■ GIRIDIH

Rahul Kumar Sinha took charge as the new Deputy Commissioner of Giridih on Saturday. Sinha was earlier posted as DC of Deoghar.

After assuming the charge of the office on Saturday, Sinha said that transparency in the system is his priority. "All government schemes and projects would be implemented and special attention would be given to education, health, tourism and disaster management sectors," he informed.

Timely completion of all ongoing developmental works, execution of pending projects, welfare schemes and resolving public grievances and issues would remain the priority, Sinha said, adding that he would try his best to take all the benefits of State and Central policies to the grass-root level.

The new DC directed the employees to maintain discipline, punctuality and to be more responsive to the public for all-round development of the State and native at large by walking extra miles.

Meanwhile, the outgoing DC Rajesh Pathak after handing over his charges attended a farewell function convened by the officers of DC's establishment. All top officials of district administration and police officers and staffs were also present on the occasion. Pathak will proceed to his other destination shortly with his new assignment.

Truck runs over two persons in Garhwa

PNS ■ GARHWA

A speeding truck ran over two persons in Meral on Saturday morning. The driver abandoned the truck and fled.

Deceased have been identified as Vijay Ram, (40) a resident of Ramgarh village of Ramuna police station area who was the headmaster of Middle School, Chundi and Anoop Tiwari, (38) resident of Adhuri village of Banshidhar Nagar police station area, and worked as CRP Ramana BRC.

They were on way to school at Ramana when a speeding truck crushed them to death near the Meral bus stand, police said. Around 100 commuters blocked the road near the premise of the hospital, protesting against the accident. Protesters were demanding ₹25 lakh and a Government job for the kin of deceased. After assurance of needful action, the roads were cleared.

Talk show on 'Importance of Reading books' held

PNS ■ RANCHI

To create awareness of reading among the students and common masses a talk show on 'Importance of reading books' was organised by 'Books and Periodicals' here on Saturday. Maya Verma (LMC Member, DAV Pundag) and Rashmi Bakshi, Principal, Oxford Public School, Junior wing were the guests of the occasion.

Verma and Bakshi present on the occasion said that reading is a medium to improve the communication skills and vocabulary of children. "Nowadays habit of reading is lacking among the children. E books been an easily available medium for readers, but it's not good for your health as well as your eyes. E book is a single viewer, but paper book connects more to the readers. E book can never be a replacement of paper book," they said.

"Parents should play the

first and important role in improving the habit of reading. Since childhood parents must develop the habit of reading books to their child also create an atmosphere of reading books at home. Teachers also play an important role in developing reading habits. Teachers should conduct loud reading books activities in the classroom which help students to build confidence and improve communication skills," they added.

Nishant Ahuja' Director of 'Books and Periodicals' said Books are a connection between a reader and content and for that reading is important for everyone it develops the mind also.

But, nowadays it has been seen that habit of reading is lacking in today's generation. Objective of this talk show is to create awareness among the readers.

Books and Periodicals provide books at affordable price so that people of every category



and their children can also read the book.

Books and Periodicals have been maintaining their identity in Ranchi for the last

three decades. They offer their services to the school library in India. Books and Periodicals started a second outlet for book lovers almost two years

ago. This book store will find more than 1000 publisher's books, more than 3000 different series and more than 20,000 different titles.

Rly announces discount on booking through R-wallet

PNS ■ BOKARO

Aiming to encourage paperless ticketing among railway passengers and to enhance digitization, Indian Railways has recently decided to extend the existing scheme of granting 5 per cent discount on unreserved tickets till 24 February on ticket booking through R-Wallet.

Director, Passenger

Marketing of Railway Board, Shelly Srivastava recently issued a directive to all zones regarding extension of the existing scheme for the next six months.

Under this scheme, passenger will get a bonus of 5 per cent of the recharge value at the time of recharge of R-wallet in case of unreserved ticket booking through a mobile phone, informed an official.

Now-a-days, the trend of e-

tickets has been increasing rapidly among mass but people are showing less interest in mobile tickets. So railway has decided to extend this scheme, aiming people to make familiar with mobile tickets, said the official.

The extension has been made for a period of six months, up to 24 February 2020, he said. The step to grant a bonus of 5 per cent at the time

of recharge of R-wallet for unreserved ticket booking was taken by the Railway Ministry to encourage paperless ticketing among railway passengers.

The unreserved ticket booking can be done through the UTS mobile app, which can be downloaded by Android, iOS (Apple phones) and Windows phone users. Railway passengers using the UTS mobile app can book the train

ticket on mobile phone easily, following which they can show the digital copy of the ticket when asked by a TTE.

"This mobile application also permits the passenger to show the booked ticket to the TTE without any internet connection," he added.

Other than R-wallet, passengers also have the option to pay through other payment modes such as credit card,

debit card, net banking including others, while booking unreserved tickets on the UTS application.

Besides mobile application, passengers can go to the official UTS website utsonmobile.indianrail.gov.in for recharge, he said.

Platform tickets as well as monthly railway tickets (Season tickets) can also be booked through R-Wallet, he said.

PM Modi's...

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

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

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

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

All that is familiar stuff. However, the subsequent two points are interesting. First, Imran argued that enlightened citizenship was identified by Jinnah in his August 11, 1947 speech. In other words, having spelt out the two-nation theory as the inescapable way out for Indian Muslims in the face of Hindu intolerance. However, having established a homeland for India's Muslims — that naturally included Kashmir — he wanted to ensure the complete freedom of religious beliefs. That, he said, invoking Islamic history and the expe-

rience of the Medina settlement in the 7th century, is the basis of Pakistan. With somewhat twisted logic he sought to reconcile an Islamic state that is Pakistan with liberal notions of citizenship.

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

Without being explicit, he sought an unspoken alliance between the jihadis, the Islamists and the Muslim nationalists on the one hand and the human rights industry, the wet liberals and the campus radicals looking for a cause. Above all, he sought to draw in anyone who was pathologically opposed to the Modi Government. All these divergent strands would be united in a grand alliance to undermine the moral backbone of Indian democracy. Meanwhile, presumably, the ISI would

continue its covert backing of terrorism all over India, and not merely in the Kashmir Valley.

It is astonishing that this speech of Imran Khan — which no doubt has the endorsement of the 'deep' Pakistan state — hasn't received greater attention in India. It is by far the most explicit elaboration of how Pakistan, from a position of weakness, is seeking to regain the upper hand. I know it is thought to be crude to join the shrill nationalist outrage against the tukde tukde gang. But should we bank on aesthetics to offer a kid glove treatment of those who — maybe unwittingly — are following a script written in Pakistan.

India's liberals think they are virtuous and brave by resisting the will of the majority. I, however, see no virtue in becoming a puppet of a disagreeable neighbour. As our liberals feed the Pakistan narrative in the Western media, the campuses and in the literary salons, do they realise that Islamabad thinks of them as the proverbial 'useful idiots'?

NML signs MoU for technology transfer on e-waste recycling



PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

CSIR-National Metallurgical Laboratory, Jamshedpur (NML) has signed a MoU for technology transfer on e-waste recycling. CSIR-NML, Jamshedpur transferred technology to M/s SBCON Recycling Private Limited, Ahmadabad.

The technology has been transferred for the extraction of cobalt and manganese from black cathodic material of lithium cobalt batteries.

"The company is satisfied with our developed technology and soon willing to start the process on ton scale in association with CSIR-NML. This collaborative work initiated by CSIR-NML will help to demonstrate this work for cobalt and other metal recovery on larger scale. This initiative step will not only prove to be fruitful to the unorganized sectors but also meet the need of the market," said an official.

CSIR-NML has developed a complete and novel process flow-sheet, which consists of

physical beneficiation, leaching, solvent extraction, precipitation and electro-winning processes for recycling of spent LIBs to get value added products (metal or salts) and protect the environment, based on zero waste concept. The novelty of the process is the development of complete recycling flow-sheet for the recovery of plastics and all metals such as Co, Cu, Mn and Fe.

The process has potential for industrial exploitation after some scale-up/pilot studies in the close-loop as generated raffinate and regenerated extractant can be recycled in the system.

The systematic laboratory scale leaching studies were carried out and scientifically validated by well proven equation and characterized in studies. The reported process is environmentally and feasible compared to previously reported studies. Implementation of this process on larger scale will help to maintain clean and green environment.

It will also bring awareness

among common people regarding the loss of valuable and toxicity created due to dumping scrap batteries to the environment.

In this regard, CSIR-National Metallurgical Laboratory, Jamshedpur has made sincere efforts towards the ecological recovery of cobalt and other valuable metals from the black powder and other constituents of LIBs. But heterogeneous nature of variety of batteries (branded, local and cheaper) received from the municipal waste put forward a great challenge during the technology development. The active cathode material of LIBs contains variable concentration of cobalt, lithium, copper, manganese, etc. which make the chemical processes for metal recovery more complex. The major hindrance was provided due to manganese presence, which gets co-extracted with cobalt and prevent its extraction. But the hydrometallurgical route adopted by the CSIR-NML team is very selective and exigent.

A Titan goes away too soon

By Chandan Mitra



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

Despite some opposition in the Academic Council, Jaitley's plea was granted and I shortly received another postcard conveying his thanks. Mercifully the Emergency too was gasping for breath by then and in mid-January that year, it was formally relaxed and many friends were released

from custody.

We became good friends thereafter, especially as I was a University Coffee House aficionado and progressively he too became one. This was despite our political differences (I was a Leftist those days, the Calcutta effect had not worn off) but this did not come in the way of our deepening friendship. I have changed political persuasions several times since, but Jaitley and I have been steadfast friends regardless.

A multi-talented, multi-tasking person, he was equally fluent in English, Hindi and Punjabi which probably gave him the confidence to contest the Lok Sabha poll from Amritsar in 2014 which unfortunately he lost to Captain Amarinder Singh, current

Chief Minister of Punjab. But unfazed as always, Jaitley rose up the political ranks, becoming Prime Minister Narendra Modi's confidant and India's second most important political personality, at least till the rise of Amit Shah. He was adept at managing party affairs across the country and combined affability and authority in equal measure. His one weakness was food, especially Punjabi cuisine, a passion he was forced to abandon due to mounting diabetes some years ago. A friend of friends, he meticulously kept in touch with them no matter how busy he might have been.

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

In 1977 when the Janata

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

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

Leaders across party lines pay tributes to Jaitley

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

BJP's working president JP Nadra recalled Jaitley's fiery speeches in Parliament and said that the senior leader's smiling face as he dealt with tough situations will always remain with the partymen. "His beliefs will always be our guide. The demise of Arun Jaitley has created a vacuum in Indian politics which can never be filled. With responsibilities of both the party and the government, Arunji has always been dedicated to the service of the nation. Be it strengthening the Indian economy or its defence, his role in placing India in the front row in the world is incomparable," said Nadra.

BJP ally and Union minister Ramvilas Paswan remembered him as one of the tallest leaders and also a fine human being. Jaitley was also a reliable troubleshooter for the BJP, he said, recalling his contribution during the first BJP-led NDA government headed by Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The Congress said, "We are deeply saddened to hear the passing of Shri Arun Jaitley. Our condolences to his family. Our thoughts and prayers are with them in this time of grief. Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh described him as an eminent lawyer, an excellent orator, a very good administrator and an outstanding parliamentarian. Congress President Sonia Gandhi expressed deep pain

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

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

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

Former president Pranab Mukherjee said he had visited

Legal experts condole demise, call BJP leader crusader

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

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

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

While Dwivedi said the former Union minister was an "eminent lawyer", Sinha said he always worked for the "welfare and upliftment of the bar". Jaitley, who was a senior advocate, had a thumping practice as a lawyer in the courts, especially Delhi High Court, before he was made minister in the BJP government. Kumar said that Jaitley's demise is "a great loss to the nation and a most outstanding person one can think of has passed away". He said that Jaitley was a person without any malice and was available for everyone without any discrimination and whosoever reached out to him was heard.

"First of all, Arun Jaitley was a good friend

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

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

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

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

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

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

Soli Sorabjee remembers Jaitley as easily accessible lawyer, Minister

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

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

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

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Rupani lauds people of Gujarat for relief efforts in Bihar floods

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

PTI

People in Gujarat villages adopted by Jaitley mourn his death

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

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

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

"Jaitley helped develop various facilities in Karnali where lakhs of Lord Shiva devotees visit the Kuber Bhandari temple every year," Pandya said. Jaitley had spent a day in his adopted village on June 1, 2015, and had also laid the foundation stone of a water tank and modern post office. PTI

OFB workers call off nation-wide strike

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE/PTI ■ NEW DELHI/KOLKATA

Defence production at the ordnance factories was affected with the 82,000-strong work force going on a strike from August 20 to protest the Centre's plan to corporatise the Ordnance Factory Board

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

that no final decision has been taken by the government to corporatise the ordnance factories and also the assurance that all the concerns expressed by the federations will be considered by a high level committee."

The joint statement said the decision was taken following a meeting between the Secretary, Defence Production, with the federations. It said a decision has been taken at the meeting that a high level committee will be constituted by the government to discuss the issues raised by the federations.

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

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

such plans.

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

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

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

RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PM Modi launches RuPay card in UAE



Prime Minister Narendra Modi walks with Khaldoon Khalifa al-Mubarak, chairman of the Abu Dhabi Executive Affairs Authority, after arriving in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates on Friday

PTI ■ ABU DHABI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday launched the RuPay card here, making the UAE the first country in the Middle East to launch the Indian indigenous system of electronic payment. RuPay card scheme was launched in 2012 to fulfil the Reserve Bank of India's vision to have a domestic, open and multilateral system of payments. RuPay facilitates electronic payment at all Indian banks and financial institutions. India has already launched the RuPay card in Singapore and Bhutan. "Bringing economies of India & UAE together

@RuPay_npc card was officially launched in UAE in presence of PM @narendramodi. UAE is the first country in the Gulf where Indian RuPay card has been launched. Many business groups from the UAE have pledged to accept RuPay payment," Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Raveesh Kumar tweeted. Earlier this week, Navdeep Singh Suri, the Indian Ambassador to the UAE, said, "The UAE is the largest and most vibrant business hub in the region. It hosts the largest Indian community, receives the largest number of Indian tourists and has the largest trade with India. By becoming the first country in the region to introduce the RuPay card, we

expect that each of these elements of tourism, trade and the Indian diaspora will benefit." The India-UAE bilateral trade touched almost USD 60 billion in 2018 with a fairly balanced profile of about USD 30 billion of exports and USD 30 billion of imports. There has also been a sizeable inflow of investment from India to the UAE in free zones like Jebel Ali in Dubai, Hamriyah free in Sharjah and Ras Al Khaimah and also in sectors ranging from manufacturing and real estate to trade and services. Modi reached UAE capital Abu Dhabi from Paris on Friday on the second leg of his three-nation tour to France, UAE and Bahrain.

Over 100 investors consultations on proposed RCEP: Comm Ministry

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Commerce Ministry on Saturday said over 100 stakeholder consultations have been held on the mega free trade agreement RCEP in the last 6 years. Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) is a proposed free trade agreement being negotiated by 16 countries. The members include ten member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) - Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam - and China, Japan, India, South

Korea, Australia and New Zealand. "More than 100 stakeholders' consultations have been held by the Department of Commerce and other lead ministries and departments seeking industry inputs for formulating India's interests, covering a wide spectrum of the economy including agri, chemicals, petrochemicals, pharma, plastics, textiles, metals, auto and machinery," it said in a statement. The Department of Commerce also received industry feedback in the area of rules of origin, Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) and Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT), antidumping, countervailing duties, safeguards mea-

asures and Intellectual Property Rights as well, it said. Further, several industry consultations were also organised by Ficci, PHD Chamber of Commerce and CII. Recognising the importance of states, the commerce secretary have led delegations to various states and held regular engagements with Chief Secretaries and officials on the various aspects of RCEP to make them aware of the developments. In the various working groups/ sub-working groups, senior representatives of other departments have been leading the negotiations such as Revenue, Central Board for Indirect Taxes and Customs, Economic Affairs, Ministry of

Electronics and Information Technology, Financial Services, and Telecommunication. RCEP negotiations began in November 2012, in Cambodia. The meetings are held at various levels - Prime Minister of India participates in the RCEP Summits, while Commerce and Industry Minister leads the Indian delegation at the RCEP Ministerial Meetings, it said. Besides, the commerce ministry has entrusted three autonomous think tanks - Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), IIM Bangalore and Centre for Regional Trade (CRT), New Delhi for making independent studies on RCEP with exhaus-

tive consultations with stakeholders across the country. In 2017, prospective RCEP member states accounted for a population of 3.4 billion with a Gross Domestic Product (at PPP) of USD 49.5 trillion, about 39 per cent of the world's GDP, with the combined GDPs of India and China making up more than half that amount, it added. "RCEP is the world's largest economic bloc, covering nearly half of the global economy and is estimated that by 2050 the GDP of RCEP member states is likely to amount to nearly USD 250 trillion with the combined GDPs of India and China making up more than 75 per cent of the amount," it said.

Unlocking entrepreneurial energy for growth: RBI Guv

PTI ■ SINGAPORE

The RBI will continue to unlock entrepreneurial energies and set the country firmly on track to become \$5 trillion economy in the next five years, Governor Shaktikanta Das said here on Friday. The RBI chief said the slight slowdown in the last quarter was a temporary one and the economy is likely to end the fiscal with higher growth rate of close to 7 per cent. "The policy focus will continue to be on unlocking...Entrepreneurial energies and set India firmly on the trajectory towards its aspirations of becoming a USD 5 trillion economy within the next five years," he said at a dialogue with Indian business community. As the financial sector repairs and emerge out of the

leaders of financial sector and global financial companies. In India, the household savings are the principle livable resources in the economy, said Das, pointing out that of the total household savings of 17.2 per cent of GDP in 2017-18, only 6.6 per cent were in the form of net financial savings. "Greater financializing of the savings can increase the pool of domestic resources and it can substantially ease financial pressure on the balance of payment of the country," he said. The financial system, comprising institutions and markets, has a key role in bringing these resources towards the productive sector, he pointed out. Elaborating on the RBI's 35 bps repo rate cut on August 7, he said the banks have reduced lending rates for new loans by about 29 bps as a follow up since then.

speedy revival of demand in the economy assumes vital importance in order to reinvigorate, he told over 200 business executives from leading corporations. "Stimulating demand is currently the overriding priority of both the Government and RBI (Reserve Bank of India). "Some structural reforms are also required, and I am happy to note that some structural reforms are on the anvil," Das said. He noted that with the budget for the remaining part of the fiscal announced, government spending would see a boost, which will have salutary impact on the economy. Das was on a two-day visit to Singapore during which he met Deputy Prime Minister Heng Swee Keat, and his counterpart Monetary Authority of Singapore Managing Director Ravi Menon. He also met top

No enhanced surcharge on FPIs for capital gains in equities, derivatives: Govt

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government on Saturday clarified that enhanced surcharge has been withdrawn for foreign portfolio investors on capital gains in both the equity and derivatives segments. The Centre on Friday had announced a slew of measures to boost the economy, including rollback of enhanced surcharge tax on foreign and domestic equity investors imposed in the Budget. The derivatives (futures and options) are not treated as capital asset and the income arising from the transfer of the derivatives is treated as business income and liable for normal rate of tax for domestic investors, an official statement said on Saturday, clarifying the stand of tax authorities on gains made from derivatives trading. However, in the case of foreign portfolio investors (FPIs), derivatives are treated as capital assets and the gains arising from the transfer of the same is treated as capital gains and subjected to a special rate of tax as per the provisions of the Income Tax Act. "Therefore, it is also decided that the tax payable on gains arising from the transfer

of derivatives (Future & options) by FPI which are liable to special rate of tax under section 115AD of the (Income Tax) Act shall also be exempted from the levy of the enhanced surcharge," it said. However, the tax payable at normal rate on business income arising from the transfer of derivatives to a person other than FPI shall be liable for the enhanced surcharge, it added. In the 2019-20 Budget, the government had increased surcharge from 15 per cent to 25 per cent on taxable income between ₹2 crore and ₹5 crore, and from 15 per cent to 37 per cent for income above ₹5 crore. Following the increase in surcharge, the effective income tax rate for individuals with taxable income of Rs 2-5 crore has gone up to 39 per cent from 35.88 per cent and for those above Rs 5 crore to 42.7 per cent. The Government on Friday had announced a raft of measures to revive growth momentum, including exemption of startups from 'angel tax', a package to address distress in the auto sector and upfront infusion of ₹70,000 crore to public sector banks.

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY



General Public is hereby informed that one male **Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, Address: Unknown** was found unconscious in front of main gate of Acharya Bhikshu Hospital, Moti Nagar, in the area of P. S. Moti Nagar, Delhi on 22.08.2019, Delhi, during treatment doctors declared him dead and his body is preserved in Din Dayal Hospital, Hari Nagar mortuary. In this regard a case has been lodged vide **DD No. 56-A, dated 22.08.2019** at P. S. Moti Nagar, Delhi. The description of the dead male is as under:- **Age: 35 years, Sex: Male, Height: 5'8", Hair: Black, Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: Blue Colour T-Shirt, Black colour lower and bare footed.** If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned. **SHO**

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Naresh Goyal created tax evading schemes: ED

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate on Saturday alleged Jet Airways founder Naresh Goyal "structured" a number of tax evading schemes and siphoned off huge funds in foreign jurisdictions. The federal probe agency had carried out searches on Friday at a dozen locations of Goyal, his firms and partner agencies in Mumbai and Delhi on charges of alleged contravention of the foreign exchange law.

"The search resulted in the seizure of various incriminating documents and digital evidences. Further investigation and analysis of the seized documents is going on," the agency said in a statement. It said preliminary probe "indicates that Goyal structured various tax evading schemes involving its domestic and foreign companies, thereby siphoning off huge amount in foreign jurisdictions through dubious or fictitious transactions". The ED said Goyal "indirectly" controls various entities

abroad, some of which are in tax haven nations. "Fictitious and inflated payments appear to have been made to some of these foreign entities under various airline lease agreements, aircraft maintenance agreements, among others." "Huge amounts appear to have been sent abroad by way of inflated commission to its own group entity in Dubai which acted as airline's exclusive overseas general sales agent (GSA)," the ED alleged. The agency said probe indi-

cates that Goyal is "likely to be" the beneficial owner of some bank accounts abroad having huge deposits. "Prima facie these transactions involve various violations under the Foreign Exchange Management Act," it said.

Metro Railway, Kolkata

COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT OF MULTI SECTION DIGITAL AXLE COUNTER
Dy. CSTE/M, Metro Railway, Kolkata for & on behalf of the President of India invites e-Tender against Open Tender due to open on **27.09.2019** at **15.30 hrs.** Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **Name of Work :** Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract of Elydne supplied Thales make Multi Section Digital Axle Counter (MSDAC) installed at stations of Metro Railway, Kolkata by OEM/Authorized dealers for 3 years. **Tender value:** ₹ 2,03,30,436/-. **Earnest Money:** ₹ 2,51,700/-. **Cost of Tender Document:** ₹ 10,000/-. **Completion Period :** 36 (Thirty six) months. The Tender can be viewed at website <https://www.ireps.gov.in> The tenderer/bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate & must be registered on IREPS Portal. Only registered tenderer/bidders can participate on e-Tendering. All relevant paper must be uploaded at the time of participating in e-Tender. **Tender Notice No.:** S&T/Work_20-2019 **Dated:** 22.08.2019
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Abolish income tax, hike FD interest, cut it on loans: Swamy

PTI ■ CHANDIGARH

J.P. MP Subramanian Swamy on Saturday batted for abolishing income tax, hiking interest rate on fixed deposits and lowering it on loans to spur economic growth. "The main thing is that the income tax should be abolished. The rate on fixed deposits should be increased to nine per cent and the rate of interest on borrowings should be brought down to nine per cent as well. If these three steps are taken, things will improve," said Swamy, talking to reporters here. He said he is also coming up next month with a book, suggesting steps to spur economic growth. "A lot needs to be done for the economy. My book is coming out on September 5, in which I have explained what needs to be done," he added. Swamy made the remarks when asked if the steps taken by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman would revive the growth. In a bid to boost economy on a five-year low, the Centre on Friday announced a slew of measures, including the rollback of surcharge on foreign and domestic equity investors, a promise to review the super rich tax on high networth individuals, exempting startups from 'angel tax', a package to address distress in the auto sector and upfront infusion of ₹70,000 crore to public sector banks. To bolster consumption, the government has also persuaded banks to cut interest rates, a move that would lead to lower EMIs for home, auto and other loans.

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The borrowers / co-borrower, having failed and neglected to repay the amount as claimed in the said demand notices, notice is hereby given to the borrowers / co-borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Rules. The details including date of symbolic possession of the properties are as mentioned below:-

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12204 Amritsar Jn. - Saharsa Jn. Garib Rath	Moradabad - Chandausi Jn. - Bareilly Cantt. - Shahjehanpur	28.08.2019

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13151 Kolkata - Jammu Tawi Express	will be regulated by 30 minutes en-route on 27.08.2019
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TROPICAL STORM TRAPS 18 IN TAIWAN

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

12 DEAD IN NIGER BOKO HARAM VILLAGE ATTACK

Niamey: A night raid blamed on Boko Haram has left a dozen villagers dead in southeastern Niger on the frontier with Nigeria, a local official said on Saturday.

UK 'DISAPPOINTED' BY N KOREA MISSILE LAUNCH

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

US, SE ASIA TO HOLD JOINT MARITIME DRILL

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

Bolsonaro sends army to fight Amazon fires

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

AP ■ PORT VELHO (BRAZIL)

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

As the president spoke, thousands of Brazilians

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

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

many already deforested areas that had been burned.

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

part of a land-clearing policy.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Macron, Trump break ice with surprise pre-G7 lunch

AFP ■ BIARRITZ (FRANCE)

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

The two leaders sat on a terrace at the ornate Hotel du Palais in the Atlantic resort of Biarritz, the G7 venue, just a day after Trump reiterated his threat of tariffs against French wine in retaliation for a new tax on major US tech companies. The surprise lunch appeared to be an attempt by Macron to get the summit off on a good footing after a tense build-up in which Trump and EU leaders traded threats of trade war.

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

He said that they would be discussing a raft of pressing international issues, including the standoff with Iran over its alleged nuclear weapon ambitions, and stressed that "strong



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

coordination" was needed.

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

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

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

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

"So far so good. The weather is perfect. Everybody's getting along. I think we will accomplish a lot this weekend," he said.

Boris, EU chief in Brexit blame game

AFP ■ BIARRITZ (FRANCE)

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said on Saturday that the European Union needed to drop its insistence on the so-called Irish backstop to avoid a "no deal" Brexit.

"I don't want a 'no deal' Brexit. I say to our friends in the EU, if they don't want a 'no deal' Brexit then we have got to get rid of the backstop from the treaty," Johnson told reporters on the way to the G7 summit in Biarritz, southwest France.

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

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

During a press conference in Biarritz, Tusk had warned: "One thing I will not cooperate on is a 'no deal,' and I still hope that Prime Minister Johnson will not like to go down in history as Mr No Deal."



"We are willing to listen to ideas that are operational, realistic and acceptable to all member states, including Ireland. If and when the UK government is ready to put them on the table," he added.

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

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

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

AP ■ HONG KONG

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

Hundreds of black-clad protesters armed with bamboo poles and baseball bats fought with police officers wielding batons on a main road following a march against "smart lampposts" that was sparked by surveillance fears.

The chaotic scenes unfolded outside a police station and a nearby shopping mall as officers in riot gear faced off with protesters who set up makeshift street barricades.

The violence interrupted nearly two weeks of calm in Hong Kong, which has been gripped by a turbulent pro-democracy movement since June.

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



Clouds of smoke rise from tear gas canisters as police and demonstrators clash during a protest in Hong Kong on Saturday

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

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

The protest march started peacefully as supporters took to the streets to demand the removal of the lampposts over worries that they could contain high-tech cameras and facial recognition software used for

surveillance by Chinese authorities.

They chanted slogans calling for the government to answer the movement's demands.

The protests began in June with calls to drop a now-suspended extradition Bill that would have allowed Hong Kong residents to be sent to China to stand trial, then widened to include free elections for the city's top leader and an independent inquiry into alleged police brutality.

Pak Foreign Minister Qureshi dials UN chief over Kashmir

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

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

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

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

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

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

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

US, Taliban resume push for peace at Doha talks: US source

Doha: The US and the Taliban met in Doha on Saturday, an American source close to the negotiations said, resuming potentially decisive talks to allow Washington to draw down militarily in Afghanistan.

"Talks resumed this afternoon," the US source said.

The second day of the two sides' ninth round of dialogue had been due to begin Friday but "both sides decided to postpone it until Saturday," the Taliban's Doha spokesman Suhail Shaheen said, citing "other engagements".

"We have made progress and are now discussing the implementation mechanism

and some technical points," he told AFP on Saturday, referring to discussions that took place on Thursday.

"The agreement will be completed after we agree on these points," he said.

Any deal would be announced before the media as well as representatives from neighbouring countries and China, Russia, and the United Nations, he added. The US, which invaded Afghanistan and toppled the Taliban from power in 2001, wants to withdraw thousands of troops but only in return for the insurgent group renouncing Al-Qaeda and curbing attacks. AFP

Blast in Iraq near mosque kills three, wounds dozens

AP ■ BAGHDAD

A motorcycle rigged with explosives went off near a Shiite mosque south of the capital Baghdad, killing three people and wounding 34, Iraqi security officials said Saturday.

The officials said the blast happened the previous evening on a commercial street in the village of Mussayyib.

They spoke on condition of anonymity in line with regulations. The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attack, saying it targeted "gatherings of Shiites" near a Shiite mosque.



Iraq declared victory against IS in late 2017, but the group continues to carry out attacks through sleeper cells, particularly in the country's north. Iraq's military announced it started a new operation early Saturday targeting IS hideouts and sleeper cells in western Anbar province.

The military said the operation aims to "search and clear" wide desert areas in the province that borders Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Syria.

B'desh Police shoot dead two Rohingyas in refugee camp

AFP ■ TEKNAF (BANGLADESH)

Bangladesh police said they shot dead two Rohingya refugees during a gunfight in a refugee camp on Saturday after the pair were accused of killing a ruling party official.

Nearly a million Rohingya live in squalid camps in south-east Bangladesh, 740,000 of whom fled a 2017 military offensive against the Muslim minority in Myanmar.

Rights activists, who asked not to be named, said they believe the two Rohingya men were killed by police in what appeared to be a staged encounter.

The incident comes two days after a second failed attempt to repatriate the refugees, which saw a single Rohingya turn up to return across the border to conflict-scarred Rakhine state.

"Both men died as they were rushed to a hospital," local police inspector Rasel Ahmad told AFP, adding that the incident took place in Jadimura refugee camp in Cox's Bazar district.

Ahmad said the two Rohingya were shot and critically injured during a manhunt for suspects after a youth wing official of the ruling Awami League party was killed, allegedly by armed refugees.

Awami League official Omar Faruk was shot in the head on Thursday, at a settle-

ment near the border town of Teknaf, Ahmad said.

His murder had sparked anger among the local population, with hundreds of furious people blocking a key highway leading to the camps for hours, burning tyres and vandalising shops visited by refugees.

Ahmad said the two men killed on Saturday had been identified as key suspects in Faruk's killing and added that they had been shot while the officers were ambushed by the suspected criminals.

"It was wrong of the refugees to agitate the locals. We want justice in the quickest possible time," said Abdul Matin, a friend of the deceased politician.

Refugees said the recent bloodshed has created an atmosphere of fear in the camps, where security has been tightened.

The killings came as the Rohingya are set to commemorate the second anniversary of their mass influx into Bangladesh from Rakhine after the brutal military campaign.

UN investigators have said the 2017 violence warrants the prosecution of top Myanmar generals for "genocide".

On Thursday Bangladesh's second attempt to start repatriation of Rohingya back to Myanmar faltered after the refugees said they won't return unless their security is ensured and they were granted citizenship in their homeland.

Docking aborted for Russia's first humanoid robot in space

AFP ■ MOSCOW

An unmanned spacecraft carrying Russia's first humanoid robot to be sent into orbit failed to dock automatically at the International Space Station on Saturday, in a new setback for Moscow.

"Russian cosmonauts issued a command to abort the automated approach of an uncrewed Russian Soyuz spacecraft to the International Space Station," the US space agency NASA said in a statement.

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



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

Moscow news agencies

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

The docking had been scheduled for 0530 GMT but a live broadcast of the event on

the website of the Russian space agency Roscosmos was interrupted when the Soyuz approached to about 100 metres (100 yards) off the ISS.

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

"Russian flight controllers have indicated the next earliest docking attempt could be Monday morning," TASS news agency quoted the head of the Russian side of ISS, Vladimir Soloviov saying "telemetry analysis showed there were failings with radio equipment" on the station.

"It can be corrected," he said, adding that part of the

Third-time lucky?

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

PTI ■ BASEL

PV Sindhu stood one win away from an elusive World Championships Gold after entering a third successive final but B Sai Praneeth settled for Bronze following his defeat to Kento Momota here on Saturday. Sindhu, who had claimed successive Silver in the last two editions of the prestigious tournament beside two Bronze, was a picture of perfection as she outclassed World No 3 and All England Champion Chen Yu Fei of China 21-7, 21-14 in a 40-minute semifinal.

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

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

Overall, Sindhu enjoys a slender 8-7 advantage against Okuhara in 15 career meetings. The Indian will fancy her chances of a win, having beaten the Japanese on her way to the Indonesia Open final last month. "I was well prepared and from the start I was in the lead and then finished it off," Sindhu said.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SINGLES

MALINGA TO LEAD IN NZ T20S

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

NAIR MISSES TON BY RUN

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

LILLE CONFIRM SANCHES TRANSFER

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

GOKULAM KERALA LIFT DURAND CUP

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



Tom Latham, left, celebrates after scoring 100

Latham ton drives NZ reply

AFP ■ COLOMBO

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Tom is getting better and better every season. He had a great summer back home," New Zealand paceman Tim Southee, who claimed four wickets in the Sri Lankan innings, told reporters. "Great to see him kick on and continue that form overseas especially to come here and play the way he has played on conditions that are tough."

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

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

PTI ■ NORTH SOUND

India maintain their stranglehold over the West Indies with a healthy 75-run first innings lead, which swelled to 89 by lunch time on the third day of the opening cricket Test here on Saturday.

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

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

For West Indies, Roston Chase top-scored with 48, while skipper Jason Holder played a fighting 39-run knock as the hosts failed to build up partnerships.

At the opening break of the third day, India were 14 for no loss in their second innings with Mayank Agarwal batting on 8 and K L Rahul on 6.

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

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

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

Cummins' determination to stay at the crease and give his skipper

India fold WI for 222



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

FASTEST INDIAN TO 50 TEST WICKETS

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

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

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

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

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

TRY CROSS-SEAM

Ishant Sharma's late burst broke the back of West Indies batting and the senior India pacer attributed the good show to pace bowling partner Jasprit Bumrah's advice of trying cross-seam stuff.

Ishant took three wickets from

his final three overs to complete his ninth five-wicket haul in Tests on Friday.

"There was rain and after that the ball became wet and there was nothing happening (with the ball). So, we thought we can bowl with a cross seam. There was bounce. Actually Bumrah told me that we can try cross seam since there is nothing happening," Ishant, who returned with figures of 5/42, said.

"The attempt was, if you bowl out the opposition as soon as possible, it is good for your team. We tried that we were able to do that," he told fielding coach R Sridhar who interviewed him for bcci.Tv.

It was a special day for the lanky Ishant, who struck 19 runs and shared a crucial 60 runs with Ravindra Jadeja (58) for the eighth wicket stand during India's innings earlier in the day.

"To be honest, when I was out during our innings, I was not feeling good at all. The more I scored

Black armband in Jaitley's memory

PTI ■ NORTH SOUND

The Indian cricket team wore black armbands as a mark of respect for former union minister and veteran cricket administrator Arun Jaitley, who passed away on Saturday after prolonged illness.

Jaitley was one of the towering figures in Indian cricket administration.

A former president of Delhi & Districts Cricket Association, Jaitley was one of the most influential figures in the Indian Cricket Board, whose advice was sought for any decision on policy matters.

It was during his time as the Delhi and District Cricket Association (DDCA) president that the state team saw the emergence of stalwarts like Virender Sehwag, Gautam Gambhir and in later years Ishant Sharma, Virat Kohli and Shikhar Dhawan.

runs with Jaddu (Jadeja), the better it would be for the team. From 25 to 3, the kind of comeback we had, I wanted to have a long partnership with Jadeja," said the 30-year-old pacer who is playing in his 91st Test.

His five victims included two brilliant caught and bowled efforts, including the fourth scalp of Shimron Hetmyer in the penultimate over of the day.

Root, Denly come to Eng rescue

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

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

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

Root, in on a pair, was 41 not out

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

nership with Denly.

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

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

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

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

Labuschagne joins elite club

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

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

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

an opposing team in one innings.

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

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

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

the pioneer agenda

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



FROM THE INSIDE

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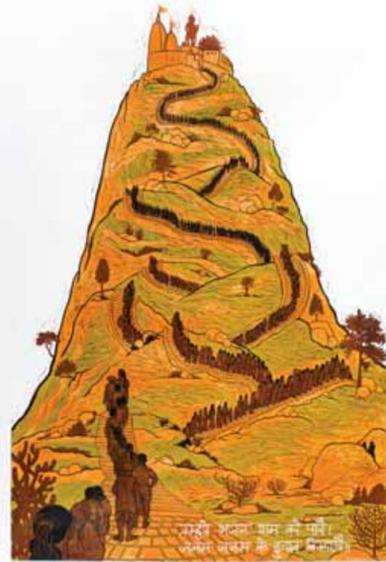


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Be practical to succeed
Instead of trying to find out the reasons underlying your ordeal, better work upon your fault lines



Suman Chandra; Art Alive Gallery



Champa Mohan; Blueprint12; DCAW



Ayesha Singh; Shrine Empire

WHAT IS CONTEMPORARY?

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

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

THE NARRATIVE

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

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

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

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

MAPPING THE MARKET

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

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

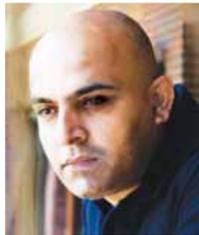
Blueprint 12 has collaborated with Vadehra Art Gallery to open a solo show with Youdhishthir Maharjan and Kingsley Gunatillake last Thursday. The gallery is also a part of a larger collective, titled Delhi Contemporary Art Week (DCAW) featuring seven galleries, the other six being Gallery Espace, Exhibit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

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

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

PROMISING YOUNG TALENT

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



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

practice further," she says.

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

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

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

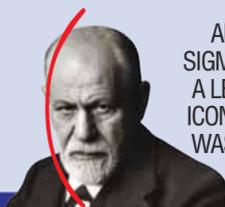
Anand is particularly impressed with the works coming from Suman Chandra. "What I really like about Suman's work is that he is not bound by media. He is as comfortable with canvas as he is with carving out a stone sculpture. Also the kind of research he has put in is impressive. In the last four years,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

FUTURE IS BRIGHT

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

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

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



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

A FINE BALANCE BETWEEN FACT AND FICTION

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

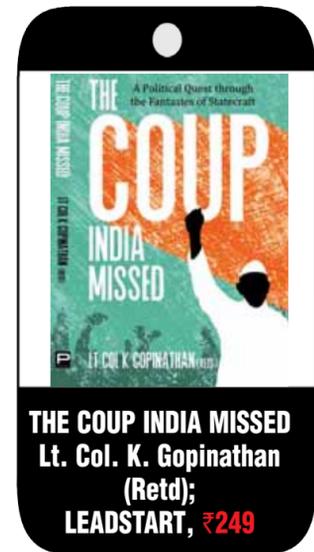
Unrelenting, Murthy looks out for a subterfuge to permanently silence his opponents so that he can concentrate on development of the country. His opportunity comes through a massive bomb blast in a shopping mall at Vijayawada

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

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

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

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



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

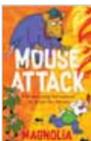
Exploiting the Baloch, Muhajir, and Pashtun unrest to create refugee crises and attract international attention is a reinvent of the Bangladesh saga. The military operations have been lucidly described. Keeping the United States, Russia and China in good humour, merges well with the plot.

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

The views expressed are the reviewer's own

NEW ARRIVALS

MOUSE ATTACK: THE AMAZING ADVENTURES OF ARVEE THE MOUSE
Magnolia
Hachette, ₹227



Arvee, a clever and scholarly mouse, is horrified to find that he must leave his laboratory to live as a house pet. His new home, Paradise Villa, is charming and comfortable but boring. And lonely. That changes when Arvee meets bright, feisty Ellie and her family of house mice. They tell him about Pasha, a fearsome rat who, along with his thugs, has taken over Paradise Villa, harassing and enslaving the mice. A small, brave band of rebels is ready to fight back. But how? Arvee brings his thinking skills to the struggle, pulling in the help of other house creatures. But Pasha has very different plans for him. Will Arvee succeed in helping Ellie and the other mice?

THE ADVENTURES OF SHRILOK HOMELESS
Pika Nani
Penguin, ₹150



No case is bizarre enough for detective Shrilok, a *chaiwala* with a penchant for deduction, disguises and drama, and his partner in crime, Rohan Doctor. Be it a hand turning up in a steel lunchbox, a stolen rose diamond reappearing in a *vada pav*, a self-scandal in Bollywood, the Red Signal League of blind beggars or the dogs of Bhaskarville disappearing into the fog, the duo is sure to nab the suspects. They crack ten thrilling cases, no problem, but will Shrilok be a match for his nemesis, Masterji, in his ultimate encounter?

FLYAWAY BOY
Jane De Suza
Penguin, ₹250



Kabir doesn't fit in. Not in the wintry hill town he lives in, and not in his school, where the lines are always straight. Backed into a corner with no way out, Kabir vanishes. With every adult's nightmare now coming true, finding this flyaway boy will mean understanding who he really is. Or is it too late? Spirited and powerfully imaginative, *Flyaway Boy* is a story about embracing everything that makes you uniquely you.

A LETTER FROM HOME

SANTANU DAS' book *India, Empire and First World War Culture: Writings, Images, and Songs* examines the experiences of people from undivided India — both soldiers and civilians, men and women, sepoys, labourers, lascars, orderlies, doctors, politicians and intellectuals — in the First World War and the way such experiences were represented. An edited excerpt:



Artifacts of Private Jogen Sen, Duplex House and Museum. Personal Photograph

It was on a chance visit one winter afternoon in 2005 to the quaint Duplex House and Museum in Chandernagore — a former French colony by the Hoogly river and 33 kilometers from Kolkata — that I first saw the pair of glasses. They lay in a cabinet ringed with dust in a musty room. At the same time as noticing the glasses, my eyes fell on the label 'blood-stained' next to them, though all I could detect was a smudge on the right lens. Delicate, fragile yet seemingly intact they lay, with their arms gently curving around the photograph of their master wearing them, as if still trying to protect him from the violence. Above the glasses was another label: 'Broken and bloodstained glasses belonging to J. Sen, Private, West Yorkshire Regiment... he was the first Bengalee, a citizen of Chandernagore, to be killed in 1914-1918 War'. Jogen Sen was the only non-white member of the West Yorkshire regiment; he was gunned down on the night of 22 May, 1916.

It was two years later, in 2007, in a tiny room crammed with cabinets in the Humboldt Sound Archive in Berlin that I felt the same shiver down my spine as in Chandernagore. I was listening to a tremulous yet incantatory voice speaking largely in Punjabi:

There was a man who would have butter back in India

He would also have two sers of milk.

He served for the British.

That man joined the European War.

That man was captured by the Germans.

He wants to go back to India.

If he goes back to India then he will get that same food.

That man has spent three years already.

This is the story of Mall Singh, an Indian prisoner of war in the 'Haltmoon Camp' at Wunsdorf outside Berlin. The recording was made on 11 December 1916. He was made to stand in front of a phonograph machine held before him by

his German captors and instructed to speak. Mall Singh's was among the 2677 audio recordings made by the Royal Prussian Phonographic Commission between 29 December 1915 and 19 December 1918, using the First World War Prisoners of War held in Germany. Desolate, homesick and hungry, he distils all the pain and longing into the images of *makhan* (butter) and the two *sers* [a form of measurement] of milk: home is remembered as taste.

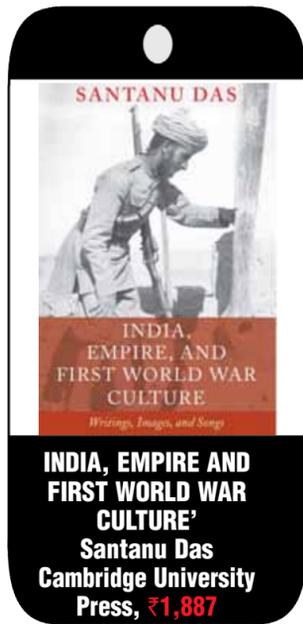
Mall Singh served on the Western Front. However, for me, his story resonates not with the homesick letters of his sepoy-brothers but with a letter written in Gurmukhi by a young girl called Kishan Devi from Punjab to her father Havildar Sewa Singh, of the 23rd Sikh Pioneers, serving in Egypt:

Dear Father, best wishes to you. Here all is well. With god's grace, your letter has arrived. We came to know about your situation. With the sight of your letter, I felt

at peace. Mother says that you can write your inner thoughts to us. Father, all your letters will be read by me... I am like a living dead without you... Dear father please take leave and come to meet us. Please do come. We repeat again and again.

A daughter's heart-breaking appeal, like the desolate voice of Mall Singh, 'repeats again and again' in the chamber of First World War memories, seeking to find an answer.

These moments have stayed with me and have shaped the book. Why do they matter so much? Jogen Sen's glasses, Mall Singh's voice and Kisan Devi's letter are not just tantalising sources but open up new ways of 'reading' — and writing — life in times of war; they force us to the weave together a narrative of fugitive fragments, the flotsam, jetsam and lagan of life wrecked by war. In a context where most of the colonial soldiers were non-literate, it is necessary, I argue, to go beyond only the textual to these material, visual and oral



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sources to recreate the texture of the past. *India, Empire and First World War Culture: Writings, Images, and Songs* examines the experiences of people from undivided India — both soldiers and civilians, men and women, sepoys, labourers, lascars, orderlies, doctors, politicians and intellectuals — in the First World War and the way such experiences were represented. Between August 1914 and December 1919, India recruited one and half million men, including both combatants and non-combatants; of them, over a million served overseas, in places as diverse as Mesopotamia, France and Belgium, East Africa, Gallipoli, Egypt and Sinai, Salonika, Aden, East and West Persia, Tsingtao and Trans-Caspia. 'The state of things is indescribable. There is conflagration all around, and you must imagine it to be like a dry forest in a high wind in the hot weather, with abundance of dry grass and straw. No one can extinguish it but God himself — man can do nothing. What more can I write?' observed Sohan Singh, a sowar in the 9th Hodson's Horse, on 10 July 1915, as he lay convalescing at the Kitchener Indian Hospital at Brighton. Excerpted with permission from *India, Empire, and First World War Culture: Writings, Images, and Songs*, by Santanu Das, published by Cambridge University Press, ₹1,887

US-China trade war: Beyond narrative

There is no agreement on an enforceable deal. While China wants the Trump Administration must lift punitive tariffs on Chinese products soon after they ink an agreement, the US desires to keep Beijing on a short leash



KRITHIKA SUBRAMANIAN

The US-China trade war that has grabbed the headlines for over a year now is set to escalate as US President Donald Trump on Friday retaliated to Beijing's announcement of new tariffs on American goods. Trump announced raising of tariffs on Chinese goods and ordered American companies to shift their business from China. Trump's announcement came a day after China's Ministry of Commerce spokesman Gao Feng, while reiterating Chinese threat of "corresponding countermeasures", on August 22 said, "We hope the United States and China can meet each other halfway and find a solution."

On August 23, hours after Beijing said it would hike tariffs on \$75 billion in US imports, Trump retorted by announcing hike in tariff on \$300 billion Chinese goods from 10 per cent to 15 per cent. The Office of the US Trade Representative said existing tariffs on another \$250 billion in Chinese imports would go from 25 per cent to 30 per cent on October 1 after receiving feedback from the public, according to a report by AP. "I have no choice. We're not going to lose close to a trillion dollars a year to China... Tariffs are working out very well for us. People don't understand that yet," Trump said.

Beijing has accused the Trump Administration of bullying tactics and economic intimidation. In fact, Trump's one of the first orders as the US President was to launch a full-scale investigation into Chinese



trade policies, China believes. Trump accused China of manipulating their currency and indulging in unfair trade practices. The bitter charge ensued into slapping of tariffs on Chinese goods entering America, and the resultant retaliation by China.

Till now twelve rounds of talks between the US and China have failed over how to enforce a deal. The next negotiation is scheduled for September in Washington, after the last round of talks in Shanghai in July ended in

deadlock.

Although in a lopsided trade balance, China doesn't have much to retaliate in the form of tariffs. Beijing has tried to exert pressure on the US by not approving customs clearance for US companies in China.

Defending Beijing's action, the State Council Information Office of the People's Republic of China issued a White Paper — released by the official Xinhua New Agency after the Communist nation declined the US invitation to hold talks

to try to resolve the ongoing trade dispute —outlining the widening gap between China and the United States in light of the ongoing trade war. The paper argued that economic ties have been instrumental in improving the stability, peace and prosperity of both the nations. However, the current trade disruptions, solely initiated by the United States according to the Chinese Government, have a negative impact on the global economic order. It also hinted at the Chinese willingness in resum-

ing trade talks that are mutually beneficial and trustworthy upon the condition that the Chinese principles are not compromised.

The paper pointed out that China was also responsible for the growth in employment, and revenue generation in the United States. By highlighting that the trade war is responsible for having increased production costs, and that domestic price hikes in the United States was leading to a negative impact on the American economy, the Chinese Government

aims to convey that Sino-American trade and economic relations are mutually beneficial rather than being advantageous for America.

Providing a detailed perspective on the global impact of the trade war, the Chinese White Paper highlights instances where the United States back-tracked on its promises, proving to be an unreliable negotiator. It also quashes claims of intellectual property theft and underscores China's efforts at establishing credible communication and mutual benefit. This document serves the domestic purpose of stressing the need to respect "sovereign affairs" as a prerequisite for further talks, and a purpose of communicating the Chinese position internationally.

The White Paper states that the United States has been indulging in protectionist measures since 2017 and has been coercing countries into accepting their demands. With the onset of the trade war, from early 2018, the United States has damaged its reputation, investment and trade. Not only has it been responsible for the drop in Chinese exports to the US, it has also caused a global economic slowdown. The Chinese State Council repeatedly insisted that the tariffs levied on the United States are exclusively a retaliatory measure taken by the Government for protecting the dignity and interests of their people; and that they hope to resolve these issues via dialogue and negotiations. However, if its principles are disrespected, China is

prepared to go to war.

Incidentally, the United States has accused China of changing the text under negotiation after the latest round of dialogue. Chinese response to this allegation was that it was common to make adjustments and new proposals when talks are underway, and that this was not a new practice given that the United States has repeatedly indulged in the same. Since the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949 and the introduction of market reforms in 1979, China's growth has seen an upward trajectory and historical records support their claims. The United States' observation of the country is purely negative, especially in terms of the theft of intellectual property rights (IPR) and technological innovation, leading to a back and forth relationship of levying tariffs and restrictions.

Highlighting the disadvantage the trade restrictions are posing to both the nations and the rest of the world, the People's Republic of China, in the White Paper, has called out the mistake the United States is making by equating the trade deficit with being taken advantage of. Beijing has also accused the United States of having undermined the authority of the multilateral trading institutions by breaching the fundamental World Trade Organization (WTO) rules, which in turn will threaten the global economic growth. According to the US Department of Commerce, in 2018 China was identified as America's largest trading part-

ner and source of imports, third largest export market, and a mutually beneficial ally in developing the spheres of tourism, culture and intellectual property rights.

Underscoring the instances throughout 2018 where the United States back-tracked on their commitments and levied sanctions, China strongly believes that the United States keeps changing its demands and wants more than what it is being offered. Beijing has also accused Washington of having used corruption and intimidation as tools to achieve their goals, which, according to China, will be responsible for the detrimental nature of their relationship. The Chinese Government has suggested that it is essential for both nations to mutually respect institutions and not cross the red line.

It is a well-known fact that China's development is not a smooth process. Having said that, the country has also been perceived to be optimistic and open to learning and has shown willingness in turning risks into opportunities.

In the post-Mao era, it has advocated for dialogue and negotiations as an effective method for solving the challenges at hand.

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PERSPECTIVE

Trump faces limits of go it alone

As Trump has started to realise that the US economy — the sturdy pillar undergirding his bid for a second term in office — is undeniably wobbly, he is shifting his position of hate for multilateralism in the hope to rally global leaders at G7 Summit to do more to promote economic growth

US President Donald Trump heads into a summit with global economic powers confronting the consequences of his preference for going it alone in a polarised nation and an interconnected world. The Group of Seven (G7) nations are gathering in a French beach resort town at one of the most unpredictable moments in Trump's tenure, with his public comments and decision-making increasingly erratic and acerbic of late.

Trump, growing more isolated in Washington over his pugnacious ways, faces an even icier reception on the world stage, where a laundry list of geopolitical challenges awaits. Anxiety is growing over a global slowdown and new points of tension with allies are opening on trade, Iran and Russia.

With fears of a financial downturn spreading, increasing the need for cooperation and collective response, Trump is attending the summit after having ridiculed Germany for its economic travails. But he may well need Angela Merkel and others to help blunt the force of China's newly aggressive tariffs on US goods.

Before leaving Washington on Friday, Trump added fresh fuel to the raging trade war with China by declaring that US businesses with dealings in China are "hereby ordered" to begin moving home. There was no immediate explanation of just what he expected or what authority he had to make it happen. He also slapped higher levels of tariffs on Chinese imports.

"Tariffs are working out

very well for us," Trump told reporters as he departed the White House for France. "People don't understand that yet." The US President earlier on Friday made light of a sharp drop in the financial markets in reaction to his latest trade actions, with a tongue-in-cheek tweet speculating that the Dow's plunge could be tied to the departure of a lower-tier candidate in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

In recent days, Trump has sent mixed signals on a number of policy fronts. At one point, he moved to de-escalate the trade conflict in order to ease the impact on consumers during the holiday shopping season. At another, he flip-flopped on the need for tax cuts to stimulate an economy that Trump publicly insists is rocking.

Feeding Trump's anxiety, aides say, is his realisation that the economy — the one sturdy pillar undergirding his bid for a second term — is undeniably wobbly. Now Trump, who has long eschewed multilateralism, hopes to use his time in Biarritz to rally global leaders around the need to do more to promote economic growth. Before arriving in France, he engineered a late change to the summit agenda, requesting a working session on global economic issues.

For the world leaders, it was the latest example of unpredictability from Trump. After two-and-a-half years of Trump's turbulent presidency, traditional American allies have come to expect the unex-



US President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump board Air Force One at Andrews Air Force Base on Friday to travel to Biarritz, France, for a G-7 Summit AP

pected and increasingly look elsewhere for leadership.

"They have figured out how to deal with this President," said Jon Alterman, a senior vice president at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "I think what we're going to see out of this summit is, on the one hand, an effort by countries and the leaders to align with

the president, but also an understanding that we'll have to do more without the US President."

The annual G-7 summit has historically been used to highlight common ground among the world's leading democracies. But in a bid to work around Trump's impulsiveness, French President Emmanuel Macron has

eschewed plans for a formal joint communique from this gathering.

Last year's summit, hosted by Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, ended in acrimony after Trump thought the Prime Minister had slighted the President after he had departed. Trump then tweeted insults at Trudeau from aboard Air Force One as he flew to a sum-

mit with North Korea's Kim Jong Un and withdrew his signature from the statement of principles that all seven nations had agreed to.

At his first G-7 summit in 2017, Trump's strong feelings against climate change roiled the gathering in Italy.

Trump has made his "America first" priorities clear at every turn. At a recent cam-

aign rally in New Hampshire, the crowd roared with approval when Trump declared, "I'm the President of the United States of America. I'm not the president of the world."

Addressing the global slowdown isn't the only pressing challenge that Trump has discovered requires multilateral action. For more than a year, his administration has struggled with persuading European leaders to repatriate captured fighters from the ISIS. To date his entreaties have been met with deaf ears.

Alterman and Heather Conley, the Europe expert at CSIS, both said Macron appeared to be trying to fill the void left by Trump on the world stage, noting the French leader's recent efforts to try to reduce tensions between the US and Iran.

Many of the summit proceedings will take place behind closed doors, in intimate settings designed for the leaders to develop personal relationships with one another.

Trump, White House aides said, is especially looking forward to his sit-down with new British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, the similarly brash pro-Brexit leader whose election he'd backed. On the margins of the annual gathering, Trump has scheduled individual meetings with several of his counterparts, including Macron, Trudeau, Merkel, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Also on the agenda will be the clashes between police and pro-democracy protesters in

Hong Kong; Iran's renewed nuclear enrichment and interference with shipping in the Strait of Hormuz; and the Islamic State prisoners who are currently imprisoned by American-backed Kurdish forces in Syria.

Increasingly fearful of an economic slowdown's potential to diminish his 2020 electoral chances, Trump was expected to press his fellow leaders about what can be done to spur growth in the US and abroad, as well as to open European, Japanese and Canadian markets to American manufacturers and producers. Trump has imposed or threatened to impose tariffs on all three markets in his pursuit of free, fair and reciprocal trade.

It is unclear what substantive steps could be taken by the leaders to address the global slowdown, and much of that discussion stands to be dominated by disagreements on Trump's trade policies.

While on French soil, Trump also intends to raise with Macron and the other leaders the issue of a digital services tax that France has imposed on major technology companies like Google and Facebook despite Trump's threats to slap back with retaliatory tariffs on French wine.

The Trump Administration says the tax targets and discriminates against US businesses. As he headed for the France, Trump got in a dig at the host nation, saying of the tax, "It's very unfair. And if they do that, we'll be taxing their wine or doing something else." AP



JANE SEYMOUR PLAYS TAROT READER, SOLITAIRE, IN JAMES BOND'S *LIVE AND LET DIE*. THE CARDS USED IN THE FILM WERE DESIGNED BY FERGUS HALL



YOUR WEEK AHEAD

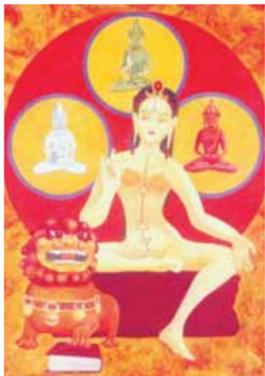
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ARIES March 21-April 19

This week you will be overburdened with work. Share your responsibilities with others to release the burden. A spiritual influence is needed to attain a balance in your life. Your casual attitude towards health may lead to seasonal infections. Be cautious of cold, cough, constipation, and gastric problems. Career-wise, you have been working hard but results are still awaited. You find it difficult to earn appreciation for a job well done because of rivalry and competition. This is the time for perseverance and patience. Recommendation of a senior will come your way. Relations will get back on track and you will feel much better. A news of pregnancy in the family, or child birth will please you. Affairs of the heart will find a new dimension.

Lucky number 11
Lucky colour Pastel Blue
Lucky day Thursday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

This week you will feel elevated both physically and mentally. Your body, mind and soul are in perfect harmony. You will be able to strike a balance between your professional and personal commitments and this would reflect in your work and attitude. Take out time for entertainment to bust stress. Those who have started a new business or joined a job recently, may face some tension. You may look for strategies to make your venture a success. Maintain a healthy communication and ask questions to make sure that you and your co-workers understand each other well. Patience is called for. On the love front, a new relationship is on the cards. This is a positive period for your love life. Pleasure trip to overseas and spending good time together is likely.

Lucky number 20
Lucky colour Golden
Lucky day Sunday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

You need to give a serious thought to your health. You may not be in the best of health this week. Be grateful for what you have. Pushing yourself when you are too tired can cause illness or injury. Slow down and take it easy. Take rest and spend some time alone. Meditation and yoga will work wonders for you. On the career front, your hard work and knowledge will be acknowledged by your seniors. A property or financial dispute may come to an end this week. Good news from overseas is expected. Sincere team work will bring good results. Unfinished projects are likely to get completed this week. Something may be troubling you with regard to your relationship. If you feel that something in your relationship is unhealthy, you are most likely to be proven correct.

Lucky number 8
Lucky colour Camel Brown
Lucky day Friday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

You will be full of energy this week. Overall health remains good. You will have the determination to move forward. Do not force things as it will affect your health. Some of the actions are in our own hands, so give your best and see where it lands. On the career front, you should invest your time in analysing and implementing some tough decisions. Avoid arguments, otherwise you might develop enmity at work place. You are ready to take on any challenge. Creativity will be in abundance. A travel is indicated which will act as a stress buster for you. Relationship-wise, don't play miser in expressing your feelings to someone you love. You need to balance your work with relationship. Married couples should also express their feelings.

Lucky number 1
Lucky colour Indigo
Lucky day Friday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

This week you need to bring balance in life. Your spiritual powers will prove to be a great booster. Take time out for your health. Take your diet, exercise, and relaxation time seriously. It is recommended that you take small breaks amidst busy schedules. This would increase your efficiency and get much better results. On the career front, a good news in is on its way. Those in export-import business will soon strike a big deal. Networking with the people abroad and new association formed in this period will prove fruitful for you. In terms of love, you are ready to start something new, and if you're currently in a committed relationship, you will enjoy a strong bonding this week. Avoid being emotional about things you cannot change.

Lucky number 12
Lucky colour Yellow
Lucky day Wednesday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

Neglecting your health at this point is not advisable. You have to give up all the bad habits and be alert both physically and mentally. Nurture your body, care for it and feed it with healthy food. Avoid junk and oily diet. Such food may cause acidity and inflammation in the body. On the career front, stay focused. Your mind and thoughts should be in harmony. Don't apply too much logic. Be careful of your enemies, rivals, and don't disclose your working plans. Those in teaching, counselling and arts fields need to be a little alert this week. Affairs of the heart are much favoured so no need to go into a shell. There is someone in your life you need to pay attention to. Healthy and happy relations are on the cards.

Lucky number 9
Lucky colour Red
Lucky day Tuesday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

Your determination to stay fit and a balanced approach to life will make you an extra ordinary person. You are likely to get rid of negativity inside you, making you more comfortable and confident. Your presence of mind and wisdom is incomparable. You will feel the physical and mental strength. On the career front, do not challenge your seniors as it will backfire on you. Focus on building a good team. Those in media, finance, and mind work will do better this week. Don't delve on past mistakes, be proactive to get the desired results instead. On the relationship front, you are not getting the positive response from your partner. You may lose your cool at some point. For some of you, beginning of a new relationship is indicated.

Lucky number 16
Lucky colour White
Lucky day Sunday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

Health-wise this week is not a good time for you. You need to take some time off and look after you, both mentally and physically. If you evaluate your attitude in past few days, you will feel the negativity. Be careful while using electrical gadgets, driving or climbing stairs as you are prone to some painful injuries this week. Your career is moving in the right direction, so don't quit your job. If you spot money making opportunity this week, grab it. Your goodwill and reputation will pay you rich dividends. Financial hurdles will get clear soon and you may pursue and execute your projects. It looks like this is an excellent time for affairs of heart. If there is someone you have been admiring from afar, now is the time to confront them. Socialising may activate you and rejuvenate your relations.

Lucky number 7
Lucky colour Brown
Lucky day Thursday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

Focus on your health this week. Make sure to eat healthy and look for ways to improve your wellbeing. Invest your time in exercise and pay attention to nutritional facts to attain good health. Revitalise yourself by taking a break from your hectic schedule. Professionally, this week will bring you good news. Money given might be paid back to you. No matter who you are, you have professional options. Life may change, and sometimes those changes are positive. If you're unhappy in your current work, know that you hold the key to changing it. This is a highly emotional time for those in love or a relationship. Things can quickly become heated and uncomfortable. Pick your battles and be sure to treat your lover like a friend.

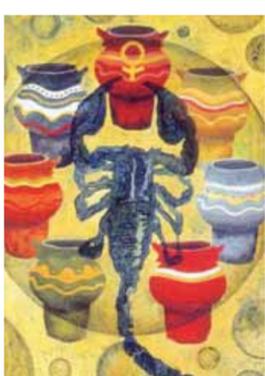
Lucky number 17
Lucky colour Silver
Lucky day Saturday



CANCER June 21-July 22

You will walk the path to good health. Your concern for well-being is paying you rich dividends. This week you will feel very vibrant, energetic and full of life. Your positive mind set will add charm to your personality. On the career front, be cautious in your verbal communication. Avoid being too direct with people, lest you might offend them. You will face all challenges with cool mind. Your logical and reasoning powers will give full benefits this week. Increase in salary, promotion or financial gains in business are on the cards. Investments made this week will pay rich dividends in future. In relationship, warmth, care and concern for each other is likely. This is the time to take your relationship to the next level.

Lucky number 10
Lucky colour Off-white
Lucky day Monday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

A good message related to your health is indicated. Those awaiting test results may relax. You need a small course of medication to recover. Increase the intake of liquids, juices and fibrous food in your diet. On the career front, you will witness high creativity and positivity. You must not impose restrictions on yourself. You have to be careful in your communication. There are chances of getting into arguments and conflicts. Those in travel and tourism will do well. There is good news for those who aspiring for promotion/transfer. On the personal front, there is a need to liberate the mind and reconnect with the heart. For a peaceful mind, you need to start trusting and find a way of freeing yourself from suspicion, mistrust and jealousy.

Lucky number 3
Lucky colour Peach
Lucky day Saturday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

Those awaiting test results will have a reason to celebrate. Consider spirituality as stress buster and a way to lead a healthy life. If there is something that has been bothering you in terms of health and you are unable to find a solution, go for yoga and meditation. You will see your negativity turn into positive vibes. Career-wise, you may be moving to a new position or a new set of responsibilities. Promotion, hike in salary or profit is on the cards. Your ability to accomplish work with ease will be admired. This is the time to finish pending work. In your love life, mild conflicts are indicated. Allow your partner to have his or her space and clear doubts by having healthy discussions. Singles, go out and mingle. Generation gap should be sorted with friendly talks.

Lucky number 13
Lucky colour Rose Gold
Lucky day Tuesday

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Success calls for addressing fault lines

Someone in late fifties going through a very difficult phase in life came with a host of questions: "Sir, I am a highly religious person and dedicate at least two hours every day in service of God. I follow a value system and have not intentionally hurt anybody in so far as I can remember. Yet, I have been put through unforeseen problems of such a dimension that it difficult to bear with. What bad Karma have I done to go through such an ordeal? How is it that my prayers have gone unheard? By what time shall I get relieved?"

At the outset, be assured that your situation may begin to ease out after August and start gaining grounds from November. Thereafter, you are expected to register sustained growth. Now, coming to your question, if you think that there is a God sitting in the heaven who would be selectively listening and responding to your prayers, you are simply mistaken. A divine *shakti* (power) does, however, keep playing within that keeps you alive, which when unavailable, you become a dead matter. But then, any *shakti* is a double-edged weapon, which you could use either ways — positively or negatively. How

intelligently you use that *shakti*, is your call, and which is guided by your individualistic mind traits. Please bear in mind; *puja* may help you in inculcating a value system and becoming a good human being. At the end of the day, however, you are to engage with a living world comprising of an assortment of good and bad people, each born unique, all carrying varied interests. In such a weird world, which remains the natural breeding ground for conflict of interest, it is just not enough to be a good Samaritan. You rather need to smartly conduct yourself without compromising with honesty of purpose.

Coming back to your Karma, you may be by and large aware of how you conducted during this life. But what about the implications of Karmic imprints carried over from the past life, which you are not aware of? If you have been beneficiary of good karma, you can't be spared of the vagaries of bad karma either. They play out concurrently. And the Karma cycle works almost in a self-automated mode, with no scope for any interference from any extra-terrestrial forces that can be appealed to one's asking. Also remember, Karma has



wide connotations. It is not just limited to your intent. It also includes how alert you have been against impending challenges posed by competing and contrarian forces, and how intelligently you attend to them.

You say that you have done no wrong in this life, but that is based on your self-defined standards, which may or may not be true to the callings of ground realities. Now, to figure out how good you have been so far in the game of life, calls for a look within. That may offer you an insight into your fault lines, which, in turn, may help you realise how realistic or delusional has been your approach to life. Perhaps astrological pointers to the basic fabric of your mind's making may help you in this respect.

You are born in Pisces *lagna* having exalted Venus there itself. The *lagna* lord Jupiter, well-fortified in its own sign over the head is full of promises. It also makes you a well-meaning person. The two put together, implies that you are a highly ambitious person expected to do well in life. That, however, will come about if the negative implications of planetary alignments in your chart get addressed. Jupiter ill-disposed off to Mercury, which is conjunct headless

Ketu, accounts for your vacillatory tendencies, insensible reasoning and judgment. Mercury again, placed adverse to Saturn speaks of a fixated one-track mind. If that would not be enough, the Sun locks horns with mischievous Neptune, Moon, and Uranus. That makes you a self-willed person, who, defying conventional wisdom would be tempted to go about with one's own delusory perceptions, often distanced from ground realities. You may not acknowledge truth at its first appearance. Instead, guided by the belief that when God is there with you, he will eventually lead you to success, you continue pursuing your line of thinking till pushed to the wall. And the result is there to see.

So, instead of trying to find out the reasons underlying your ordeal, better work upon your fault lines, develop practical sense, and be geared up to smartly take on the callings of life.

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