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## TN amateur spots Vikram, beats NASA, ISRO

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

### US space agency acknowledges Shanmuga's feat in finding elusive lander of Chandrayaan 2

For both USA space agency NASA and India's ISRO finding Chandrayaan-2's elusive Vikram lander, which had crash-landed on the lunar surface on September 7 minutes before it was expected to soft land on Moon, was an impossible task until Indian amateur space scientist Shanmuga Subramanian located it by sifting the images from the ISRO's Moon orbiting spacecraft.

(LRO), monitoring them on two computers in his "lab". Subramanian, who has also been interested in weather monitoring, said he spent four to six hours a day over the last couple of months closely analysing the images.

"While I was initially not sure where to look, later I found the intended landing site of Vikram Lander and started looking in the adjacent squares for differences," he said.

The data and information he had collected from multiple sources that the crash landing must have happened to the north of the intended landing site came handy for his probe.

This led him to further narrow down the area of search and ultimately pinpoint the spot where the debris from Vikram fell down.

The images were of rough-

ly 1.5 GB size and had a resolution of 1.25 square metre per pixel. There were vertical and horizontal lines with each square marking an area of one square kilometre.

Subramanian zeroed in on the exact spot where the lander ended up after getting out of control and identified the debris of Vikram from the differences in the two pictures provided by the NASA, one before the crash-land and the other after it got disintegrated and fell on the lunar surface.

The images of NASA were taken by its Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO) that flew over the area where Vikram was expected to make its landing. "LRO flew over the area on September 17 and NASA released the images through a blog on September 29," said Subramanian.

The NASA in apprecia-

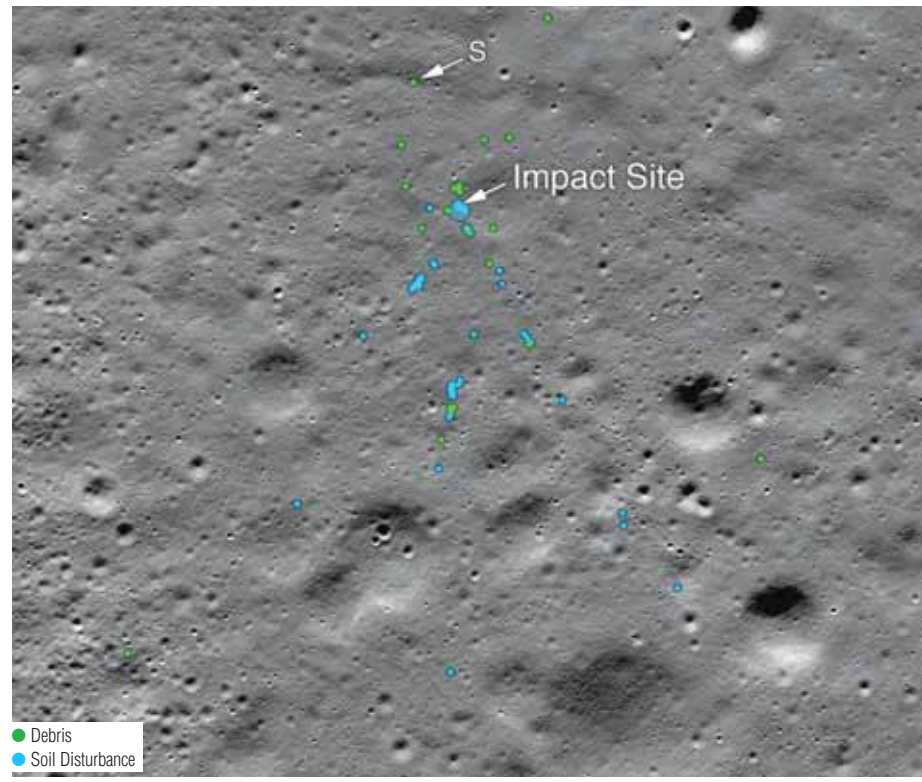
tion of the service rendered by Subramanian tweeted on Tuesday morning about his contribution. "The Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter Camera team released the first mosaic (acquired Sept. 17) of the site on Sept. 26 and many people have downloaded the mosaic to search for signs of Vikram."

"Subramanian contacted the LRO project with a positive identification of debris. After receiving this tip, the LROC team confirmed the identification by comparing before and after images. When the images for the first mosaic were acquired the impact point was poorly illuminated and thus not easily identifiable. Two subsequent image sequences were acquired on October 14 and 15, and November 11. The LROC team scoured the surrounding area in these new mosaics and



Shanmuga Subramanian

found the impact site (70.8810°S, 22.7840°E, 834 m elevation) and associated debris field. The November mosaic had the best pixel scale (0.7 meter) and lighting conditions (72° incidence angle)," the NASA said.



● Debris  
● Soil Disturbance

## Navy chief voices fund crunch

Hope to get money from Govt so that maritime interest is not compromised: Admiral Karambir

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Expressing concern over the shrinking budget of the Navy over the years and its impact on modernisation and acquisitions, Navy chief Admiral Karambir Singh said here on Tuesday the force has approached the Government and "hope to get some money" so that maritime interest of the nation was not compromised.

ing the annual Press conference on the eve of the Navy Day, he said the Navy's budget has come down from 18 per cent of the overall defence allocation in 2012-13 to below 13 per cent in the current fiscal. The capital allocation for the Navy is now ₹23,156.43 crore while the IAF got the highest amount totaling ₹39,302.64 crore followed by the Army ₹29,461.25 crore.

On how the Navy plans to get over the resource crunch given the state of economy,



Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Karambir Singh addresses a Press conference in New Delhi on Tuesday

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Singh said, "Our planning is done keeping our requirements and funds in mind. We will prioritise our requirements."

In August also, Singh had lamented over the reduced allocation and said long-term budgetary support was a must to build naval capacities and capabilities.

Despite resource crunch, the first indigenously designed and manufactured aircraft carrier INS Vikrant (IAC-1), now under construction at Cochin shipyard, will be operational by 2022, Singh said.

He also said as the Navy chief he was convinced that India needed at least three air-

craft carriers with two of them always operational. At present, India has only one such carrier, INS Vikramaditya. While hopeful that INS Vikrant will be operational by 2022, he also advocated for a second indigenously designed and manufactured aircraft carrier.

Singh said they are preparing the case and finalising the requirements after which they would go to the Government for Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) after which design consultancy would be taken up to decide the exact contours. As of now the Navy envisaged the proposed carrier to be 65,000 tonnes with Catapult Assisted

Take Off But Arrested Recovery (CATOBAR) and full electric propulsion.

He also said the Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO) has offered to develop a new twin engine deck based fighter for the Navy based on the experience of the Naval Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) and it should be ready by 2026, he said.

"The Qualitative Requirements (QR) are being made. They said they should be able to push it out by 2026. If it meets our time and QR requirements we will definitely take it," he said.

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## Couple kills children, jumps to death with work partner

STAFF REPORTER ■ GHAZIABAD

Under financial distress, a 45-year-old man, his wife and another woman allegedly jumped to their death from the eighth floor of their building in Indirapuram after the couple killed their teenage son and daughter, police said on Tuesday.

The man identified as businessman Gulshan Vasudeva, his wife Praveen and their manager (work partner) Sanjana jumped to their death in the early hours of Tuesday. "The couple killed their son Hritik (14) and daughter Hritika (17) by injecting them with poisonous substance on Monday night. They also killed their pet rabbit," said Maneesh Mishra, Ghaziabad City Superintendent of Police (SP).

Police said Hritika was pursuing a fashion designing course while Hritik was studying in Class IX. "The incident took place after an altercation between the man, his wife and manager (working partner) over a monetary dispute involving more than ₹2 crore," said the SP.

"During initial investigation, it was revealed that



Sanjana lived with the couple and a possibility of a quarrel over an extramarital affair cannot be ruled out. Though initial probe suggest that Sanjana was second wife of Gulshan but their family members denied it," said a senior police official.

"Police has recovered a suicide note. They also found a few lines written on the walls by the children. The family has held Rakesh Verma, brother-in-law, responsible for the extreme step. The family had also pasted ₹500 notes on the wall and wrote that they all should be cremated together. The room has been sealed for forensic examination. The man, his wife and the other woman were admitted to hospital where they were declared

brought dead," said the SP.

Police said Gulshan faced financial problems as Rakesh, a resident of Shalimar Garden in Sahibabad, had taken ₹2 crore from him to invest in real estate but failed to hand over the property.

Police said whenever Gulshan asked him for the money, he would give cheques to him which would bounce.

Gulshan had also lodged an FIR in 2015 against Rakesh at Sahibabad Police Station after which he along with his mother were jailed, said the SP. "The prime suspect, Rakesh, is absconding. Police teams have been formed to trace the suspect," said the police official.

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## Like-minded ones, not China, invited for Milan in 2020

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Cautious over China's growing military prowess and its Navy making forays into the Indian Ocean, India has not invited its eastern neighbour for a mega international naval exercise "Milan" next year. Navy chief Admiral Karambir Singh said here on Tuesday that only like-minded nations are invited for the event.

The Chinese ship sailed away from the Indian EEZ after the Navy's warning.

Asked if the Chinese ship Shi Yan I was on a spying mission in the Indian Ocean region, Singh said the Chinese ships carry out deep sea mining in certain areas and are also engaged in research and satellite launch operations. "At least seven to eight ships are always present in the Indian Ocean region for anti-piracy operations," he said, while addressing the annual Press conference on the eve of the Navy Day on Wednesday.

Like India, China also is part of the international effort to check sea piracy in the Gulf of Aden.

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## Dhavan: Sacked from Ayodhya case, but Jamiat reason absurd

PTI ■ NEW DELHI/LUCKNOW

Senior advocate Rajeev S Dhavan, who represented Muslim parties in the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid title dispute case, on Tuesday said he has been sacked from further appearance and is no longer involved in the plea for a review of the November 9 Supreme Court verdict.

Dhavan took to Facebook to disclose that he has been removed from participation in the Ayodhya case on the "nonsensical" ground that he is unwell. "Just been sacked from the Babri case by AOR (Advocate on Record) Ejaz Maqbool who was representing the Jamiat. Have sent formal letter accepting the 'sacking' without demur. No longer involved in the review or the case," he wrote.

"I have been informed that Mr Madani has indicated that I was removed from the case because I was unwell. This is total nonsense. He has a right to instruct his lawyer AOR Ejaz Maqbool to sack me which he did on instructions. But the reason being floated is malicious and untrue," Dhavan said on the social networking site. Arshad Madani is president of the Jamiat Ulama-e-Hind.

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## Priyanka's security breach result of mix-up on Rahul's arrival: HM

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Days after Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi suffered a security breach at her Delhi residence, Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday said a high-level enquiry has been ordered into the matter and three security men have already been suspended.

Speaking about the incident during a debate on the Special Protection Group (SPG) Amendment Bill in the Rajya Sabha, Shah said the security breach at Priyanka Gandhi's residence was an "unlikely coincidence" as the personnel there were informed that her brother, Rahul Gandhi, would be visiting in a black "Tata Safari" SUV.

Instead, a few Congress workers from Meerut in Uttar Pradesh came in a similar vehicle and were allowed into the house, he said.

Shah sought to clarify on what the Congress called a massive security breach, when on November 25 a car with a family drove into Priyanka Gandhi's home in Delhi without being stopped.

The Congress walked out of the Rajya Sabha saying it is dissatisfied with the Home Minister's reply on the amendment to the SPG Act. The Bill was passed by the Lok Sabha on November 27.

## Probe ordered into 'unlikely coincidence', 3 posted at house suspended, says Shah



Union Home Minister Amit Shah in the Rajya Sabha during the ongoing Winter Session of Parliament on Tuesday

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According to the Home Minister, Rahul was scheduled to visit his sister Priyanka at the time, and when a black Tata Safari drove in no one stopped it. "The car had Congress worker Sharda Tyagi and three others in it, instead of Rahul Gandhi," Shah said.

"So the car got in without security checks. This kind of coincidence never happens but still we ordered an enquiry and suspended three officers who were on duty. We did not want even a 0.001 per cent chance," said the Home Minister.

Shah said changes in the SPG Act were not meant to target one family. "We are not

## Maha Govt may derail Bullet Train project to shed debt burden

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In line with a similar indication given by Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray two days ago, senior NCP Minister Jayant Patil said here on Tuesday that the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) Government was examining the need to put on hold some mega projects, including the Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet train project, in view of the staggering ₹6.71 lakh crore debt burden on the State exchequer.

Talking to mediapersons ahead of a meeting called by the Chief Minister to review the viability of go-ahead with mega infrastructure projects, Patil, who is tipped to be the Finance Minister in the MVA Government, said, "I have had a cursory look at the State's finances. I see the State Government has debt of ₹4.71 crore. In addition, the State Government has an obligation to clear loans amounting to ₹2 lakh taken by it to execute various infrastructure projects."

"We will have to see as to what will be the viability of various projects taken up by the State Government and what kind of responsibility that the State Government will take to

repay loans taken for the new projects. Later, today, we will be reviewing the whole thing. We would like to ascertain the stages of implementation of various projects, whether investments have been made properly and if loans could be obtained at lower rate of interests," Patil said.

"Some big projects are needed in the larger interests of Maharashtra. On the other hand, we are considering if we can put on hold some projects like Bullet train," Patil said.

Charging that the previous BJP-led Devendra Fadnavis Government did not implement farm loan waiver scheme properly, Patil said, "The farmers across the State are feeling that they were taken for a ride by the previous Government. We in the new Government have gauged the sentiments of the farmers in this regard. We are looking at ways to extensive relief to farmers affected by unseasonal rain and consequent floods in the State. The previous Government had given assurances to the farmers without considering facts and figures. That's why we would like to review everything and take proper measures."

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## CAPSULE

### TWO POONCH CIVILIANS KILLED IN PAK SHELLING

Jammu: Two civilians, a 35-year-old woman and a 16-year-old boy, were killed and nine others injured on Tuesday when the Pakistan Army heavily shelled forward posts and villages along the LoC in J&K's Poonch.

### HAWALA PROBE: I-T DEPT ISSUES NOTICE TO CONG

New Delhi: The I-T Department has issued a notice to the Congress seeking an explanation over the party allegedly receiving funds to the tune of ₹170 crore from a Hyderabad-based firm as part of its tax evasion probe in a ₹3,300-crore hawala racket case.

### KAMALA HARRIS TO END BID FOR US PRESIDENCY

Washington: According to media reports, Democratic Senator Kamala Harris will end her bid to take on Donald Trump in 2020 US presidential race.

## UP Govt's nod for Noida-GreNo metro corridor

PTI ■ LUCKNOW/NOIDA

The Uttar Pradesh Government on Tuesday approved the construction of an extension line of the Noida-Greater Noida Metro at a cost of ₹2,682 crore. The 14.95 km extension link will run between Noida Sector 71 and Greater Noida Knowledge Park-V, connecting the twin cities, officials of the Noida Metro Rail Corporation (NMRC) said.

The decision in this regard was taken at a Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. The project is expected to be completed in the next three years. The new rail will connect the densely populated areas of Gaur City and Noida Extension to the Aqua Line and the adjoining Blue Line metro network, which connects Noida with Delhi.

# 80% calls on women helpline blank

RECEIVED 8,100 CALLS ON HELPLINE NO 1091 UNTIL NOV OF WHICH 1.2% CALLS WERE OF RAPE, SAY G'GRAM POLICE

PARVESH SHARMA ■ GURUGRAM

Most calls to the women helpline number 1091 are from women suffering from domestic violence or facing physical abuses from in-laws, said police on Tuesday.

According to data, the Gurugram Police has received a total of 8,100 calls on the 24-hour women's helpline number until November 2019.

Of these 1,500 calls were related to domestic violence and 100 other calls were related to rape, attempt to rape, molestation, stalking, eve-teasing, kidnapping and 6,500 of the calls were blank calls.

In the previous year a total of 8,490 calls were received on the women helpline number. Of these 1,471 calls were related to domestic violence, 26 of rape, 20 of stalking, 35 of molestation and 6,909 of the calls were blank calls.

Similarly, on an average, the police control room (PCR) received around 1.5 lakh calls per month in which according to the police around 70 per cent calls were fake.

And around 7,000 calls were valuable who are related to the crime category or emergency calls.

The women helplines are manned by well-trained police-women, who handle all calls with great caution and care. But the policewomen agree that while they get varied calls, the number of calls could improve.

"Most women continue to dial 1091 indicating that citizens are aware of the women's helpline number. Sometimes the same victim made a number of calls for the same incident," said a senior police officer.

"If a caller rings up 100 or 1091, he or she will be given the same attention and the police



will take action as soon as possible.

However, if women become more aware that there is a separate helpline for them then maybe they would ring us directly," the officer added.

According to police-women, most calls they receive are from women suffering from domestic violence, dowry or facing abuses from in-laws. When it comes to dowry cases though, the police put the caller in touch with their local police who immediately

inspects the house.

"We first try to talk to the person and calm them down in case they are tense, we also sent nearby PCR vans to the location of the victim for immediate help so that the caller feels safe. We also, share the numbers of any NGOs that they could contact," said one of the policewomen who handle the phones.

The helpline also assists those who are victims of eve-teasing and promptly send the police when a complaint is received.

# Maliwal defies cops, stays put at Jantar Mantar

Continues hunger strike, demands swift punishment

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Demanding Delhi Commission for Women chairperson Swati Maliwal continued her hunger strike at Jantar Mantar on Tuesday night, demanding death penalty for convicts in rape cases within 6 months.

However, the Delhi Police on Tuesday evening requested Maliwal to vacate the Jantar Mantar premises, citing a standing order that prohibits protests at the venue after 5 pm.

Also, Maliwal was joined by several women from across the city in her protest against the gangrape and murder of a 27-year-old veterinarian in Hyderabad and the rape of a six-year-old girl in Rajasthan.

During the day, the women supporting Maliwal in the protest shouted slogans to

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highlight the lack of security women feel in the country. They also raised slogans demanding justice for the Hyderabad veterinarian — "Udane do parindo ko, phansi do darindo ko," "we would not tolerate this anymore," "Nirbhaya hum sharminda hai, tere kaatil zinda hai".

Maliwal during the protest said she has also written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, demanding that rapists be hanged within six months of their conviction.

"My demand to PM is that we want capital punishment for the rapists of minor and major victims. The accused in the Hyderabad case must be hanged. Last year, I sat on protest and within 10 days, the Government made a law that the rapists of minors will get capital punishment within six months, but this did not happen," she said.

"I want the PM to implement the law now. I am

demanding strict and swift punishment," she said, adding that the process to decide on mercy petitions should be time-bound," she said.

The DCW chief said there is a shortage of 66,000 police officers and 45 fast-track courts in the capital Delhi. "We need to enhance the infrastructure for a better implementation of the law."

She claimed she did not receive a single reply from the Prime Minister to the hundreds of letter she wrote to him as the chief of the Delhi Commission for Women.

Hitting hard on Delhi Police, Maliwal said that the Delhi Police denied her permission to hold the protest at Jantar Mantar. However, the police said they have not rejected her demand.

According to a senior police official, a letter was sent to DCW seeking details about the nature of the protest, mode of transport, microphone

arrangements and the number of protesters expected there, with a copy of an undertaking to be filled according to Supreme Court guidelines and still those details are awaited.

Maliwal alleged that the Delhi Police is also not supporting her. "We do not have any tent here and it will be difficult for us to spend the night. They are threatening us that they will throw the protestors out by 5 in the morning," she said.

"I want to tell Delhi police that we are protesting so that your force will get 66,000 new officers. I am not a criminal, I want your (Delhi police) support and I appeal to the courtmen that they should come out in large number and support us," Maliwal added.

Meanwhile the protestors who had come to support Maliwal said that they have come here to support the DCW's chief demand and they will sit beside her until and unless their demand is approved.



Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) chairperson Swati Maliwal sits on indefinite hunger strike against the Hyderabad rape-murder case and growing incidents of crime against women at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi on Tuesday

# Man blocks Rajnath's convoy over name change in Aadhaar card

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A 35-year-old man who suddenly appeared on the scene and lay on the road near Parliament House on Tuesday when Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's convoy was approaching.

It created a scare but the alert security personnel accompanying the Defence Minister took control of the man and draw him out from the road.

The man identified as Vishambhar Das Gupta, a resident of Kushinagar in Uttar Pradesh was taken for questioning at the Parliament Street Police Station. He was questioned at length by the security agencies.

He was later released after agencies found nothing was amiss and the man in question was also found to be mentally deranged. "During initial investigation, it was revealed that when Defence Minister's convoy was near Parliament, the man lied down on the road around 1.25 pm, demanding that he be allowed to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi as he wanted to get his name in the Aadhaar card changed," said the senior police official.

# SDMC gets 55 new cleaning vehicles to tackle pollution



Mechanical sweeper flagged off from SDMC headquarters

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In order to tackle dust pollution, South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) has purchased 55 vehicles including mechanical road sweepers, 17 tractors with water tankers and super sucker machines.

Secretary of Housing and Urban Affairs Durga Shankar Mishra along with Tarun Kapoor, Vice Chairman of Delhi Development Authority (DDA) flagged off these vehicles from SDMC headquarters on Tuesday.

The move will enable SDMC to intensify swachhhta related activities and water sprinkling exercise for ensuring the national Capital clean and pollution free, a senior SDMC official said.

Mishra said that ₹12.64

cr was provided by his Ministry under Swachh Bharat Mission to procure the vehicles. Complementing SDMC, he said that the civic body is putting the best efforts to control pollution.

"The Swachhhta Abhiyaan has become a people's movement due to the efforts of urban local bodies. In last five years, SDMC's ranking improved from 185 to 27 this year. Similarly, the civic body should strive hard to improve Swachhhta Abhiyan ranking and be in the top 10 swachh cities of India," he said.

SDMC Commissioner Gyanesh Bharti said that SDMC is taking new initiative and reforms under the guidance of urban development ministry and trying to provide the best of the civic services to its citizens.

He said that in last few

years with the support of Urban Development Ministry SDMC has purchased different machineries including mechanical road sweepers and water tankers.

Bharti further said that with induction of the new road mechanical, water tankers, super sucker machine, SDMC will be able to provide relief to the residents who are presently facing problems due to polluted air.

Commissioner said that he have procured two innovative and high-tech super sucker machine costing ₹4.90 Cr which is probably best in the country.

"The super sucker units have a main super sucker machine and two dump trucks and these will be deployed to clean the inaccessible location such as covered drains, piped drains culvers and other bottlenecks of the drainage system that are partially or fully silted remain unattended through conventional means because of safety and various other aspects," he said.

Besides, 26 CNG powered LCV trucks have been procured at the cost of ₹3.02 Cr and they will be used by the maintenance division for transportation of malba and other related works, he added.

On the occasion Standing Committee Chairman Bhupender Gupta, Leader of House Kamaljeet Sehrawat and other senior officials and councilors were present.

# 2 Iranians who used to loot people posing as cops held

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Four men, including two Iranian, have been arrested by the Delhi Police for allegedly posing as police personnel and carrying arms to target victims en-route to airport. Police said accused are also found involved in several cases of robbery and cheating registered across the city.

The accused have been identified as Akbar (24), Jafar Saifullah (35), Nasir Salim (35) and Nasir Sayah, (51), all residents of east Delhi's Laxmi Nagar area. Police said Nasir Salim and Nasir Sayah hail from Iran.

According to Devendra Arya, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), South West district, the accused used to pose themselves as police officials and threatened the targeted victim by showing them forged police identity card.

"They used to target senior citizens, women and foreign nationals travelling in cabs in surrounding area of Airport and National Highway-48. To evade arrest, they used to carry



arms," said the DCP.

"The matter came to light after several complaints were received by police. Following which CCTV cameras near

the surroundings of IGI Airport and NH-48 were scanned and two motorcycles frequently used by the suspects were identified," the DCP said.

"On November 30, police were deployed in civil clothes on the roads leading to Airport at different places. Staff was also deployed at CCTV control room of Defence establishment to have a close watch on the suspects," said the DCP.

"The police reached near a bus-stand in front of Mehram Nagar Police Colony, after being alerted by the staff at control room and apprehended the suspects," said the DCP.

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# Flier held for carrying seven cartridges at IGI Airport

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The CISF has apprehended a Port Blair-bound passenger for allegedly carrying seven live cartridges in his baggage at IGI Airport.

According to a senior CISF official, around 4 am on Tuesday, during checking of the baggage of the man identified as Ashu Varshney, bullets were detected in the bag.

"During checking of the bag by the security personnel, seven live bullets of 8 mm calibre were recovered from the bag of the passenger. He was scheduled to take an Air India flight to Port Blair," said the senior CISF official. "As carrying arms and ammunition inside an airport terminal or in a plane is banned under the Indian aviation laws, the traveller was not allowed to board the flight and he was handed over to the Delhi Police as he could not produce any document for possessing the ammunition," said the senior CISF official.

# Charred body found after fire in Tuglaqabad scrap godown

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

An unidentified charred body of 55-year-old man was found from a scrap godown in south Delhi's Tuglaqabad village where a fire had broken shortly after midnight, Delhi Fire Service official said on Tuesday.

The fire department said they received a call at

about 12.40 am on Tuesday about a fire on the first and second floor a thread and raw materials godown.

The fire also broke out at an adjacent godown from where a charred body was recovered after 23 fire tenders brought the blaze under control by 5.40 am, a senior fire official said.

# Discoms gear up to meet winter power demand

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

To manage winter pick power demand which is expected to reach up to 4,700 MW power discoms BRPL and BYPL have introduced advanced techniques and avenues like banking, reserve shutdown, power exchange and ensuring sufficient spinning reserves to dispose of surplus power as well as ensuring reliable power supply.

A senior BSES official said that the backbone of BSES' power-supply arrangements during the winter-months includes long-term agreements from power-plants like Dadri,



hydro stations; Singrauli, Rihand, Sasan, DVC Mejia and Delhi based gas fueled gener-

ating stations. Additionally, BSES is also receiving 50 MW of wind power and 20 MW of

solar power from SECI.

In case of any unforeseeable contingency, BSES discoms will buy short-term power from the exchange which is available at economical rates and can range between (around) Rs 1 to over Rs 4 per unit - during winter months, depending on the time-slot, he said.

Delhi's peak power demand this winter can go up to 4700 MW. Last year, it was 4472MW. The peak winter power demand in BRPL and BYPL areas had reached 1926 MW and 191 MW respectively during last winter. This

year, it is expected to reach 2020 MW and 1165 MW for BRPL and BYPL respectively. BSES discoms will also bank surplus power with hilly states, which need additional power during the winter months and returned the power back in summer month.

"To meet today's power challenges and to get a grip on so many varied and dynamic variables, BSES uses a mix of advanced statistical forecasting models, combined with state-of-the-art weather forecasting solutions including artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning," the spokesperson said.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP VARSITY BILL PASSED

It's solution to unemployment: CM

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Legislative Assembly has passed the Delhi Skills and Entrepreneurship University Bill on the last day of the Assembly session on Tuesday. The university will emulate the highly successful models in Australia, Germany, Finland, and Brazil to provide jobs and provide admissions to about one lakh students every year.

"Delhi Skills and Entrepreneurship University (DESU) Bill will provide a solution to the increasing unemployment and economic slowdown in the country," said Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.

They should get dignified and quality education as their right. This university will create not only job seekers but also job givers."

The University will have professionals, senior professors and experts from their respective fields to manage and teach students who will be enrolled in the college. Further, it will have three unique features: first, the university will design and run courses in consonance with the industry requirements. Secondly, there will be a dedicated unit to research on the market trends and requirements in a futuristic way, so that continuous updating of the courses and pedagogy can be systematically achieved; third, tie-up with industrial establishments to produce and assimilate the graduates.

"Many legislators and parliamentarians told me that



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal enters the Delhi Assembly on Tuesday  
Ranjana Dimri | Pioneer

attendance for the last day of the last session of any assembly or parliament is usually low, as the members are busy with election campaigns. The high

attendance today shows the confidence level of the legislators that they would definitely come back to this legislature in order to implement the bills

passed by this house. So we are working rigorously even on the last day. Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government is determined and dedicated to work for the welfare of the people of Delhi till the last breath," he said.

Targeting the Leaders of Opposition (LoP) the CM said, "Those who boycotted the discussion on this historic bill might have gone for election campaign. There are two types of students: one is always engaged in studies, while the other is those who study only in the eve of the examination. The first category will not have the fear of examination. As the AAP government and our legislators are fully immersed in development works in Delhi, we have no fear of elections. We are part of 'work in progress'. So, we are confident of coming back to power with four more seats," Kejriwal said.

DUTA to picket JNU V-C over ad hoc teachers' notice

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi University Teachers Association (DUTA) will stage a protest on Wednesday against the university administration and will 'gherao' the Vice-Chancellor (VC) Yogesh Tyagi to withdraw the notification issued on the 28 August, according to which all the ad-hoc teachers will be converted into guest teachers and will get salary per lecture.

The teachers will also boycott teaching and invigilation work for the mid-semester examination which will start from 4th December.

As per the notifications issued by the Delhi University Administrations, all the teachers working in the university on ad-hoc basis will be converted on the terms of 'guest teachers'.



Conversion of 5,000 ad-hoc teachers into guest teachers on the basis of 28th August letter is strongly condemnable. While ad-hoc appointment is a full time job with full scale where ad-hoc teachers are getting ₹90,000 per month, a guest appointment is a part time job where they would not get more than 45,000 per month.

"From last 10 years more than 5,000 teachers are working on ad-hoc basis in various colleges and Departments of Delhi University with no fault of their as University is delay-

ing the selection on permanent vacancies citing one reason or the other. These teachers are totally dependent on their salaries for the school fees of their children, installments to be paid for Home loans and other loans and others expenses to run their day to day life. 28th letter communicated to various colleges must be withdrawn immediately and all existing vacancies of teachers in various subjects must be permanently filled; said the teachers.

Under which rule appointments, after joining, can be kept in abeyance? Salaries of ad-hoc teachers must be released immediately. Letter dated 28th August, 2019 must be withdrawn immediately," Professor Pankaj Garg, former member of DU academic council.

Protesters breach House security cordon, raise slogan against Govt for dirty water

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

High drama unfolded on Tuesday when after a group of protestors entered the Delhi Assembly premises, breaching the security cordon on Tuesday. They started raising slogans against the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Government on the issue of dirty water allegedly being supplied in the national Capital.

The protestors carrying placards managed to slip through the security cordon but were later forced out of the Assembly premises. Terming the incident as "hooliganism" by the BJP, Speaker Ram Niwas Goel alleged that Leader of Opposition Vijender Gupta was behind it.

As the House proceedings began on the second day of Winter Session, Gupta asked for a discussion on the issue of prices rise of onions while trying to move a calling attention motion, which was turned down by the Speaker.

After rejecting the motion moved by the opposition leader, Goel told the House that an unfortunate incident took place when a group of 10-15 women staged a protest at the Assembly premises.

The "hooliganism" was done by bringing women protestors inside the Assembly premises and the opposition leader did it, Goel alleged in the House. "If Vijender Gupta had guts, he would have brought 10-20 boys (to stage protest at the Assembly premises)," the Speaker said.

Following the accusations, some ruling AAP MLAs trooped into the Well and exchanged heated arguments with opposition members.

Meanwhile, Gupta reached near Speaker's chair and demanded discussion on the issue of dirty water allegedly being supplied in the city. Goel asked Gupta to go back



Women protest in Delhi Assembly premises  
Ranjana Dimri | Pioneer

to his seat, failing which he would take a strict action against him.

As the Leader of Opposition did not relent, Goel ordered him to be marshalled out of the House. To protest the Speaker's decision, other BJP MLAs - Manjinder Singh Sirsa, Om Prakash Sharma and Jagdish Pradhan - also staged a walkout.

Later, all four BJP MLAs wore garlands of onions to register their protest against hike in the price of the kitchen staple.

BJP MLA from Vishwas Nagar, OP Sharma, showed a garland of onions to the chief minister as his vehicle left the Vidhan Sabha.

Gupta said that AAP Government ran away from discussion in the Assembly on its failure to provide onion at subsidized rates and supply of polluted water to Delhiites. He said that the Opposition had given notice to Assembly for calling attention motion on these important issues under rule - 54 of the Assembly.

He said that it was expected that the Government would come out with an explanation on these two important pub-

lic interest issues. "I had already given a call attention notice to the Assembly three hours prior to the start of the House but the Government evaded discussions in the House to save it from embarrassment," he added.

Gupta said that onion was being sold at Rs 100 per kg, and that the Delhi government should provide the kitchen staple to Delhiites at cheaper rates. He said the government is not ready to respond to a calling attention motion on the issue of rising prices of onions.

A security official posted inside the premises said the protesters were first asked to get their passes but they failed to do so and were waiting at the barricade. When the barricade was lifted to allow vehicle to pass, they suddenly rushed inside and started raising slogans. They were later taken out of the premises, the official said.

Divyangs who took part in awareness ride honoured

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

To commemorate the 'World Disability Day', Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal along with Social Welfare Minister Rajendra Pal Gautam awarded the physically disabled persons who participated in the longest accessible awareness ride covering Delhi-Mumbai-Delhi, 3,500km distance by retrofitted scooter.

The 3,500 km long awareness ride from Delhi Mumbai Delhi was flagged off by Minister Rajendra Pal Gautam from India Gate on October 01, 2019. Around 20 differently-abled persons from various parts of the country partici-

pated in this accessible awareness ride. This ride will be placed in Limca Book of record and India Book of Records.

The ride was organized by Eagle Specially Abled Riders on the 'Importance of Education for Differently-abled' Delhi (India Gate) - Mumbai (Gateway of India) - Delhi (India Gate) 3500km by retrofitted scooter from 1st October, 2019 to 15th October, 2019.

"This was one of its kind Accessible Awareness Ride for the differently-abled, which gives the message that they are equally capable and talented provided opportunities given to them. Many organizations had been associated with this extra-

ordinary mission from all over the country to improve accessibility mobility and visibility of differently-abled in India," said Gautam.

The schedule of the route was Delhi-Gurgaon-Jaipur-Ajmer-Rajamandmathdwar-Udaipur-Ahmedabad-Vadodara-Bharuch-Surat-Tawa-Mumbai-Kalyan-



Delhi Police Commissioner Amulya Patnaik flags off Mobile Canteen for 1st Battalion of Delhi Police  
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Malegaon-Indore-Bhopal-Sagar-Malthone-Lalitpur-Jhansi-Datia-Gwalior-Morena-Agra-Mathura-Delhi.

Mobile Canteen Van for Commissioner's reserve staff flagged off

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police Commissioner, Amulya Patnaik, on Tuesday flagged off 'Mobile Canteen Van for Commissioner's reserve staff' in national Capital. The CP's reserve staff which is deployed in various law and order situations like riots, crowd management, religious gatherings, various festivals, political rallies, area domination, patrolling in street crime prone areas and inter-state borders will get food articles, snacks, aerated water, soft drinks in the Mobile Canteen Van to their places of duty.

According to Rakesh Kumar Bansal, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Delhi Armed Police (DAP), 1st Battalion, an Eicher made 25 seater mini bus has been fabricated by DAP to serve the purpose of Mobile Canteen for CP



Delhi Police Commissioner Amulya Patnaik flags off Mobile Canteen for 1st Battalion of Delhi Police  
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reserve staff. "There are 28 CP Reserve coys including two women coys with their bases at various locations across the city. These

bases include Khajuri Khas, New Police Lines, MS Park, Narela, Tilak Marg, Parliament Street, Kalyan Puri, Pitam Pura, Dwarka, Kalkaji, Malviya Nagar,

Delhi Cantt and Teen Murti Lines," said the DCP. "The nature of duty of CP Reserve staff is such that in situations of continuous and pro-

longed law and order problems, they need to put in protracted hours of duty. As a welfare measure, food articles, snacks, aerated water, soft drinks etc will be carried by the Mobile CPR Canteen to their places of duty so that the staff is served with eatables while on duty," said the DCP.

"The Mobile Canteen Van is equipped with various gadgets. These gadgets include refrigerator, ambient food cabinet for eatables, hot food cabinet, table with sink unit, water dispenser both hot and cold, beverage table with waste disposal mechanism, tea urn, food storage unit, over roof water tank, air conditioner, inverter, two gas burners with LPG cylinder, sitting for two persons, service window, retractable water proof side roof, microwave and removable metallic podium below service window for police personnel," said the DCP.

NGT directs DPCC to ensure no sewage is dumped in drain near East Delhi hospital

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) on Tuesday expressed dissatisfaction over the handling of municipal solid waste in East Delhi and directed the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) to ensure that no sewage is dumped in a drain abutting the Dharamshila Narayana Superspeciality Hospital in Trilokpuri here.

A bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel said that it is clear that a sewage pumping station is not operational on the ground that the land is not available and there is no system of carrying untreated sewage from a slaughter house. There is no interim arrangement to prevent untreated sewage from being discharged into water bodies in violation of provisions of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, it said.

The green panel said that the DPCC has to perform its statutory duty under Section 33A of the Water Act to enforce the mandate of Section 24 of

prohibiting disposal of any polluting matter into any stream or sewer.

"Let DPCC take appropriate legal action in accordance with law and furnish further report within one month by e-mail," the bench said while posting the matter for the next hearing on January 23, 2020.

The East Delhi Municipal Corporation, in its report had earlier told the NGT that garbage from the site has been removed and the issue of pig farms to be shifted is pending before the Delhi High Court. "The drain is being re-constructed by the PWD and at present the debris from the drain has been removed from the trench and dumped along the ground. However, EDMC is carrying out regular cleanliness drive, chalk powder is spread to avoid any infectious and waterborne diseases and ensuring that the area remains clean," the civic body had said.

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- Arvind Kejriwal  
Chief Minister, Delhi



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# PM: Vote BJP in J'khand for double engine growth

PARVINDER BHATIA ■  
JAMSHEDPUR

In his whirlwind campaign to Khunti and Jamshedpur, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday asked people to vote for 'double-engine growth' that comes with a BJP Government both at the State and Centre levels. At Khunti, he said the subsequent governments in the State have betrayed people. The people of Jharkhand must vote for development this time.

Targeting key Opposition parties Congress and JMM, Modi said that both the parties are desperate to come to power in the State. "These parties believe in politics of 'deception' while the BJP believed in service of people. The only reason why both the parties are desperate to come to power is to plunder State's natural wealth. They do not want Jharkhand to progress but they want to take control over the State to fulfill their agenda and for this they are spreading lies and rumours. The voters need to understand that they are voting for development".

Amidst cheer of supporters, Modi further said Chief

Minister's chair was up for sale during Congress-JMM rule and that even today several of their leaders are under trial for corruption. Till five years ago, Jharkhand used to be in news for political instability. In just 15 years, the State saw 10 chief ministers. However, BJP has brought stability in the State, he said.

Connecting to the tribal voters, Modi said that it was only after Lord Ram spent 14 years with the Adivasis (tribals) that he went on to be known as Maryada Purshotam Ram.

The Prime Minister said that when it comes to taking hard decisions, only the BJP government could do it. Citing examples of Ayodhya Ram Mandir, Article 370 and Triple Talak, he said that the Government has solved major issues at ease.

Modi said, "We all have seen how the issue of Ram temple in Ayodhya was solved peacefully. When Ram came back to Ayodhya after spending 14 years, he was hailed as Maryada Purshotam. This was because the tribals taught them culture. Lord Ram left Ayodhya as a prince but returned as 'Maryada Purushottam' as he spent time with Adivasis".

## Modi distances himself from rebel Saryu

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

Prime Minister seems to have distanced himself from the rebel BJP leader, Saryu Roy, who is contesting against the Chief Minister from Jamshedpur East seat.

While addressing a gathering of more than 25,000 people at Gopal Maidan, Modi said, "There should be no confusion. Modi is with Lotus symbol only. Where there is Lotus there is Modi". His party comes first for him.

Though supporters of Roy have been claiming blessings of Modi, the Prime Minister made it clear that Lotus is his identity. Prime Minister also associated himself with the founder of Jamshedpur steel plant and said Jamssetji Tata was from Navsari in Gujarat and he was also a Gujarati.

## India should not be made dumping yard, says Supriya

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Lok Sabha members demanded on Tuesday that the Bill seeking to regulate ship-breaking in India be discussed in detail to ensure it has adequate measures to reduce the impact on the environment, saying India should not be a dumping area of foreign shipping companies.

Participating in the debate on Recycling of Ships Bill, 2019, many MPs demanded that the Government ensure adequate measures are taken to mitigate the impact of ship-breaking on the environment.

"Do not make India a dumping ground," NCP member Supriya Sule said, expressing apprehensions that 'Make in India' could become 'Dump in India'.

BSP's Danish Ali stressed that safety of workers should not be compromised in the name of generating employment.

He also said 'Make in India' should not become 'Dump in India' or 'Break in India'.

# Naidu launches low-cost vaccine for diarrhoea

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Almost four years after India got its first indigenously made Rotavac vaccine to combat severe diarrhoea causing rotavirus, Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu on Tuesday launched vaccine's newer variant, Rotavac 5D, a smaller dosage and low cost cold chain footprint form of its earlier oral immunisation shot.

Globally, Rotavirus disease burden is estimated at 200,000 deaths and about 2 million hospitalizations annually, mostly in low-income countries. While child deaths from rotavirus have more than halved since 2000, almost half of the deaths each year occur in just four countries: India, Pakistan, Nigeria and the Democratic Republic of Congo, according to the WHO.

Sharing the details of the new variant at a press conference here, Bharat Biotech Chairman Dr Krishna Ella said that available in a 0.5 ml dosage, Rotavac 5D can be stored at 2-8 degree Celsius for up to 24 months, and can be administered in five drops.

Rotavac 5D is also stable at 37 degree Celsius for seven

days. In contrast, the earlier version, Rotavac is available in 2.5 ml vial per dose and has to be stored at -20 degree Celsius, he said.

"During clinical trials, we realised that nearly 20 per cent of the children were not able to swallow an entire of 2-2.5 ml, and they spit it out. The nurses were in a quandary so as to whether the dose should be re-administered or not. We advised the nurses against delivering double doses. Eventually we packed the dose in a smaller quantity," said Dr Ella on the need to have a new version.

A baby requires three doses of the vaccine at sixth, tenth and fourteenth week after birth. In the private set-ups both Rotavac and Rotavac 5D are expected to cost between Rs 900-Rs 1100 per dose, ten times higher than what is being made available to the Governments.

Dr Ella said that Rotavac 5D is now available for sale, having received commercial license in India where it plans to tap private hospitals for supply of the vaccines, as well as export to countries in Africa and Asia.

# Bring back remains of last ruler of Sikh empire, RS told

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A demand to exhume and bring back remains of Maharajah Duleep Singh, the last ruler of the Sikh empire, from his grave in the English countryside, was made in Rajya Sabha on Tuesday.

Raising the matter through a Zero Hour mention, Pratap Singh Bajwa of the Congress said the issue is close to entire Punjab and "history should be corrected."

Duleep Singh was born in Lahore in 1838 to powerful ruler Ranjit Singh. At the age of five the boy prince sat on the throne of the Sikh kingdom, he said, adding Punjab was annexed to British India after the second Anglo-Sikh war in 1849. Duleep Singh was removed from the throne and separated from his mother Maharani Jind Kaur, who was imprisoned.

Bajwa said he was taken to England and converted to Christianity at the age of 16 and lived in England under the patronage of Queen Victoria. After 13 years of separation from his mother, he was reunited with her and upon learning of the history and Sikh identity, he decided to reconvert and gave away British pension.



In 1886, Duleep Singh set sail for India along with his family but fearing mutiny, the British detained him and placed him under house arrest, he said, adding his grave is in the English countryside Elveden. Bajwa demanded that the Maharajah's body be exhumed and brought to Amritsar where his last rites should be performed as per Sikh traditions.

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I, Gunjan Chaudhary, D/o Ranveer Singh, H. No. P-37/2 New CVD Lines Sadar Bazaar Delhi Cantt-110010, have lost my original 10th educational certificate no.1019288 dt 08/06/2012 Roll No.0523760 and 12 the certificate No.11016532, Roll No. 0425588 of GDMVP inter college Patla Gahziabad U.P and OBC Cast Certificate no. 082133000236 dt 21/01/2013 and Domicile certificate no. 080221400673 dt 18/01/2014. If found, please return on above address.

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I, Shanti Joshi w/o Late Sh. Kanhaiya Lal Joshi R/o A-500 Saraya Vihar New Delhi-110076 hereby declare that my actual and full name is Shanti Joshi but in Army record of my husband mentioned as Santi Joshi instead of Shanti Joshi. Shanti Joshi and Santi Joshi are one and the same person. Henceforth I shall be known as Shanti Joshi.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Flat No. D-7/18, GF, Exclusive Floors, DLF Phase-V, Gurugram-122002 was registered in the name of Mr. Roshan Lal Chhabra s/o Lt. Sh. Dogar Das Chhabra r/o D-7/18, GF, Exclusive Floors, DLF Phase-V, Gurugram-122002, who has expired on 13th July, 2019 leaving behind a registered Will in favour of Mr. Sunil Chhabra & accordingly the name of Mr. Sunil Chhabra is being noted in DLF's record in respect of the captioned flat. If anybody has any objection to this, he or she may approach M/s DLF Ltd. or the undersigned within 21 days of publication of this notice.

Sanjay Thapar, Advocate  
B-1/208, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058

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**PROCLAMATION OF SALE NOTICE**  
The under mentioned Property will be sold through auction on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for recovery of dues, in the matter of ICICI BANK LTD v/s Hardeep Singh O.A No. 1183/2018 & I.A. No: 1768/19

1. Description of Property: Make : AUDI Q5 3.0 TDI  
Reg No: HR26BG2565  
Manuf Year: 2010  
Reserve Price- Rs. 5, 85,000/-  
EMD- Rs. 58,500/-  
2. Date and Time of Auction: Dec 17, 2019  
3. Auction Venue: Ridhi Godara Yard, Kataria Chowk Sector 17, Sukhraili Gown Behind Air Force Station, Gurgaon  
4. Manager: Shankar Kapoor  
Mob No: 9650193259  
Terms of Sale  
The particulars of the said asset specified herein above have been stated to the best of the information and knowledge of the undersigned, who shall however not be responsible for any error, misstatement or omission in the said particulars. The interested participant/s are therefore requested, in their own interest, to satisfy himself / themselves/ itself with regard to the said asset and other relevant details pertaining to it before submitting the bids. Interested bidders shall be required to deposit an Earnest Amount mentioned above against the respective vehicle by way of pay order/Demand Draft payable at Delhi and in favour of ICICI Bank Ltd., Delhi. Successful highest bidder shall have to deposit balance amount within 5 days from the approval shared with them. In Case of failure to deposit the amount as mentioned above, the amount of Earnest Money deposited shall be forfeited. Interested participant/s are requested to participate Dec 17, 2019 for physical auction or call Bank Manager Shankar Kapoor.

**NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY**  
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On behalf of the President of India, Chief Administrative Officer/Con., North Eastern Railway, Gorakhpur invites the following E-Procurement Tenders:

**Sr. No. :- 1, Open Tender No. / Due on :-** NECON 1219 Due on 26-12-19.  
**Description of materials :-** Manufacture and supply of ELASTIC Rail Clip MK-V with flat toe as per RDSO drawing No. RDSO/T-5919 with IRS specification no. IRS T-31-2018 (Fourth Revision), Qty.-: 600000 Nos., **Consignee wise quantity, SSE/P/way/Con/ :-** Gonda 600000 Nos., **Delivery period :-** 09 Months, **Estimated tender value (Rs.) :-** 5,59,32,000.00, **Earnest Money (Rs.) :-** 11,18,640.00. Submission of tender up to 14.59 hrs. on 26.12.2019. Date of opening 15.00 hrs. on 26.12.2019. Detailed tender notice, eligibility criteria, terms & conditions are available on web site <http://tenders.gov.in>. In case any disparity arises between Hindi and English version of tender notice, English version of tender notice, will hold good and will be followed.

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**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, 1ST CIRCLE U.P. JAL NIGAM, MEERUT**  
**Letter No. 2657/731/178 Date : 28/11/19 SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE**  
Online percentage rate E-tenders in single bid system for Laying of sewer line in gaps & Cleaning & Testing of sewer line left by M/s Jyoti Build Tech Pvt. (Debatable to M/s Jyoti Build Tech Pvt.Ltd. Lucknow) Ltd. (C.B.No. 01/SE/10-11) including supply of all material labour T&P under Meerut Sewerage Scheme Part-I, Phase-I, Zone-5 & 7, JNNURM Programme Meerut City, Meerut under jnnurm. (Left side area from kanch ke pul to node no. 1180) Work are hereby invited on behalf of Chairman U.P. Jal Nigam from the contractors registered with U.P. Jal Nigam minimum in Class 'B' or above in the category '2(a)' or '2(b)' having requisite work experience and financial capability. Tender documents shall be available at e-procurement website <http://etender.up.nic.in> latest by 07.12.2019. Bid submission last date is 12.12.2019 and shall be opened on 13.12.2019 at 12:00 Hrs. The non refundable cost of e-tender document fee Rs. 5000 plus 12% GST. Details of work of e-tender will be available on U.P. Jal Nigam website [www.upsdc.gov.in](http://www.upsdc.gov.in)

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**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
Office of the Executive Engineer (Civil-II), Vyasi H.E. Project, Dakpathar, Dehradun invites sealed and separate tenders from interested contractors/firms for the following works. Brief summary of work and details of tender are given below:

Sl. No.	Tender no.	Description of work	Estimated cost	EMD	Tender Cost
1	14/EE (Civil-II)/VHEP/2019-20	"Hiring of Bus (35 Seater or above) for up and down journey of school children of Project affected people of Vyasi Project at Dakpathar, Dehradun. (For Year 2019-20)."	Rs. 11,80,000/-	Rs. 35,500/-	(Rs.11200/- Including G.S.T)

Date for uploading of Tender documents : 04.12.2019. upto 11:00 am  
Last date for downloading of Tender documents : 24.12.2019 upto 17:00 hrs  
Last date for submission of Tenders : 26.12.2019 upto 15:00 hrs  
Opening date of Tenders : 27.12.2019 at 11:30 AM

The above Tender documents can be downloaded directly from NIGAM's website [www.ujvn.com](http://www.ujvn.com) and the cost of tender document shall be deposited at the time of submission of Tender.  
**Ro. No. 695, Dated: 03/12/2019 Executive Engineer (Civil-II)**  
"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

# India, Sweden join hands to curb pollution

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India and Sweden on Tuesday joined hands to combat air pollution and climate change and deliberated on various technological solutions to reduce industrial emissions.

India's Principal Scientific Advisor V K Raghavan and officials from the Ministries of Environment, Agriculture and Renewable Energy discussed these issues with the visiting Swedish delegation headed by King of Sweden Carl XVI Gustaf.

Gustaf spoke of the importance to work on improving the quality of forests and acknowledged that the discussion at the roundtable made him feel positive that many different stakeholders are committed to working on conservation and climate change.

"Today, we looked at solutions for air pollution. There are three different components that the government is address-



Swedish King Carl XVI Gustaf flanked by Principal Scientific Advisor to PMO Vijay Raghavan and Swedish politician Ibrahim Baylan during a round table dialogue on Tracking Air Pollution and Adopting Circular Economy Approaches in New Delhi on Tuesday

ing. One is attitude change in our industries and institutions so that they emit less pollution-causing materials. The second is whatever pollutants there are, we try to measure what is happening everywhere. Sensors are very important. Thirdly, this information needs to be given to decision-making sys-

tems," Raghavan said. Sweden's Minister of Business, Innovation and Enterprise Ibrahim Baylan, said, "Air pollution and climate change are essentially two sides of the same coin."

Now we have a global climate accord and in most of the countries vibrant debates are

taking place about how to promote a more sustainable development. We have to do everything we can across all sectors." He said Sweden is working towards innovation in making carbon-free steel and carbon-neutral cement by 2030. Talking about waste management, Baylan said Sweden

feel uncomfortable with the traditional way of postmortem. He said all records will be digitally stored for review.

Vardhan said the virtual autopsy will be cost and time effective as it would take only 30 minutes to complete one autopsy as against two-and-half hour in normal postmortem.

The new technique will facilitate and ensure that there is no delay, he added.

The ICMR has provided Rs 5 crore to AIIMS for this purpose and the process is in an advance stage for getting a CT machine, Dr Harsh Vardhan said.

various ongoing major projects, including cost estimates, hurdles and deadlines. "Once we have the status report with us, we will decide on what needs to be done on priority. We will also look at whether some projects are needed at this juncture. We will not act in a vindictive manner. But, we will definitely review projects like bullet train," the Chief Minister had said.

The MVA Government has announced that it would table a White Paper on the State's economy during the Winter Session of the State Legislature beginning at Nagpur on December 16.

A brainchild of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Bullet Train project is being executed at a cost of around Rs.1.10 lakh-crore, of which 81 per cent is to be funded through a 50-year soft loan of 0.1 percent by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

The Nationalist High Speed Rail Corporation (NHSRC) is the executing agency for the project. Maharashtra and Gujarat will contribute fund Rs.5,000 crore each as equity for the project, while the Centre will pitch in Rs.10,000 crore for the project.

Currently, the bullet train project is in the land acquisition stage, with opposition in parts of Palghar in the State, with the project slated to be completed by 2023.

Responding to what he called "baseless" and "false" made by the fellow BJP leader from Karnataka that he had returned Rs.40,000 crore to the Centre, former Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis had said, "We have not returned even naya paisa to the Centre. In fact, the State Government has not received even on naya paisa from the Centre."

# Like-minded ones...

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Ships of both the countries are engaged in anti-piracy operations.

On not inviting China for the "Milan" series of exercises where more than 41 countries, including the US, UK, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Israel, France, Kuwait, Australia, Indonesia, Singapore, Bahrain and Sri Lanka, will take part in March next year off Visakhapatnam, Singh said "like-minded" nations were invited for the event.

When asked to elaborate, the Navy chief said the Indian Navy has over the years carried out exercises with many countries who will participate in the mega event held every two years.

To another question about Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Xi Jinping calling for closer naval cooperation and the possibility of a joint

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exercise between India and China, Singh replied in lighter vein, "the question is above my pay grade." Incidentally, the two countries will hold the eighth joint army exercise "Hand in Hand" in Meghalaya later this month.

Sources in the security establishment later said China was not invited to Milan exercise as India did not want to legitimise its presence in the Indian Ocean region as China can later claim that it has participated in exercises in the region.

Milan is held every two years off Port Blair since 1995 when less than a dozen navies of the Indian Ocean region took part. Since then, the prestigious event has grown in stature and 41 nations will now come together for the exercise at Visakhapatnam.

The Navy chief said the venue was shifted to this city given the bigger magnitude of the event. The eastern seaboard provided more space and depth for carrying out exercise at a big scale as compared to seas off Port Blair.

over" and trials would begin now. "We are almost certain that we will take delivery by February-March 2021, he stated and added that aviation trials would take a year after that. "We should have a fully operational carrier by 2022."

Asked about his expectations on the soon to be created post of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), Singh said the views of the Services have been taken care of by the Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee (COSC), who then became part of the Implementation Committee.

The committee has submitted its report to the Government. It should be an empowered CDS which will be able to make a difference, he said. "I hope the CDS is suitably empowered to carry out all the responsibilities that he is given."

He said he expressed his opinion on Facebook only after Ejaz Maqbool went public about him being sacked because he is unwell.

"If I am unwell, then how come I am appearing in courts in other cases," Dhavan said.

"I am committed to the cause and to the Muslim parties but making such a statement is completely wrong," he added.

In a separate December 2 letter addressed to Maqbool, the AOR in the review petition, Dhavan narrated the sequence of events related to drafting of the review plea in the case.

"As promised, I am responding to your call at 10.14 AM today when I was at the doctors, informing me that I have been sacked from further involvement in the Babri case on behalf of your client.

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# Dhavan: Sacked from Ayodhya case, but Jamiat reason absurd

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A plea seeking review of the Ayodhya verdict was filed in the apex court on Monday by Maulana Syed Ashhad Rashidi, legal heir of original litigant M Siddiq and also the Uttar Pradesh president of the Jamiat Ulama-e-Hind. It stated that "complete justice" could only be done by ordering reconstruction of the Babri Masjid.

The mosque was demolished on December 6, 1992 by kar sewaks triggering communal riots.

As Dhavan later said he didn't want to divide the Muslim parties, the All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) said it was hopeful that the veteran lawyer will represent the body when it files a review petition.

In a tweet, AIMPLB

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spokesman Khalid Saifullah Rahmani said, "Rajeev Dhavan has always been a symbol of justice and unity. @AIM-PLB\_Official will continue its efforts in the Supreme Court under his esteemed leadership."

The AIMPLB has asserted that 99 per cent of Muslims in the country want a review of the Ayodhya verdict.

In another tweet, Maulana Umrain, an office bearer of the Board said, "We are indebted to the senior advocate Mr Rajeev Dhavan for his sincere exceptional and incomparable effort in the #babrimasjidcase. We hope that he would represent us again when the review petition is filed."

The board's general secretary Md Wali Rahmani in a statement said a team of senior advocates and advocates on record is busy in drafting the review petition which will then be settled by Dhavan.

"I have argued the case for all the Muslim parties in a united manner and would like the same way. The Muslim parties should sort out their differences first," Dhavan told PTI.

# RS passes SPG Bill, Shah rejects political vendetta charge

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday rejected the Opposition's charge of political vendetta in the amendments in SPG Bill. The Rajya Sabha passed the Bill to amend the Act governing the elite-SPG with Congress walking out of the House saying it was dissatisfied with the Home Minister's reply.

"The Gandhi family has the same security as the Defence Minister, Home Minister, Vice President and President. They have been given personnel who have been in the SPG, Shah said, adding, "SPG is now only for the Prime Minister of the country."

"If the time comes, even (Prime Minister Narendra) Modi-jiji won't be entitled to SPG after five years. He is entitled only to five years of SPG after his term ends," said Amit Shah, defending the move to replace the Gandhis' elite SPG cover with Z-plus security. Shah also pointed there was no discussion when security cover reviews with respect to former Prime Ministers



Union Home Minister Amit Shah speaks in the Rajya Sabha during the ongoing Winter Session of Parliament in New Delhi on Tuesday

including PV Narasimha Rao, I.K. Gujral, Chandra Shekhar, HD Deve Gowda and recently Manmohan Singh were undertaken.

Replying to the Left's charge of BJP acting with political vendetta, he said 120 workers of BJP and RSS have been killed in Kerala.

The passage of the amendments to the SPG Act will pave the way for only the Prime Minister and his "immediate

family residing with him at his official residence", as well as any former Prime Minister and members of his immediate family "residing with him at the residence allotted to him for a period of five years, from the date he ceases to hold the office of Prime Minister" to be given SPG cover.

Participating in the debate, Congress MP Vivek Tankha said everyone wants the Gandhi family to be protected

and there should not be "a party politics" on it. However, BJP MP Neeraj Shekhar, who himself was a SPG protectee for 11 years, being the son for former Prime Minister Chandra Shekhar, said there was no need for such a cover for the family of ex-prime ministers.

While A Navaneetha Krishnan of AIDMK supported the bill, saying a reasonable decision has been taken by the Centre, SP's Ram Gopal Yadav said the definition of security threats changes with the change of government.

"People should not feel that this has been done for vindictive politics," said Yadav, adding that the home minister should "use his conscience" before deciding on threat perceptions.

Introducing the Special Protection Group (Amendment) Bill, 2019, Union Minister of State for Home G. Kishan Reddy said it was raised to protect the prime minister and his immediate family members only and was later extended to relatives of the former Prime Ministers through amendments.

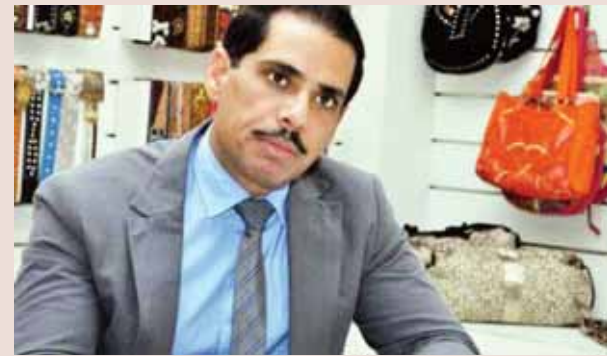
## It was very big security lapse: Vadra

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's husband Robert Vadra on Tuesday described as a "very big" security lapse the incident of unidentified people driving up to the porch of their home last week, and alleged that the removal of the Gandhi family's SPG cover was a "political" move. Congress general secretary's office has taken up the issue of the November 26 security breach with the Central Reserve Police Force.

"Our security is not important as much as the security of the women in the country. The Government should think about it at the national and State level. Our security and of our children is on second level, we have to think about the security of women first," Robert Vadra told reporters.

Asked about the security breach at their residence, he



said it was a "very big lapse", but he would like to emphasise more on the safety of women in the country. "The Government would know why they took the call to remove the SPG cover. Whatever they do we will face it. People of the country are with us and they will give us security," he said.

Several senior Congress leaders also expressed concern over the alleged security breach with AICC general secretary, organisation, K C

breach at their home, Robert Vadra answered in the negative and said "whatever they want to do, they do". The threat perception everyone knows is very sensitive but nobody is looking at it, he alleged.

Earlier, in a Facebook post, Robert Vadra claimed that security throughout the country is compromised. "It is not about the security for Priyanka, my daughter and son or me or the Gandhi family. It's about keeping our citizens especially the women of our country, safe and secure," he said.

"Security throughout the country is compromised. Girls are being molested/raped, What society are we creating?" he asked, adding that the security of every citizen is the Government's responsibility. "If we are not safe in our own country, our homes, not safe on roads, not safe in the day or at night, where and when are we safe," he asked.

## BJP demands apology from Adhir over remark against Sitharaman

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Lok Sabha on Tuesday witnessed sparring between BJP and Congress over Congress Leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury terming Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman as "Nirbala" a day ago.

Many BJP MPs including Minister's demanded apology from Chowdhury. But Poonam Mahajan created stir by terming Congress MPs as "Nirbals" who were only concerned about serving Sonia Gandhi's family affairs rather than serving the Country's affairs.

Rejecting BJP's demand for apology, Chowdhury went on citing weak economic situation and mismanagement in controlling prices of essential commodities.

Participating in the discussion on Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill, Chowdhury had on Monday said that the Finance Minister has become weak and called her "Nirbala Sitharaman". As BJP members protested against his comment, Speaker Om Birla had ruled that any unparliamentary remark would be removed from records.

When Zero Hour started on Tuesday, including Parliamentary Affairs Minister Arjun Meghwal demanded apology from Chowdhury for his "continuous use of derogatory" words including terming



Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury speaks in the Lok Sabha during the Winter Session of Parliament in New Delhi on Tuesday

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah as "ghuspetiyas" (infiltrators) from Gujarat to Delhi.

After the chaos, when Chowdhury rose to speak on onion prices, Mahajan referred to a rule to slam the Congress leader for his remarks. "Dada, You are nirbal (weak) as you stand for one family. You are weak as you call the Prime Minister an infiltrator," she said amid noisy protests by BJP members including women MPs of the party.

Amidst slogan shouting, Chowdhury said this Government is anti-poor and anti-farmer as it is hardly doing anything when the prices of onion have crossed ₹100 per kg. The Government is unable to check prices of essential commodities, he said, and lead the walk out of Congress MP.

## HAWALA RACKET CASE I-T dept issues notice to Cong

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Income Tax (IT) Department has issued a notice to the Congress seeking an explanation over the party allegedly receiving funds to the tune of ₹170 crore from a Hyderabad-based firm as part of its tax evasion probe in a ₹3,300-crore hawala racket case, officials said on Tuesday.

Officials said the notice was issued to the party to take the probe forward in the case that came to light last month after multiple raids, with links to "leading corporate houses" in the infrastructure sector, were conducted in Delhi, Mumbai and Hyderabad.

According to the officials, the funds to the Congress were sent by Hyderabad-based Megha Infrastructure and Engineering. Some functionaries of the Congress and an Andhra Pradesh-based political party are also under the scanner of the taxman in this case, it said.

The Central Board of Direct Taxes, which makes policy for the Income Tax Department, had said in a statement in November that raids to unearth the large tax evasion nexus were conducted in the first week of the month.

The raids were conducted on 42 premises in Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Erode, Pune, Agra and Goa on a group of people issuing bogus bills and conducting hawala transactions, the statement had said. Raids resulted in busting of a "major racket of cash generation" by leading corporate houses in the infrastructure sector through bogus contracts and bills, it added.

According to CBDT, funds meant for public infrastructure projects were siphoned off through entry operators, lobbyists and hawala dealers in this case. The companies involved in siphoning of funds were said to be mostly located in the National Capital Region and Mumbai.

"The projects involved in bogus billing are major infrastructure and EWS (economically weaker section) projects located in south India. "Evidence of cash payment of more than ₹150 crore to a prominent person in Andhra Pradesh has also been unearthed during the search," the CBDT had said. "Unexplained cash of ₹4.19 crore and jewellery worth in excess of ₹3.2 crore was also seized during the search operation," it had said.

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11:00 AM Purushottampura Baag, Brahma Sarovar Cultural Programme by Artists of North Zone Cultural Centre	10:30 AM Jyotisar - The Birthplace of Gita Gita Paath	11:00 AM Purushottampura Baag, Brahma Sarovar Cultural Performance by Multi Art Cultural Centre
5:00 PM Cultural Pandal, Mela Ground, Brahma Sarovar Rashmirathi - Cultural Performance & Krishna Leela by Renowned Film Actress Ameesha Patel	11:00 AM Purushottampura Baag, Brahma Sarovar Cultural Programme by Kurukshetra University	5:00 PM Cultural Pandal, Mela Ground, Brahma Sarovar Bhajan Performance and Kavi Sammelan
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2:00 PM Cultural Pandal, Mela Ground, Brahma Sarovar Sant Sammelan	11:00 AM Purushottampura Baag, Brahma Sarovar Cultural Programme by North Zone Cultural Centre
5:00 PM Cultural Pandal, Mela Ground, Brahma Sarovar Sajda - An Event of Poetry & Live Music & Performance by Renowned Singer Abhijeet Bhattacharya	12:00 Noon Theme Park and Jyotisar Tirth Global Gita Chanting
5:30 PM Brahma Sarovar Water Laser Show	2:00 PM In front of KDB Office (Departure Venue) Gita Shobha Yatra
6:00 PM Purushottampura Baag, Brahma Sarovar Maha Aarti & Bhajan Sandhya	5:00 PM Cultural Pandal, Mela Ground, Brahma Sarovar Vrindavan Phoolon ki Holi - Cultural Performance & Performance by Renowned Punjabi Singer Satinder Sartaa
	5:30 PM Brahma Sarovar Water Laser Show
	6:00 PM Purushottampura Baag, Brahma Sarovar Gita Maha Aarti and Deepdaan

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# Dead rat in mid-day meal, probe ordered

8 students and teacher taken ill

PTI ■ MUZAFFARNAGAR (UP)

In yet another instance of negligence in midday meal distribution, a dead rat was found in the food served in a school here on Tuesday, following which an enquiry has been ordered by the district administration.

Additional District Magistrate Amit Kumar Singh said that eight students and a teacher of Janata Inter-College in Mustafabad Panchenda village were taken ill and sent to hospital after the rat was found in one of the plates though no one had eaten the food at that time.

Hapur had supplied the mid-day meal to the school.

An inquiry has been ordered into the incident and strict action will be taken against those found guilty of negligence, Singh said.

District authorities have ordered lodging of a FIR against the mid-day meal supplier, the official said.

The students and the teacher complained of vomiting after they saw the rat and were taken to hospital, he said.

Last week, another case of apathy had come to light when a video showed that a litre of milk was allegedly diluted with a bucket of water so that 81 children could be served dur-

## MUZAFFARNAGAR



School in Mirzapur district showing a woman distributing rotis and another giving salt to children in the midday meal.

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) had taken note of the Mirzapur incident and sent a notice to the Uttar Pradesh chief secretary following which two teachers were suspended.

According to a NHRC statement, the commission had also sought a detailed report about the status of the midday meal scheme across the state within four weeks.

The state government had lodged an FIR against the journalist who recorded the video of schoolchildren being served salt and roti in their midday meal.

Two months earlier a similar shocking video had emerged from Siyur Primary

# 2 killed, 9 hurt in Pak firing along LoC in J&K's Poonch

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Facing the brunt of 'strong' retaliation by the Indian Army, the Pakistan Army on Tuesday targeted several civilian areas along the line of control in Poonch sector in which a 12th class student and a woman were both killed while nine others received injuries.

According to ground reports, around two dozen forward Indian villages of Shahpur and Kirni sectors were affected in the heavy mortar shelling by the Pakistan Army. In response, the Indian Army gave them a befitting reply.

Local villagers claimed, mortar shells landed in villages which were around 10 kms away from the line of control. Panic stricken residents claimed, "We had never witnessed shelling in the area even at the peak of hostilities during 1999 Kargil war and even during 1965-1971 wars".

To prevent further loss of lives, several villagers had taken shelter inside bunkers. Tension prevailed along the LoC even as heavy mortar shelling was still going on in the area till the time of filing the report.

Deputy Commissioner of Poonch, Rahul Yadav said, "A 12th class student identified as Shoab and 35 year old Woman, identified as Gulnaz were both killed in mortar shelling by the Pakistan Army in Bandi Chichian area while nine others received injuries".

Rahul Yadav said, out of seven injured, two seriously injured villagers were referred to Government Medical college hospital in Jammu while five of



them were undergoing treatment in district hospital, Poonch.

Since August 2019 this year, around 1000 incidents of ceasefire violations have been reported along the line of control and International border across Jammu & Kashmir.

Meanwhile, alert Army jawans on Tuesday apprehended an intruder from PoK while he was trying to sneak inside the Indian territory in Nowshera sector of Rajouri.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Rajouri, Yougal Manhas said, "On Tuesday afternoon alert army troops guarding the line of control noticed a man who was trying to sneak inside the Indian territory. After nabbing him the intruder was handed over by the army authorities to local police for necessary formalities."

According to police, an intruder from Pok has been identified as Tariq Mahmood son of Fazal Rehman resident of Chai Nalla village of Samahani Tehsil in District

Bhimber of Pakistan Occupied Kashmir.

Senior Superintendent of Police Rajouri Yougal Manhas said that cognizance into the matter under relevant sections of law has been taken and accused is under questioning.

He, however, added that no weapon or any such incriminating material has been recovered from the intruder. On the other hand, Northern Army Commander, Lt-Gen Ranbir Singh reviewed overall security situation in the Kashmir valley.

Defence Spokesman, Col Rajesh Kalia in Srinagar said, "Accompanied by Chinar Corps Commander, Lt Gen KJS Dhillon, the Army commander visited the formations and units in the hinterland in South Kashmir on Tuesday". He said, Lt-Gen Ranbir Singh was briefed by commanders on ground regarding the operational and logistic preparedness. Interacting with the troops, Lt-Gen Singh stressed upon the need to maintain vigil and defeat terrorist design.

# 4 months after revocation of Article 370, normalcy returns to Kashmir

Srinagar: Barring the clamp-down on internet services, normalcy is slowly returning to the Kashmir Valley almost four months after the Centre announced abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution that gave special status to Jammu & Kashmir.

Shops, schools and business establishments opened on Tuesday morning and markets remained open till around 1 PM, in comparison to a few weeks earlier when shops would down their shutters much before noon, officials said.

As per the 'new normal', students have started going to schools though without wearing uniforms. Schools have asked their pupils to attend

classes in casual clothes for security reasons.

Officials said that the situation across the Valley has remained peaceful with no untoward incident being reported from anywhere.

However, there has been no official word on the restoration of internet services which were snapped from all platforms on August 5 when Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced the abrogation of Article 370 and bifurcation of the state of Jammu & Kashmir into two Union Territories.

Besides severely affecting local businesses and education of the region's youth, the working of journalists has been hampered due to lack of internet services.



Farmers harvest lotus stem during a cold morning, at Dal Lake in Srinagar on Tuesday

# Bengal House adjourned due to Guv-CM face off

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

The ongoing tension between the Mamata Banerjee Government and Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar had extraordinary fallout with State Assembly Speaker Biman Banerjee on Wednesday taking an unprecedented decision to adjourn the House for two days following a delay by the Raj Bhavan in signing three bills.

Though there was no official statement from the Government or the Governor's House on the bizarre development inside sources said, the inordinate delay by the Governor in signing the bills was an upshot of growing differences between Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and the Governor who has repeatedly complained against the State Ministers and even the Chief Minister for being incourteous to him.

The Speaker announced that the House will remain adjourned till December 5. He said "the House will be adjourned for two days. The bills which were scheduled to be placed won't be tabled as they are yet to receive the nod of the Governor...We had sent those bills for printing but



can't place them in the Assembly as they are yet to get the nod."

While Opposition Left and Congress jointly questioned the logic behind the adjournment as "there are a host of other issues to be discussed — from rising cases of dengue to rising prices of eatables," State BJP president Dilip Ghosh said the Governor was not a puppet in the hands of the Government and he was not bound to sign all the bills making it clear that there was "some politics behind his not signing the bills as is the norm."

While there was no statement from the Governor's House Ghosh said "Governor is not bound to sign every bill sent by the Government just because it is in majority." He accused the Government of "getting passed all the bills without it being scrutinised."

He said "I was in the Assembly for three years and I

saw how sometimes bills were sent to the Governor at the last hour so that he had no time to go through it... Maybe this time he is taking time to go through the bill... this government runs the house in a peculiar manner. The bill that is discussed sometimes is not the one that gets signed. So if the Governor is taking time to read it between the lines he is not doing any wrong."

The State has sent three bills including SC/ST Commission bill, sources said. Dhankhar is at loggerheads with the TMC Government on a number of issues. The cold war peaked on the Constitution Day celebrations last week. The Chief Minister and the Governor who were present at the State Assembly would not exchange pleasantries. Subsequently Dhankhar accused Banerjee for "humiliating" him "on every occasion" and not briefing him regularly.

# Romanian-Delhi gangs suspect in Kolkata ATM fraud



PNS ■ KOLKATA

The Kolkata Police suspected Delhi and Romania links in Tuesday's Kolkata Automated Teller Machine frauds that have allegedly duped customers of lakhs.

Police said the number of people defrauded had crossed 50 on Monday with video clipings procured from Delhi Police showed masked fraudsters withdrawing cash from the Capital's Laxmi Nagar area on most of the occasions.

Senior IPS officer Murlidhar Sharma on Monday said "two FIRs have been lodged in two places in Kolkata and accordingly we have started investigation," adding the police would soon go to the Capital to further investigate the case.

He said Romanian and Turkish gangs could be behind the frauds and were being probed. Last year similar frauds took place and 8 people of Romanian gang were arrested.

# Mamata: Pan India NRC is a political rhetoric of BJP, can never be a reality



PNS ■ KOLKATA

She said a pan India citizens' register can never be a reality on the basis of caste and religion as all persons living in the country are its legal citizens.

A citizens' register would be a blunder as it would face backlash across the country, she said.

"We will not allow the National Register of Citizens (NRC), it will never happen in West Bengal. You cannot implement NRC on the basis of caste and religion," she told reporters in the premises of the State Assembly.

"NRC is a political rhetoric of BJP. It can never be a reality. They (BJP) are busy using political rhetoric but we should not fall into their trap. All people living in this country are its legal citizens and no one can take away their citizenship," Banerjee, who is a staunch critic of the saffron party, said.

The TMC supremo said her opposition to NRC is not driven only by politics but also on humanitarian grounds.

"A person who is living in the country for last so many decades, how can you just announce him foreigner all of a sudden? This is completely unacceptable. Pan India NRC will never be a reality," Banerjee said. Her comments come a day after BJP chief Amit Shah at an election rally in Jharkhand on Monday set 2024 as the deadline for implementing the hugely divisive NRC across the country.

He asserted that "each and every" infiltrator will be identified and expelled before the next general election.

The omission of a large number of Hindu Bengalis from the final NRC list in BJP-ruled Assam has apparently created panic among the people in West Bengal and has allegedly led to 11 deaths in the state so far.

# J&K Panchs start week-long hunger strike over MGNERGA funds, security cover

Jammu: Dozens of panches and sarpanches on Tuesday began a week-long hunger strike here in support of their various demands, including the clearance of ₹ 1,000 crore liabilities under the Centre's flagship MGNERGA scheme.

The hunger strike under the banner of the All Jammu & Kashmir Panchayat Conference (AJKPC) was also to press for security cover to all sarpanches and panches in the vulnerable areas and enhancement of monthly honorarium given at the rate of ₹ 2,500 to sarpanches and ₹ 1,000 to panches.

"We are forced to go for the hunger strike in support of our demands because of the insensitive approach of the administration. Our round-the-clock hunger strike will continue till December 10 but if the administration comes forward and addresses our issues, we are ready to call off the strike anytime," AJKPC president Anil Sharma told reporters.

He said the AJKPC had served an ultimatum of 15 days to the UT Government for clearing the mounting liabilities of ₹ 1,000 crore under the MGNERGA scheme.

"The poor labourers, including skilled and unskilled, have not been paid their meagre wages for

years together. It was highly unfortunate that the Government has become insensitive to the miseries of poor labourers," Sharma, who is leading the protest, said.

He said sarpanches and panches from all the districts of Jammu & Kashmir are taking part in the protest.

He alleged that the successive Governments of the erstwhile J & K State and now the UT administration have been violating the MGNERGA guidelines with regard to the payment of wages to workers with "impunity".

"The MGNERGA guidelines suggest that workers should be paid their wages within 15 days of the work done but the situation is quite grim in the UT where the workers who executed works from 2015 to March 2019 have not been paid their wages till date. This is the worst example of human rights violation," said the leader of the AJKPC, which is a frontline body of the elected panchayat members.

Referring to the killing of a sarpanch and a Government official in a terror attack at Hakura village in Anantnag district on November 26 during the 'back to the village' programme, he said the security of the panches and sarpanches is a major issue and needs to be dealt with priority.

# Transgenders take out protest march, ask Prez not to okay Bill

PTI ■ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Transgenders took out a march to the Raj Bhavan here on Tuesday protesting against the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2019.

They urged the President Ram Nath Kovind to withhold his assent to it. The bill was passed in the Rajya Sabha on November 26. Raising slogans, the members of the Transgenders Collective Forum said the bill had been passed amid protests and resistance from them, whose rights it claims to protect. "We strongly resent the passing of this bill and condemn the members of Parliament who voted in its favour. The bill was passed without any change or amendment during the deliberations," they said.

The forum also urged President not to sign the bill as they said it would be, if he does, a gross violation of his duty as

Minister Thawar Chand Gehlot on November 20.

Replying to a discussion for further consideration of the bill, Gehlot had said efforts would be made to incorporate the suggestions presented by members while framing the rules.

He had said a clause related to medical examination by a panel for a district magistrate (DM) or collector to certify a person as a transgender which was earlier part of the bill, has been done away with, after reservations were expressed by members in this regard.

However, in case of a child, his or her parents can file application for issuance of an identification certificate.

Elaborating on the provisions of the bill, the Minister had said it is aimed at eliminating discrimination against transgenders and the Government would form a national council for its implementation after the legislation is brought into effect.



Naga tribesmen in their traditional attire perform during the third day of Hornbill festival at Kisama village in Kohima, Nagaland on Tuesday

# Congress rally in Delhi on Dec 14 will 'shatter arrogance' of Centre, says Ashok Gehlot

PTI ■ JAIPUR

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Tuesday said the Congress' proposed rally in New Delhi against "anti-people" policies of the NDA Government will shatter its "arrogance".

The Congress has called for a rally at the Ramlila Maidan against the alleged "anti-people policies" of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Government.

"On December 14, there will be a demonstration at Ramlila Maidan in Delhi and thousands of Congress workers from all over the country will participate," the CM said here.

He said there had been district level protests against the



Modi Government by Congress workers across the country.

"This rally will prove to be effective in shattering the arrogance of the central government," Gehlot said.

When asked about his views on the removal of the SPG cover of the Gandhi family, he said the reasons cited for removing the security cover were "ridiculous".

Maha ex-CM's sons deny seeking loan waivers

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Bollywood actor Riteish Deshmukh and elder his brother-Congress MLA Amit Deshmukh, sons of Maharashtra's late Chief Minister Vilasrao Deshmukh, on Tuesday vehemently contested the messages floating around in the social media that they had sought loan waivers to the tune of ₹ 4.75 crore from the Maharashtra Government.

Responding to a tweet put out by academic and chairperson of Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) Madhu Kishwar, Riteish tweeted: "Dear @madhukishwar Ji, The said paper in circulation is with malafide motive. Neither me nor my brother @AmitV\_Deshmukh have availed any loan as mentioned in the paper posted by you. Hence, there is no question of any loan waiver whatsoever. Please don't be misled. Thank you". Interestingly enough, the original tweet put by Kishwar went missing from the twitter,

after Riteish's tweet.

On her part, Kishwar graciously admitted she had been "misled" into putting the tweet and expressed regret. "@Riteishdji, an otherwise reliable Mumbai friend sent me that info. Knowingly, I never publish misleading info even against someone I may hate. Sorry, in this case I was misled. From now on, won't trust even good friends on SM matters. Sincere apologies. BTW I admire your acting," Kishwar tweeted.

"I am also deeply impressed by the gracious manner in which @Riteishdji pointed out my mistake. Thank you Riteish, that one tweet of yours carried many valuable lessons," she added in another tweet.

As per a purportedly "fake" document dated February 2, 2019 from Latur floating around in the social media, Amit Deshmukh and Riteish Deshmukh had allegedly availed a huge farm loan of around ₹4.75 crore and also reportedly applied to the

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In a detailed clarification, Congress MLA Amit Deshmukh said: "This kind of messages have been floating around in social media since the run-up to the Lok Sabha. We had then issued a clarification. The messages once again resurfaced during the State Assembly elections held in October"

Government for its waiver. The indication of the document being a fake one can be seen from the fact that it bears hand-written noting that Deshmukhs allegedly owed farm loan amounting to ₹ 4,70,64,195 and it carries another remark— all penned with a yellow marker-pen: "Advise, how to waive off the loan". In a detailed clarification, Congress MLA Amit Deshmukh said: "This kind of messages have been floating around in social media since the run-up to the Lok Sabha. We had then issued a clarification. The messages once again resurfaced during the State Assembly elections held in October." "We have a reason to believe that some vested interests are behind this mischief. We are lodging a police complaint now to thoroughly investigate the entire matter and arrest those peddling these fake messages in social media," Amit said.

due from Deshmukhs nor does it make a mention that they had sought a loan waiver.

In normal course, Deshmukhs — being the land-holding farmers — are not eligible for are not eligible for benefits under the State Government's loan waiver scheme, a fact that the Devendra Fadnavis Government had made it known it announced the ₹ 34,022 crore loan waiver scheme "Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Krishi Samman Yojana" on June 4 2017.

Deshmukhs believe that their political rivals might have been behind the whole thing. "If the fake document has resurfaced again in the social media, Amit Deshmukh's rivals may be trying to deny him ministerial berth in the Uddhav Thackeray Government.

This is because he was a Minister for a brief time in the earlier Congress-NCP alliance government and is now a ministerial aspirant," a Congress leader close to the Deshmukh family said.

Not quitting BJP: Pankaja Munde

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Breaking her silence over the intense speculation about her quitting the BJP, former Minister and senior party leader Pankaja Munde said here on Tuesday that her Facebook post, in which she had indicated she would decide on her "future journey" on December 12, had been "misinterpreted" and she had no plans to quit the party.

Talking to media persons a day after her Sunday's Facebook post and subsequent removal of the BJP's name from her twitter handle sparked intense speculation that she might quit the BJP on December 12, Pankaja said: "I had not put the Facebook post to indulge in pressure tactics within the party. I am a loyal party worker. Rebellion is not in my blood. My Facebook post has been misinterpreted. I am upset with misleading news reports. I am very committed to the BJP. Rumours are being spread to suggest that I am leaving the BJP".



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anniversary of her father late Gopinath Munde, sources close to her said that she was planning to make a major announcement on December 12, while not disclosing as what it could be.

On Monday, the Maharashtra BJP had gone into a tizzy, after Pankaja —through a Facebook post put out on Sunday and subsequent removal of the BJP's name from her twitter handle on Monday — hinted at the possibility of her quitting the parent party and joining another party.

As Pankaja was incommunicado all through Monday after she removed the BJP's name from her twitter handle, the BJP had gone into a damage control mode and denied that she had any plans to be quit the party, as was being interpreted by the political observers from Sunday's Facebook post and her decision to remove the party's name from her twitter handle.

Forty year-old Pankaja is the daughter late BJP leader Gopinath Munde. Pankaja had taken over the legacy of her father Gopinath Munde after the latter died in a road accident in the national capital on June 3, 2014. A former minister in the previous BJP-led saf-

ron alliance Government in the state, she was defeated by her cousin Dhananjay Munde in the October 21 State Assembly polls by a margin of 30,701 votes in their home constituency of Parli in Beed district of Marathwada.

Shiv Sena spokesperson Sanjay Raut had added fuel to ongoing speculation that Pankaja might join the Shiv Sena, through his cryptic remarks made during his interactions with media persons at Nashik. Asked if it was true that Pankaja would be joining the Shiv Sena, Raut said: "Many prominent BJP leaders have expressed their willingness to join the BJP. If you are talking about Pankaja Munde, you will get know about her plans on December 12".

Talking to media persons, Maharashtra BJP president said: "At a time we have an accidental Government in the state. It is but natural that we get to see the ruling front leaders indulge in this kind of wishful thinking. There is absolute truth in the rumours that Pankajatai would quit the BJP. Many of us have spoken Pankajatai. I don't think there is any possibility of her taking such a step(of quitting the BJP)".

Was aware that Ajit, Fadnavis were in talks: Sharad Pawar

PTI ■ MUMBAI

In second big disclosure in two days, NCP chief Sharad Pawar on Tuesday said he was aware that party leader Ajit Pawar was in touch with Devendra Fadnavis even as he distanced himself from his nephew's sudden political move to join hands with the BJP on November 23.

Pawar had on Monday said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had proposed "working together" but he rejected the offer.

Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar took oath on November 23

morning as chief minister and deputy chief minister, respectively, even though the Shiv Sena, NCP and Congress had almost finalised their alliance and named Uddhav Thackeray as the chief ministerial candidate.

However, Ajit resigned on November 26, following which Fadnavis also threw in the towel, resulting into collapse of the government that lasted for only 80 hours.

"I knew Devendra Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar were in talks, but the speculation that I was aware of Ajit's political move is wrong," Pawar told NDTV in an interview.



Students from a veterinary college take out a candlelight march to protest against the Hyderabad rape and murder case, in Mumbai on Tuesday

KARNATAKA BYPOLL

BJP, fearing defeat, trying to engineer defections: Congress

Bengaluru: Alleging that the ruling BJP, fearing defeat in the December 5 bypolls, has tried to contact some of its MLAs with an intention to engineer defections, the Congress in Karnataka Monday warned the saffron party of a backlash from the party and people if they went about it.

The principal Opposition party also claimed that BJP was spending about ₹ 1,000 crore

"corrupt money" for the bypoll.

"I want to tell one thing to BJP- some of their leaders have claimed that Congress MLAs are ready to join them...Im warning them not to again indulge in Operation Kamala (poaching of opposition MLAs)," KPCC President Dinesh Gundu Rao told reporters here.

"...In fact, they are already making phone calls to our MLAs, already called a few of them. If it repeats, we will not spare you... If it (poaching) repeats, we will not spare you. They (BJP) know they will lose in the bypolls... If they indulge in Operation Kamala again,

leave alone Congress, people will chase and beat them. Dont indulge in such undemocratic things, he added.

Clarifying that Congress would not indulge in such "operations", Rao said disqualified Congress legislators like Byrathi Basavaraj, S T Somashekar and Munirathna-who are now BJP candidates, had in fact said they wanted to re-join the party, a request which was turned down.

The bypolls were necessitated after the resignation and absence of 17 Congress-JD(S) legislators during the trust vote, leading to the collapse of the coalition government and paving the way for BJP to come to power. PTI

Campaigning for Dec 5 bypolls ends

Bengaluru: The high-octane campaign for the December 5 bypolls in Karnataka that will determine the future of the BJP Government in the State ended on Tuesday, with leaders of political parties making a last bid to woo voters.

The by-elections to 15 Assembly constituencies saw BJP seeking votes for "stability", while the Congress and JD(S) urged the electorate to defeat the disqualified legislators responsible for the collapse of their coalition government, who are now the ruling party candidates. PTI

Congress high command to decide on alliance with JD(S) after discussions: Siddaramiah

Bengaluru: Senior Congress leader K Siddaramaiah on Tuesday said the party leadership would take a call on possible tie-up with JD(S) to form a government in case the ruling BJP fails to retain its majority following the December 5 assembly bypolls in Karnataka. His statement came even as several of his party colleagues maintained that they were not averse to possibility of a post by-poll alliance.

"No, no such things, high command will discuss and decide about it," Siddaramaiah told reporters in Hunsur in response to a query on discussions on alliance with JD(S).



Earlier speaking to reporters in Mysuru, he said, there was no internal understanding between Congress and JD(S) during the bypolls, and both parties were seriously fighting against each other. PTI

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TN WALL COLLAPSE

House owner held; Stalin blames negligence by officials

Coimbatore: A day after 17 people were killed in a compound wall collapse near here, the owner of the house around which the structure had been built was arrested on Tuesday on charges of causing death by negligence.

Amid demands for action under the SC and ST Act since the victims were Dalits, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister K Palaniswami met the bereaved families at Nadur, over 50 km from here, and described the incident as 'painful' and assured action against the owner in accordance with law based on proper inquiry.

3 ex-directors of PMC bank held in ₹4,355-cr scam

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of Mumbai Police arrested three former directors of the Punjab & Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank Ltd late on Tuesday evening, in connection with the ₹ 4,355 crore scam.

The police identified the three arrested former directors of the PMC Bank as Jagdish Mookhey, Mukti Bavis and Trupti Bane.

While Mookhey was a member of the Audit

Committee from 2005 to 2020, Bavis was member of the loans and advances committee between 2011 and 2020. Bane was on the Bank's recovery committee from 2015 to 2020.

Ahead of their formal arrested, the three former directors were questioned in connection with the loans and facilities extended to the HDIL Group and the status of their long-pending recoveries. They failed to provide satisfactory replies to the investigators, prompting their arrest.

The investigators will pro-

duce the three arrested former directors of the bank before a city court on Wednesday morning and seek their remand.

With the latest arrests, the total number of arrests in the PMC Bank scam has gone up to eleven.

Earlier on November 16, the police had arrested Sardar Ranjeet Singh, son of a city BJP leader and former MLA from Mulund Sardar Tara Singh.

Among those arrested so far include: two promoters of the Housing Development and

Infrastructure Limited (HDIL) Sarang Kumar Wadhawan and Rakesh Wadhawan

The PMC Bank's exposure to the HDIL group was nearly 73 per cent of its total loan book size of ₹ 8,880 crore as of September 19, 2019.

The EOW suspects a nexus between some of the accused and realty group HDIL, whose mammoth loan defaults are said to have caused a liquidity crisis at the bank, leading to appointment of administrator and restrictions on withdrawal of funds.

The bank's former chair-

man Waryam Singh, managing director Joy Thomas and other senior officials, along with the directors of HDIL Sarang Wadhawan and Rakesh Wadhawan, have been named in the FIR.

HDIL's promoters had allegedly colluded with the bank management, to draw loans from the bank's Bhandup branch.

During the course of the investigations, it has come to light that the PMC Bank created more than 21,000 fake accounts to hide the various loans.

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## No Lynchistan please

Jaya Bachchan might have been enraged by the Hyderabad rape but to advocate vigilantism as a lawmaker is shameful



If the brutal rape and murder of a 26-year-old veterinarian shocked us by its sheer brutality, our response to it has been equally devoid of any sensitivity and humanity. So when a parliamentarian of long standing like Jaya Bachchan advocates public lynching of the rapists in the hallowed portals of the House, it shows that as a society we have almost reached breaking point, strung as we are between the extremity of crime and the hopeless advocacy of retaliatory barbarism. In that sense, if such extreme recommendations

come from civil society, from one of its leading lights no less, then we are equally guilty of bloodlust and untamed emotions that drive sexual offenders. How could Mrs Bachchan ignore the fact that as a legislator she is espousing open defiance of the law of the land and propagating kangaroo court justice and vigilantism? As a lawmaker, isn't it her duty instead to insist upon tougher rules to deal with crimes against women and raise questions on the failure of governance? The trouble with such byte-sized sensationalism is that it immediately absolves the Government and its institutions of accountability and diverts the attention to something that is ludicrous and painful in equal measure, simply because it dilutes the chilling horror of the rape and murder scenario. Mrs Bachchan's fury has done more disservice to women's rights than protecting them. For it only fuels disbelief in the justice delivery system and destroys any hope in the law, which while being stringent, seems non-existent because of faulty execution. With statements like hers, it will become laughable, unreliable even. Of course, one wonders if Mrs Bachchan, who had also aired her opinions during the Nirbhaya episode, took up the Hyderabad case simply because her industry peers found it "urban" enough as grist for social media. One had asked her back then as one should now, why does she stay away from taking up cudgels on behalf of rape victims in Uttar Pradesh, the State she represents in the Rajya Sabha? Hasn't she been affronted enough by the Unnao or the Shahjahanpur rape cases? Had she pursued the cases of rape survivors and women's right to work night shifts with such consistency, then her raging wouldn't perhaps have been seen as staged. Had she raised women's safety consistently in the House through the sessions she has attended, she wouldn't have appeared so Marie Antoinettish.

Irresponsible reactions over the last few days have clearly subverted justice for the dead girl and closure for the family. While some are questioning women's need to work late shifts, yet others are unhealthily curious about the girl. Some social media users have gone to the perverse extent of posting her pictures, even the charred remains from the police files, robbing her of the little dignity she was left with at death. And in a monstrous murder of the human spirit, screenshots of pornographic sites show how searches for the Hyderabad victim's name was trending. Assuming that anybody using the internet has had basic education, these vicarious pleasure-seekers are just as guilty as the offenders themselves. As a nation we are still horribly gendered in our thinking and depending on the evolutionary scale in society, each stratum still sees women as negotiable tools of fantasy, desire and even sadism. Till that is addressed, frankly all conversations are downright meaningless. It is important to emphasise that after the Nirbhaya incident, the justice delivery system has enough teeth. But without enough judges for fast-track courts or trained personnel for investigations, implementation is a long way home. Only one in four cases culminates in convictions and sentencing, which must be brought up to 100 per cent. There has been an increase in reportage of crimes against women after Nirbhaya though much of them are still under-reported or not treated equally in terms of newsworthiness. The death penalty has posed new problems with rapists murdering their victims. We need institutional, behavioural and police reforms in society as a policy push, not as seminar topics. And loose talk of vigilantism or lynchistan, coming from someone who doesn't know the consequences, better be struck off the records.

## India Inc worried

Is Rahul Bajaj right, are Indian corporates too afraid to speak out against this government? Or is this just par for the course?



Anyone who has covered the Indian automotive industry over the past four decades would know that Bajaj Group chairman Rahul Bajaj is never afraid of speaking his mind. Nor does he ever mince his words even if they fly in the face of popular perception and common sense. For years, when he was a Rajya Sabha MP, members counted on him to deliver a quote on issues that would make the Government of the day not only angry but also make his political backers, the Shiv Sena, the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) blush. Bajaj has been an *enfant terrible* of Indian industry for decades — one must never forget that he was a champion of protectionism and led the counter-revolution against the liberalisation of the Indian economy in 1991, which was started by former Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao and the then Finance Minister Manmohan Singh. Thankfully, the Government in power then did not take him seriously beyond a point. The present Government, too, should not beyond respecting his expression of concern. In fact, one can safely make the argument that Bajaj's contribution over the past couple of decades is the realisation that his two sons — Rajiv and Sanjiv — are intelligent and capable managers. Both have been running Bajaj Auto and Bajaj Finance successfully. Even though Rahul Bajaj's comments on an atmosphere of fear before Union Home Minister Amit Shah have set tongues wagging, people have risen to defend both the Government and him, depending on their point of view.

The very fact that he could speak up is an indication that some industrialists are now vocal about criticising the Government. But Bajaj and Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw are exceptions because they can afford to be so. Both run firms without which the Government's "Make In India" programme would have been an abject failure. We should carefully weigh such criticisms lest they be motivated but the fact is that some industrialists are speaking out simply because of the decelerating state of the economy and their worries are warranted. Consumer demand is down as is the ability for any sector to create jobs. The Government and its Ministers have to be made aware of these facts time and again because there is a crisis and there is no point pretending that there isn't one. We have been told numerous times that India has a "demographic dividend" but with every passing day it looks like a "demographic burden" instead. It is not just enough to criticise the Government though the Opposition has been doing this for months. It is time for the industrialists to come up with ideas. The Government, too, must listen to them to get the country's growth back on track. An economist, Puja Mehra, titled her tome on the UPA-era and Modi 1.0 as "*The Lost Decade (2008-18): How India's Growth Story Devolved Into Growth Without a Story*" but at the rate things are going right now, she might need to modify it by adding an "s" at the end of "Decade."

# opinion 08

## An avoidable battlefront

The concurrent rise of China and the communist parties of Nepal in South Asia is a fundamental shift in negating India's primacy in Kathmandu. We must scale up ties in the neighbourhood



ASHOK K MEHTA

Who would have ever imagined that effigies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who had conquered the hearts and minds of most Nepalese in 2014, would be burnt across Nepal? (There's some consolation though that while the Red Star is over Nepal, Chinese President Xi Jinping's effigies, too, were set on fire in that country last month). The provocation was the first political map of India that was released last month, which depicted the reorganised Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir with Pakistan-occupied Kashmir shown in Jammu & Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan in Ladakh.

The map reportedly depicts the highly emotive issue in Kathmandu, the disputed Kalapani territory, in India. An Indian foreign office official said, "The new map has in no manner revised our boundary with Nepal." The Chinese have allegedly encroached into four to five areas, usurping more than 25 hectares of land. The pan-Nepal revival of Kalapani has stirred the pot of anti-India sentiment that was settling down after the 53-day economic blockade of 2015, which catapulted the Nepal Communist Party (NCP) into unprecedented political power.

The Kalapani dispute has, as is usual, a Nepali and Indian version. The former claims that the Kali river originates at Lipulekh whereas the latter contends that its source is at Kalapani. The tri-junction between China, India and Nepal is also contested: Tinker-Lipu versus Lipulekh. India says Nepal and China have bilaterally shifted it about 6 km north. Indian posts at Kalapani and Navidang routinely patrol till Lipulekh. The Kalapani dispute is ancient and a sensitive issue for the Nepalese. Joint/boundary working groups and technical committees have failed to resolve the dispute. According to Nepal's Foreign Ministry, "The two foreign secretaries were tasked to resolve border-related issues with concerned technicians." I have been travelling in Nepal for the last two weeks. The by-elections held on Saturday to elect 52 representatives were not the only reason why Kalapani has become a hot potato and requires early resolution.

Xi's landmark visit to Kathmandu, the first by a Chinese leader in 23 years, was well timed though it raised the hackles in New Delhi. The concurrent rise of China and the communist parties of Nepal in South Asia is a fundamental shift in negating India's primacy in Nepal (and the region) by reducing Kathmandu's dependence on India. New Nepal is secular, democratic, federal and a republic. Monarchy, which unified Nepal 250 years ago, was abolished due to the 10-year-long Maoist insurgency and 19 days of street protest in 2006. Globalisation has affected Nepal in a big way. Around 25 per cent of its population is abroad. Connectivity and urbanisation have changed social con-



tours and nationalism is at an all-time high though economic prosperity has not matched the aspirations of the people.

For India, Nepal is geostrategically the most important country in the neighbourhood. That is why Prime Minister Modi visited it for an unprecedented four times during his first term. No Indian Prime Minister had been there for the past 17 years.

India has lately been focussed on Nepal's development agenda, dovetailed with a stable Nepal and a prosperous one. Emphasis is on trade, hydel power projects, business, tourism and substantial improvement of border infrastructure. Dozens of my reports in the 1970s and 1980s to the Government, urging better border connectivity, went unacknowledged when the Nepali side was getting roads ahead. The bottom line for India is to deliver projects on time with quality perfection so as to match and better China.

Of Nepal's total trade of \$13.5 billion in 2017-18, 65 per cent was with India and just 14 per cent with China. The Indian embassy in Kathmandu has prepared a handbook for Indian investors in Nepal. It is not easy doing business in Kathmandu,

which is expectedly a highly-protected economy though OYO, which entered Nepal in 2017, has now established 120 outlets. As far as tourism is concerned, Indians remain the number one though in Kathmandu, a fading Shangri-La is competing with Bangkok and Dubai. Border trade has immense scope but has not been exploited due to roads still rotting on the border. India's aid to Nepal increased by 73 per cent — from ₹375 crore in 2017-18 to ₹650 crore in 2018-19 — but we are yet in no position to match China's deep pockets. Beijing pledged around \$500 of development aid for the next two years during Xi's visit. Another \$23 million have been given for military stores.

The numbers of integrated checkpoints are being expanded — one at Kakarbhitta and the other at Biratnagar — which is to be inaugurated shortly by Prime Ministers Oli and Modi. A new bridge has been built over Mechi river near Kakarbhitta, which will expedite movement into east India. India has already submitted to Nepal a project report on the 113-km Raxaul-Kathmandu railway line. The other rail line from Jayanagar to Janakpur has been completed and is being extended to

Bardibas in Nepal.

The Motihari-Amlekhgunj oil pipeline was constructed six months ahead of schedule, making petrol ₹2 per litre cheaper in Nepal. Of the nation's 28 million population, 25 per cent is abroad, looking for greener pastures. Around six to eight million people reside in India and are gainfully employed.

Chinese-aided/constructed projects are grouped broadly into two categories: The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) projects, estimated to cost \$8 billion, which include the Trans Himalayan Connectivity Network and three north-south corridors. Another is a basket of 35 projects worth \$10 billion under consideration or project review. China has opened a commercial office in Kathmandu from which Nepal, as a member of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, can secure loans. Unsurprisingly, there is little transparency on the grants and loan components and interest rates. China's track record in supporting infrastructural development is suspected and can lead to a debt trap.

Nepal ideally wants a triangular economic growth model, maximising its dividend from the two fastest-growing economies of India and China,

but New Delhi prefers a bilateral relationship unlike Beijing, which promotes India-China plus one which Prachanda, the executive Chairman of the Nepal Communist Party, rejected last week. Neither Kathmandu nor Beijing has taken New Delhi into confidence about China's trans-Himalayan connectivity network. Nor is there any clarity on the Raxaul-Kathmandu railway. Both railway lines are huge geological and ecological challenges with costs outweighing benefits.

The extension of the Chinese railway line to Lumbini will breach an old Indian red line for Chinese projects in the Terai. Deeper military cooperation between the People's Liberation Army (PLA) and the Nepal Army is another troubling threshold for the Indian Army. Nepal's "Look North" policy contains the seeds of serious security challenges for India. But the immediate concern must be to resolve, for mutual satisfaction, the long-festering Kalapani dispute through high-level dialogue and arrest the anti-India sentiment.

(The writer, a retired Major General, was Commander IPKF South, Sri Lanka and founder member of the Defence Planning Staff, currently the Integrated Defence Staff.)

## SOUND BITE

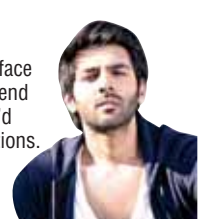
After a few days, just like other Government entities, this Government will start selling railways as well. This Government is skilled at selling, not creating.

**Congress leader**  
—Priyanka Gandhi



I had limited finances. I couldn't even afford a portfolio — I'd crop my face out of group photos to send to agents! All the while I'd skip college to give auditions.

**Actor**  
—Kartik Aaryan



Irresponsible space missions by India are dangerous for the entire ecosystem. International organisations need to take serious note of this (sic).

**Pakistani Minister**  
—Fawad Chaudhry



I was tied down with (party) discipline so could not publicly speak against the previous State Government. Congress leaders kept their word during such times.

**Former Indore BJP MP**  
—Sumitra Mahajan



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Drug bust

Sir — The Central Crime Branch wing of the Bengaluru city police must be lauded for busting an international drug racket and seizing contraband worth over ₹1 crore. The force exposed the drug mafia on the basis of a tip-off from the parent of an addict. The operators used the dark web to smuggle narcotics from Canada by using Amazon's courier services.

This incident should act as an eye-opener. A large number of the youth in Bengaluru are prone to drug abuse. Young professionals with disposable incomes often become the prime targets of drug peddlers. Drug addiction is currently one of the most serious ills plaguing our society. Its effects are devastating and can destroy lives.

It is time to address this issue seriously. Unless the Narcotics Control Bureau, along with other agencies, cracks down on smugglers and peddlers across the country and brings to justice the kingpins who hide beyond the borders, it will be difficult to effectively tackle the problem of substance abuse.

**Ramesh G Jethwani**  
Bengaluru

### Women deserve dignity and equality

This refers to the editorial, "Crying shame" (December 2). There seems to be no end to the incidence of sexual violence of an unimaginable kind against women in our country. We must hang our heads in shame that India has come to be regarded as the rape capital of the world. There is no crime more heinous and horrifying. The "Hyderabad horror" is the latest rape incident to have sparked public outrage. The manner in which the victim was raped and murdered in cold blood evoked chilling reminders of what the rapists did to Nirbhaya in Delhi. This is too gruesome to bear thinking about. It is very sad that stringent laws against rape are not preventing the recurrence of the worst of all felonies.

Reports have it that the predators consumed alcohol, deflated the young woman's two-wheeler, approached her in the guise of helping her, abruptly dragged her to a secluded spot, took turns to rape her, tried to pour alcohol into her mouth, smothered her, set her body ablaze at an underpass and dumped the charred body under a culvert. To say that public spaces are not safe for women is to state the obvious. It is a disturbing fact that at night danger lurks in the form of sexual predators in the streets.

### Furore continues

Sir — A WhatsApp forward, used as campaign material in the Karnataka bypolls, has proved damaging for the Maharashtra BJP and former Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis' credibility.

BJP MP from Karnataka Anant Kumar Hegde has claimed that Fadnavis was sworn in as Maharashtra Chief Minister to prevent Central funds worth ₹40,000 crore from being misused.

Hegde must be having a track record of making controversial statements but if his claim —

the "drama" to support a "minority" Government was scripted and played out only to "appropriate" the funds — is true, though it is yet to be corroborated, questions will definitely arise about the current status of these funds and how they were repatriated by Fadnavis within a couple of days.



"Unlikely places" or "unlikely hours" or "being with a companion or escort" are shamefully new vulnerabilities for women. Women must be respected as individuals in their own right with the inalienable right to dignity. They do not exist for monsters in the mask of men to satisfy their frustrated sexual desires, period.

**G David Milton**  
Maruthancode

Surely, this must have embarrassed the State BJP and Fadnavis but it would help in creating a perception that the Modi-Shah dispensation knew what it was doing all this while by propping up a "minority" Government and not playing into Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar's hands.

**KS Jayatheertha**  
Bengaluru

### Ensure speedy justice

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Crying shame" (December 2). Though expeditious steps have been taken by the Telangana Government to hunt down the culprits, all accused have not been apprehended.

That the accused in the 2012 Delhi gangrape are yet to undergo punishment proves that the wheels of justice move slowly in our country. Quick action against the rapist alone can impact the culture of impunity and push back the crime rate.

**Nimai Charan Swain**  
Bhubaneswar

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**FIRST COLUMN**

## 70 years of a comatose NATO

The 29-member alliance is a familiar and comfortable club, which does not do much good but it does no real harm either



GWYNNE DYER

When he took office in January 2017, US President Donald Trump called the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) "obsolete." But he hates all multinational institutions so that hardly counts. Just last month, however, France's President Emmanuel Macron said that the NATO alliance is "strategically brain-dead," which is closer to the truth. Yet the leaders of the alliance's 29 member countries will all be in the United Kingdom (UK) today to celebrate the 70th anniversary of NATO's foundation.

Brain-dead or just deeply confused, it continues to stumble around and receives frequent transfusions of cash. Why? Macron was furious last month because nobody in NATO could satisfactorily answer his big question: "Who is the enemy?"

The alleged Russian threat is still the glue that holds the alliance together but Macron doesn't believe in that. He says that the alliance's real enemy is terrorism. But, that is equally silly. Terrorism is a major nuisance but not an existential threat and counter-terrorism is usually a secret "war" in which armies have little importance. The appropriate tools for combatting it are generally intelligence services and police forces, not armoured brigades. Very rarely, as in the case of the recently-defeated Islamic State (IS), terrorists do control territory and can be fought openly.

The recent behaviour of Turkey and the United States (US) in north-eastern Syria, however, shows the duplicity and cynicism with which those major NATO members now view the alliance. President Trump agreed to let Turkey's strongman leader, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, invade Syria and attack the Syrian Kurds, who have been America's close allies for the past three years in the war against IS. He also implicitly consented to let Erdogan's forces ethnically cleanse the Syrian Kurds from their homes and settle several million Syrian Arab refugees in them instead.

Neither Trump nor Erdogan consulted with their NATO partners about these potential war crimes. Indeed, President Macron found out about it through Trump's tweet, which explains his fury. But the other European members of NATO said little in public because Erdogan was also threatening to dump a couple of million Syrian refugees on them instead if they complained. So what useful purpose, if any, does NATO serve 30 years after the collapse of the Soviet Union, the enemy it was created to fight? NATO's member-states often try to revive the glory days by pretending that the Soviet Union has been reincarnated in Vladimir Putin's Russian Federation but that's nonsense. Russia has only half the population of the old Soviet Union and its economy is about the same size as Italy's. It has no Eastern European allies any more. They all joined NATO (or are still in the queue) after their Communist Governments fell in 1989. NATO's armed forces were twice as big as those of the Soviet bloc even in the Cold War but they now outnumber Russia's four-to-one.

True, this advantage is somewhat diminished by the fact that NATO's military power is divided among 29 countries and that two of the more important members, the US and Canada, are on the far side of the Atlantic. But it is preposterous to plan on the basis that the Russian "hordes" are itching to invade western Europe. Indeed, it always was.

The former "satellite" countries of Eastern Europe are understandably anxious about the risk of another Russian takeover and NATO offers them some reassurance. The only European countries that are vulnerable to Russian military intervention, however, are former parts of the Soviet Union itself, like Ukraine and Georgia (what the Russians call the "near abroad") — which is why NATO does not let them join.

The modest truth is that NATO is a familiar and comfortable club that lets the European members demonstrate their commitment not to return to the devastating wars of the past. It gives Canada a safer, broader context in which to discuss security matters with its giant American neighbour. And it lets the US pretend that it still leads the "free world." They had to hold a celebratory one-day summit to mark the alliance's 70th birthday but what will they talk about in Watford? (Britain's Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, is keeping the meeting well away from London, mainly to minimise Trump's exposure to the media.) A few ritual topics come up every year, like whether each member is carrying a fair share of the alliance's burden of military spending. This is usually an American complaint about the European members, but Washington conveniently forgets that much of its spending goes to pay for an accelerating strategic competition with China in which the Europeans have little interest and no obligations. The participants are mostly old pals and for the most part, they will pass a pleasant day together. The alliance does not do much good but it does no real harm either. Let them have their day out.

(Gwynne Dyer's new book is *Growing Pains: The Future of Democracy and Work*.)

## POINT COUNTERPOINT

YOU SHOULD BE CALLED *NIRBALA* (WEAK) INSTEAD OF NIRMALA AS YOU ARE UNABLE TO ASSERT YOURSELF ON THE POLICIES OF THE GOVERNMENT.

—CONGRESS LEADER  
**ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY**



YOU ARE WEAK AS YOU ARE SERVING THE LADY OF ONE FAMILY AND FIGHTING ONLY FOR HER RESPECT AND SAFETY.

—BJP MP  
**POONAM MAHAJAN**

# A scandalous waste

Successive Governments have reiterated their unflinching commitment to rationalise subsidies and reduce the unsustainable burden they put on the country's Budget, yet they have failed to do so



UTTAM GUPTA

Millions of people (including many under-servicing ones) are getting a variety of subsidies from the Central Government and States. These cost crores, impairing the ability of the Centre and States to rein in fiscal deficit (excess of total expenditure over total revenue) within the range mandated under the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act. These subsidies are administered in an "ad-hoc" and "arbitrary" manner and this leads to mis-allocation of resources, promotes inefficiency in production, distribution and use, encourages misuse and diversion of funds and makes way for controls.

Successive Governments, led by parties of all hues across the political spectrum, have reiterated their unflinching commitment to rationalise and streamline subsidies with a view to reduce and give them only to the deserving. The then Union Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee under the UPA regime had even fixed a specific target in the 2012-13 Budget for reduction of subsidies as percentage of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in as much the same way as the target for pruning fiscal deficit.

Yet, grants have continued to increase and the subsidy given by the Central Government on food, fertilisers and fuel alone exceeds ₹300,000 crore annually. That this is imposing an unsustainable burden on the Budget can be gauged from a recent decision of the Government to increase the "authorised capital" of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) — as food subsidy is routed through it — from the existing ₹3,500 crore to ₹10,000 crore, so that the FCI is able to raise more money from the market (with this, it will be eligible to borrow ₹100,000 crore) even as the Government is unable to pay.

In case of fertilisers, where subsidy is routed through manufacturers, the ruling dispensations have innovated a variety of mechanisms such as issue of "fertiliser bonds" in lieu of pending subsidy payments (as during 2007-08 and 2008-09) or special banking arrangement (SBA) under which the Central Government directs public sector banks (PSBs) to give loans to manufacturers backed by sovereign guarantee (2014-15 to 2016-17) to mitigate the adverse impact on the Budget and prevent fiscal slippage.

During 2007-08 to 2009-10, the Government issued oil bonds to public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs) like the Indian Oil Corporation (IOCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation (HPCL) against outstanding subsidy dues on sale of petrol, diesel, LPG and kerosene. Further, during 2004-05 to 2013-14, it also took recourse to directing upstream oil and gas PSUs like Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Oil India Limited (OIL) to give discount on sale of domestic crude to IOCL/BPCL/HPCL. ONGC alone gave a cumulative discount of over ₹300,000 crore during this period to ease the subsidy burden on the Centre.

Why then, have subsidy payments continued to increase unabated? In a fundamental sense, this has to do with a two-fold strategy followed by successive regimes. First, the Government orders sale of fertilisers, food and fuel at a low price, unre-

“MEANINGFUL SUBSIDY REFORMS REQUIRE ABANDONMENT OF A POPULIST APPROACH. BUT THEN POLITICS ALWAYS HAS AN UPPER HAND EVEN AS REFORMS TAKE THE BACK SEAT. GIVEN THE INCESSANT EXHORTATIONS OF OUR POLITICAL CLASS THAT ALL AGRICULTURAL INPUTS AND ESSENTIAL ITEMS OF CONSUMPTION ARE AVAILABLE AT THROWAWAY PRICES OR EVEN FREE, IT IS MOST UNLIKELY THAT SUBSIDY REFORMS WILL EVER TAKE OFF.”



lated to the cost of production/procurement, handling and distribution which is higher. Second, since no manufacturer or agency can sustain operations by selling at the low (albeit controlled) price, the Government reimburses to it excess of the cost-over-price as subsidy. Both the components of the strategy are seriously flawed.

The supply of a product at low price stops the consumer from recognising its true value and often leads to its indiscriminate and excessive use or even misuse. For instance, the low Maximum Retail Price (MRP) of urea, which currently is a mere 10 per cent higher than it was two decades ago, has led to its excessive use, causing an imbalance in fertiliser use, stagnating crop yield, soil degradation and an adverse environmental impact. It has also led to large-scale diversion to chemical industries (30 per cent of the total supply).

In food also, diversion of subsidised cereals from the Public Distribution System (PDS) is rampant and could be as high as 50 per cent in some States. When, under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), food grains are available at a throwaway price of ₹1/2/3 per kg for coarse grains, wheat and rice respectively, as against the much-higher market price, surveillance can't stop diversion.

In oil too, there are instances galore of subsidised kerosene being diverted for adulterating diesel; or rampant misuse of subsidised LPG until the Government brought it under the Direct Benefit Transfer scheme from January, 2015. The other pitfall has to do with giving the benefit of subsidy to even those who don't deserve it. When, urea is available at a "uniform" low MRP to all farmers (without any ceiling on the

quantity bought), even a rich farmer merrily enjoys the subsidy. Likewise, undeserving farmers are also enjoying subsidy on other inputs like power, irrigation and credit.

Coming to the second component, when a fertiliser manufacturer knows that the Government will reimburse in excess of the cost of production and distribution over the MRP, he/she won't make efforts to improve efficiency and reduce cost. Further, even suppliers of raw materials such as LNG, phosphoric acid, ammonia and potash used in producing fertilisers get away with charging a high price, as they too know that input costs are "passed-through" under the subsidy regime.

In food, the FCI gets paid for its expenses on procurement, handling and distribution on "actual" basis. This allows cover up for its inefficiencies, cost padding and even for quantities which often disappear from the warehouses.

Similarly, oil firms get reimbursement on sale of subsidised LPG and kerosene based on inflated price which is a mix of import parity and export parity in 80:20 ratio.

Several committees from time to time have recommended measures to address these flaws. But, no political dispensation ever picked up the courage to act on their recommendations. The overarching reason behind this was sheer votebank politics. Some events from the 1990s and the 2000s will best illustrate this. In the early 90s, when under pressure from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank and based on recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee, the then Government under PV Narasimha Rao decontrolled all phosphate and potash fertilisers and with-

drew subsidy from August 25, 1992, it not only retained controls and subsidy on urea but also reduced its MRP by 10 per cent. Further, even on phosphate and potash fertilisers, within five weeks of withdrawal it resurrected subsidy under a new incarnation called "ad-hoc concession."

Since then, successive Governments have continued with subsidy on both urea and non-urea fertilisers with much higher subsidy on the former. In 1998 under the then NDA Government led by AB Vajpayee, the then Finance Minister, Yashwant Sinha while presenting the Budget had proposed an increase of ₹1,000 per ton in the MRP of urea with a view to bring about some reduction in subsidy. In a bid to camouflage its harshness, in his speech, Sinha presented this as an "increase of ₹1 per kg" (thinking that this might pass muster). But the Minister was caught napping as all parliamentarians — cutting across party lines — protested, forcing him to roll back 50 per cent of the hike the very next day and the remaining within a fortnight.

These events clearly demonstrate the power of the vote bank, which is synonymous with supplying cheap fertilisers, food, fuel, power and so on. In sharp contrast, meaningful subsidy reform — at its very core — requires abandonment of a populist approach. But then politics always has an upper hand even as reforms take the back seat.

Given the incessant exhortations of our political class that all agricultural inputs and essential items of consumption are available at throwaway prices or even free, it is most unlikely that subsidy reforms will ever take off.

(The writer is a New Delhi-based policy analyst)

# The BJP's star is still rising

Modi is in a strong position right now and it is the allies who need the party and not the BJP which needs the partners as in the past. There was a time when the saffron party was considered an untouchable but it is not so anymore



KALYANI SHANKAR

All is not well with the BJP's allies. Murmurs of dissent from the alliance partners are getting louder, more so after the recent rift between the Shiv Sena and the BJP which led to the former quitting the NDA and finally breaking up their alliance in Maharashtra.

However, the BJP is not worried as it has absolute majority in the Lok Sabha, though Prime Minister Narendra Modi chose to include the representatives of the alliance partners in his Cabinet in 2014 and continued the same practice after improving the BJP's tally in the 2019 elections. Modi is on record saying that he believes that coalitions are necessary for Indian democracy and his Government would combine national ambition and regional aspirations. does the BJP need allies? Of the 543

Unlike the Vajpayee Government, which faced constant troubles from NDA allies, Modi has had smooth sailing for the last five years. The NDA is no longer the same as the position of the partners has weakened. In the last five years, many allies have either quit the alliance or are at odds with the Modi Government. Even those who have declared that they stand firm with the BJP — the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) and the Janata Dal-United (JD-U) — are disturbed by the treatment meted out to partners.

The BJP had five major allies. They were the SAD, the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), the Shiv Sena, the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and the JD-U. Out of these, the TDP left the BJP in 2018, while the Shiv Sena parted company with the NDA recently and the BJP itself dumped the Mehbooba Mufti led-PDP.

The Sena is the BJP's only ideological ally while the Akalis are the only ones whose social base couples perfectly with the BJP's. All of the NDA partners have been protecting their turfs in their respective States. However, the big question is, does the BJP need allies? Of the 543



LS seats, the BJP has no need for them — except for smaller partners as in Uttar Pradesh — in 331 seats. Of the 212 seats where the BJP is dependent on allies, Bihar and Maharashtra are the only States where an ally is either the senior or equal partner. The BJP's decision to hang on to the allies could be because the party is yet to attain majority in the Rajya Sabha (RS). When the BJP came to power in 2014, it had 43 MPs in the Upper House out of a total strength of 245. Today, that number has almost doubled to 78. Along with its allies, the BJP has 115 MPs in the RS now. It

needs the cooperation of a few smaller parties to push its agenda in the House. The NDA allies are obviously dissatisfied with the present arrangement as they feel that unlike Vajpayee's time, there is hardly any consultation among the partners now. They want a chairman and convener for the NDA, which used to be the case earlier. While the BJP leader was the chairman, the convener was chosen from among the partners. The Modi era has seen no such arrangement and this demand has been voiced many times. In fact, just before the current Winter Session of the Parliament, the Lok Janshakti

Party's (LJP) national president Chirag Paswan pointed out that the appointment of a convener or constitution of a coordination committee would ensure the exchange of ideas across alliance partners.

SAD leader and Rajya Sabha MP Naresh Gujral also said, "There was a time when no one was in alliance with the BJP and at that time too, the Shiv Sena and the SAD stood with them. It doesn't mean that when you get absolute majority you start treating your allies as lesser partners."

The Apna Dal, JD-U and a few other allies made similar remarks. The NDA has 16 allies, of which the BJP is the only national party. The relations with the partners in the Modi era have not been that cordial. This is because of their tussle for votes. The BJP is ambitious and wants to expand while the allies want to protect their turf. This was the reason why the Shiv Sena left the alliance last month. Also Modi does not succumb to their arm twisting.

The BJP has a new strategy to build the NDA. Modi has said that the doors of the BJP are always open for old and new partners. For

instance, the TDP is said to be inching closer to the BJP again. Shiv Sena could come back any time. The BJP has also got new allies; particularly in the North-East and several more are in the making, like the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK), Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS), the Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress Party (YSRCP) and other smaller parties.

The BJP has expanded its base and has become the richest and biggest party, overtaking the Congress even in the RS. It has major presence in most big States, and is now eyeing the South and the North-East for expansion. The saffron party has replaced the Left in Tripura and edged the Congress out in West Bengal and Odisha as the challenger to the ruling party. Its winning spree continues as it has Governments in 17 States. Modi is in a strong position right now and it is the allies who need the party and not the BJP which needs the partners, as in the past. There was a time when the saffron party was considered an untouchable but it is not so anymore. (The writer is a senior journalist)

## FOREIGN EYE



### REASONS TO FEAR JOHNSON'S VICTORY

Last week's climate debate on Channel 4 was the first televised poll debate between party leaders dedicated to climate issues to take place, anywhere in the world. This makes it a credit to all those involved. But as the polls narrow, the extent to which climate science has been absorbed into the Labour's programme is a reason to hope for any result other than a victory for Johnson. His refusal to debate an existential issue of our time is more evidence that he is unfit to hold the office of Prime Minister. (The Guardian editorial)

# Hold back remaining stocks of Karvy clients: SAT to NSDL

PTI ■ MUMBAI

In an interim relief to the lenders, the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) on Tuesday asked NSDL not to transfer any more shares to the clients of the crippled Karvy Broking.

Issuing an interim stay, a two-member SAT bench comprising MT Joshi and CKG Nair said the final order will be issued Wednesday afternoon.

The SAT order came on a plea from affected lenders—HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Indusind Bank and Bajaj Finance — which challenged NSDL's Monday decision to transfer shares from now-banned Karvy Broking back to

83,000 clients, which helped almost 90 per cent of the demat account holders of brokerage to recover their investments.

Since most of the shares were kept as securities for loans made by banks, and "unilateral" transfer of shares will have a chilling effect on this stream of lending, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank and Indusind Bank told the SAT during the hearing.

Karvy had misused securities of over 95,000 clients which it was holding on behalf of the clients to raise over ₹600 crore in loans.

Following an order from the capital markets regulator Sebi, National Securities Depository (NSDL) on Monday transferred back

stocks of nearly 83,000 clients.

Bajaj Finance was the first to challenge NSDL move at the SAT within hours of the transfers, and the banks joined it on Tuesday. Banks claimed that such "unilateral" transfer of shares, which are pledged with them as securities for borrowings, will deeply impact the entire business of loans against shares and will prevent them from undertaking this business in toto.

As a solution, senior counsel representing banks pleaded for shares to be either clawed back from clients and frozen in an escrow account and warned that if the securities come back to the open market, it will be "irreversible".

Banks also said they cannot

be forced to pay for the "sins" of the regulators and the regulated companies.

During the course of the arguments, a counsel for HDFC Bank said the largest private sector lender alone has a ₹300 crore exposure where the shares worth over ₹ 470 crore have been pledged.

Counsel for NSDL said depository acted only as per Sebi order and drew focus on a Sebi order of June 2019 which made it clear that such pledges might be untenable and alleged that banks have been "recklessly" lending to brokerages.

During the day-long arguments, the NSDL counsel told SAT that the decision to trans-

fer back the shares to clients was made by the NSDL board after a lot of thoughts.

The NDDL counsel also pointed out banks should have been aware of the Sebi order since all these banks which have challenged the NSDL also run dedicated broking arms.

SAT reserved the order and said the final order will be delivered at 1400 hrs Wednesday. On Monday, Sebi had directed NSDL to transfer the investors' securities, held by Karvy Stock Broking in their respective accounts. The decision resulted in nearly 83,000 investors getting back their securities that were illegally transferred by the broker to its own account and were even pledged

without any authorisation.

With this transfer by NSDL, nearly 90 per cent investors received their securities. Karvy has taken loans to the tune of ₹600 crore by pledging securities worth over ₹2,300 crore of 95,000 clients with lenders, including Bajaj Finance. Of these, 95,000 clients, nearly 83,000 have got back their securities, which were illegally transferred by Karvy to its own account and then used for other purposes including raising funds.

The ruling halting further transfer of shares came following an appeal by Bajaj Finance, which has given loans worth ₹345 crore to Karvy against pledged securities.

# Govt open to further reforms: FM

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Seeking investment from global players, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said the Government is open to further reforms for making India a more attractive investment destination. The Government has taken various steps, including reduction in corporate tax, she said at the India-Sweden Business Summit here.

Without sharing details of future reforms, the finance minister said, "I only can invite and assure that the Government of India is committed for further reforms in various sectors

whether it is banking, mining or insurance and so on."

She added the Government is addressing challenges faced by the industry not just Indian-owned but operationalise industries which are present in India. "Since after budget I have made sure constant interactions with the industry, understanding their challenges, and therefore, since after the budget not waiting for another budget which is expected in February 2020, we took major structure reform in the form reduction in corporate tax.

"This one measure indicates how our government believes in

reforms. Today I say there are many more steps we have to take," she added. In the biggest tax reduction in 28 years, the government in September slashed corporate tax rates up to 10 percentage points as it looked to pull the economy out of a six-year low growth with a ₹1.45 lakh crore tax break.

Base corporate tax for existing companies has been reduced to 22 per cent from 30 per cent, and to 15 per cent from 25 per cent for new manufacturing firms incorporated after October 1, 2019, and starting operations before March 31, 2023.

# NSE identifies eight cos for surveillance action

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Leading stock exchange NSE has shortlisted eight companies, including Future Enterprises and GMR Infrastructure, that have higher levels of pledged shares by promoters, for surveillance action.

The exchange would levy minimum margin of 35 per cent on the respective shares, including on stocks in derivatives segment.

Jindal Steel & Power, Dish

TV India, Gayatri Projects, Max India, Sadbhav Infrastructure Project and Sequent Scientific are the other six companies identified for surveillance action, according to a circular.

"The applicable rate of margin in equity and equity derivatives segment shall be 35 per cent or existing margin, whichever is higher with effect from December 5 on all open positions as on December 4 and new positions created from

December 5," the bourse said.

It also noted that shortlisting of securities under this surveillance measure is purely on account of market surveillance and it should not be construed as an adverse action against the concerned company.

In October, stock exchanges decided to take additional surveillance measures from November 1 in order to reduce volatility in stocks having higher levels of pledged shares by their promoters.

# Tax dept issues 2.10 cr tax refunds till Nov; ₹1.46-L crore refunded

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Income Tax Department processed as many as 2.10 crore tax refund cases, returning back over ₹1.46 lakh crore in first eight months of 2019-20, up 20 per cent over the last year as a centralised processing centre has expedited the process, officials said.

The Centralised Processing Centre (CPC) processed 4.70 crore tax returns between April 2019 and November 28 (almost eight months of current 2019-20 year) as opposed to 3.91 crore returns being processed in the same period a year back, they said.

It processed 2.10 crore tax refund cases for current Assessment Year 2019-20 as on November 28, 2019, compared to 1.75 crore refunds for the same period in FY 2018-19, an increase of 20 per cent.

The total amount of refunds issued in FY 2019-20 till November 28 was ₹1.46 lakh crore as compared to ₹1.19 lakh crore in the same period of the previous year (an

increase of 22.7 per cent), they said.

Of the 2.10-crore refunds processed in 2019-20, 68 per cent of refunds were issued within 30 days from the date of the e-verification of income tax return as compared to 57 per cent for the same period in FY 2018-19.

All refunds issued by CPC have been directly credited to the taxpayers' bank accounts by ECS, eliminating paper cheque and ensuring faster, accurate and safer credit, officials said.

The number of verified refunds pending as on November 29 are 20.76 lakh and currently being processed.

Officials said not only were 20 per cent higher number of refunds processed for the current AY 2019-20, the pendency of refunds for verified income tax returns (ITR) has been reduced by 36 per cent from 31.97 lakh last year at the same time to 20.76 lakh this year as on November 29.

Balance refunds are being processed, they said.

# Telcos seek floor price in data tariffs

PIANS ■ NEW DELHI

Incumbent telecom carriers Bharti Airtel, Vodafone Idea and Reliance Jio have asked the sector regulator TRAI to set up floor pricing for data services as early as possible while asking for continuation of forbearance for voice services.

In a letter to Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Chairman, COAI Director General Rajan Mathews said tariff correction in the current level of fierce competition is not possible by any service provider voluntarily and thus the only option available is prescription of a minimum tariff for mobile data service by the Authority.

At the same time TRAI would be aware that unlike mobile data, voice services are considered as essential services by the people mainly at the bottom of the pyramid and therefore would need to be continued under the present forbearance regime.

It said data tariffs in India are 50 times lower than that of the developed/developing economies. "Telecom service providers in the private sector — Bharti Airtel Limited, Reliance Jio and Vodafone Idea Limited — are in complete

agreement that TRAI be requested to regulate tariffs by setting a floor price for data services," said the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) Director General Mathews in a letter dated December 3, 2019, to the TRAI chairman Ram Sewak Sharma.

COAI represents India's telecom service providers and network vendors excluding state-run Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL).

"Necessary orders as per the statutory provisions of the TRAI Act be issued urgently. We expect tariffs to be regulated and decided by TRAI will ensure that the telecom industry remains healthy and robust," the letter stated.

The financially-strained telecom sector, sitting on a debt of more than ₹7.5 lakh crore, is further stressed following the recent adverse Supreme Court

# Bharti Airtel shares stage marginal recovery; Vodafone Idea dips 9%

New Delhi: A day after clocking bountiful gains, telecom companies' shares closed on a mixed note on Tuesday.

Bharti Airtel shares logged a marginal 0.09 per cent gain to settle the day at ₹458.95 a unit on the BSE. The stock fell 2.84 per cent in intra-day trade before staging a recovery. The operator's shares had hit 52-week high on Monday. On the NSE, the telco's shares closed at ₹460.85 apiece, up 0.49 per cent. While

Vodafone Idea shares dipped 9.50 per cent to end at ₹705 apiece on the BSE. Intra-day, the stock plummeted 13.73 per cent to hit a low of ₹67.72.

On the NSE, its shares settled 7.69 per cent down at ₹720 per unit. During the day, the scrip nosedived 14.10 per cent. Shares of Vodafone Idea on Monday closed higher by 14.06 per cent and those of Bharti Airtel by 4.12 per cent.

verdict asking telecom companies to pay due to the government settling a decade-and-a-half dispute on the interpretation of Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR).

In the September quarter, Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea together posted highest loss of more than ₹75,000 crore. The telecom body, citing TRAI data said overall average revenue per user (ARPU) has come down from ₹141 in 2010, to ₹118 in 2017, and to ₹80 a month.

# BUSINESS CORNER

## GAIL GETS 'PROJECT MANAGEMENT COMPANY' AWARD

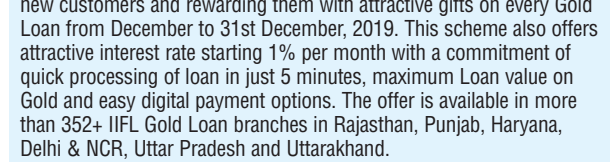
New Delhi: GAIL (India) Limited has been awarded the "Project Management Company of the Year" for successfully completing Phase 1 of the Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga Pipeline Project. The award was given by Union Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Steel Dharmendra Pradhan to GAIL CMD & Director (Projects), Dr Ashutosh Karnatak accompanied by Director (Marketing) Shri Gajendra Singh, Director (Business Development) Shri Manoj Jain, Director (Finance) AK Tiwari and Executive Director (Projects) MV Iyer at the Federation of Indian Petroleum Industry (FIPI) Oil & Gas Industry Annual Awards 2019 ceremony held in New Delhi on Monday.



Minister Petroleum & Natural Gas and Steel Dharmendra Pradhan (5th from left) presents the award "Project Management Company of the Year" to GAIL CMD & Director (Projects) Dr Ashutosh Karnatak (4th from left), Director (Marketing) Gajendra Singh (3rd from left), Director (Business Development) Manoj Jain (4th from right), Director (Finance) AK Tiwari (3rd from right) and Executive Director (Projects) Shri M V Iyer (5th from right)

## IIFL FINANCE LAUNCHES 'HAR GOLD LOAN PE GIFT' OFFER

Mumbai/New Delhi: IIFL Finance, one of India's largest non-banking finance companies, is bringing exciting offers on Gold Loan with 'Har Gold Loan pe Gift' offer for all new customers and rewarding them with attractive gifts on every Gold Loan from December to 31st December, 2019. This scheme also offers attractive interest rate starting 1% per month with a commitment of quick processing of loan in just 5 minutes, maximum Loan value on Gold and easy digital payment options. The offer is available in more than 352+ IIFL Gold Loan branches in Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi & NCR, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.



# 92,700 BSNL, MTNL employees opt for voluntary retirement

New Delhi: The voluntary retirement scheme of BSNL and MTNL on Tuesday closed with over 92,700 employees opting for it, according to senior officials of the public sector telecom companies. Around 78,300 employees of BSNL and 14,378 of MTNL have opted for the scheme. "Approximately 78,300 employees have opted for the VRS as per data received from all the circles till the closing of the scheme. This is as per our target. We were expecting reduction of 82,000 headcount. Besides VRS applicants, around 6,000 employees also retired," BSNL Chairman and Managing Director PK Purwar said. The PSUs had set December 3 as last date for employees to opt for VRS. MTNL Chairman and Managing Director Sunil Kumar said that the PSU too has exceeded the target set for VRS. "14,378 employees have opted for VRS against target of 13,650 employees. This will reduce our annual salary bill from ₹2,272 crore to ₹500 crore. Now we are left with 4,430 employees which is sufficient to run our business," Kumar said.

# APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified body of a female namely Seema, W/o: Lekhpal, R/o: Unknown, was found on 28.11.2019 lying semi unconscious at LHMC Hospital compound waiting area, New Delhi and was admitted at LHMC hospital emergency vide MLC No. 79269/19 on 28.11.2019. During the treatment the doctors

declared her dead on 30.11.2019. In this regard DD No. 11-A dated 30.11.2019 has been lodged at Police Station, Mandir Marg, New Delhi. Dead Body has been preserved in LHMC Hospital mortuary for 72 hrs for identification. Identification of unidentified dead body of female is as under:

Name: Seema, Age: Approx 40 Years, Face: Long, Height: 5'1", Complexion: Wheatish, Built: Thin, Hair: Black & Long, Wearing: Blue suit and salwar, bare footed. If anyone have any information or clue about this female deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

SHO Police Station, Mandir Marg, New Delhi DP/2170/NDD/19 Ph.: 011-23364100, 8750870522, 7988876315

# Mercedes launches SUV GLC, price starts at ₹52.56 lakh

New Delhi: German luxury car-maker Mercedes Benz on Tuesday launched its premium SUV GLC with price starting at ₹52.56 lakh (ex-showroom all India). The latest generation of the GLC is available in both petrol and diesel engine options. These are equipped with MBUX, an intuitive and intelligent multimedia system.

While the petrol option, GLC 200 is priced at ₹52.75 lakh, the diesel variant GLC 220d is priced at ₹57.75 lakh (all prices ex-showroom, India). "The launch of the new GLC reiterates our product offensive for the Indian market," Mercedes-Benz India Managing Director & CEO

Martin Schwenk said.

Stating the GLC is one of Mercedes-Benz India's highest selling SUVs, having sold over 7,000 units since its debut, he said launch of latest generation GLC "also marks the introduction of the next generation of the next generation of MBUX with the aim to improve driver's interaction with the various systems in the car." "New GLC combines ruggedness of a SUV with the intelligence of MBUX and luxury appointments synonymous with Three Pointed Star (Mercedes-Benz). We are confident this offering will continue to win hearts and minds of our discerning customers," he added.

# Maruti to hike prices from Jan, M&M, Toyota, Mercedes may follow suit

New Delhi: The country's largest car maker Maruti Suzuki India on Tuesday said it will hike prices of its vehicles from January to offset rising input costs. Other car manufacturers such as Toyota, Mahindra & Mahindra and Mercedes-Benz said they are also contemplating a similar move.

Hyundai Motor India and Honda Cars India, however, said they will not increase vehicle prices in January, but their products will see rise in prices when BS-VI compliant models are introduced in the market. Taking the first step for

the year-end price hike announcements, Maruti Suzuki India said in a regulatory filing that over the past year the cost of company's vehicles has been impacted adversely due to increase in various input costs.

"Hence, it has become imperative for the company to pass on some impact of the above additional cost to customers through a price increase across various models in January 2020," it added.

This price increase shall vary for different models, the company said. Currently, the company sells a range of vehi-

cles starting from entry-level small car Alto to premium multi-purpose vehicle XL6 with price ranging from ₹2.89 lakh to ₹11.47 lakh (ex-showroom Delhi).

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Deputy Managing Director N Raja also said that the company is working out details to offset rising input costs by passing it to customers.

"We are in discussion for a January timeline for the price increase. We will be reviewing prices along with the model year change and we will look at price increase," said.

# ₹ ends steady ahead of RBI policy outcome

Mumbai: The Indian rupee closed on a steady note against the US dollar on Tuesday as the domestic forex market turned cautious ahead of the RBI monetary policy outcome.

Besides, participants also took note of the developments on the global trade canvas, where US President Donald Trump announced imposition of tariffs on imports from Brazil and Argentina as well as indicated that a deal with China might not be happening till next year's US presidential polls.

# PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person 1. Mehboob @ Mantri S/o Makboob R/o Village-Bisanpur, PS Civil Lines Muradabad (UP) and 2. Shahbuddin @ Dabbu S/o Firasat R/o Naya Gaon Harthala, PS Civil Lines, Muradabad, U.P. have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence under case FIR No. 76/19 U/s 186/353/332/307/411/34 IPC & 25/27/54/59 Arms Act., has been registered at P.S. Punjabi Bagh, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said Mehboob @ Mantri and Shahbuddin @ Dabbu cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said, Mehboob @ Mantri and Shahbuddin @ Dabbu have absconded (or are concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Mehboob @ Mantri and Shahbuddin @ Dabbu, FIR No. 76/19 U/s 186/353/332/307/411/34 IPC & 25/27/54/59 Arms Act. are required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 15.01.2020.

DP/8518/WD/19- Court matter By Order Ms. Manu Vedwan, MM-01 (West) Room No.341, 3rd Floor, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

# PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd., 3rd Floor, Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Indranil Karal/ Anand Vikram Singh/ LBDEL00001765014	Flat No. N/1802, 18th Floor, Block N, Jaipuria Sunrise Greens, Plot No. 12A, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad/ 28.Nov.2019	30 June, 2014 R. 30,96,589/-	Delhi Ncr

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

Date: 04-12-2019 Place: Delhi/ NCR Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

# WESTERN RAILWAY BULK ADVERTISING RIGHTS

e-Tender Notice No. & Date: CA11-NFR-00H-BA ROB-IV-28 dated 27.11.2019. Work and location: Bulk advertising rights at Bandra ROB - South West Location (Group IV) at Bridge No. 20 at Kms. 14/2B-3B for display of advertisements by dismantling existing hoarding structures & replacing with erection of new hoarding structure of size 120' x 40' (1) facing west, for a period of five years. First Year Reserve price: ₹ 1,69,72,800/- (excluding taxes etc.). Approx. cost of Work: ₹ 9,02,28,335/- (excluding taxes etc.). EMD: ₹ 18,04,600/- Date & Time of closing of online submission: Upto 15.00 hrs. on 26.12.2019. Date & Time of opening of e-tender: At 15.30 hrs. on 26.12.2019. NOTE: Please visit our website www.irps.gov.in to download the tender document, corrigendum and further details. Cost of tender and EMD shall be accepted only through online net banking or E-payment gateway. Bidder should regularly visit website to keep themselves updated.

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# PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED (See Section 82 Cr.PC.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person Mohd. Tanvir, S/o Mohd. Abdul Qaiyum, R/O H.No. 63/2, 2nd Floor, Tilak Enclave, Mohan Garden, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 468/17 U/S 420/120B IPC PS Janakpuri, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Mohd. Tanvir can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Mohd. Tanvir has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person Mohd. Tanvir of case FIR No. 468/17 U/S 420/120B IPC PS Janakpuri, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on 20.01.20.

By Order Shri Deepak Vats Metropolitan Magistrate Room No. 9, Ground Floor Dwarka District Court Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi

# Indices skid over fresh global trade worries

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Benchmark stock indices Sensex and Nifty on Tuesday fell in line with subdued Asian markets after the US decision to slap tariffs on imports from Brazil and Argentina opened a new front in global trade war.

The 30-share BSE gauge settled at 40,675.45, down 0.31 per cent or 126.72 points. The index swung between a high of 40,885.03 and a low of 40,554.04 during the day.

The broader NSE Nifty settled at 11,994.20, showing a dip of 0.45 per cent or 54 points.

In view of fresh tussle in global trade, metal stocks came under pressure. Besides, banking stocks saw selling pressure as investors took a cautious stance ahead of the RBI monetary policy meet outcome on December 5.

On the Sensex chart, Yes Bank was the worst hit with 7.81 per cent decline. It was followed by Tata Steel, Vedanta, M&M, IndusInd Bank and Tata Motors — shedding as much as 5.07 per cent.

On the other hand, Bajaj Auto, TCS, Kotak Bank, Infosys and HDFC were among the major gainers.

Sectorally, metal index bore the brunt of global trade tussle

and tumbled 2.67 per cent. Other top losers were basic materials (1.94 per cent), telecom (1.76 per cent), industrials (1.53 per cent), utilities (1.24 per cent), capital goods (1.18 per cent), oil & gas (0.86 per cent) and FMCG (0.68 per cent).

On the other hand, realty index tops the gainers' chart with 1.36 per cent rise, followed by IT (0.59 per cent), consumer durables (0.09 per cent) and teck (0.16 per cent).

Of the 19 sectoral indices, 15 closed in the red and 4 ended in the green.

In the broader market, large cap, small cap and midcap indices underperformed the benchmark Sensex. Midcap index dropped 0.95 per cent, smallcap 0.74 per cent and largecap 0.51 per cent.

"Domestic markets remained muted on account of downbeat global sentiments after US reinstated tariffs on Argentina and Brazil and threatened even harsher penalties on dozens of popular French products" said Paras Bothra, President of Equity Research, Ashika Stock Broking.

Stoking more worries, China announced sanctions against several US non-government organisations for encouraging protesters to "engage in extremist, violent and

criminal acts" and said it would now allow US military ships and aircraft to visit Hong Kong, he said.

These developments are likely to have a negative impact on chances of a fruitful dialogue between the US and China over trade deal.

Back home, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is expected to cut interest rates on December 5, experts believe.

On the currency front, the Indian rupee ended almost flat against the US dollar.

Foreign institutional investors sold shares worth Rs 171.33 crore in the capital market in the previous session, while domestic institutional investors bought equities worth 753.99 crore, data available with stock exchange showed.

Brent futures, the global oil benchmark, surged 0.54 per cent to USD 61.25 per barrel.

Asian markets slipped on Tuesday as global trade tensions resurfaced after the US decision to reimposed tariffs on the two South American countries.

Bourses in Hong Kong, Tokyo and Seoul settled in the negative terrain, while Shanghai finished with marginal gains.

In early trade, London slipped 0.1 per cent, while Frankfurt was up 0.7 per cent and Paris rose 0.2 per cent.

# No job losses post merger of 10 PSBs: Govt

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The government on Tuesday assured the Rajya Sabha that merger of 10 public sector banks will not lead to any job losses and employees' interest will be protected.

In August, the government announced a mega plan to merge 10 public sector banks into four with a view to creating fewer and stronger global-sized lenders with robust balance sheets that can be used to boost credit and spur growth.

During the Question Hour, Minister of State for Finance Anurag Singh Thakur said lending and other banking services to eastern states will be improved after two Kolkata-based banks are merged.

While United Bank of India (UBI) will be merged

with Punjab National Bank, Allahabad Bank will be amalgamated with Indian Bank. These two banks are headquartered in Kolkata.

"Merger of banks will strengthen the lending capacity. It has been ensured that no person loses job. The employees of merging banks will benefit the maximum. Merger is being done keeping their interest in mind," he said.

"We have taken enough precaution," he said, adding that Narasimham Committee in 1998 and Leeladhar Committee in 2008 recommended amalgamation of the banks.

"Amalgamating banks was advised to duly factor in and draw road maps for converging IT systems and HR and to put in place institutional arrangements to ensure expeditious

integration," Thakur said.

After due consideration by their respective boards, the banks have informed that multi-level coordination and integration committees have been set up to ensure faster integration across functionalities, he added.

The minister was responding to a query from Trinamool Congress member Manish Gupta who said that about 50,000 employees will be jobless by next year due to the merger.

To another query on banking services likely to be affected in eastern states due to the merger, the minister said the reach and lending capacity will be "much larger and better" with the amalgamation.

"In today's time of competition, I think expansion of these banks is very important...It was our government

which went for asset quality review of bank loans given between 2004 and 2014. We adopted an approach for better functioning of the banks and recapitalised them with over ₹ 2.35 lakh crore for better strengthening and functioning," he said.

As far as lending to eastern states is concerned, the minister said, "Let me assure the member there would not be any shortage or shortfall of services."

Responding to another query from Trinamool Congress member Manas Ranjan Bhunia on reasons for merger of UBI with PNB, the minister said, "I think the overall intention was to create a strong and competitive bank that may serve as catalyst of growth with improved risk pro-

file of the bank. As far as the interest of the employees are concerned, pay allowances were less favourable overall."

He said UBI's total business size is ₹ 2,08,000 crore, whereas that of PNB is ₹ 11,82,224 crore.

With the merger, total business size will be ₹ 17,94,526 crore, making it the second largest bank in the country.

"What we have kept in mind is the software 'Core Banking System' being used by them. All these banks which are using similar kind of software have been merged accordingly so that there would not be any difficulty for the employees," he said.

As far as the sentiment of eastern states or Kolkata is concerned, that will be taken care of, Thakur added.

# Public sector banks disburse ₹4.91 lakh cr loan during Oct-Nov

New Delhi: As part of a Government-mandated outreach programme, public sector banks have disbursed a record ₹4.91 lakh crore of loans during October-November, the finance ministry said on Tuesday.

To boost consumption and revive the economy, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had in September asked banks to reach out to customers and signal their willingness to lend following all prudential norms. Under her direction, out-

reach camps or loan 'melas' were conducted across 374 districts to improve credit delivery and support the needs of the economy, with particular focus on MSMEs, NBFCs, corporates, retail and agriculture sector borrowers, without compromising prudential lending.

Banks disbursed ₹2.52 lakh crore of loans in October and ₹2.39 lakh crore in November. With this, the total disbursement by public sector banks to various sectors since the launch of the Customer Outreach pro-

gramme in October stands at ₹4.91 lakh crore, it said. During the two months, banks have given ₹72,985 crore to MSME sector while loans to corporates stood at ₹2.2 lakh crore.

For NBFCs, PSBs disbursed Rs 25,525 crore loan in November, increasing sharply from ₹19,628 crore in October, taking the total to ₹45,153 crore, it said.

Total support sanctioned by PSBs in the form of credit (including co-origination and on-lending) and pool buyouts

from NBFCs since the IL&FS default in September 2018 till November 2019 has risen to ₹4.23 lakh crore, including pool-buyouts of ₹1.24 lakh crore, it added.

PSBs, that are being adequately capitalised and record recovery underway, have sufficient liquidity to support credit growth, it said.

Sitharaman while replying to a query on Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2019 in the Lok Sabha on Monday said the Government would make sure

that the banks would not go to metropolitan cities but to 400 districts and hold outreach programs to address liquidity issue.

"So that whoever approaches them, MSMEs, farmers, homebuyers, whoever approaches them will get the credit that they would want," she said. As per the data released, banks have given ₹27,225 crore as home loan, ₹11,088 crore as vehicle loans and ₹1,111 crore as education loan during the two months.

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SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY 50	12067.65	12068.60	11956.40	11994.20	-54.00
BAJAJ-AUTO	3167.00	3270.00	3167.00	3258.00	98.75
BAJAJFINSV	8975.00	9127.30	8926.50	9100.00	151.70
TCS	2027.70	2062.00	2010.00	2052.95	31.90
KOTAKBANK	1634.50	1650.00	1631.45	1649.95	16.95
INFY	692.70	699.70	688.55	699.00	6.30
HDFC	2310.95	2325.00	2287.05	2321.90	15.30
HEROMOTOCO	2402.00	2434.90	2400.00	2420.00	13.05
BHARTIARTL	462.80	465.05	445.25	460.85	2.25
BAJFINANCE	3939.95	3995.00	3886.50	3965.00	14.55
CIPLA	465.00	465.85	460.00	465.50	1.50
TITAN	1155.00	1170.00	1150.10	1157.00	3.20
ICICIBANK	509.75	511.25	504.00	510.75	-0.15
HCLTECH	1129.95	1131.00	1121.00	1124.60	-0.70
MARUTI	7142.65	7240.00	7060.00	7127.50	-11.85
ITC	244.95	245.80	242.65	244.40	-0.55
UPL	570.20	573.45	562.40	568.80	-1.40
RELIANCE	1592.75	1594.00	1572.60	1582.00	-1.45
WIPRO	748.05	756.70	743.30	746.00	-2.45
TECHM	238.50	238.50	235.40	237.80	-0.80
COALINDIA	206.50	206.70	204.00	205.15	-0.70
IOC	128.95	129.50	127.65	128.20	-0.45
DREDDY	2879.00	2887.35	2851.65	2856.00	-15.70
ASIANPAINT	1740.00	1750.95	1725.00	1728.00	-10.25
SBIN	341.00	342.95	333.35	336.50	-2.00
NTPC	115.10	115.80	114.40	114.60	-0.70
ONGC	128.10	128.40	126.00	127.25	-0.85
POWERGRID	192.10	192.10	189.10	189.85	-1.65
HDFCBANK	1268.20	1269.00	1253.80	1255.10	-10.55
HINDUNILVR	2041.00	2053.10	2020.15	2026.00	-17.20
BRITANNIA	3069.70	3160.00	3027.15	3038.55	-31.15
BPCL	502.00	502.40	493.30	494.15	-5.90
ULTRACEMCO	4288.90	4296.00	4170.70	4220.00	-56.25
SUNPHARMA	441.00	442.20	430.50	433.60	-6.40
LT	1333.45	1334.50	1310.00	1313.40	-22.65
NESTLEIND	14553.30	14553.30	14305.80	14340.00	-233.65
AIXISBANK	744.95	744.95	730.65	732.85	-11.45
TATAMOTORS	162.95	162.95	157.40	158.50	-2.25
EICHERMOT	2013.00	2199.95	2122.00	2135.00	-388.10
HINDALCO	271.00	200.50	194.60	197.00	-38.00
M&M	57.25	57.25	52.20	52.90	-11.25
INDUSINDBK	1579.20	1580.00	1532.90	1542.15	-33.85
GAIL	126.10	126.55	123.00	123.60	-3.00
VEDL	144.50	144.50	139.20	140.15	-4.55
GRASIM	805.00	805.00	779.05	781.05	-26.20
JSWSTEEL	267.25	267.50	254.50	258.25	-10.05
ZEEL	297.00	299.00	271.10	280.00	-12.80
ADANIPIPS	380.00	380.00	359.55	359.70	-18.05
TATASTEEL	418.00	418.55	396.40	398.95	-21.90
INFRAEEL	269.65	269.65	237.10	250.00	-15.50
YESBANK	64.10	65.25	59.00	59.20	-4.85

SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY NEXT 50	28608.45	28611.35	28265.15	28333.20	-206.25
NMDC	105.75	109.50	101.75	108.20	2.70
HDFCBANK	572.60	586.45	571.50	583.40	14.00
SBILIFE	946.10	966.00	946.10	962.00	18.15
BANDHANBNK	572.00	588.50	571.00	578.10	9.70
ICICIPRULI	500.80	506.30	498.00	505.60	6.45
HDFCCLAM	3389.00	3488.00	3370.00	3441.00	38.45
CADILAC	256.85	262.30	254.40	261.00	2.80
BERGPAINT	490.05	504.50	490.65	499.00	4.20
ICICI	1379.00	1398.00	1358.00	1378.90	8.40
DIVISLAB	1795.00	1799.90	1779.95	1795.25	10.20
DLF	218.00	222.80	215.50	217.15	1.05
NACL	149.40	153.80	147.35	147.55	0.30
OFSS	2971.50	2985.00	2950.00	2966.50	0.55
PIDILITIND	1325.40	1331.00	1315.50	1320.00	-0.25
COLPAL	1458.95	1465.70	1440.50	1450.00	-1.50
DABUR	453.60	454.80	449.70	453.00	-0.70
PFCE	112.75	114.35	112.35	113.40	-0.25
UHL	1254.00	1264.95	1242.05	1245.00	-3.30
PGH	11307.40	11374.90	11297.75	11300.00	-34.55
SIEMENS	1478.10	1493.50	1466.00	1477.30	-5.40
HAVELLS	607.90	675.60	665.35	668.00	-3.50
BIOCON	299.00	299.00	282.85	284.15	-1.65
NHPC	24.05	24.10	23.75	23.80	-0.15
PRITONET	278.15	283.25	275.20	276.15	-1.90
SKRANSFIN	1095.00	1102.85	1075.45	1088.00	-9.40
GICRE	274.20	279.60	262.10	263.50	-2.35
DMAT	1849.70	1849.70	1818.90	1827.00	-19.70
MAHESUMI	130.70	132.40	129.95	131.60	-1.45
BAJAJHLING	3516.05	3547.60	3475.00	3478.00	-39.45
HINDZINC	213.50	216.80	210.25	210.70	-2.80
LUPIN	796.05	798.65	783.60	785.50	-10.55
GODREJCP	729.70	734.10	713.10	717.30	-11.40
ADROPHARMA	451.00	452.00	441.15	443.10	-7.05
BOSCHLTD	15870.00	15996.30	15621.00	15612.00	-250.40
PAGEIND	2231.40	2231.40	2180.00	2180.00	-376.80
ACC	1540.80	1541.95	1500.10	1505.10	-26.20
MCDOWELL-N	607.90	609.35	592.20	593.05	-10.85
MARICO	353.00	353.15	345.50	347.40	-6.45
SHEREEEM	20910.00	21089.00	20320.00	20520.00	-398.00
L&T	123.50	123.55	116.05	117.20	-2.80
ASHOKLEY	79.75	80.10	77.05	77.70	-1.90
CONCOR	575.00	575.00	555.20	558.10	-13.90
HINDPETRO	282.95	283.90	271.65	273.40	-8.40
BANKBARODA	104.00	105.00	100.55	100.95	-3.45
AMBIJACEM	210.45	210.85	201.45	202.30	-7.55
INDIGO	1438.00	1444.85	1390.20	1396.25	-55.95
IBULHSGFIN	306.05	312.00	284.00	291.90	-12.25
PNB	66.00	66.00	62.75	62.80	-2.95
PEL	1820.00	1825.00	1695.85	1706.10	-114.05
IDEA	7.90	7.95	6.70	7.20	-0.

# Trump calls Democrats impeachment push 'unpatriotic'

London: President Donald Trump criticised Democrats at the opening of a NATO leaders' meeting on Tuesday, calling the impeachment push by his rivals "unpatriotic" and "a bad thing for our country."

Trump, who commented while meeting with NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg, is upset that Democrats scheduled an impeachment hearing while he is abroad.

The House Judiciary Committee has set a hearing on the constitutional grounds for Trump's possible impeachment on Wednesday just before he wraps up two days of meetings with NATO alliance members in London.

"I think it's very unpatriotic of the Democrats to put on a performance," Trump said. "I think it's a bad thing for our country."

Trump isn't the only one com-

plaining. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, White House counsel Pat Cipollone and adviser Kellyanne Conway all have criticized the committee's timing.

Trump insists he's solely focused on scoring domestic and foreign policy wins, including making NATO members spend more on defense. But he's often appeared consumed by the day-to-day battle against impeachment.

"I'm not even thinking about it," Trump insisted anew Tuesday.

Before the trip to London, Trump slammed "Do Nothing Democrats" for scheduling the hearing during the NATO meeting as "Not nice!"

He also said that during the flight he had read a newly issued Republican-prepared report on impeachment that called his decision



US President Donald Trump speaks during a meeting with NATO Secretary General, Jens Stoltenberg at Winfield House in London on Tuesday. AP

to hold up military aid to Ukraine "entirely prudent."

Democrats contend Trump abused his presidential powers by holding up the aid to pressure

Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskiy to investigate meddling in the 2016 U.S. presidential election and former Vice President Joe Biden and

his son, who had a seat on the board of Ukrainian energy company.

But Trump was adamant that the cloud of impeachment wasn't undercutting his negotiating position on the international stage.

"I know most of the leaders," Trump said. "I get along with them. It's a hoax. The impeachment is a hoax. It's turned out to be a hoax. It's done for purely political gain. They're going to see whether or not they can do something in 2020 because otherwise they're going to lose."

But even as he boasted of his relationships with NATO leaders, Trump rebuked French President Emmanuel Macron for recent comments that NATO was experiencing "brain death." Macron argues that the U.S. under Trump's leadership has turned away from the alliance.

"Nobody needs NATO more

than France," said Trump, who himself in the past has questioned the long-term prospects of NATO because too few nations are on track to meet the alliance goal of spending at least 2% of GDP on their own defense by 2024. "You can't just go around making statements like that about NATO. It's very disrespectful."

Trump also lashed out against France for a French digital service tax that he said unfairly discriminates against U.S. tech companies, including Google, Apple, Facebook and Amazon. There is no direct effect on the United States from the French tax, which only applies to the tech companies' revenues in France, not the United States. Robert Lighthizer, the chief U.S. trade representative, on Monday recommended \$2.4 billion in new tariffs on French cheese, wine, and other products. AP

Trump, Macron, Erdogan clash overshadows NATO summit

London: US President Donald Trump launched a blistering attack on France's criticism of NATO strategy as "brain dead" on Tuesday, but French leader Emmanuel Macron doubled down and turned his fire on Turkey.

The three-way battle overshadowed the build-up to the alliance's 70th anniversary summit in London, threatening to derail efforts to show unity in the face of Russia and China.

Macron had tried to shake up the agenda of the meeting by demanding a review of NATO strategy, but Trump -- who arrived boasting that he had forced members to boost defence spending -- hit back hard. AFP

## Trump endorses Johnson indirectly ahead of UK polls

London: US President Donald Trump on Tuesday refrained from giving his view on British

politics but did endorse Prime Minister Boris Johnson indirectly as he arrived here for a

three-day visit to mark 70 years of the NATO alliance amid the general election campaign in the UK.

## SL President prorogues parliament for a month

Colombo: Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has prorogued the Parliament for one month and fixed January 3, 2020 for the commencement of the next session, a move that will give his minority government freedom to rule without obstruction from the Opposition.

The parliament should have met on Tuesday, according to the schedule.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa issued a special gazette notification effective at midnight Monday noticing that parliament would be reconvened on January 3. PTI

## Hong Kong's Lam closes ranks with China, condemns US law

Hong Kong: Hong Kong's Chief Executive Carrie Lam on Tuesday closed ranks with China and condemned the US Senate's passage of the Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act (HKHRDA), which she lambasted as unnecessary and unjustified.

Lam said in a press conference that the US legislation would have an impact on the city's economic development by undermining confidence and creating an unstable environment for Hong Kong-based businesses, reports Efe news.

"This is very regrettable," Lam said. "For now, it undermines confidence; it creates an unstable environment."

The leader of the Chinese

semi-autonomous region added that US firms were also concerned, as they too might be affected by the law.

"All this is creating uncertainty and won't go well for any economic development," Lam said. She described the HKHRDA as clear interference by Washington in Hong Kong's internal affairs, echoing the stance of Beijing, which on Monday responded by banning the stopover of US military ships and aircraft in the city and imposed sanctions on several non-governmental organizations and human rights groups.

"We will follow the law in supporting the central government and we will follow up on the measures they take," said

Lam. The Chief Executive also criticized the American law for suggesting that the rights of Hong Kong residents were being violated and stressed that they enjoyed freedom of the press, religious liberty and freedom of assembly.

The HKHRDA, which was signed into law by US President Donald Trump, requires the State Department to conduct reviews at least annually evaluating whether Hong Kong retains enough autonomy to merit a change to its current status as a preferential trade partner. It also prescribes sanctions on individuals found to have abused human rights in Hong Kong, including Chinese officials. PTI

## GLOBE TROTTER

TOLL IN MEXICAN BORDER BATTLE RISES TO 22

Villa Union: The death toll from a weekend gunbattle between heavily armed drug cartel assault group and security forces near the US-Mexico border has risen to 22, the State's Governor said on Monday.

TYphoon KAMMURI KILLS TWO IN PHILIPPINES

Manila: Typhoon Kammuri killed at least two people in the Philippines on Tuesday as it tore roofs of houses and forced the international airport in Manila to shut down.

13 CIVILIANS AMONG 19 KILLED IN AIR STRIKES IN SYRIA

Beirut, Dec 3 (IANS) At least 19 people were killed in air strikes by the Syrian army and its Russian allies on the northwestern Syrian province of Idlib, the last stronghold of the armed opposition to President Bashar al-Assad, a war monitor reported.

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**POSSESSION NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002**

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Axis Bank Ltd. under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued demand notice upon the Borrower(s) Co-Borrower(s) Guarantor(s) Mortgagor(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower(s) Co-Borrower(s) Guarantor(s) Mortgagor(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) Co-Borrower(s) Guarantor(s) Mortgagor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates.

The Borrower(s) Co-Borrower(s) Guarantor(s) Mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Axis Bank Ltd.

The Borrower(s) Co-Borrower(s) Guarantor(s) Mortgagor(s) attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name of Borrower/Co-borrower	Description of Property	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)
1. Ms. Honey Roy D/O Mr. Tapan Kumar Roy R/O House No.901, Era Redwood, Residency, Sector-78, Faridabad, Haryana-121011	Immovable Asset Residential Unit Bearing No. H/09-1, Admeasuring Super Area, 1200 Square Feet Situated at 9 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Tower No. 5(H), In The Residential Scheme/Complex Known As 'Redwood Residency', Situated in Village Faridpur, Sector-78, Tehsil Tiganon & District Faridabad, Haryana	15-July-2019 & 29-July-2019	30-Nov-2019	Rs. 30,68,714/-
2. Mrs. Bani Roy W/O Mr. Tapan Kumar Roy R/O House No. 901, Era Redwood Residency, Sector-78, Faridpur, Faridabad, Haryana-121011	Alongwith Proportionate, Undivided, Impartible Share and Interest in The Said Land Underneath The Building In Which Said Unit is Located and In The Common Areas and Facilities Provided In The Building Complex.			

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

Date : 04-12-2019, Place : Faridabad Sd/-, Authorized Officer, Axis Bank Ltd.,

## North Korea says it's up to US to choose 'Christmas gift'

North Korea on Tuesday repeated its assertions that the Trump administration is running out of time to salvage nuclear negotiations, saying it's entirely up to the United States to choose what "Christmas gift" it gets from the North.

The statement, attributed to a senior diplomat, came as North Korea continues to dial up pressure on Washington and Seoul ahead of leader Kim Jong Un's end-of-year deadline for the

US to offer mutually acceptable terms for a deal.

Negotiations have faltered since a February summit between Kim and President Donald Trump broke down after the U.S. Rejected North Korean demands for broad sanctions relief in exchange for a partial surrender of its nuclear capabilities.

Working-level talks held in Sweden in October broke down over what the North Koreans described as the Americans' "old stance and attitude."

## US Prez defends Iranians 'killed for protesting'

London: US President Donald Trump on Tuesday denounced Iran's crackdown on anti-government protesters, as rights groups said the death toll had soared.

Protests erupted in Iran on November 15 after an announcement that petrol prices were going up by as much as 200 percent with immediate effect. "Iran is killing perhaps thousands and thousands of people right now as we speak," Trump told reporters in London ahead of a NATO summit. "That's why they cut off the internet. They cut off the internet so people can't see what's going on."

"And frankly, I don't know how you get in there, I don't know how you do your business but the press ought to get in there and see what's going on." Trump added: "The word is that thousands of people are being killed in Iran that are protesting. 'Not just small numbers, which are bad; big numbers, which are really bad -- and really big numbers.'" Asked if there was more that the United States could do, he replied: "I'd rather not say right now. IANS

13 civilians among 19 killed in air strikes in Syria

Beirut: At least 19 people were killed in air strikes by the Syrian army and its Russian allies on the northwestern Syrian province of Idlib, the last stronghold of the armed opposition to President Bashar al-Assad, a war monitor reported.

At least 13 civilians were killed in airstrikes by the Syrian army on a popular market in Maarat al-Nauman, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported.

Maarat al-Nauman has

been targeted on several occasions since mid-November by the Syrian military with a motive to gain territory in the southern portion of Idlib, Efe news reported.

A Russian attack on Idlib's central prison left three dead -- a woman and her two children who were visiting the facility, according to the UK-based NGO, which has a wide network of collaborators on the ground.

IANS

## Donald warns China trade deal could take years

London: US President Donald Trump warned Tuesday that efforts to resolve a trade dispute could wait until after next November's US election. "I have no deadline," Trump told reporters in London. "In some ways I like the idea of waiting until after the election for the China deal." Trump's trade war with China and on-again off-again attempts to reach a deal have de-stabilised markets and stoked geo-political tensions.

As late as last week Trump boasted the he was in the "final throes" of negotiating "one of the most important deals in trade ever."

But Washington has since courted Chinese anger by expressing support for Hong Kong protesters, calling progress into doubt.

"I'm doing very well in a deal with China, if I want to make it," Trump said at a press conference ahead of the NATO summit. AFP

**An Opportunity for Young & Talented Professionals**

Bihar Rural Livelihood Promotion Society popularly known as Jeevika is a government of Bihar initiative towards socio economic development of rural poor in Bihar. Jeevika reaches to over 1.01 crore rural women through 8.72 lakhs self-help groups and is operational in all 534 blocks of 38 districts in Bihar.

BRPLS or JEEVIKA in its endeavor to develop a talented pool of Development Professionals initiated Young Professionals Program in 2012. The Young Professionals Program in JEEVIKA is a competitive program targeting motivated, talented young professionals under the age of thirty committed to making a difference in development scenario of Bihar.

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**Current Opening for Young Professional: 57 Positions (UR-5,EWS-2, SC-20(1PH), EBC-26(4PH), BC-3, ST-1(1PH) as per reservation policy of Government of Bihar.**

**Eligibility Criteria:** Maximum of 3 years of relevant work experience and not more than 30 years of age as on 31-10-19 and she/he should be passed out from the following institutes:

Category	Institutions	Maximum Compensation upto Rs (per month)	Qualification
A	All IIMs, Reputed Universities of US & UK, IRMA, IIFM, All IITs, XLRI, DSE, FMS, MDI, SPIJMR, BHU - FMS and FMS- Delhi, Manage	51750	
B	XIMB, CIMP, TISS, NIFT, CFTRI, NID, DMI, NIAM - Jaipur, VAMNICOM - Pune, XISS, IIIT -Allahabad, IIIT --Hyderabad IARI-New Delhi, IVRI-UP, Delhi school of social work, Faculty of Ecology and Environmental Science, Nalanda University*, Indian Institute of Health Management Research, Jaipur	40250	Post-Graduation/ B.tech
C	KSRM, IIRM, IICD-Jaipur, NDRI - Karnal, CIFE-Mumbai, Vishva Bharti, Shanti Niketan, Xavier Institute of Development Action and Studies, Jabalpur, Azim Premji University, Bangalore, NIRD-Hyderabad	34500	
D	Bihar Agriculture University, Sabour; Sanjay Gandhi Institute of Dairy Science and Technology; Birla Agriculture University, Ranchi; GB Pant University of Agriculture & Technology, Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology, Bidhan Chandra KrishiVishwavidyalaya, WB; Rajendra Agriculture University, Pusa; Benaras Hindu University, Varanasi; Assam Agriculture University, Jorhat Central Agriculture University, Imphal, LN Mishra Institute of Economic Development and Social Changes, Patna; Design Graduates from NIFT Cluster Innovation Centre, Delhi University, Department of Rural Development, Patna University	28750	Professional Graduates with four years of course duration

The incumbent will undergo a structured Young Professional programme of the Society. The first year of this programme would involve working in a block (12 months) and based on performance, the incumbent may be moved to the district level to manage a project theme/vertical for one year. Based on the performance within the theme/vertical, the incumbent may also be moved to the state level to manage the theme/vertical.

The contract would be of 3 years. However, based on annual performance of the incumbent the contract may be terminated earlier.

Only shortlisted candidates will be called for Group Discussion and Personal Interview

**Selection Process:** Group Discussion followed by Personal Interview.

The incumbent is expected to bring with them their original educational qualification certificates and experience certificates.

IMPORTANT DATES	Last date for receiving application	14 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
	Group discussion and personal interview	7 <sup>th</sup> to 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2020

**How to Apply:** Candidates should apply in prescribed format available in the following link <https://forms.gle/heHa5qQM6BGUnyrl6>

Please visit [www.brpl.in](http://www.brpl.in) for more details.

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**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR**  
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION CONST. DIV. NO. II, JAMMU

**SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDERS**  
E-NIT No. 112 of 2019-20/Div-2 Dated 30-11-2019

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Union Territory of J&K e-tenders are invited on **item rate basis** from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works :-

**S.No.1 Name of Work :- Balance work for construction of Auditorium Block in GGM Science College Jammu for creation of University by conversion of College in Cluster.**

**Name of Division :- Executive Engineer PWD R&B Const. Div. II Jammu**

**Estimated Cost (Rs. in lacs):- 182.20**  
**Cost of document (in Rs.) :- 6000**  
**Earnest Money (in Rs.) :- 2% of the advertised cost**  
**Time Allowed for completion :- 09 month**  
**Time & date of opening of tender :- 10-12-2019 1400 hours**  
**Class of Contractor :- 'A'-Class Contractor**

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website <http://jktenders.gov.in> as per below schedule:-

**1/ Date of Issue of Tender Notice :- 30-11-2019**  
**2/ Period of downloading of bidding documents :- From 30-11-2019 to 09-12-2019, 6.00 P.M**

Sd/- Executive Engineer  
PWD (R&B) Const. Div. No. II Jammu

No. DIP/J-10122/19  
Dated:- 02.12.2019

**PROCLAMATION OF SALE**

The under mentioned Asset will be sold through auction on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for recovery of dues, in the matter of following cases under rule 67 r/w rule 54 sub-rule(2) for auction of assets as per court order.

S. No	Case Details	Asset Details	Reserve Price (Rs)	EMD Amount (Rs)	Auction date	Venue of Auction	Contact Person
01.	CS NO. 19389/16 ICICI BANK LTD. VS. SANDEEP KUMAR	Vehicle No- HR51AX0047, Manu-2011 Make- Mahindra Scorpio	120000	30000	Dec 12, 2019 From 11A.M. to 01 P.M.	Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-110054.	Bakshi Tajeshwar Singh, Mobile No- 9873089960/ 9971454744
02.	CS NO. 767/19 ICICI BANK LTD VS NEERAJ YADAV	Vehicle no- DL9CAN9964, Manu yr-2017 Make- ERTIGA	374000	93500	Dec 12, 2019 From 11 A.M. to 1 P.M.	Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-110054.	Bakshi Tajeshwar Singh, Mobile No- 9873089960/ 9971454744
03.	CS NO 762/19 ICICI BANK LTD VS ASHWANI GUPTA	Vehicle no- HR26DH9485 Manu yr-2017 Make- MARUTI SUZUKI DZIRE	334000	83500	Dec 12, 2019 From 11A.M. to 01 P.M.	Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-110054.	Bakshi Tajeshwar Singh, Mobile no- 9873089960/ 9971454744

**Terms of Sale**

The particulars of the said asset specified herein above have been stated to the best of the information and knowledge of the undersigned, who shall however not be responsible for any error, misstatement or omission in the said particulars. The interested participant/s are therefore requested, in their own interest, to satisfy himself / themselves/ itself with regard to the said asset and other relevant details pertaining to it before submitting the bids. The interested bidders required to deposit EMD through DD/PO/CASH in favour of Shri Joginder P Nahar ADJ-04, Central Tis Hazari Courts payable at Delhi.

Successfully highest bidder shall have to deposit 25% of sale amount on date of auction and remaining 75% of sale amount within 15 days from the auction date by the way of pay order/demand draft/ CASH.

**DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, DELHI 4TH FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI-110001.**

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1. Description of Property: Make: Benz S 350CDD Reg No: DL9CX1000 Manuf Year: 2010 Reserve Price- Rs. 6,50,000/- EMD- Rs. 65,000/-

2. Date and Time of Auction: 17.12.2019 at 11.00 AM

3. Auction Venue: Ridhi Godara Yard, Kataria Chowk Sector 17, Sukhrali Gaon Behind Air Force Station, Gurgaon

4. Manager: Sh. Shankar Kapoor Mob No: 9650193259

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# BUILD YOUR CAREER

MBA in Infrastructure Development Management will help students to enhance leadership, learn the ability to adapt to change and to recognise emerging trends in the infrastructure development sector, says DR PRATIMA SHEOREY



Infrastructure is the bedrock of structures, services, and systems that are required for any operation. Infrastructure is the main driver for GDP growth. This is the foundation on which the nation is built. Some of the sectors in infrastructure are: railways, roads, highways, expressway, power lines and power projects (solar, hydro, nuclear, coal). Similarly, infrastructure that shapes organisations across the globe can be termed as business and technology infrastructure. These could include operating systems, security systems, and communication lines, data centres or upgrading existing consumer management systems.

With the facet of infrastructure being classified broadly into different sectors, with all of them bearing numerous similarities, it is quintessential for one to understand that there are considerable differences among the three too. For example, a project in technological infrastructure could follow the software development life cycle along with implementing an agile approach, both of which are unlikely to be used across economic or business infrastructure projects.

Owing to these varied categories, it is imperative for individuals wishing

to pursue an MBA in Infrastructure Development Management to choose the category they would like to specialise in. By pursuing a specialised category, individuals develop project planning, execution and monitoring skills. Their ability to resolve issues, managing stakeholder expectations lead to a successful project: within time budget and delivering required results.

Over the last few years, India has seen tremendous growth in infrastructure. According to a World Bank (World bank annual report, 2018 for the period July 2017 to June 2018): World Bank Group committed almost \$ 67 billion in investments, investments and guarantees, MIGA (Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency) financed \$ 17.9 billion and IDA (International Development Agency) provided \$24 billion to poorest countries. This is a fair indication of support provided by World Bank to projects in developing nations. This helps improvements in project execution leading to significant savings and will impact the world economy. Hence, this topic is of significance for project management profession in general and in particular for developing economies like India, where any savings in project

costs, both in terms of through put time and money, can be employed usefully elsewhere. With such massive investments, the sector is in dire need of adept leaders with specialised expertise to drive this motion forward. Leaders who understand strategic planning, social, legal and environmental issues, public policies along with their designated specialisation to hold a steady command. Through the MBA in Infrastructure Development Management, individuals

**IT IS IMPERATIVE FOR STUDENTS WISHING TO PURSUE THE COURSE TO CHOOSE THE CATEGORY THEY WOULD LIKE TO SPECIALISE IN. BY PURSUING A SPECIALISED CATEGORY, STUDENTS DEVELOP PROJECT PLANNING, EXECUTION AND MONITORING SKILLS**

can build leadership, learn the ability to adapt to change, develop a strong business acumen that is crucial for decision making, understand scientific and data-driven facets to understand business risks and recognise emerging trends in the infrastructure development sector. The course also deals with experiential learning through real-life situations, along with showcasing pivotal aspects of digital transformation and public-private partnerships and understanding the holistic infrastructure ecosystem.

While the magnitude of infrastructure development cannot be emphasised enough, the infrastructural development in the country both in terms of quality and quantity has not matched up to the standards or the requirements.

Governments do not have the financial capacity to build infrastructure on their own. Private enterprises are invited to be a part of the process. Public Private Partnership (PPP) model of infrastructure development is, now, way forward. This results in employment opportunities in private sector. In addition to opportunities, PPP projects throw up challenges. This course enable the students to study the 'how' of lead-

ing a PPP project to success. In addition, the course identifies the enablers that ensures effective contract management, stakeholder engagement to name a few.

India expects 300 million new urban occupants constantly to the previously existing base of 377 million urban inhabitants. The administration of such an extraordinary size of the populace in urban zones is a test which includes adapting to the disintegrating urban framework, urban transportation, financial constraints faced by local bodies, administration issues and a stress on existing infrastructure. The challenge lies in maintaining existing infrastructure and adding new to meet the continuously increased demand.

The MBA Infrastructure Development and Management programme prepares the students to: structure projects technically, commercially, socially and environmentally feasible projects within regulatory framework, ensure projects are completed within given constraints of time and money and manage contractual and stakeholder relationships.

The writer is Director, Symbiosis Centre for Management and Human Resource Development

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

**A man's ethical behaviour should be based effectually on sympathy, education, and social ties and needs; no religious basis is necessary. Man would indeed be in a poor way if he had to be restrained by fear of punishment and hope of reward after death**

— Albert Einstein

## BACHELOR OF DESIGN

JK LakshmiPat University invites applications for admissions to its Bachelor of Design programme for the year 2020-2021.

The programme is designed by experts from higher education, management studies, business and industry with an aim to bring about a fresh, new approach to Design education, that is collaborative in nature and integrative in process. It is both unique and relevant for the neo-designer, somebody who is at-ease working in the studios, experimenting at the labs and in presenting at board room.

**Duration:** Four years  
**Eligibility:** Minimum 50 per cent aggregate marks (45 per cent for SC/ST Candidates), with minimum 50 per cent marks from a recognised central/State board/university examination in India or in any foreign country recognised as equivalent to Class XII system by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU).

Students appearing in the final examination of Class XII may also apply.

The applicants are required to appear in one of the national level design admission tests, such as UCEED or NID DAT held in 2019. In case the candidate has not appeared for any national level design tests, they will have to appear in the JKLU Design Entrance Test (DET) to qualify for the programme.

## BANKING & FINANCE

TKWs Institute of Banking & Finance invites applications for its postgraduate diploma in Banking and Finance for the coming academic session for PG diploma in programme Banking & Finance. This makes it worlds only PG Diploma course in Banking & Finance that prepares the candidates for simultaneously for public sector & private sector banks.



**Duration:** One year  
**Eligibility:** Minimum qualification for securing admission to the course is graduate in any stream with 50 per cent marks, students awaiting final year results may also apply.

This programme starts by providing fundamental clarity and then advances to expose the participants to all essentials of banking & finance.

**How to apply:** Log on to [www.tkwsibf.edu.in](http://www.tkwsibf.edu.in) or the admission forms can be obtained by filling the institute's application by paying an amount of ₹1,000 through demand draft in favour of TKWs Delhi.

**Last date to apply:** December 22, 2019.

## MSC PROGRAMME

The University of Sheffield, UK invites applications for admissions to its new MSc Civil Engineering & Management course.

**Duration:** One year  
**Eligibility:** Holders of a three year bachelor degree with a minimum of 60 per cent or first class (BEng, MEng, BSc) in Civil and Structural Engineering or other appropriate engineering or science subject from a reputable institute.

Overall IELTS score of 6.5 with a minimum of 6.0 in each component, or equivalent

**Fee:** £23, 750 for international students.

**How to apply:** Log on to <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught/courses/2020/civil-engineering-and-management-msc>.

# 'Parents & teachers need to have strong bond'

A strong connection between parents and teachers triggers academic excellence as the work of the young one is monitored closely by both the groups, says SHISHIR JAIPURIA

The raising of a young person is serious business. Teachers and parents need to work in tandem to bring up a child and ensure that he lives limitless and excels in a chosen field. Ongoing discussions between parents and teachers can enhance the achievement and happiness of young learners, both inside the classroom as well as outside.

An open line of communication between parents and teachers and engagement of parents in school activities facilitates a better understanding of expectations of the various stakeholders. This in turn can be used to improve the overall experience for the students while they are learning, creating or playing during their growing up years.

Professional developmental programmes are being initiated in different schools and universities across the world to improve the association between these two vital stakeholders. The idea is to provide training to teachers on how to engage with the parents of their students.

According to mentors, a close connection between parents and teachers can instill discipline in stu-

dents, highlight achievements, and identify weaknesses; without it, students are not able to grow to their full potential and achieve all the dreams in their lives.

One could say that the teacher is a school parent; he is responsible for the student at school. A parent can talk to a teacher and expect to get a comprehensive report on the behavior as well as performance of the student at school. Such kind of a dialogue as is evident in a parent teacher meeting builds a strong relationship between the two groups and works really well for the overall development of the student.

Why is it important?

A bond between parents and a teacher translates into a better relationship between the student and the teacher as well. Students can place their trust and faith on the teacher and have someone on whom they can depend in school. The teacher can channelise the energies and behavior of their students towards productive activities.

A strong connection between parents and teachers triggers academic excellence as the work of the young one is monitored closely by



both the groups. When a parent is involved, it creates a positive attitude in the child towards school-work. In such a context, the young child becomes more interested to attend school regularly. It ignites a passion for learning in young minds.

It is also important the teachers understand the psychology of the children and try and help the parents to sort out issues at home to ensure the complete wellbeing of the little ones.

If the teacher witnesses potential in a child, he should ideally inform the parents so that all of them can work together to nurture the talent in the little one.

How can such a connection be maintained?

A solid partnership between the parents and teachers can be maintained through technology tools, email, social media, and also over telephone calls. Moreover, one-on-one meeting can be used to share information pertaining to

overall growth and improvement of the child in the classrooms.

With improved technologies and software programmes, students, parents and teachers can communicate openly with each other. The use of such technology saves time as the parents are not required to visit the schools physically while also being able to talk to the teachers and monitor the academic progress, discipline, and other activities of their children.

What should be the frequency of communication?

Ideally, the communication between the parents and teachers should be on daily basis. It is not advisable for one of the parties to leave the entire responsibility of the child to the other. A consistent and open dialogue between the two parties can steer the students in the right direction and motivate them to make correct choices in their lives.

For a school going child, the parents as well as the teacher are the mentors and guiding souls who can shape their lives for the better with concerted efforts every day.

The writer is Chairman & Managing Director, Jaipuria Group of Institutes

# Play with numbers

**IT COUNTS**



The name of a person or any brand or any company plays a significant role in the life. The different alphabets present in a name vibrate with definite frequencies. In a most successful name, most of the alphabets which are present in the name of a person or company will also be friendly and in harmony with each other.

In any person's life, 30 per cent role or weightage is given to the name. While selecting or giving the name of a person or business, one should try to ensure that the name vibrations should be in harmony with the date of birth of the person who is planning to launch the business.

In the date of birth of any person, we come across two things: Psychic Number (Driver number) and Destiny Number (Conductor number).

Psychic number (Driver number) refers to actual date of birth. Destiny Number (Conductor number) refers to the sum total of date, month and year.

The efforts should be made that the number of the name of a person or brand should vibrate in harmony with Psychic number and Destiny number. When these three things i.e. Name Number, Psychic Number and Destiny Number vibrate in harmony with each other, the take-off will be successful, growth will be fast and best results can be seen.



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If you want to plan your business then following things should be kept in mind:

■ Whatever name you have thought of, for the business or brand, it should vibrate harmoniously with your date of birth.

■ The brand name should also vibrate harmoniously with the name of the person, who is launching the business.

■ Address where business is to be launched i.e. number of the shop or house or wherever starting is planned, should be harmonious with his Destiny Number.

■ The date on which business is to be launched should be in harmony with the Personal year number i.e. chronological age (actual age number) of the person as well as with Destiny Number.

The writer is a renowned entrepreneur, motivational speaker and numerologist

## Annual convocation at IP varsity

The IP university organised the Annual Convocation 2019 on December 3, 2019 at its Dwarka campus. Chief Minister of Delhi, Arvind Kejriwal was the chief guest at the occasion. Manish Sisodia, Deputy Chief Minister was the guest of honour at the event. Anil Bajjal, the LG of Delhi presided over the function. Prof Samir K Brahmchari, Founder DG, CSIR delivered the convocation address.

The university presented total 68,662 degrees for the last three academic years of 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 including 108 PhDs, 11,683 master degrees, 55,367 bachelor degrees, 542 MBBS degrees, 108 BDS degrees, 656 MD/MS degrees, 122 DM/MCH degrees and 76 MPhil degrees.

Apart from it, 258 first rank holders were



Dignitaries distribute degrees to students at IP University's annual convocation Photo: Pankaj Kumar

honoured with Gold medals and 16 exemplary performance holders were also rewarded with plaques on the occasion.

## Competition to foster lateral thinking

In a world of multi tasking, creativity and spontaneous thinking provides an upper niche to those capable of tapping into their creative mind. To foster the talent of lateral and diverse thinking for the future generation, JP International School, Sector Omega 1, Greater Noida have added another feather in their cap and hosted the fourth edition of 'STEAM 2K19 Hands On Minds On' on November 30, 2019 at its school campus in association with Creative Thinkers Foundation & Odyssey of Mind India.

STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. It is a fusion of Science and Art required to enhance overall creativity, to facilitate nurturing the problem solving abilities and also skills like team work and communication. A total of 11 schools from Delhi NCR participated in the event comprising of 210 students.

The event challenged the students of various age groups to think out of the box and find solutions to various challenges given to them. In this competition the students were divided

into teams under three divisions — Division I (eight to 12 yrs), Division II (12-15 yrs) and Division III (15-18 yrs). The students displayed best of their creativity and innovation in the tasks given to them.

Amit Saxena, Vice President of Sparsh Group and JP International School said: "We are happy to see the creative bend of mind of the new generation. We shall continue to give similar exposure to our students and shall implement STEAM from Class I itself to give students a wider platform to perform."

## Academic excellence award for Ryan

The Ryan International Group of Institutions was awarded the Most Promising School with Academic Excellence Awards at the Indo Arab Leaders Summit and Awards 2019 in Dubai. The award was given by Market Research Company, Worldwide Achiever for outstanding contributions in the field of education. Ryan Pinto, CEO of Ryan International Group of Institutions received the award.

On this occasion, HE Dr Mohammad Saeed Al-Kindi (Former Minister, Environment and Water,

United Arab Emirates), Vipul (Consul General of India, Dubai) and Asian Games Gold medallist wrestler Padma Shri Bajrang Punia were present as the chief guests.

While addressing the audience Vipul said: "Technology has become a part of our life. Through these investments, both countries can be beneficial for each other. Technology is evolving in the field of teaching as well, online learning apps are the best example of it. Nowadays, students are also taking the help of technology for studying."

# Skill educators

Teachers are valued as most essential resource in determining the learning outcomes of the students. But they also need up-skilling and training, says **MONICA MALHOTRA KANDHARI**



In today's world there is at most need of education which encourages the students involvement in terms of attention, interest and inquisitiveness, that can be promoted how they are being taught. Teachers are valued as most essential resource in determining the learning outcomes of the students. At every level of education there is a need of quality teachers.

Teachers have an influence in learning outcomes of students and have a deep impact on their future contribution to the society.

An inspired and well-informed teacher helps the future generations acquire knowledge, guide them on the right path and help them acquire the skills necessary to lead a productive life and contribute to the society. A teacher therefore plays an important role in the creation of a society that is healthy, productive and peaceful. That is why the profession is considered the most noble of professions.

Even the noblest of professions has its own set of challenges and shortcomings. From a room full of excited young students with starkly different

aptitude and mannerism to external disruptors like the internet and digital devices, a teacher has to find ways to balance them all and help the students in the pursuit of knowledge.

From the quick learner to the struggler and the obedient sort to the playful sort. Disruptions like the Internet and web enabled devices have had a massive impact on the classrooms. Access to and consumption of knowledge have undergone a sea change. Classrooms are increasingly being digitised and so are educational contents.

This has a disruptive impact on the traditional functioning of a classroom and poses a serious challenge for teachers. From being the primary source of information, teachers today have to contend with supposedly unlimited amount of information that is easily accessible over the internet. The new age teacher therefore must up-skill to equip themselves with the necessary skill and understanding of technology so that they can successfully co-opt and harness the benefits.

Improving access to education has been one of the key

**“ A well-informed teacher helps future generations acquire knowledge, guide them on right path and help them acquire the skills necessary to lead a productive life ”**

developmental goals for successive Governments. Schemes like RTE and SSA are aimed squarely at improving access to schools.

This not only calls for an increase in the number teachers, it also calls for improving learning outcomes through teacher's up-skilling and training. The Government having woken up to the need for improving access to and quality of education is implementing stricter quality controls in teachers' training. This is a welcome development

and teachers' training and up-skilling needs to be undertaken regularly to keep them abreast with the latest developments in technology induced disruption in the education system.

Private educational companies have on the back of significant investments accumulated significant experience and expertise in content development and delivery mechanisms. From keeping contents updated to developing new and efficient learning aids these private players have a clear insight and understanding of the education sector. These players experience and expertise can and must be leveraged to augment the government's efforts at teacher's training and development.

With over 60 years of experience in the education field have a wealth of experience and are utilising towards training and equipping teachers with the requisite training for an effective teaching and learning experience, a collaboration with Imagine Education (UK) in 2015 to provide teacher training in India was signed. The training programmes are structured to equip teachers in content and pedagogical competence and their implications to classroom

practices. A training modules on Pedagogy, Classroom Management, and Different Teaching Methods in Different subjects has been developed. On an average, 12-15 sessions per week, each four-five hours training session is typically attended by 30-50 teachers and these training sessions are conducted pan India.

These teacher training programmes help in-service teachers weed out gaps in the knowledge of subject content and help them employ a constructive approach to the teaching learning process.

Such partnerships and collaboration with government agencies as well as international educational firms of repute can lead to an enhanced quality of modules and training materials. It will take the concerted efforts involving the government as well as players in the private sector to successfully develop and implement an all-encompassing teachers' training program for government as well as private school teachers in India.

The writer is Managing Director, MBD Group

## 'Well-designed workplace can retain employees'

Although branding is important, **KEWAL KAPOOR** tells you a few basic ways in which workplace branding influences the organisational culture

Average companies are all alike. Every great company is great in its own way. If you look past what is projected of a brand on television and social media, you will notice that the one common feature to all successful businesses is what goes on behind the screen. What makes an organization great are its employees, its core values and how well its work culture embodies those values.

The main goal of every company is to ensure that its employees live and work by its values. Workplace branding plays a key role in realising that goal. You would be hard pressed to find a great company with a lackluster work environment. People today are more aesthetically aware than ever, be it with the products they use, the place where they choose to spend their leisure time in, and most importantly, their workplace. A well-designed workplace is very important to attract and retain employees, investors, potential clients and customers. Although branding is a nuanced subject, let us look at a few basic ways in which workplace branding influences the organisational culture.

**Boosts the morale and productivity of employees:** The right workplace branding can have a huge impact on the spirit of your employees. A comfortable and aesthetically pleasing workplace is conducive to a motivated, energetic and productive workforce. Even a gesture as simple as providing ergonomic office furniture communicates to your employees that you care for their comfort and value their contribution. If you can take their inputs while designing the office space, even better.

**Encourages employee loyalty:** Good workplace branding helps to instate a sense of pride among employees. It makes them feel that they are part of a forward thinking organization, and instills a sense of loyalty towards their employers. They will be more dedicated and rigorous with their work, have a stronger sense of ownership, and will be less likely to leave the company. Organizations can retain their best employees more easily and avoid the hassles of constant re-recruitment.

**Attracts potential clients:** Workplace branding is very important for potential clients. If your office is branded with your company culture, theme, and brand value, it leaves a big impression on them when they visit. It amplifies the ethos of your company and displays your professionalism and prestige, encouraging the client to do business with you.

Workplace branding does not mean that you have to paint everything in the workplace with the theme colour of the company. The



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scope of branding is much greater than that. For starters, you can cover the office doors and fixture with the theme color. You can incorporate idiosyncratic, catchy pieces of furniture, lighting, game equipment and cutting edge electronics depending on the nature of your business.

Make sure to take the help of a good designer to come up with the company logo. It should be simple, aesthetically pleasing, and in line with your core values. Once you have the logo ready, print it on the building facade and doors so that it is easy for clients to find you.

Do not shy away from displaying the achievements of your organisation, from awards and press releases to product displays and client testimonials. You can even display your goals and targets at your business centers. For instance, you can have a world map showing the locations where your business is flourishing, along with highlighted locations of interest.

Not only does it show prospective clients that you are serious about your business, it will also push your employees and management to achieve the targets that you have set for yourself. You can honor the company's best performing employees as part of your workplace branding strategy.

Another effective way to integrate branding into your office space is to highlight the moral and ethical values of your company.

Despite Government figures suggesting that unemployment is at a 45-year high [1], more than 4 in 5 (84%) Indian organisations are expecting a hiring surge in the coming 12 months; according to the 2019 India Employment Screening Benchmark Report by HireRight, a leading provider of global employment background checks.

Fewer companies anticipate any form of decline in their workforce this year compared to the last report (11% in 2019 versus 13% in 2018). However, there remains concern over talent acquisition - over a third of respondents in India (33%) deemed finding, developing and retaining talent as one of their top 3 business challenges of 2019; ahead of growing revenues (19%) and

maintaining a competitive edge (18%).

India is one of the most consistent screening nations globally

Almost 4 in 5 (79%) of organisations in India conduct checks on all job candidates, with a massive 75% of respondents reporting that screening helps them assure better quality candidates and half (51%) saying it ensured more consistent safety and security.

Compared to last year, there has been a 19% increase in both employment (88%) and education checks (83%). These differed greatly from global trends which prioritise criminal (88%) and identity checks (63%) above all else.

Potential risks Indian organisations face However, the report also identified big

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drops in credit (-36%) and professional license (-9%) checks - potentially exposing organisations to significant risks. The number of criminal (37%) and identity checks (26%) conducted in India for international candidates was significantly lower than the global numbers of 56% and 34% respectively.

In addition, there also seems to be little incentive to add more checks, with half (49%) of Indian organisations surveyed having no plans to introduce new screenings in the coming months.

Marcellus Solomon, General Manager,

India at HireRight, comments:

"With India aspiring to become a \$5 trillion economy by 2025, we can expect heavy investments in infrastructure, digitalisation and entrepreneurship - but to power these ambitions, India needs good talent.

"We need to ensure India is able to attract, retain and nurture the best talent; all while standing on the global stage. One of the best ways to assure quality of hires, improve company reputation and ensure all candidates are treated fairly in the recruitment process is to leverage a robust

and consistent background screening process."

**Lack of consistency in background screening processes**

Only 61% of respondents in India screen independent contractors, while 59% check temporary workers - despite non-employees making 40% of the workforce for approximately 1 in 10 (9%) of organisations in India.

**Issues among senior executives**

Although approximately 1 in 6 (16%) Indian businesses have previously uncovered issues with senior hires during screenings, this year's report revealed that screening at the upper echelons is becoming less consistent

Over two thirds (70%) of respondents

admitted to knowing of issues that had arisen at the executive level following an M&A, up from 52% in 2018.

Meanwhile, 42% believed it was possible that some members of their board had never had their credentials checked, compared to 29% the previous year.

**Increased focus on data privacy**

9 in 10 (90%) felt their organisations were now more focused on data privacy than before the GDPR was introduced.

Two thirds of respondents were concerned with keeping up to date with relevant regulations (64%) and with making sure their organisation is compliant (62%).

However, 1 in 5 (17%) felt that keeping up with changes in screening laws simply wasn't a priority - up from 10% in 2018.



**The Lakehead University invites applications for Undergraduate Entrance Scholarships** for the academic year 2020-21. These opportunities are available to the top international students applying to Lakehead University in Canada.

**Nationality:** International students can apply for these endowments.

**Benefits:** The sponsorship will provide the award amount in the following manner: \$7,500 per academic year (For 90%+)

\$5,000 per academic year (For 80.0% - 89.9%)

\$4,000 for one academic year (For 75.0% - 79.9%)

**Eligibility:** Non-Canadian citizens who are entering Lakehead University from a recognised high school curriculum or who are transferring from an international college or university. The grant is available to the top international high school students applying to Lakehead University for 2020-2021.

**How to apply:** Have to take admission in the UG degree coursework at the university. After being enrolled, you will be automatically considered for the

grant. **English language requirement:** All international applicants for whom English is not the native tongue must provide proof of competence in the English language.

**Application deadline:** March 15, 2020.

**Macquarie University is implementing the Sports funding** for the academic year 2020-21. The programme is accessible for the international applicants who wish to undertake a bachelor's degree coursework at the university in Australia.

**Eligibility:** A recognised senior secondary school qualification or university entrance examination, such as the New South Wales Higher School Certificate or other equivalent Australian or overseas high school qualification.

A recognised university Foundation course; A recognised 2 or 3-year Diploma, Advanced Diploma or Associate Degree; At least one year of university degree from a recognised institution. **Language requirement:** Candidates have to accomplish the English language requirements of the university.

**How to apply:** Apply via an online or offline application form.

**Application deadline:** The last date to apply is February 7, 2020.

### LAW/LEGAL AT AREETE CONSULTANTS LLP

Location: Delhi, Noida, Gurugram  
Stipend: ₹7,500 per month  
Link: [internshala.com/i/2279314](http://internshala.com/i/2279314)  
Application deadline: December 10, 2019

### GRAPHIC DESIGN AT THE BULLETIN BOARDS

Location: Delhi  
Stipend: ₹5,500-₹6,000 per month  
Link: [internshala.com/i/2279317](http://internshala.com/i/2279317)  
Application deadline: December 10, 2019

### OPERATIONS AT FRUKTVILLE

Location: Delhi  
Stipend: ₹9,000-₹14,000 per month  
Link: [internshala.com/i/2279318](http://internshala.com/i/2279318)  
Application deadline: December 10, 2019

### CONTENT WRITING AT EXPANRR

Location: Work From Home  
Stipend: ₹5,000-₹6,000 per month  
Link: [internshala.com/i/2279322](http://internshala.com/i/2279322)  
Application deadline: December 10, 2019

### WEB DEVELOPMENT AT PICKCEL

Location: Bengaluru  
Stipend: ₹12,000 per month  
Link: [internshala.com/i/2279308](http://internshala.com/i/2279308)  
Application deadline: December 10, 2019

### ADMINISTRATION AT CUBBY TALES

Location: Bengaluru  
Stipend: ₹5,000 per month  
Link: [internshala.com/i/2279304](http://internshala.com/i/2279304)  
Application deadline: December 10, 2019

### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) AT LINCODE LABS

Location: Bengaluru  
Stipend: ₹3,000 per month  
Link: [internshala.com/i/2279303](http://internshala.com/i/2279303)  
Application deadline: December 10, 2019

### STUDY ABROAD

'Students not only learn, but gain real-life skills'

**ANDREA MCLEOD-KARIM**, tells students that Victoria University of Wellington offers many opportunities making it a place to pursue UG & PG programmes

Victoria University of Wellington-New Zealand's capital city university is ranked in the top two per cent of universities worldwide. The university combines quality education, innovative teaching methods, and a focus on excellence in research, with strong national and global partnerships. At Victoria University of Wellington, students receive not only knowledge and expertise in their subject, but real-world skills and the confidence to turn their studies into a career.

The university has seen a steady rise in Indian student numbers in the past few years. Changes to New Zealand's post-study work rights have made the country a particularly attractive option for Indian students.

Students here have a wide variety of programmes to choose from, with eight teaching faculties and 131 unique majors at UG and PG level. Many programmes at the university include internships and industry projects, providing students with the opportunity to gain local experience before they finish their qualifications. The university's Careers and Employment ser-

vice prepares international students with specialised advice on entering the workforce after their studies.

Indian students choosing the university have access to a fantastic array of support services from the moment they enrol, with an international team dedicated to helping international students succeed in their studies. The Academic and Learning Support services offer advice and workshops on study skills that are tailored to international students, and counselling and student health services are available to all students.

The university provides two free award-winning extracurricular programmes to enhance a student's degree: Victoria International Leadership Programme and the Victoria Plus volunteering programme. The two programmes expose students to international ideas and cultures, while fostering leadership skills, social responsibility, and global citizenship.

The university provides real-world experience, global perspectives, and leadership opportunities, giving them a head start in their career and future.

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### IN BRIEF

#### COLLABORATIVE THINKING AND RESEARCH

As a part of New Zealand's prestigious Prime Minister's Scholarship for Asia programme, Massey University teamed up with NIFT, New Delhi for joint student projects. Strengthening the association further, The College of Creative Arts, Massey University, New Zealand and National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), India, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at New Zealand High Commission in New

Delhi. The MoU is in line with New Zealand's continued efforts to strengthen its education ties with India.

Both institutions collaborate as part of a sustainable fashion team project titled 'Make Fashion Circular: A New Sustainable Paradigm'. Eight students from Massey University participated with students from NIFT to develop concepts for innovative circular solutions to fashion design and production.

#### TOP HONOURS FOR STRATHCLYDE VARSITY

The University of Strathclyde has won the coveted title of Times Higher Education University of the Year - the first University to win the award twice.

The university previously won the title in 2012.

The prestigious accolade was awarded to the University ahead of five other shortlisted institutions and recognises its overall

strategy of engaging with business, industry and government, investing in students and developing socially progressive policies.

The judges praised the University as "an exemplar of a university that has taken on a vital social mission and excelled in delivering on that goal."

They added its achievements reflected Strathclyde's "embrace

of an unconventional institutional mind-set: its top priorities are the application of knowledge and the rapid response to commercial and social needs".

Building on its Enlightenment roots as "the place of useful learning", the university, has transformed its approach to make a positive impact on the local - and global - communities it serves.

#### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AT IIMR UNIVERSITY

The 24th international conference of IIMR University, Pradanya 2019, concluded at its Jaipur campus recently. The theme of the three-day event was 'Future of Healthcare: Globalisation, Innovations and You.' It brought together over 35 healthcare experts and policy makers at the University, which is recognised as an 'Institute of Excellence' by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India. Shri Yadvendra Mathur (IAS), Special Secretary, NITI Aayog, was the Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker. Said Dr Pankaj Gupta, President,

IIMR University, Jaipur: "This year, Pradanya presented its vision of healthcare of the future by focusing on breakthrough technologies, transformations, innovations and discoveries, as well as the existing healthcare models and best practices. It is important for students of healthcare to share knowledge about not only the current best practices but also the upcoming ones. But mere knowledge is not enough. It must be digested well, converted to wisdom and applied in practice."

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## Leo leapfrogs Ronaldo, Liverpool Champions League winners including Van Dijk to win record sixth Ballon d'Or; Rapinoe takes women's prize



Yashin trophy winner Alisson Becker AP



Kopa trophy winner Matthijs de Ligt AP

### Ballon d'Or showing can spur Liverpool to more success: Virgil

AFP ■ LIVERPOOL

Virgil van Dijk said that seeing four Liverpool players finish in the top 10 in the ranking for this year's Ballon d'Or can be an extra source of motivation for the Anfield club in their quest for more on-field success this season. "Obviously the season we had was outstanding. We had even more players than that on the total shortlist so everyone can be proud of the achievement," said Van Dijk after coming second behind Lionel Messi at the awards ceremony.

Sadio Mane finished fourth, Mohamed Salah was fifth, and goalkeeper Alisson Becker came seventh in the voting by journalists from around the world for the prize organised by France Football magazine.

Roberto Firmino, Trent Alexander-Arnold and Georginio Wijnaldum had also been nominated after starring as Jurgen Klopp's side won the Champions League last season.

"I think we could have even have had a couple more players in it, but we had a fantastic season last year and it should help motivate us to keep doing what we are doing, working even harder and try to achieve even more than we did last year," added Van Dijk.

### 2019 BALLON D'OR POINTS

1	LIONEL MESSI (Barcelona)	686
2	VIRGIL VAN DIJK (Liverpool)	679
3	CRISTIANO RONALDO (Juventus)	476
4	SADIO MANE (Liverpool)	347
5	MOHAMED SALAH (Liverpool)	178
6	KYLIAN MBAPPE (Paris Saint-Germain)	89
7	ALISSON BECKER (Liverpool)	67
8	R LEWANDOWSKI (Bayern Munich)	44
9	BERNARDO SILVA (Manchester City)	41
10	RIYAD MAHREZ (Manchester City)	33



Lionel Messi poses with his six Ballon d'Or awards during award ceremony at Chatelet Theatre in Paris on Monday

France Football/Twitter

The latter won a new prize for the goalkeeper of the year, named after former USSR icon Lev Yashin.

Messi has scored 46 goals in 54 matches so far in 2019, and netted 36 times in total in 34 La Liga matches last season as Barcelona won the title.

He did not enjoy a successful Copa America with Argentina but was also the top scorer in last season's Champions League with 12 goals.

As if any reminder of his brilliance were required, on Sunday he scored a wonderful late winner for Barcelona against Atletico Madrid.

### RAPINOE'S INCREDIBLE YEAR

This is just the second year that a women's Ballon d'Or — voted for by 48 journalists — has been awarded, with Rapinoe succeeding Norway's Ada Hegerberg.

Rapinoe was the star of the Women's World Cup on, and off, the field, winning the Golden Boot for top scorer, with six goals, and Golden Ball for best player.

She scored the opening goal as the USA beat the Netherlands 2-0 in the final. But the 34-year-old feminist icon made headlines with her outspoken criticism of US President Donald Trump during the tourna-



Megan Rapinoe shares video message after Women's Ballon d'Or win

France Football/Twitter

"It's been an incredible year. I want to say a huge thank you to my teammates, the coaches, the US Soccer Federation, for all of the support to allow me to be who I am and do what I do on the field but also be the person who I am off the field."

— MEGAN RAPINOE

"It was amazing. Unfortunately there are a couple of players like him that are a bit unnatural, I think. They're fantastic. Six-time Ballon d'Or [winner], you need to respect greatness as well. I was close but there was just someone a little bit better."

— VIRGIL VAN DIJK

ment and has led calls for her team to be paid the same as their male counterparts.

"It's been an incredible year," said Rapinoe in a recorded video message.

"I want to say a huge thank you to my team-mates, the coaches, the US Soccer Federation, for all of the support to allow me to be who I am and do what I do on the field but also be the person who I am off the field."

Rapinoe was one of four members of the US side that lifted the World Cup to be nominated for the prize, along with Tobin Heath, Rose Lavelle and Alex Morgan, who finished third on Monday. England's Lucy Bronze came second.

Dutch defender Matthijs de Ligt, the ex-Ajax star now at Juventus, succeeded Kylian Mbappe as the winner of the Kopa Trophy for the best player aged under 21.

## SINGLES

### BEST EVER RANKING FOR MEN'S TT TEAM

**NEW DELHI:** The Indian men's table tennis team on Tuesday achieved its best ever ranking by moving up to the eighth spot in the latest ITTF rankings. The Indian team comprising World No 30 G Sathiyian and World No 36 Sharath Kamal, is tied with ninth placed Austria on 280 points but is ranked ahead of them. G Sathiyian is the highest ranked India at world No 30. Veteran Sharth Kamal jumped two spots to be placed at 36th while Harmeet Desai leapfrogged 19 places to break into top-100 and occupy 85th spot.

### VOLLEYBALL TEAMS WIN GOLD IN SAG

**KATHMANDU:** India swept the volleyball Gold medals in the South Asian Games by winning both the men's and women's titles on Tuesday. India defeated Pakistan 20-25, 25-15, 25-17 and 29-27 in a hard-fought men's volleyball summit clash to defend the Gold they had won at home in the 2016 edition. In the women's final, the defending champions had to toil hard to beat hosts Nepal in a five-setter to clinch the gold. India won 25-17, 23-25, 21-25, 25-20 and 15-6.

### MEHULI SHOOT 10M AIR RIFLE GOLD

**KATHMANDU:** Indian shooters bagged nine medals, including four Golds in the 13th South Asian Games on Tuesday, with Mehuli Ghosh finishing on top of podium with a score better than the world record. The 19-year-old Mehuli clinched the Gold with a score of 253.3 in the final, which is 0.4 more than the current world record of 252.9 which is in the name of another Indian, Apurv Chandel. Mehuli's effort will, however, not be considered as a world record, as the South Asian Games' results are not recognised by the international body (ISSF) for the purpose of records. India also won the team Gold in the 10m air rifle event. In the men's 50m 3P event, Chain Singh clinched the Gold medal. While, Yogesh Singh and Gurpreet Singh won the Gold and Silver medal in the 25m center fire pistol event respectively.

### BUMRAH TRAINS UNDER SIVAGNANAM

**NEW DELHI:** Having recovered from a stress fracture of the back, star Indian pacer Jasprit Bumrah has started working out under IPL franchisee Delhi Capitals' trainer Rajnikanth Sivagnanam at MCA. "He has been training at MCA. It's a personal arrangement," an official source said. Although employed with Delhi IPL franchise Sivagnanam, it is learnt, he also works independently with players. "Sivagnanam is free to work with anyone when IPL is not on as he is primarily a consultant for the Delhi team. It is purely a personal arrangement between the two parties," a Delhi Capitals source said.

### INDIA STORM INTO KHO KHO FINALS

**KATHMANDU:** Indian men's and women's kho kho team registered dominating wins over Sri Lankan teams in the semi-finals to enter the finals of the South Asian Games. The men's team, led by Balasahaeb Pokarde, put up an impressive performance in defence as well as in attack to win the match by an innings and 13 points with scores of 21-8. While the women's side displayed their superiority over Sri Lanka with the final score of 32-4. "We played really well today. We did not give the opposition any opportunity to get settled during our chase and we also managed to run well," women's team captain, Nasreen said. The men's team will now face Bangladesh in the final, while the women's side will defend their title against Nepal. AGENCIES

## Oz stick to winning formula



Mitchell Starc bowls at nets in presence of Justin Langer

AFP ■ ADELAIDE

Australia heavily hinted on Tuesday they will field the same XI for their opening Test against New Zealand to the one that thrashed Pakistan, with selectors keen to build a core group of players.

Tim Paine's men have proven to far more consistent in recent months, having retained the Ashes in England before a 2-0 series sweep

against Pakistan.

Tough opposition awaits with the arrival this month of New Zealand for three Tests — in Perth, Melbourne and Sydney — and selectors named an unchanged 13-man squad.

"As we said prior to the Pakistan series we are striving to maintain a core group of players," said national selector Trevor Hohns.

"The performance of the team against Pakistan was very

impressive across all areas." The only omission from the squad was spare batsman Cameron Bancroft, who was on standby but did not play against Pakistan.

That means the same batting line-up will start against New Zealand in Perth on December 12, spearheaded by David Warner who made a monumental 335 not out in Adelaide, ably supported by Marnus Labuschagne who hit a second successive century.

"David Warner has been in exceptional form with the bat. The support he received from Joe Burns in Brisbane and Marnus Labuschagne in Adelaide was exactly what we had been asking for from the top order," said Hohns.

"They delivered, setting up both matches in what was an outstanding all-round performance. We are backing the current batting line-up to continue their form across the next three Tests."

A fiery six-wicket haul from Mitchell Starc in Adelaide all but ensured he will start in Perth alongside Josh Hazlewood, Pat Cummins and Nathan Lyon with Hohns saying squad members Michael Neser and James Pattinson "will continue as cover".

## We are underdogs against India: Pollard

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Skipper Kieron Pollard doesn't mind West Indies' underdog tag against India and said his team will look to focus on the basics to get a favourable result in the limited-over series beginning on Friday.

"We are coming up against a harder opposition, we would be the underdogs and that's fine but then again it is about going out there and executing and believing in your talent, once you do that anything is possible," Pollard was quoted as saying by ESPNcricinfo.

"There are boxes which need to be ticked off, when you do that, most times you end up on the right side of the result."

West Indies, the reigning ICC World T20 champions, will begin their tour with the three-match T20I series, starting with the opening match in Hyderabad on December 6.

It will be followed by the second T20I in Thiruvananthapuram on December 8 and the third match is scheduled in Mumbai on Dec 11.

The two teams will then meet in three ODIs in Chennai (December 15), Visakhapatnam (December 18) and Cuttack (December 22).

The West Indies team recently beat Afghanistan in the ODI series and Pollard said it will work harder to be more consistent.

"You must commend the guys on how they worked in the little period of time for the Afghanistan series. It was incredible and it augurs well for us as we go into the future," he said.

"Success is boring because you have to do same thing over and over again to be consistent and this is something the guys are willing to work on."

## Kiwis take series after rain forces draw

AFP ■ HAMILTON

Centuries from Kane Williamson and Ross Taylor ensured New Zealand drew the rain-hit second Test against England in Hamilton on Tuesday, sealing a 1-0 series win.

New Zealand batted the final day needing a substantial innings to avoid defeat and were helped by sloppy England fielding.

Williamson, who had three lives including a howler of a dropped catch by Joe Denly, described it as a "good effort" to end up with a draw.

"A lot of hard work had to go into saving the match when time didn't allow us an opportunity to win it," he said.

However, England captain Joe Root felt the Test was always heading for a



New Zealand players celebrate with the trophy after series win

AP

draw, saying even if the weather and fielding had gone England's way "we still couldn't have forced a result".

Heavy rain arrived soon after lunch to end play on the fifth day when New Zealand were 241 for two in their second innings, 140 ahead with Taylor on 105 and Williamson on 104.

It ensured the spoils went to New Zealand after their innings victory in the first Test, and improved their record to eight wins, a draw and one loss to South Africa in their past 10 Test series.

Williamson brought up his 21st Test century with a four off Joe Root in the third

### NZ win MCC's Spirit of Cricket award

**HAMILTON:** New Zealand cricket team has been bestowed with the Christopher Martin-Jenkins Spirit of Cricket award for its exemplary show of sportsmanship during the epic final of the ICC World Cup at Lord's in July, which it lost under controversial circumstances.

The New Zealand team was presented the award, during the drawn second Test against England at Hamilton's Seddon Park.

MCC President

Kumar Sangakkara commended the Blackcaps, saying: "The New Zealand team are worthy winners of this award. In the heat of battle, they displayed a level of sportsmanship that was fitting for such a fantastic final, and indeed tournament."

"It is a testament to their squad that even after a match that will live long in the memory for the cricket that was played, we are still talking about the Spirit of Cricket. Their actions." PTI

over after lunch, while Taylor reached century number 19 with a flourish in Root's next over when he smacked a four and two sixes in consecutive balls.

Two balls after Taylor had raised his bat and poked his tongue out in his signature celebration, the rain arrived to wash out England's faint hopes.



Vijay Shankar shakes hand with Bihar players after end of Vijay Hazare match

## Shankar to lead TN in Ranji

PTI ■ CHENNAI

All-rounder Vijay Shankar was named captain of the Tamil Nadu team for the Ranji Trophy 2019-20 season, beginning on December 9.

The team announced by the State Selection Committee of the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association includes Test star R Ashwin and out of favour opener M Vijay.

Batsman Baba Aparajith has been named vice-captain of the squad.

The team was selected for the first two Ranji Trophy matches against Karnataka and Himachal Pradesh.

Tamil Nadu opens its campaign in Group B against Karnataka at Dindigul.

M S Washington Sundar will join the team for the second match and K Mukunth will be released from the squad.

Young left-arm spinner M Siddharth, who made his debut in the recent Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy and impressed in the matches he played, has been chosen along with leggie Murugan Ashwin.

Lanky left-arm spinner R Sai Kishore is part of the spin combination that also includes the hugely experienced R Ashwin.

T Natarajan, K Vignesh and S Abhishek Tanwar form the pace attack. Squad: Vijay Shankar (Captain), B Aparajith (Vice-Captain), M Vijay, Abhinav Mukund, K Dinesh Karthik, N Jagadeesan, R Ashwin, R Sai Kishore, T Natarajan, K Vignesh, Abhishek Tanwar, M Ashwin, M Siddharth, Shahrulkh Khan, KMukunth.

**RAHANE, SHAW RETURN** MUMBAI: Test specialist Ajinkya Rahane and young opener

Prithvi Shaw were on Tuesday named in the 15-member Mumbai trophy squad for their lung opener against Baroda.

The two made to the 15-member squad, which was picked by the Milind Rege-led ad-hoc selection panel on Monday itself, but the official announcement was made by the cricket body on Tuesday.

Mumbai, the 41-time domestic champions, play their first game of the 2019-20 season against Baroda in Vadodara from December 9.

The squad is being led by batsman Suryakumar Yadav, with experienced wicket-keeper Aditya Tare as his deputy.

Shreyas Iyer and all-rounder Shivam Dube have not been picked in the squad as they are in the national team.

Rahane, India's test specialist, will get good game practice as India now play Tests only in New Zealand after two months.

The game would also be an opportunity for Shaw, who returned to competitive cricket after serving an eight-month doping ban to redeem himself.

The Mumbai squad otherwise looks more or less balanced. Regulars Jay Bista, Shubham Ranjane, Shams Mulani, and pacers Shardul Thakur and Dhawal Kulkarni are part of the squad.

According to sources, Mumbai's crisis man Siddesh Lad will not be available for first game as he is set to get married this Friday.

Squad: Suryakumar Yadav (Captain), Aditya Tare (Vice Captain), Ajinkya Rahane, Prithvi Shaw, Jay Bista, Shubham Ranjane, Akash Parkar, Sarfaraz Khan, Shams Mulani, Vinayak Bhoir, Shashank Attarde, Shardul Thakur, Tushar Deshpande, Dhawal Kulkarni and Eknath Kerkar.



## POLITICS

### China's governance system impresses many

More than 200 representatives from different political parties around the world gathered in the city of Nanchang, east China's Jiangxi Province to exchange governance experience with the Communist Party of China (CPC) in November.

The fourth plenary session of the 19th CPC Central Committee held from Oct.28-31 reviewed major achievements in various fields and highlighted the notable strengths of China's state and governance systems, which became a major topic among the representatives.

"China lifted hundreds of millions of people out of poverty," said Bjornar Selnes Skjaeran, deputy leader of the Norwegian Labor Party, noting that he was impressed by China's journey from poverty to prosperity during the past decades.

"Not only me, I think the whole world has been impressed by how China climbed up the world's economic ladder and became the second-largest economy," said Amirah Kaca Sumarto, vice-chair of the young leaders' sisterhood of Indonesia's Golkar Party.

Before visiting China, she had only learned about China's achievements by reading statistics. "Now I can see them with my own eyes."

What she saw in China greatly inspired her, she said, especially how China promotes technological innovation, improves people's happiness and

China has managed to formulate its own system that suits its history, culture and people, and it has proven to be effective, she said. "China is a different kind of role model compared with Western countries."

"Every time African political parties visit China, we ask how China managed to achieve such rapid growth," said Domingos Paulino Dembele, member of the Central Committee and director of the Political Training Center of the People's Movement for the Liberation of Angola.

It is a very difficult mission, but China made it, he said. "I think it's the result of the CPC's discipline, systems, governance capability and consistent efforts."

The plenary session also laid out a roadmap to better turn institutional strength into even more effective governance, covering various key fields including Party leadership, rule of law, the economy and the environment, among others.

The session is of great significance, said Khamphanh Phommathath, member of the Political Bureau of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party Central Committee, adding that the CPC has been continuously working to improve its governance capacity and system as well as sticking to its commitment to seek happiness for the people.

Guided by the session, the CPC will achieve greater progress in governance in the future, he said. (Excepted from Xinhua)

## CULTURE

### Cultural promotion of Shangri-La ends in UK



A cultural promotion event of Shangri-La was staged in the UK between November 19 and 23, with an aim to show the world the unique Tibetan culture in northwestern Yunnan province.

During the promotion, a series of cultural activities were held for the UK audiences in particular to have an all-round understanding to the Shangri-La culture, and the activities involve ethnic costumes, tourist products, photo shows, artistic performances, and themed seminars.

Shangri-La means "the sun and moon in the heart"

in Tibetan language. In 1933, the British writer James Hilton published the novel *Lost Horizon* and presented the world a beautiful "Shangri-La", which happened to be a true portrayal of the peaceful lifestyle in Diqing Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture.

The Yunnan delegation also visited the Chinese Embassy in the UK, the Cambridge County, the British Council, the Oxford Business School and more. In addition, seven Yunnan companies sent representative to the UK for cultural exchanges.

(By Zhu Dongran and Wang Shixue)

### Bird-watching festival to kick off in Shangri-La

In a bid to boost local tourism in winter, Diqing Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture will host the 4th Shangri-La International Bird Watching Festival from December to March, 2020.

Since 2016, the bird-watching festival has been held annually for 3 consecutive years, drawing in 47 sightseeing delegations with 50 bird societies home and abroad. In the past years, bird

lovers have identified a total of 206 bird species in the Shangri-La region, including Aythya baeri and Chinese merganser. To better locate and record bird activities, the Internet-based technologies such as GIS system will be employed, and the collected data will also help the judges make fair assessments over the bird watchers' performance.

(By Yang Yong and Song Xuebao)

## BRICS committed to building a community with a shared future



After holding in-depth talks on BRICS cooperation and global governance at the 11th BRICS summit in the Brazilian capital of Brasilia recently, the five member countries issued the Declaration of Brasilia. The summit consolidated the BRICS strategic partnership and suggested ways to meet the severe challenges facing the BRICS countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa), which have arisen due to some international factors and changes within the BRICS countries themselves. In short, the BRICS leaders conveyed to the rest of the world a message of solidarity.

The BRICS summit was held against the backdrop of the world experiencing great changes and facing unprecedented challenges, and a certain Western power

resorting to unilateralism and using an "alienation policy" against BRICS countries, which has prompted Brazil and India to adjust their foreign policy.

The world economy has not fully recovered from the 2008 global financial crisis. Instead, it has become increasingly divided, which has directly affected the economic growth and trade cooperation of the BRICS countries.

The Brasilia summit highlighted the role of trade, economic and financial cooperation as an "anchor" and "stabilizer" for overall BRICS cooperation, and the importance of the BRICS countries promoting openness and innovation to achieve more robust growth. In recent years, due to the spillover effects of rising trade and

geopolitical tensions among major economies, the global economy has become further polarized, which has affected the BRICS countries' growth prospects.

To tackle this challenge, the Brasilia summit highlighted the importance of innovation-based development and scientific and technological cooperation. And by reaching a consensus on practical economic and trade cooperation among the BRICS countries and supporting the multilateral trading system, the Brasilia summit has paved the way for building of an open world economy.

Of late, some developed economies have adopted self-centered economic policies, even provoked trade disputes with other countries by resorting to

trade protectionism, and thus damaged the global multilateral trading system and the BRICS countries' growth prospects.

The BRICS countries strongly advocated that the core status of the World Trade Organization in the global multilateral trading system be maintained, and the world order be based on international law. As beneficiaries of globalization and representatives of developing countries, BRICS countries should deepen their cooperation in order to reform the global economic governance system and build a more reasonable and sustainable global economic order.

The Brasilia summit ushered in the second decade for BRICS, consolidated the strategic partnership among the BRICS countries, and promoted the formation of a BRICS community of shared future. And in the long run, it will help the BRICS countries to work with other emerging economies and developing countries to build a community with a shared future for mankind.

By Wang Lei

## IN PICS

### China has built 113,000 5G base stations



On November 25, an unmanned container truck based on 5G technology transported containers at the container terminal in Jingtang Port, Tangshan Port, Hebei Province. Photo by Xinhua

The first World 5G Convention was held on November 21 in Beijing, China. With the theme of 5G changing the world and creating the future, the convention was divided into three sections, namely the forum, the exhibition and competition for application design, aiming to pool high-quality and innovative resources, promote the development and application of 5G and facilitate global technology exchanges. It was reported at the opening ceremony that 113,000 5G base stations have been built in China, which is expected to reach 130,000 at the end of this year. More than 870,000 signed 5G package users indicates a sound momentum of 5G development.

## Yunnan tourism seeks more international cooperation



Parachute diving during the 2019 CITM

The 2019 China International Tourism Mart (CITM) closed in Kunming recently. It attracted professional exhibitors from 75 countries and regions.

At the tourism Fair, Yunnan province, as one of the organizers, has set up five exhibition halls: Theme Image Hall, Culture and Tourism Products Hall, Health and Tourism Hall, Sports and Tourism Hall and RV Camping Hall covering all types and forms of Yunnan's tourism industry. In addition, Yunnan actively communicated with tourism administration departments, enterprises, universities and schools, and associations

from different countries to explore possibilities of cooperation and to share new opportunities.

Tatyana, exhibitor from Russian federation Khakass Republic, participated the Tourism Fair for the first time. She said that Yunnan is an important province of tourism market in China. This is why she chose to participate in the Fair. "The most important purpose of coming to Yunnan this time is to exchange with Yunnan counterparts and to tap more visitors."

At the site of the tourism fair, many professionals like Tatyana saw opportunities and potential in Yunnan from the Fair.

The chairman of Nepal Tourism Development Enterprises Association, spoke in standard Mandarin fluently. "I got to know many friends at the Fair and I will make an in-depth survey in Yunnan." He hopes to attract more visitors from Yunnan to Nepal through the Fair and expand popularity of Yunnan in Nepal.

As a leading province in China participating in the Lancang-Mekong cooperation, Yunnan hopes to take full advantage of the Tourism Fair platform to deepen tourism cooperation with Mekong countries. At the 2019 Lancang-Mekong Regional Tourism Cooperation Working Meeting held on November 15, Yunnan province discussed with tourism professionals from China's Qinghai Province and Tibet Autonomous Region, as well as Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam on Lancang-Mekong tourism cooperation and released the Kunming Consensus on seeking more cooperation.

**Story:** During the golden week of the National Day this year, the dragon boat race, cross-country motorcycle race, mountain biking and other sport events have changed Dehong of Yunnan into a sports city of vigor and health. "This is my seventh year of competition. Track designs and services here are wonderful. It is enjoyable to ride here." Luo Danzhi, champion of mountain bike challenge men's youth group, expressed his love for Dehong unreservedly.

**Numbers:** In recent years, Yunnan actively promotes the integration of sports and tourism, and advances the construction of sports and tourism bases and routes. By 2020, 30 sports tourism bases will be built in Yunnan, 10 internationally renowned top-class hiking routes will be formed, and 20 international sports tourism events will be held.

## XI'S REMARKS

Chinese people of all ethnic groups have made great achievements that amaze the world, over the past seven decades through

concerted efforts and arduous struggle. — Remarks from President Xi's speech on National Day, 2019

## China's poverty-alleviation campaign 'a huge success': Nobel laureate

China's efforts in fighting poverty over the past decades has been "a huge success" amid the sustained growth in the country driven by reform and opening-up, a U.S. development economist and Nobel laureate has said.

"China has experimented a lot to find ways to improve economic development and to reduce poverty, and in that process, it's been very successful," Michael Kremer, a Harvard professor whose research examines education and health in developing countries, immigration and globalization, told reporters in a recent interview.

A decentralized approach "combined with appropriate incentives has been a powerful ingredient behind China's success in fighting poverty," said Kremer, who received the 2019 Nobel Prize in Economics, together with MIT professors Esther Duflo and Abhijit Banerjee for their "experimental approach to alleviating global poverty."

Another element behind China's success in poverty relief "is the process of experimentation," in which new policies are often introduced in a particular region before being spread more broadly, according to him.

A whole set of reforms and openness are important

drivers for China's robust growth for decades, the development economist said.

"One of the things that's particularly amazing about China is not only the extremely high growth rates, but those have been sustained for four decades ... So that type of consistent growth is very rare," said Kremer, highlighting the country's principle of trying to get economic growth through openness and its overall economic reform.

The Nobel laureate noted that the country's attention to a social safety net is "very valuable."

As China has grown, the country is trying to address the problem of individuals who are poor for a variety of reasons and tries to provide a social safety net, whether that's through education system, healthcare system or pensions, said Kremer.

Since the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949, it has lifted over 800 million people out of poverty, which represent over 70 percent of global poverty reduction. The country aims to wipe out extreme poverty by 2020, 10 years earlier than the deadline set by the United Nations in its 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

## YUNNAN TODAY

### More for tourists



Dragon dancing inside a market at a tourist resort in Kunming. Photo by Yang Zheng

In the past two years, with a tourism revolution to implement "regulating market, smart tourism and no-hassle return policy", tourists to Yunnan have found that the tourism environment has been improved and the tourism experience has become better.

In November, Ms. Wang from Chengdu, capital of Sichuan province had a plan to visit Puzhehei in southeast Yunnan's Wenshan city. Before her visit, she received a link of an e-contract about the hotel of this trip sent by the national tourism supervision platform. Ms. Wang said that e-contract saves her time and it can be tracked on the national tourism supervision platform with a contract number.

Data shows that from January to October this year, the rate of complaints related to Yunnan on the national tourism supervision platform fell by 15%, the rank has dropped from 22nd in January to 27th in October.

Kong Limei, a visitor from Chuxiong, becomes popular in her friend circle because she stayed in Lijiang Sedona San He Residence Smart Tour hotel recently. "Through

Yunnan App or the self-service terminal at the front desk, you can choose the check-in time and room type and other information. Self-check out also set me free from the trouble of queuing," said Kong Limei.

A mobile phone Tour Yunnan app not only provides room reservation service, but also helps solving other issues tourists might encounter. As for tourism complaints, through Tour Yunnan app or phone call or voice message, tourists can quickly file a complaint or consult a problem in their trip, and would normally receive a solution within 24 hours. Tour Yunnan app can be a good assistant of tourists' for car renting, air-ticket booking, food selection, AI recognition of scenery and flowers as well as souvenir selection.

Now, 350 products return and refund supervision centers and service points have been established in Yunnan province, covering airports, 8 high-speed train stations, 3A and above scenery spots and key hotels. The products return and refund service network covers the whole province.

By Wang Huan and Li Hengqiang