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CAB not regressive, it'll heal Partition wounds

One of the more interesting features of modern society — at least since the advent of instant, global communications — is the fleeting collective attention span of people. The tendency to jump from subject to subject or, rather, controversy to controversy, has distorted public discourse immeasurably and made it extremely difficult for policy makers to get a fix on public opinion.

At one time, it was imagined that social media would constitute a great democratic input by providing a visible and public platform to those whose voices were suppressed in the past. It is not that this project has been completely derailed. However, increasingly, social media appears to have been taken over by precisely those individuals and groups whose voices dominated the old media. This is particularly so as far as Twitter is concerned and less so in Facebook. But the dilution of the original aims of democratic opinion-building is painfully obvious.

Ideally, the coming week should have been dominated by a detailed dissection of the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill that is due to be presented to Parliament this week. If all goes according to plan, the Bill will be passed in both Houses and will trigger profound changes in determining who is regarded as an Indian and who is not.

The codification of India's citizenship norms have become overdue for a number of reasons. First, unlike the past when only a handful of Indians bothered to acquire passports for themselves, overseas travel has become routine. The biggest entrant has been the Indian middle classes that travel overseas quite frequently for both work and leisure. Secondly, the past decade has witnessed the increasing attempts by State and Central Governments to roll out effective welfare programmes. Though there is nothing unique about this, technology has ensured that benefits are actually being received by those who have been targeted. India's slow but discernible entry into the welfare state zone has made it necessary to be clear that the recipients of Government schemes are actually citizens and not those who have no right to be in India.

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the recipients of Government schemes are actually citizens and not those who have no right to be in India. Citizenship guidelines have existed in this country since the 1950s. However, the whole process of acquiring documentation was lax and lacked rigour. Today, particularly in the context of an unsettled neighbourhood and organised migration, the need to have codified citizenship has assumed major importance. Yet, the question is more than just that of law. India is not a 'treaty State' born out of international negotiations. Although the borders were broadly defined in 1947, following Partition, India has also been a civilisational construct. There was an idea of India that predated the Constitution of 1950 and needs to be somehow incorporated into modern legislation. The present CAB is a modest endeavour in that direction.

The horrific incidents in Hyderabad and Unnao have, unfortunately, diverted some attention from CAB. The Bill will be presented, debated and probably passed in Parliament. However, consideration of the CAB needs much more than the articulation of views by MPs who, in any case, will follow their party lines. The wider discussion in civil society will probably happen to some extent in eastern India — notably in West Bengal, Assam and the North-eastern States. However, the other discussion will be dominated by a small handful of people who seem determined to paint India in wholly unappetising colours.

I think the biggest casualty of the controlled discussion on the CAB is rigour. Thanks to the Government proffering the Bill to the public at a very late stage, there have been wilful distortions that have crept in. The report on the website of the Financial Times is indicative: "India's Cabinet has approved a draft law to make non-Muslims who have fled religious persecution in neighbouring countries automatically eligible for Indian citizenship. It is a big step in the ruling Bharatiya Janata party's vision of transforming India from a secular democracy into an explicitly Hindu State."

The misreading arises on a number of counts. The most important of these is the failure to recognise that one of the main purposes of the CAB is to address some of the issues that have followed the Partition of India in 1947. India may have declared itself a non-denominational, secular republic, but the others did not. The nature of the refugees who crossed over into India after 1947 fleeing Islamic oppression was determined by the type of societies created in Pakistan and Bangladesh. The overwhelming number of the refugees were Hindus, Sikhs and Buddhists. A very small number were Christians. They were turfed out not on account of their politics but on account of their faith. They were also turfed out permanently and the chances of them returning are zero. To them India is the default home. Should the nature of this exodus not be acknowledged? Should it be concealed in a wave of political correctness and called a secular exodus when it was quite categorically a religious exodus? Should they not be given Indian citizenship, especially after their departure is permanent? And most important, should these refugees not be distinguished from those who were not pushed out but came to India for economic reasons, albeit illegally?

It is because the CAB tries to answer these questions forthrightly, without taking recourse to intellectual subterfuge, that it is being painted as regressive. The critics seem to be suggesting two things. First, that Partition was a function of secular politics. It clearly wasn't. And second that those who fled religious persecution must be put on par with those whose entry into India were dictated by other considerations. One lot was pushed out; the other lot walked out

Politics takes centre stage on Unnao

Villagers heckle Mins; Priyanka meets rape-immolation victim's kin, Akhilesh sits on dharna



Mortals remains of the rape victim who succumbed to severe burns reaches her native village in Unnao district on Saturday PTI

PNS ■ UNNAO

Politics took the centre stage on Saturday as anger mounted over the death of the Unnao rape-immolation victim at Safdarjung Hospital in Delhi on Friday night. With family members of the victim and people at large calling for speedy justice, the situation was so tense that people heckled Uttar Pradesh Ministers Swami Prasad Maurya and Kamal Rani Varun, who along with local BJP MP Sakshi Maharaj, reached the village of the Unnao victim to meet her family members.

Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi met the family members of the victim and Akhilesh Yadav sat on a dharna outside the Vidhan Bhawan here on Saturday. The Yogi Government announced ₹25 lakh compensation and a house to the family of the victim. A number of protesters,

including some local Congress leaders, sustained injuries as police used force to disperse the crowd which gathered outside the residence of the victim. They shouted "Vaapas Jaao, Vaapas Jaao" (go back) and raised slogans against the State Government and Sakshi Maharaj.

The sloganeering continued for 15 minutes. Police used force against the protesters after which the two Ministers and the MP could be taken to the victim's home, villagers said. The 23-year-old rape victim who was airlifted to Delhi and admitted to Safdarjung Hospital with 90 per cent burns after being set afire by the accused, including two rapists, died following a cardiac arrest at 11.40 pm on Friday.

Meanwhile, Priyanka alleged that the BJP Government had created such circumstances that there was no fear in the minds of crimi-

UP Govt announces setting up of fast-track court, ₹25 lakh for victim's family
Victim's father demands justice on the lines the Hyderabad encounter

nals in the State, she urged the Government and the administration to take seriously the issue of violence against women.

"They (the BJP Government) are saying that there is no place for criminals in UP. But the way in which anarchy has spread and violence against women is taking place in the State, I wonder if in Uttar Pradesh there is any place for women," she told reporters after meeting the deceased woman's family members at their house.

Priyanka told reporters that during the meeting the victim's family members narrated their ordeal of being harassed for a long time by their daughter's perpetrators. "A young girl (from the victim's family) was threatened that her name will be struck off from school, so she did not dare to go to school. The (girl child's) father was beaten up, and their agriculture field set ablaze in June. The family was tortured in every possible way. After that, all these things happened," Priyanka claimed.

The Congress general secretary went on to say there were rumours that the pradhan of the village has links with the BJP, asking reporters to find out



Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav stages a dharna in front of Vidhan Bhawan in protest over Unnao rape victim's death on Saturday PTI



Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra visits Sindupur village, the home of the rape victim who succumbed to burns, on Saturday PTI

the truth behind it. "There are possibilities that he may be given patronage. In the past, we have seen that there were prominent accused persons who were protected. Such type of incidents are happening on a daily basis," she said, adding that the issue should not be turned into a political one and that the Government should find out why such incidents happen in the State on a regular basis.

"Today, there is no fear among criminals in Uttar Pradesh. If someone can barge into their home, beat her (the girl child's) father, threaten the children and women, and also set the agricultural field ablaze, obviously, there is no fear in their (criminals') minds. The Government must take seriously why such circumstances exist in UP," she told reporters.

In Lucknow, police lathi-charged Congress workers who staged a protest against the Government in Hazratganj. Meanwhile, BSP chief Mayawati urged the Supreme Court to take suo motu cognisance of the growing incidents of crime against women and direct the Centre to take prompt steps for effectively checking them.

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CJI: Justice can't be instant, it must not take form of revenge

PTI ■ JODHPUR

Against the backdrop of the Hyderabad rape-murder incident and gunning down of the four accused in an alleged encounter, Chief Justice of India SA Bobde on Saturday said justice can never be instant and loses its character when it becomes revenge.

At the same time, he admitted that the recent events in the country have sparked off an old debate with new vigour, where there is no doubt that the criminal justice system must reconsider its position and attitude towards the time it takes to dispose of a case.

"But I don't think justice can ever be or ought to be instant, and justice must never ever take the form of revenge. I believe justice loses its character of justice if it becomes revenge," the CJI said during the inauguration of a new building of the Rajasthan High Court here.

The CJI's remarks came a day after the police claimed that all the four accused in the rape and murder of a young veterinarian in Hyderabad were shot dead in "retaliatory" firing by



the cops when two of the accused opened fire at them after snatching their weapons and tried to escape from the site where they had been taken for a reenactment of events as part of the investigation.

Addressing the event here, Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad urged the CJI and other senior judges to ensure that there is a mechanism to monitor quick disposal of rape cases, saying that the women of the country are under pain and distress and crying for justice.

"I would urge the CJI and other senior judge that now there must be a mechanism to monitor the disposal of these

cases so that India's stature as a proud country governed by rule of law must be restored at the earliest," Prasad said, and assured Government funding for it.

The Hyderabad incident had sparked demands of swift punishment to rape convicts. The news of the "encounter" killing led to celebrations in some quarters and concern in others.

The four accused were arrested on November 29 for allegedly raping and killing the 25-year-old veterinary doctor by smothering her and later burning her body.

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63% turnout in J'khand polls, 1 killed in scuffle with police

Maoists attack poll parties, torch bus

SAURAV ROY ■ RANCHI

The second phase of election for the Assembly in Jharkhand that drew 63.36 per cent turnout saw death of one person in police firing at a polling booth in Gumla district's Sisai constituency on Saturday. Two others sustained bullet injuries in the firing.

The villagers pelted stones at the security personnel and stabbed them with sharp objects causing serious injuries after the first accidental gunshot hit one of the assailants on his thigh, police said.

The security personnel had to take the extreme step in a bid to protect themselves from an



Security personnel trying to control the situation after clashes between workers of two political parties at a polling booth in Gumla on Saturday PTI

enraged group who tried to snatch their guns during a scuffle. The first gunshot hit thigh of one of the assailant, when he tried to snatch a cop's gun. The second gunshot killed another assailant.

In another incident, Maoists torched a bus used for ferrying voters in Chaibasa.

However, no casualties were reported in the incident. Later in the day, Maoists attacked poll parties in Khunti's Arki block leading to an encounter with security forces. With prompt reinforcement, the security personnel forced them to flee, said Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Vinay Kumar Choubey.

50% income of 25 parties comes from electoral bonds

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Three national parties and 22 regional parties generated more than 50 per cent of their income through the electoral bonds in 2018-19. A total of ₹587.87 crore of the income declared by these parties to the Election Commission (EC) came through electoral bonds which are anonymous and the identity of their donors are not disclosed to the public.

According to the EC, the total income declared by the parties was ₹1,163.17 crore. These parties collected ₹893.60 crore or 76.82 per cent of their total income from voluntary contributions, including donations and contributions and electoral bonds in 2018-19.

The audit reports of the remaining five national parties, including the BJP and the Congress, and 30 regional parties were not available on the website of the Commission till the preparation of the report by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR). The last date for submission of annual audited accounts for the parties was October 31, 2019. It is estimated that electoral bonds worth ₹2,540 crore were redeemed by parties in 2018-19, indicating that it is like-

ly that the remaining ₹1,952 crore worth electoral bonds were encashed by parties whose audit reports are not available on the ECI website.

The ruling BJP has been the biggest beneficiary of electoral bonds garnering 94.5 per cent of the bonds worth around ₹210 crore in 2018.

The issue of electoral bonds came under the spotlight after a report indicated earlier this week that RBI had

repeatedly warned the Government that the electoral bond scheme would lead to money laundering. However, the Government ignored the warnings and went ahead with the scheme. With the introduction of electoral bonds scheme, any Indian citizen, corporate or other entity such as trusts or NGOs are allowed to buy bonds from SBI branches and donate them to political parties. The issue was rocked in the ongoing Parliament Winter Session this week as the Opposition, including the Congress, alleged the ruling BJP as a biggest beneficiary of the scheme.

As per an analysis of the parties' audit reports carried out by ADR, under voluntary

contributions, the parties collected 50.54 per cent or ₹587.87 crore of their income from donations through electoral bonds while other donations and contributions amounted to ₹305.73 crore or 26.28 per cent in 2018-19. The three national parties that submitted their details are Trinamool Congress, CPI(M) and Bahujan Samaj Party.

However, of the three national parties analysed, only Trinamool Congress declared receiving donations through electoral bonds, amounting to ₹97.28 crore. Only five of the 22 regional parties that were analysed declared donations through bonds, the amount being ₹490.59 crore.

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CAPSULE

I-T DEPT RAIDS BSE BROKERS, TRADERS
New Delhi: The income-tax (I-T) department has conducted searches at 39 locations to check tax evasion by brokers and traders operating at the Bombay Stock Exchange in transactions worth about ₹3,500 crore.

DEAD FISH FOUND IN GANGA CANAL, PROBE ON MUZAFFARNAGAR
Muzaffarnagar: Thousands of dead fish were found floating in the Ganga canal in Hastinapur area of Muzaffarnagar district. An investigation is underway.

MAN THROWS CHEMICAL ON WOMAN IN DELHI
New Delhi: A 30-year-old woman was injured after a man threw a chemical on her near the New Delhi Railway Station.

UP Congmen stage 'divided' protest

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Within 24 hours of the meeting of the party's 'strategic team' to plan agitation against the Uttar Pradesh government over rising crime against women, the Congress strategy seemed to be 'divided' as party leaders staged protest after the death of Unnao rape victim in two groups at the same venue but at different intervals on Saturday.

Interestingly, the difference of opinion over demonstration also came to the fore as some Congressmen sat on dharna in front of Vidhan Bhawan, while others tried to barge into the Bharatiya Janata Party state office, only to be caned and chased away by the police.

Later, the Congressmen gathered at the GPO Park to stage demonstration in which prominent leaders, including former Union minister Jitin Prasad, MLC Deepak Singh, former MLA Akhilesh Pratap Singh, Nadeem, Pradeep Mathur, former MP RK Chaudhary, participated.

After the administration tried to chase away the



Police cane-charging Congress workers during party's demonstration after the death of Unnao rape victim, in Lucknow on Saturday

Congress workers from the GPO Park, the agitators proceeded towards Chief Minister

Yogi Adityanath's residence to gherao it. However, the police put up barricades and can-

charged them again, leaving several leaders injured. Over two dozen Congress

leaders and workers were arrested but they were later released.

Sources said that when these Congress leaders reached UPPC headquarters, they learnt that party state chief Ajay Kumar 'Lallu', Congress Legislative Party leader Aradhana Mishra 'Mona' and half-a-dozen others had reached the GPO Park to stage a dharna.

But before Lallu could start the protest, the administration forcibly detained him and Aradhana Mishra and half-a-dozen other leaders. They were taken to Eco Garden before being released some time later.

Meanwhile in Unnao, as the state government delegation comprising minister Swami Prasad Maurya, minister in-charge, Kamal Rani Varun and local MP Sakshi Maharaj were heading to the home of the victim's family on the direction of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, members of Youth Congress led by Ankit Parihar waved black flags at them. However, the police chased away the Youth Congress activists.

CM Yogi should resign on moral ground: AAP

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Aam Aadmi Party state chief Sabhajeet Singh said on Saturday that the Yogi Adityanath government had failed to provide security to women and hence he should step down owning moral responsibility.

"The state government has failed to provide security and justice to rape survivors also. In the Unnao incident, this truth has been exposed once again. Had the government taken stern action against the accused, the survivor would not have died," he said.

Alleging that jungle raj prevailed in Uttar Pradesh, Singh said, "Women are not safe even at police outposts and police stations. Crime against women has peaked and the state is no more safe for women. The chief minister should take responsibility of this and step down immediately," he said.

The AAP leader stressed the need to set up fast track courts for pending rape-related cases. He also said there was need to ensure safety to women besides providing them compensation and livelihood so that they could live normal lives.

Meanwhile, referring to Bharatiya Janata Party leaders Kuldeep Singh Sengar and Swami Chinmayanand, AAP spokesman Mahendra Pratap Singh said, "There are instances in which BJP workers and leaders have been found involved in rape cases but the party went out of its way to shield them."

CM reviews preparations for PM's visit

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KANPUR

Head of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit on December 14, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath visited the city on Saturday afternoon to take stock of the preparations made by the district administration.

After alighting from the helicopter at the CSA University ground, Yogi held a meeting with the officials and took stock of the preparations and the prime minister's projects, the condition of river Ganga and progress of Namami



Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inspecting the arrangements at Atal Ghat

Gange project. Thereafter, he reached Atal Ghat and saw the arrangements. He boarded a special steamer to take stock of the situation of Ganga water, nullahs falling into the river and the sanitation drive carried out on different ghats.

During meeting with the officials, the chief minister reviewed the security arrangements, tapping of nullahs, tannery pollution, works on sewerage network and the progress of construction of sewage treatment plants.

He then left for Jhansi.

PF scam: Power employees demand action against ex-chiefs of UPPCL

Lucknow (PNS): Power Employees' Joint Action Committee reiterated its demand for legal action against all former chairmen of UP Power Corporation Limited for their alleged involvement in the provident fund scam.

The Joint Action Committee also demanded issuance of a gazette notification by the government for security of provident fund money of the power employees.

JAC convener Shailendra Dubey said in Lucknow on Saturday that since the government had issued an undertaking that it would provide financial assistance in case Power Employees Trust failed to pay the provident fund to employees, a notification should be issued on the basis of the order issued by the state government on November 23.

He said that this would instil a sense of security among the employees and they would work with more devotion and sincerity.

Dubey said that deep resentment was prevailing among the employees over the delay in inquiry by the CBI into the PF scam.

He said that the arrest of regional head of Deewan Housing Finance Limited confirmed that top officials of the company and UPPCL brass were involved in the PF scam.

Dubey said the next meeting of the JAC had been convened on December 10 in Lucknow to chalk out a strategy for an agitation for action against former managing directors and chairmen of UPPCL and issuance of notification by the government.

He said the sequence of events, ever since the scam surfaced, had proved that the investment of PF money in an unlicensed financial institution was not only unauthorised, but was also illegal. He said that former MDs and chairmen of the UPPCL were responsible for the decision to invest PF money in the DHFL.

Locals foil bid to rape 3-year-old

Unnao (PTI): A rape attempt was made on a three-year-old girl in a village under Makhli police station area in Unnao, police said Saturday.

The minor was playing near her house on Friday when a youth of a neighbouring village tried to rape her in an adjoining agriculture field but the locals, who rushed on hearing the girl's cries for help, managed to save her, Station House Officer of Makhli, Raj Bahadur, said.

The locals informed the police about the incident and a case has been registered, the SHO said, adding that the girl was sent for medical examination.

The accused has been taken into custody and further investigations are on, the SHO added.



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3 girls reported missing in Muzaffarnagar

Muzaffarnagar (PTI): Three girls have been reported missing to police by their parents in Muzaffarnagar district in the past three weeks, according to police.

The parents of a 14-year-old girl, missing since November 14, have alleged that their daughter has been abducted by a youth in Kahikhedi village in Purkazi area, the cops said. Police have booked the youth and officials are trying to locate the girl.

Angry over the failure of the administration to locate the minor, women from the village, including the girl's mother, staged protest outside the police station in Purkazi on Friday. The mother threatened to set herself on fire if her daughter is not traced.

In Civil Lines area of Muzaffarnagar city, a girl had gone to college on December 4 and has not returned home since then, police said. Police have registered a case against a man, who too has been missing since, in connection with the case. Police said ₹75,000 has been withdrawn from the bank account of the girl.

In Behta Sadat village of the district, police on Friday booked a man for abducting a girl. According to SHO Vijay Bahadur Singh, police registered a case of abduction following a complaint by her parents. Meanwhile, police arrested a 23-year-old man for allegedly raping a girl promising to marry her in Ramlila Tila area. Police said the girl on Friday filed a complaint, alleging that the man had promised to marry her but refused to do so after sexually exploiting her. A police official said investigation was on.

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Dead fishes found floating in Ganga canal

Muzaffarnagar (PTI): Thousands of dead fishes were found floating in the Ganga canal in Hastinapur area of Muzaffarnagar district, police said Saturday.

A Forest department officials said they suspect that someone brought the dead fishes in a tanker and threw them in the canal. An investigation is underway, the official added.

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Sr. No.	Train No.	From/To	RP (in ₹)	Sr. No.	Train No.	From/To	RP (in ₹)
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02	19707-FSLR-II	BDS-SGMR	15688	24	22953-FSLR-II	MMCT-ADI	3024
03	19707-RSLR-I	BDS-SGMR	15688	25	22975-FSLR-I	BDS-RMR	16516
04	19045-FSLR-I	ST-CPR	25758	26	19015-FSLR-II	MMCT-PBR	2682
05	19045-FSLR-II	ST-CPR	25758	27	19015-FSLR-I	MMCT-PBR	2682
06	19045-FSLR-I	ST-CPR	25758	28	22951-FSLR-II	BDS-GIMB	4586
07	19051-RSLR-I	BL-MFP	17500	29	22915-FSLR-I	BDS-HSR	7442
08	19053-FSLR-I	ST-MFP	29708	30	22915-FSLR-II	BDS-HSR	7442
09	19053-FSLR-I	ST-MFP	29708	31	12903-FSLR-I	MMCT-ASR	27235
10	12989-FSLR-I	DDR-AII	2745	32	12903-FSLR-II	MMCT-ASR	27235
11	12989-FSLR-II	DDR-AII	2745	33	12922-FSLR-II	ST-MMCT	6048
12	12490-FSLR-I	DDR-BKN	6649	34	12927-FSLR-I	MMCT-BRC	7770
13	12490-FSLR-I	DDR-BKN	6649	35	12927-FSLR-II	MMCT-BRC	7770
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15	22947-FSLR-II	ST-BGP	26742	37	12995-FSLR-II	BDS-AII	5610
16	22947-FSLR-I	ST-BGP	26742	38	19115-FSLR-I	BDS-BHUJ	11847
17	12911-FSLR-I	BL-HW	10063	39	19003-FSLR-I	BDS-BSL	6734
18	12911-FSLR-I	BL-HW	10063	40	19003-FSLR-II	BDS-BSL	6734
19	14708-FSLR-I	BDS-BKN	8688	41	19003-RSLR-I	BDS-BSL	6734
20	14708-FSLR-II	BDS-BKN	8688	42	59441-FSLR-I	MMCT-ADI	9071
21	14708-RSLR-I	BDS-BKN	8688	43	59441-FSLR-II	MMCT-ADI	9071
22	22923-FWLRM	BDS-JAM	9004				

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2	23-2019-15063-RSLR	15063	Gorakhpur	Lokmanya Tilak Terminal (LTT)	01 Day Monday	01 RSLR-I	8586/-
3	24-2019-15067-FSLR II	15067	Gorakhpur	Bandra Terminus	01 Day Wednesday	01 FSLR-II	9078/-
4	25-2019-15067-RSLR	15067	Gorakhpur	Bandra Terminus	01 Day Wednesday	01 RSLR-I	9078/-
5	26-2019-15065-FSLR	15065	Gorakhpur	Panvel	04 Day SUN, TUE, THU, FRI	01 FSLR-II	8586/-
6	27-2019-15065-RSLR	15065	Gorakhpur	Panvel	04 Day SUN, TUE, THU, FRI	01 RSLR-I	8586/-
7	28-2019-12555-FSLR	12555	Gorakhpur	Hisar	Daily	01 FSLR-I	10728/-
8	29-2019-12530-FSLR	12530	Lucknow	Patliputra	05 Days MON, TUE, WED, FRI, SAT	01 FSLR-I	9458/-
9	30-2019-12530-RSLR	12530	Lucknow	Patliputra	05 Days MON, TUE, WED, FRI, SAT	01 RSLR-I	9458/-
10	31-2019-12104-FSLR	12104	Lucknow	Pune	01 Day Sunday	01 FSLR-II	23274/-
11	32-2019-12108-FSLR	12108	Lucknow	Lokmanya Tilak Terminal (LTT)	03 Day TUE, THU, SUN	01 FSLR-II	14883/-
12	33-2019-19022-FSLR	19022	Lucknow	Bandra Terminus	01 Day Sunday	01 FSLR-I	25255/-
13	34-2019-11016-FSLR I	11016	Gorakhpur	Lokmanya Tilak Terminal (LTT)	03 Day MON, WED, SUN	01 FSLR-I	16836/-
14	35-2019-12541-FSLR I	12541	Gorakhpur	Lokmanya Tilak Terminal (LTT)	01 Day Fri	01 FSLR-I	16836/-
15	36-2019-12541-FSLR II	12541	Gorakhpur	Lokmanya Tilak Terminal (LTT)	Daily	01 FSLR-II	16836/-
16	37-2019-15054-FSLR I	15054	Lucknow	Chappra	Daily	01 FSLR-I	31995/-
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Bizman's cashier shot at, cash looted

Constable attached to RPL held for defrauding woman

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A constable attached to Reserve Police Lines in Lucknow was arrested on Saturday for his involvement in a case in which some miscreants had defrauded a woman, Sanjhi Sarna of Kanpur, in Chinhat. Police said the accused, identified as Vishal Singh, was nabbed under the 'Operation 420' being carried out in the city. The police recovered a car and Rs 25,000 from the constable, whose name surfaced in the fraud on November 30. "Earlier, four persons were arrested in this case. During their interrogation, Vishal's name was revealed and since then, he had been on our radar," the police said.

Vishal was the leader of the gang that trapped Sanjhi Sarna on the pretext of doubling her money. On the day of the incident, the gang called the woman to meet them at a place in Chinhat and later fled with the cash. The police had initially lodged case of criminal breach of trust against unidentified miscreants and not disclosed the name of Vishal, even though the woman had told the police about involvement of a cop.

Sources said Vishal had a good rapport with SHO and other rank officials. "He fell from grace, thanks to his notoriety. He was not in the good books of senior officials, including the SSP, and he did not get posting at any police station in the recent past. He was later sent to Reserve Police Lines," the sources said. They added that Singh and some of his aides were accused of demanding extortion from

innocents in the past as well. Meanwhile, an assistant manager working with a private company, who had fled with Rs 33.5 lakh in cash belonging to the firm in Ghazipur police station area, was nabbed on Saturday. After he remained untraceable, the accountant of the company had lodged a case in this connection on Saturday itself. The hunt for his aides was on.

As per reports, accountant of the company CP Srivastava lodged a case, accusing assistant manager Aditya Dwivedi of Gorakhpur to have embezzled the cash. "Aditya was asked to deposit the cash in a bank in Ghazipur police station area on Thursday but he vanished and did not get back to us. We tried contacting him but he did not answer the calls and later switched off his mobile phone," Srivastava stated in the FIR.

"In a CCTV footage, Aditya was seen accompanying another man. He did not reach the bank after leaving the office. We tracked him down later," the police said, adding that a sum of Rs 4 lakh was recovered from Aditya.

Aditya disclosed that he involved his maternal uncle Akhilesh Dwivedi in the money transaction. Both Aditya and Akhilesh planned to flee with the cash. On the day of the incident, Aditya called Akhilesh after he left the office. On the way, he accompanied Akhilesh and went to latter's house in Indira Nagar. They parked the motorcycle there and fled to Gorakhpur. Akhilesh was going to meet an advocate when nabbed on the way in Indira Nagar.



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Two bike-borne unidentified miscreants shot at the cashier of a businessman in Bazaarkhala in full public view on Saturday afternoon and looted his bag containing huge amount of cash. Police were yet to come up with the amount looted. The injured cashier was admitted to KGMU Trauma Centre where he was said to be out of danger.

As per reports, the victim, identified as Rajeev Mishra of Naka, works with Naveen Gupta, who is a wholesale dealer of cigarettes and paan masala and has his office in Tilak Nagar. Bazaarkhala CO said Rajeev collected cash from Gupta's office and left to deposit the same in a bank in Aminabad.

"Around 2 pm, he left Gupta's shop in Bazaarkhala and headed to another shop in Shastri Nagar. Around 3.15 pm, the miscreants waylaid him. They forced Rajeev to stop his scooty and then looted the cash bag. As Rajeev offered resistance, the miscreants opened fire," the CO said, explaining the sequence of events. He said Rajeev suffered injuries on his left arm and right leg. Sources said Rajeev



(Top) Police inspecting the crime scene on Saturday. (Above) Bullet shells recovered from the spot

used to go to the bank every alternate day to deposit cash. "Apparently, the robbers had conducted a recce of Rajeev's movement and attacked him on a tip-off. In a CCTV footage, some suspects were seen trailing Rajeev and then entering a lane. The police suspect that the same bunch of persons executed the crime," the sources said.

They said the attackers shot Rajeev thrice and also opened fire in the air to intimidate passersby. "The attackers had definite information that

Rajeev was carrying huge amount of cash with him," they claimed.

The sources said the attackers used a .32 bore pistol. "Miscreants have been attacking traders off and on and they choose 9mm and .32 bore pistols as these weapons are sophisticated and seldom develop any glitch," they said. A police spokesman said an FIR was being registered in this connection and Rajeev had been asked how much cash he was carrying in the bag.



Visitors at the two-day 'Chrysanthemum and Coleus Show' at the Central Lawn of Botanic Garden, National Botanical Research Institute, on Sunday. This year, 112 exhibitors participated in the show

LU's learnings helped me in my profession: Atul Tewari

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

Bollywood scriptwriter Atul Tewari said Lucknow University gave him a grip over drama and philosophy which later helped him immensely in his profession. Talking to *The Pioneer*, he said he spent more hours with his favourite teachers outside the university rather than in the classes. Tewari said LU gave him teachers like Dr JN Pandey, Dr Raj Bisaria, Mohini Manglik from English department and Roop Rekha Verma from Philosophy department. A writer and theatre activist, Tewari pursued BA from LU in 1978-79.

He said he learnt everything from Dr Raj Bisaria as far as theatre was concerned. "I used to finish my work in the university and then go to meet Dr Bisaria and do theatre along with him. I was passionate about drama at that time and I would spend hours working for it. With Dr JN Pandey, I used to sit for hours in a bid to learn drama. He also played an important role in refining my vocal English because I was



from a Hindi medium school. For this, he used to make me study a certain newspaper," Tewari recalled.

He said Dr JN Pandey and Dr Raj Bisaria had joined the same day and would share the same room. Tewari said that at

the university, he spent time with Prof Roop Rekha Verma and Mohini Manglik. "These are the teachers who mentored me in many ways. I learnt philosophy from the former V-C," he added.

Asked as to what LU had which other Universities did not, he said it was difficult to say. "I have been to Lucknow University and I can talk about it, but I cannot comment about other universities without any experience," he said. Regarding his message to LU in its centenary year, he quipped: "Tum jiyo hazaaron saal, saal ke din hon pachas hazaar".

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'One, country one language not possible in India'

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The first day of 'Metaphor Literary Fest' kicked off with a session on 'Ek Desh Eh Bhasha' at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan on Saturday. Speakers categorically pointed out that in a country with diverse cultures, it is not possible to have a single language.

Speaking at the session, popular lyricist Irshad Kamil said this formula cannot work in Bollywood. "We have people from many parts of the country and we work in a collaborative manner. Also, we have to be sure that words used in the movies or songs are picked up by everybody irrespective of whether or not they know the language. They should be able to get the emotions," he said. "I cannot say whether the use of diverse languages in lyrics helps promote the languages, but it does give the persons coming from that region a certain sense of happiness. If we talk about one country, one language, why not one country, one dress; one country, one culture; one country, one food and so on," Kamil added. The lyricist said Hindi cannot be the medium of communication everywhere. "When I am in south India or any other part of the world, I need to speak in English and there is no escaping the fact," he said.

Quoting author Kamla Das, Pius Anthony, a woman representing a southern state of India, said: "I think and dream in different languages."

"I speak four languages and I



dream in Malayalam which is my mother tongue. I enjoy the most when I work with self-help groups in UP districts. We struggle to communicate as I use broken Hindi and they speak in Awadhi and Bhojpuri," she added. She stressed that languages should not be politicised and they can grow on the basis of their requirement and people's needs. "Look at Kerala where the acceptance of Hindi has grown with most of the workers coming from West Bengal. Housewives have to communicate with these workers and they do so in Hindi, using colloquial words," she pointed out.

She recalled that Mahatma Gandhi mooted the concept of one language when he talked about Hindustani — a mix of Hindi and Urdu. "Gandhi's idea of Hindustani was that there should be no problem between Hindu and Muslim communities," she added.

Author Rahul Dev said that for him, Hindi stands for Hindustani. "In one of her stories on national integration, Manzoor Jahan writes

Hindustani as it has a flavour of Hindi and Urdu. However, the idea of having one language for one country is foolish," he added. A simultaneous session on 'Niswani Jazbaat and Manzoor Jahan' was aimed at remembering the authors. The speakers stressed that what she brought forth was the real culture of the place, and not the pseudo-culture that we talk about. The session witnessed the presence of Sharib Rudaulvi, Shafey Kidwai and Moinuddin with Parveen Shujaat.

Speaking on the occasion, Rudaulvi said: "A short story which Manzoor Jahan wrote talks about how a Muslim woman steps out in the market after three days of curfew to buy groceries, her conversation with a person called 'Kalu', and how she is helped by him."

Moinuddin said culture is not writing about the Gombi river and monuments, it was about people and the stories of their relationships. "In one of her stories on national integration, Manzoor Jahan writes

Highlight of 1857 movement was Hindu-Muslim unity: Mukherjee

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

The highlight of the 1857 movement was Hindu sepoys crowning a 12-year-old Muslim boy Birjis Qadr, saying he was their 'Kanhaiya'.

This was stated by Vice-Chancellor of Ashoka University Rughanshu Mukherjee in a session with Wajahat Habibullah on '1857 and Begum Hazrat Mahal'. Mukherjee said it is important to be highlighted today in view of the current situation. He said what is important to be noted that there was no Hindu-Muslim conflict during the First War of Independence. "Right from Delhi to Jagdishpur and

from Jhansi to Patna and Farrukhabad, the first uprising was a joint effort of both Muslims and Hindus against the British. In Farrukhabad, a sum of Rs 50,000 was offered to Hindus and they were incited against their Muslim Nawab, but they remained united. That spirit of unity was best articulated in Lucknow itself where Hindu sepoys called Begum Hazrat Mahal's son Birjis Qadr as their 'Kanhaiya,' he recalled. Habibullah pointed out that the last Nawab of Awadh, Wajid Ali Shah himself used to dance like Lord Krishna. Recalling an interesting incident, Mukherjee said: "There was a bid to create law and order

problem at Hanuman Garhi in Ayodhya by showing that the Nawab was an incapable ruler. The Britishers had been saying this for several years that Nawab Wajid Ali Shah was incompetent. However, the best thing was that when the First War of Independence broke out, the priests of Hanuman Garhi sided with the mutineers."

Mukherjee said the annexation of Awadh has no notion of reality. "Begum Hazrat Mahal had said how can you believe the people of Awadh to follow the proclamation when the Britishers themselves have not respected the religion of the subject," he added.

shows Muslims and Hindus as neighbours. When one of the Muslim girls was told to water the 'tulsi' plant in the house of the Hindu family, she refused as she was having her periods and knew it was not right for her to do that," he added.

BOOK READING SESSION

In the book reading session and discussion on 'Caste class and gender in civil services — Kali's daughter', author Raghav Chandra spoke to UC Aggarwal on Saturday. Chandra, a former IAS officer, talked about his

book and trials & tribulations faced by IAS officers. The book is about a Dalit woman who becomes the first IAS officer in her family. He admitted that it was easier to step into the shoes of women as he made a woman the main protagonist of his book. "It was not so difficult as I can understand the minds of women better," he added.

He said he took up Dalit problems because through his punishment postings, he was getting a lot of material regarding the problems faced by SC/ST people. "I was more sensitive to their problems as I had

good friends from among them," he said. He added that he turned his punishment postings into glamorous ones for the kind of work which he did. About two of his characters leaving their jobs as IAS officers, he said it was because of the adversities which they faced. He admitted that there were times when you, as bureaucrats, could rub the political brass the wrong way.

"IAS officers have no political constituency unlike the politicians. As political leaders have to win a mandate, there are times when there is non-alignment of goals," he added.

SCHOOLSCAN



ANNUAL CONCERT

Excellia School organised its annual concert 'Aurora' on Saturday. The theme was 'Navras', depicting the various shades of emotions. Actor Atul Srivastava was the chief guest on the occasion. Students displayed their scintillating performances on foot-tapping numbers. Chairman DS Pathak, vice-chairperson Manju Pathak, director Asheesh Pathak and principal Sonia Vardhan felicitated the chief guest.

CONFLUENCE-2019 CONCLUDES

The 4-day International Festival of World Unity and World Peace, 'Confluence-2019' organised by City Montessori school, Indira Nagar, concluded at Kanpur Road auditorium on Saturday with a pledge by students of India and abroad to bring about world unity and world peace. The overall championship in senior category went to Little Angels High School (Gwalior) while Scholastica School (Mirpur, Bangladesh) was the runner-up. The junior category championship was bagged by Bluebells School International (New Delhi) while the runner-up trophy went to Motilal Nehru Public School (Jamshedpur).

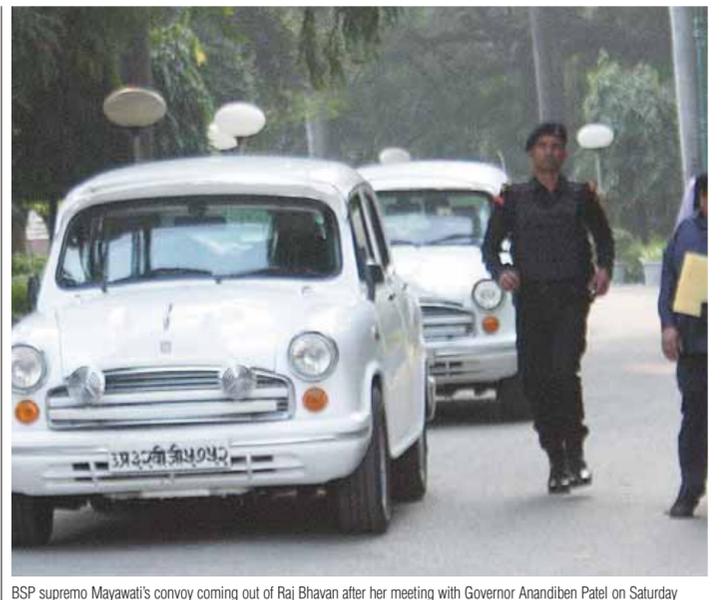
Teen mowed down by train

Lucknow (PNS): An 18-year-old boy riding a scooter with earphones plugged in was fatally knocked down by a train in Gosainganj in the intervening night of Friday and Saturday. The victim was identified as Vikas Rawat of Habirpur village in the area. Reports said Vikas, who worked at a private company, was returning home and was crossing the railway tracks. "The earphone was found plugged in when the police team visited the scene. We were informed of the incident by the station master," the police said.

Meanwhile, a youth, identified as Rafiuddin (28) of Barabanki, died after the loader he was driving hit a stationary truck in Gosainganj around 4 am on Saturday. Reports said Rafiuddin was going to Sadauli locality in Barabanki after loading green peas from a vegetable market in Kanpur. On reaching Kodra village in Gosainganj, a

stray animal came on the way and Rafiuddin swerved the loader to avoid hitting it. In the process, the loader rammed into the truck parked there.

Meanwhile, in the mysterious death of Mainpuri native Nitin Yadav in Madaion, deceased's father Ram Kumar lodged a case of murder against four persons, including a couple, on Saturday. According to Ram Kumar, Nitin was called by his business partner Shivram Pandey of Madaion to settle a money dispute. "Nitin reached Lucknow along with his driver Nitin and his friends Ramveer and Hundi Lal. Nitin stayed at Pandey's house where Pandey's wife and their relatives Sushant and Nishant were also present. He was later found dead at Pandey's house," Ram Kumar said. He claimed that Nitin's friends had seen injuries on Nitin's body and they also had heard him crying in the room in night on the fateful day.



BSP supreme Mayawati's convoy coming out of Raj Bhavan after her meeting with Governor Anandiben Patel on Saturday

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POLITICS TAKES...

Launching a scathing attack on the BJP Government in Uttar Pradesh, she said incidents of rape, murder and molestation are taking place all over the country, but in UP, such cases have been "excessive". "It is a matter of deep regret that during the past some years, especially since the BJP Government has come to power, women are not safe. This is not the only incident, in UP I said it yesterday also that there is not a day when there is not an incident of rape and murder, attempt to rape or molestation," Mayawati said at a Press conference here.

Not to be left behind, Samajwadi Party president and former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav sat on a dharna outside the Vidhan Bhavan here on Saturday, accusing the Yogi Adityanath Government of failing the Unnao gangrape victim who was set on fire and died at a hospital in Delhi.

Terming the day a "Black Day", he demanded that the BJP Government in the State be removed. Accompanied by senior party leaders, Yadav squatted before the main entrance of the Vidhan Sabha and said his party will agitate against the Government in all district headquarters.

"What help you have given to the family of the girl? Will you run your Government in this manner?" Yadav asked.

"A Government which is giving sorrow and creating difficulties. Our demand is that this Government should be removed. The party will agitate for people, and in this regard the Samajwadi Party will hold 'shok sabha' (condolence meetings) in all district headquarters. It will be in memory of all the daughters, who had lost their lives," he told reporters.

Facing all-round flak, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has termed her death "extremely sad". He said in a statement that

there is a need in the judiciary to invoke self-correcting measures but whether or not they should be publicised is a matter of debate. "We have to devise methods for not only speeding up litigation but all together preventing it. There are laws which provide for pre-litigation mediation," he said, adding that there was a need to consider compulsory pre-litigation mediation. Surprisingly, no courses were available for conferring a degree or diploma in mediation, he said. He also said the press conference held by four senior most judges of the apex court last year was just a self-corrective measure.

In an unprecedented move, Justices J Chelameswar, Ranjan Gogoi, MB Lokur and Kurien Joseph — had on January 12, 2018, held a press conference, saying the situation in the top court was "not in order" and many "less than desirable" things had taken place. Ranjan Gogoi later in the year had succeeded the then Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra. "I believe the institution (judiciary) must correct itself and indeed it did during the time when the much-criticised press conference was held. It was nothing more than a self-corrective measure and I do not wish to justify it," Justice Bobde said. The CJJ further said, "All judges were eminent and Justice (Ranjan) Gogoi in particular showed great competence and led the judiciary from the front."

CJI: JUSTICE...

The incident had led to widespread outrage and brought back memories of the December 16, 2012 Nirbhaya case. "The women of the country are under pain and distress. They are crying for justice," Prasad said. The Minister said there are 704 fast-track courts for heinous offences and others and the government is in the process of setting up 1,123 dedicated courts for POCSO and rape offences. "In the law relating to women violence, we have already laid down capital punishment and other severe punishment including completion of trial in two months time," he added. The Chief Justice of India, who spoke after the Minister, stressed that as an institution, the judiciary must remain committed to making justice accessible to people by strengthening the existing avenues and evolving newer means to achieve an affordable, quick and satisfactory settlement of disputes.

"At the same time, we must be aware of the changes and perception about the judiciary," Justice Bobde said. He said

these parties. The BJD reported the highest income of ₹249.31 crore, which was 21.43 per cent of the total income of all parties analysed. The Trinamool declared an income of ₹192.65 crore or 16.56 per cent, while the TRS stated it got ₹88.71 crore or 16.22 per cent of the total income of all parties. The total income of the top three parties was ₹630.67 crore, which comprised 54.22 per cent of the total income of the parties. Out of a total of 25 parties analysed, 17 parties have shown an increase in their income from 2017-18 to 2018-19, while six parties have shown a decline in their income during this period.

The BJD reported the highest increase in its income of ₹235.19 crore, followed by Trinamool Congress and YSR-Congress, which declared a total increase of ₹187.48 crore and ₹166.84 crore, respectively, according to 2017-18 and 2018-19. According to the scheme that was notified by the Government of India on

January 2, 2018, only the parties registered under Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 (43 of 1951) and which have secured not less than one per cent of the votes polled in the last general election to the Lok Sabha or the Legislative Assembly, as the case may be, are eligible to receive electoral bonds.

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He said one way out is the provision of free legal aid. Remembering veteran lawyer Ashoke Sen, he said in multiple roles, his sole objective was the pursuit of justice for one and all. He expressed hope that more and more law professionals would draw inspiration from Sen and distribute fruits of their knowledge among the needy. The president said he was happy to note that the Supreme Court had started making its judgments available in nine regional languages. Information and communication technology could bring amazing results in this domain, he added.

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नगर पर लोला लाइन के निर्माण सम्मन्धी कार्य। ई-निविदा संख्या-ईटी-165/विद्युत प्रेषण खण्ड प्रथम अन्तर्गत 400 के0वी0 सिंगल फेज पनकी-अलीगढ लाइन के पेट्रोसिंग से सम्बन्धित कार्य। ई-निविदा संख्या-ईटी-166/विद्युत प्रेषण खण्ड प्रथम अन्तर्गत 132 के0वी0 जवाहरपुर पर घास कटाई का कार्य। ई-निविदा संख्या-ईटी-157/विद्युत प्रेषण खण्ड प्रथम अन्तर्गत 220 के0वी0 पनकी उन्नाव डी0सी0 लोला लाइन एवं 220 के0वी0 बिदूर एवं आर0पी0एच0 पर सफाई से सम्बन्धित कार्य। ई-निविदा संख्या-ईटी-158/विद्युत प्रेषण खण्ड प्रथम अन्तर्गत 132 के0वी0 का कार्य। ई-निविदा संख्या-ईटी-159/विद्युत प्रेषण खण्ड प्रथम अन्तर्गत 400 के0वी0 सिंगल फेज पनकी-अलीगढ लाइन की चंकाई बढ़ाने के कार्य हेतु डाइवर्जन कार्य। ई-निविदा संख्या-ईटी-160/विद्युत प्रेषण खण्ड प्रथम अन्तर्गत 400 के0वी0 सिंगल फेज पनकी-अलीगढ लाइन की चंकाई बढ़ाने के कार्य हेतु डाइवर्जन कार्य। ई-निविदा संख्या-ईटी-161/विद्युत प्रेषण खण्ड प्रथम अन्तर्गत 400 के0वी0 सिंगल फेज पनकी-अलीगढ लाइन की चंकाई बढ़ाने के कार्य हेतु डाइवर्जन कार्य। ई-निविदा संख्या-ईटी-162/विद्युत प्रेषण खण्ड प्रथम 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अन्तर्गत 400 के0वी0 सिंगल फेज पनकी-अलीगढ लाइन की चंकाई बढ़ाने के कार्य हेतु डाइवर्जन कार्य। ई-निविदा संख्या-ईटी-170/विद्युत प्रेषण खण्ड प्रथम अन्तर्गत 400 के0वी0 सिंगल फेज पनकी-अलीगढ लाइन की चंकाई बढ़ाने के कार्य हेतु डाइवर्जन कार्य। ई-निविदा संख्या-ईटी-171/विद्युत प्रेषण खण्ड प्रथम अन्तर्गत 400 के0वी0 सिंगल फेज पनकी-अलीगढ लाइन की चंकाई बढ़ाने के कार्य हेतु डाइवर्जन कार्य। ई-निविदा संख्या-ईटी-172/विद्युत प्रेषण खण्ड प्रथम अन्तर्गत 400 के0वी0 सिंगल फेज पनकी-अलीगढ लाइन की चंकाई बढ़ाने के कार्य हेतु डाइवर्जन कार्य। ई-निविदा संख्या-ईटी-173/विद्युत प्रेषण खण्ड प्रथम अन्तर्गत 400 के0वी0 सिंगल फेज पनकी-अलीगढ लाइन की चंकाई बढ़ाने के कार्य हेतु डाइवर्जन कार्य। ई-निविदा संख्या-ईटी-174/विद्युत प्रेषण खण्ड प्रथम अन्तर्गत 400 के0वी0 सिंगल फेज पनकी-अलीगढ लाइन की चंकाई बढ़ाने के कार्य हेतु डाइवर्जन कार्य। ई-निविदा संख्या-ईटी-175/विद्युत प्रेषण खण्ड प्रथम अन्तर्गत 400 के0वी0 सिंगल फेज पनकी-अलीगढ लाइन की चंकाई बढ़ाने के कार्य हेतु डाइवर्जन कार्य। ई-निविदा संख्या-ईटी-176/विद्युत प्रेषण खण्ड प्रथम अन्तर्गत 400 के0वी0 सिंगल फेज पनकी-अलीगढ लाइन की चंकाई बढ़ाने के कार्य हेतु डाइवर्जन कार्य। ई-निविदा संख्या-ईटी-177/विद्युत प्रेषण खण्ड प्रथम अन्तर्गत 400 के0वी0 सिंगल फेज पनकी-अलीगढ लाइन की चंकाई बढ़ाने के कार्य हेतु डाइवर्जन कार्य। ई-निविदा संख्या-ईटी-178/विद्युत प्रेषण खण्ड प्रथम अन्तर्गत 400 के0वी0 सिंगल फेज पनकी-अलीगढ लाइन की चंकाई बढ़ाने के कार्य हेतु डाइवर्जन कार्य। ई-निविदा संख्या-ईटी-179/विद्युत प्रेषण खण्ड प्रथम अन्तर्गत 400 के0वी0 सिंगल फेज पनकी-अलीगढ लाइन की चंकाई बढ़ाने के कार्य हेतु डाइवर्जन कार्य। ई-निविदा संख्या-ईटी-180/विद्युत प्रेषण खण्ड प्रथम अन्तर्गत 400 के0वी0 सिंगल फेज पनकी-अलीगढ लाइन की चंकाई बढ़ाने के कार्य हेतु डाइवर्जन कार्य। ई-निविदा संख्या-ईटी-181/विद्युत प्रेषण खण्ड प्रथम अन्तर्गत 400 के0वी0 सिंगल फेज पनकी-अलीगढ लाइन की चंकाई बढ़ाने के कार्य हेतु डाइवर्जन कार्य। ई-निविदा संख्या-ईटी-182/विद्युत प्रेषण खण्ड प्रथम अन्तर्गत 400 के0वी0 सिंगल फेज पनकी-अलीगढ लाइन की चंकाई बढ़ाने के कार्य हेतु डाइवर्जन कार्य। ई-निविदा संख्या-ईटी-183/विद्युत प्रेषण खण्ड प्रथम 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CRIME AGAINST WOMEN

Rahul, Priyanka slam Modi Govt

PM's political career based on hatred, division and violence: Rahul in Wayanad

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress on Saturday launched multi-pronged attack on the Modi Government for increasing stances of rape and crime against women. While Priyanka Gandhi led the Congress protest in Unnao, her brother Rahul Gandhi highlighted the issue during his visit to Wayanad — his parliamentary constituency. The party also held a press conference in Delhi to corner the BJP over crime against women.



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi gives a speech as a student translates it at Vakoli Higher Secondary School at Batheri in Wayanad on Friday. PTI

Winding up a three-day tour of his Wayanad Lok Sabha constituency, the Congress MP also lashed out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi and said his (Modi's) entire political career was based on hatred and division and violence.

"The girls, sisters and mothers must be shocked when they read newspapers that every day a girl is raped or killed... The international community today ridicules India. India is known as the rape capital of the world," Gandhi said.

In an apparent reference to the rape case against UP BJP MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar, he

alleged that the Prime Minister had failed to react when the victim's car was hit by a truck.

"UP BJP MLA is involved in rape and PM hasn't said a word. Her car is hit by a truck and PM doesn't say a word... Foreign nations are asking this question why the nation can't take care of its daughters," Gandhi said.

Directly attacking the Prime Minister, Gandhi said Modi represents the worst aspects of the country.

"We have a PM who

believes in the ideology of hatred and violence. His entire political career is based on hatred and division and violence. He divides religions communities and languages, he insults culture. He doesn't understand economics.

Our people live in fear and discomfort," Gandhi said and urged the people of the country not to "underestimate" their (peoples) strength to change the narrative of the nation.

In Delhi, Congress attacked the Uttar Pradesh Government

over the death of the Unnao rape victim who was set ablaze, alleging that law-and-order situation has "completely collapsed" in the State which is becoming the country's "rape capital". Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinete also demanded strict action against the accused in the case.

"He is the father, I can understand his pain and his disappointment. I empathise with the family and we solidly stand with them in this hour of grief... But law and order is the basis of any civil society. Law and order needs to be strengthened to an extent where perpetrators of crime against women don't have the courage to do anything. Police needs to be sensitised to first make it safe for women, and in case of a crime lodge FIRs and offer protection instead of shielding the accused," she said.

Hitting out at the State Government, Shrinete said that it is "not the first and this will not indeed be the last case if you (UP Government) don't wake up. The State Government seems to be in a dying hurry to become the rape capital."

"More than assurance, the

Uttar Pradesh Government needs to strengthen the law-and-order in the State. Our question is to the State police is why FIR was not registered in four months and why the accused were left out on bail," Shrinete told reporters.

She was responding to a statement of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath who gave the assurance that the case would be pleaded in a fast-track court to provide speedy justice to the deceased woman's family.

"How do accused get away by committing such heinous crimes? What gives them the courage to do so? The answer is, it is due to complete collapse of law and order in the state. They somehow find political protection and that is why they have the courage to go ahead and do this against our women," the Congress spokesperson said. She also questioned the silence of the Prime Minister and senior BJP leaders.

"We can't turn a blind eye. Why are the prime minister, all those ministers who took to streets earlier now silent. Why is there a conspicuous silence in the matter?" she posed.

BJP MP seeks law for MPs to make details of foreign visits mandatory

DEEPAK K UPRETI ■ NEW DELHI

BJP has called for a law to make it mandatory for Members of Parliament to place any invitations from foreign countries, Governments or organisation to be routed through the Ministry of External Affairs. The invitation will be sent to the FCRA division of Ministry of Home Affairs ten clear days in advance of the date from which the "foreign hospitality" is proposed to be accepted.

The prior permission will be required to be obtained and "mere sending" the application would not automatically grant the go ahead for the foreign visit, according to a private member bill introduced in the upper house by BJP's Rajya Sabha member GVL Narasimha Rao.

Seeing to make foreign tours of members of Parliament "transparent", the bill requires a copy of the application should also be sent to Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs. The new stringent format for the application to obtain the permission for foreign visits makes it mandatory for the visiting MP to provide all details of the foreign host including his "name, nationality, passport number, profession, address, e-mail address and mobile number." This is besides, providing

THOUGH PRIVATE MEMBER'S BILLS ARE RARELY PASSED, A DISCUSSION ON THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION MAY ALLOW BJP MEMBERS TO GET BACK AT CONGRESS AS THE BJP GOVERNMENT HAS IN THE RECENT PAST ATTACKED CONGRESS LEADER RAHUL GANDHI FOR HIS 'SECRET' FOREIGN TRIPS

the "nature of hospitality—cash or kind", purpose, duration of stay and approximate expenditure. The bill intends to make all the details mandatory for obtaining permission from the Government.

"Application with complete details in the prescribed form (FC-2) along with the invitation letter from the host be sent to the Ministry of home affairs, FCRA, division.", the bill says. This is after all the applications are routed through the Foreign Ministry.

Lawmakers were issued guidelines in 2017 about sharing details of their foreign visits, including the ones in personal

capacity, and the Parliament Affairs Ministry in July 2019 reiterated them through a communication, Rao said.

However, most MPs have not adhered to the advisory for want of an statutory requirement, he said.

"MPs are important public functionaries and transparency about their functioning, sources of their income and expenses is necessary to demonstrate their financial integrity. From time-to-time, Parliament has enacted legislation and framed rules to ensure that those elected to Parliament uphold the cherished ideal," he said.

The bill was introduced by Rao on Friday to amend RP Act 1951 to make it mandatory for MPs to disclose their foreign trips to the Parliament secretariat.

Though private member's bills are rarely passed, a discussion on the proposed legislation may allow BJP members to get back at Congress as the BJP Government has in the recent past attacked Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for his "secret" foreign trips.

In October this year, the party at a press conference sought to know the details of his "frequent" foreign visits asking if he was involved in some secret operation.

'TAX EVASION' BY BSE BROKERS, TRADERS I-T department conducts searches at 39 locations

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The income-tax (I-T) department has conducted searches at 39 locations to check alleged tax evasion by brokers and traders operating at the Bombay Stock Exchange in transactions worth about ₹3,500 crore. According to the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), on Saturday said raids and survey operations were undertaken on December 3 at 39 locations in Mumbai, Kolkata, Kanpur, Delhi, Noida, Gurugram, Hyderabad and Ghaziabad.

The action was taken against brokers and traders who were involved in facilitating accommodation of profits/losses through reversal trades in illiquid stock options

in equity derivative segment and also currency derivative segment on the BSE, the CBDT said in a statement.

"The action has unravelled the entire modus operandi which has been adopted by share brokers and traders to trade into the liquid stock options in equity derivative segment and thereby generate artificial losses/profit by executing reversal trade in a very short span of time," it said.

"By this contrived methodology, the unscrupulous entities have secured desired profits/losses, which is estimated to be more than ₹3,500 crore," the CBDT said.

The action also resulted into identification of the wrongful long-term capital gains taken in at least three

penny stocks listed on the BSE, where the manipulated profits utilised by the beneficiaries aggregate to around ₹2,000 crore, it said, adding that unaccounted cash of ₹1.20 crore was also seized after the raids.

The number of beneficiaries who have been benefited by these manipulated transactions could be to the tune of a few thousand scattered across India and efforts are being made to identify them as also the corresponding quantum of income evaded, the CBDT said.

"Incriminating" evidence recovered during the searches and surveys is being examined for determination of contravention of the various direct tax laws, it added.

Vadra seeks Delhi court's permission to travel abroad

New Delhi: Robert Vadra, the son-in-law of Congress chief Sonia Gandhi, on Saturday moved a Delhi court, seeking its permission to travel abroad for medical treatment and business purposes.

Vadra is facing probe under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, following allegations of money laundering related to purchase of a property in London at 12, Bryanston Square, worth 1.9 million pounds.

Senior advocate K T S Tuli, appearing for Vadra, told Special Judge Arvind Kumar that his client wanted to travel to Spain for two weeks from Dec 9.

Special Judge Arvind Kumar directed the ED to file a reply by Dec 9, when the court will hear the matter, after the



agency sought time to file its response.

In June, the court allowed Vadra to travel to the US and the Netherlands for six weeks on account of health reasons. It, however, did not allow him to go to the United Kingdom.

The ED had expressed apprehension that the accused may destroy evidence if allowed to go to the UK. Vadra was directed on April 1 to not leave the country without prior permission by a court here which had granted him conditional anticipatory bail. PTI

ISIS Kerala, TN module case: NIA chargesheets 2

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday filed a chargesheet against two ISIS suspects arrested by the agency in connection with its probe into the ISIS Kerala-Tamil Nadu module case, including the group mastermind.

An NIA spokesperson on Saturday said the anti-terror probe agency filed the chargesheet against Mohammad Azarudeen and Sheikh Hidayatullah in a Special NIA court in Ernakulam under several sections of IPC and the Unlawful (Activities) Prevention Act (UAPA).

According to the NIA, Azarudeen was the mastermind of the Islamic State group's Tamil Nadu module and he was arrested from Coimbatore on



June 12 this year.

The NIA had arrested both the accused the same day. According to NIA officials, Azarudeen was also a Facebook friend of Zahran Hashim, the alleged mastermind behind the recent easter bombings in Sri Lanka that left over 250 people dead.

The Central probe agency registered a case on May 30 this year, taking suo motu action against six accused from Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, based on information that the accused and their associates were propagating the ideology of the proscribed terrorist organization ISIS/Daish on social media with

the intention of recruiting vulnerable youths in Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

The spokesperson said that during investigation, it was revealed that Azarudeen and Hidayathulla were propagating violent extremist ideology since 2017. According to the NIA officials, Azarudeen was the leader of the module and was also maintaining a Facebook page named "KhilafahGFX", through which he had been propagating the ideology of ISIS/ Daish.

"They organized several secret classes at their houses besides at other places in Coimbatore, in support of the ISIS/Daish. They also followed the Sri Lankan ISIS/ Daish leader Zahran Hashim, over social media, while downloading and disseminating his speeches in support of violent jihad," he said.

HYDERABAD ENCOUNTER KILLINGS

Two PILs seeking SIT probe filed in SC

New Delhi: Two petitions were filed on Saturday in the Supreme Court seeking an SIT probe into the killing of four persons, arrested on charge of gangrape and murder of a veterinarian in Telangana, by police in an alleged encounter and compensation for their families.

While the Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by advocate ML Sharma said that the SIT probe should be monitored by former apex court judges, a separate petition filed by lawyers G S Mani and Pradeep Kumar Yadav said that independent investigation against concerned police officials should be conducted.

Sharma alleged that it was a case of "extra-judicial killings" and sought prosecution of policemen involved in the incident.

The PIL filed by Mani and Yadav claimed that the alleged encounter was "fake" and FIR should be lodged against police officials who were involved in the incident.

"The incident is a clear violation of Article 21 (right to life and fair trial) of the Constitution of India. A persons is innocent till guilt is proved," Sharma said in his PIL.

"However, in the present case, four persons have been declared guilty of gangrape without any trial...", the plea said.

Mani and Yadav, in their separate PIL, said that no one would support the accused who are involved in gang rape and murder cases against innocent women.

"However, an investigating agency and officers even at

high level like Commissioner of Police taking the law into their hand, conducting fake encounter and killing alleged rape accused.... Without bringing them before the court for punishment is very unfortunate," the plea said.

"No one including the investigating agency like police has right to punish any accused without due process of law. The court alone after applying all the procedure and law and affording an opportunity all the right of free and fair trial and hearing can impose punishment of imprisonment or death sentence," Mani and Yadav said in their PIL.

In his plea, Sharma said it is a killing in police custody and "therefore all the police officers involved" must be arrested and prosecuted in accordance with law after an

SIT probe by CBI.

Besides seeking court-monitored SIT probe, the PIL filed by Sharma also seeks action against Samajwadi Party lawmaker and Bollywood actress Jaya Bachchan and Chairperson of Delhi Commission for Women Swati Maliwal for alleged "provocation" and "pressuring police for extrajudicial killing of arrested persons in police custody without trial."

The plea, which may come up for hearing next week, also seeks compensation of Rs 20 lakh each to the families of the four accused killed in the pre-dawn police encounter on Friday.

Telangana police on Friday said that the accused were killed in an exchange of fire with police during the morning hours. PTI

No space for Opposition in BJP's model of democracy: J&K Cong

Jammu: The Congress Jammu & Kashmir unit on Saturday accused the BJP-led central Government of suppressing all opposition voices through use of police authority to "crush all sorts of genuine dissent" in the Union Territory.

Jammu & Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) chief spokesperson Ravinder Sharma said the BJP's philosophy of democracy is based on "no space to Opposition".

"It (BJP) had already given slogan of Congress-mukt Bharat (India free of Congress) whereas it has been attempting to crush all Opposition forces. All those against the BJP are dubbed as threat to peace and against the national interests and detained," Sharma said in a statement here. "This is a replica of a sick thinking which goes against the

democratic duty and rights towards people".

"The party asked the Government to tolerate the genuine Opposition voices and facilitate all sorts of political activities to allow democracy to flourish of which dissent is the fundamental essence," the Congress leader said. He also sought immediate release of all opposition leaders and workers "detained without any justification" simply for appealing the people to respond to their call for bandh.

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2019 saw record 11 cyclonic disturbances over Indian Ocean after 127 yrs

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

As cyclonic storm 'Pawan' crossed over the Somalia coast on Saturday and weakened into a deep depression, the calendar year 2019 has witnessed 11 cyclonic disturbances developed over the Indian Ocean, a phenomenon recorded after 127 years. Such development was last recorded in 1893.

Of the 11 cyclonic disturbances, five were developed over the Arabian Sea while four of them turned into severe intensity. Similarly, the Bay of Bengal (BoB) witnessed three cyclonic disturbances this year. Of them, two developed into severe intensity. "India will break its previous record of having been hit by the most number of tropical cyclones in a year. Back-to-back cyclones have caused



havoc and affected weather pattern in Indian Sub Continent. The maximum number of 10 cyclones developed over north Indian Ocean during 1893, 1926, 1930 and 1976. The maximum number of five cyclones with

four severe cyclones developed over Arabian Sea during 1902," the India Meteorological Department said.

The Arabian Sea has been more active during 2019 with the formation of seven cyclonic

disturbances against the normal of 1.7 cyclonic disturbances per year. Of them, five have developed into severe or extensive intensity cyclones against the normal of 1 per year.

The Bay of Bengal on the

western side remains relatively quiet with only three cyclones—Pabuk, Fani and Bulbul this year.

"Thus, the frequency of cyclone storm observed over the Arabian Sea during 2019 post monsoon season equals the past record of 1982 and 2011 when four cyclonic disturbances CDs developed in the post monsoon season. It also equals the past record of 1902 post monsoon season with formation of three cyclones including two severe cyclones," it said.

According to the IMD, Vayu in June, Hikka in September were severe intensity cyclonic storms, Maha cyclone was put in extremely severe cyclonic storm, Kyarr was recognized as super cyclonic storm while Pawan was put in cyclonic storm only. The formation of cyclones

Kyarr and Maha simultaneously in end-October was considered to be an unusual occurrence observed last in 1965. While, cyclone Maha turned "extremely severe", cyclone Kyarr intensified into a super cyclone and dissipated near the coast of Somalia. The last such occurrence (five cyclones) was observed in 1902.

According to the IMD, cyclone Pabuk over Andaman Sea came during January 04 and 08 this year; the extremely severe cyclonic storm FANI came over the Bengal during April 26-May 04. Very severe cyclonic storm VAYU over the Arabian Sea during 10-17 June. Very severe cyclone Bulbul over the Bay of Bengal came between November 5 and 11.

According to scientists, warming of oceans is fuelling stronger cyclones in the North Indian Ocean, with increasing potential energy available to these cyclonic disturbances. The systems also seem to have intensified rapidly, most probably due to higher sea-surface temperatures, which lead to an increase in cyclonic wind speeds. Studies show that with a rapidly warming Indian Ocean, the frequency of severe cyclones is expected to increase.

The cyclonic activity brought post-monsoon rain, hitting agriculture in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Goa and Karnataka. Of the seven cyclonic disturbances over the Arabian Sea this year, four were recorded post-monsoon.

By adopting fraudulent methods, Memon parked the proceeds of crime of about ₹62 crore in the accounts of the KGN Group companies, it alleged.

The agency has issued a provisional order under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) for attachment of a land, plant and machinery owned by KGN Enterprise Ltd and Sailani Agrotech Industries Ltd in Hariyala village of Gujarat's Kheda district and Memon's residential property located at Paldi in Ahmedabad. The total value of the assets frozen under the latest order is ₹34.47 crore, it said.

The ED had earlier attached assets of ₹149 crore and has filed few charge sheets in this case.

Need to be alert against Pakistan: Rajnath Singh

PTI ■ DEHRADUN

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday said India had no extra-territorial ambitions but asked the armed forces to be alert against Pakistan "which pursues terrorism as a matter of state policy".

Addressing the Passing Out Parade of the Indian Military Academy here as the reviewing officer, Singh asked the cadets commissioned into the armed forces on Saturday to take the message of service and peace to the world but be prepared to deal with a neighbour like Pakistan.

"Despite suffering defeat at the hands of India in several wars, Pakistan continues to pursue terrorism as a matter of state policy. Non-state actors in Pakistan are so strong that those in the political centre stage look no more than mere puppets in their hands," Singh said.

"History bears evidence to the fact that India does not have extra-territorial ambitions. It believes in friendly relations with its neighbours. But we have to be ready to deal with a neighbour like Pakistan," he said.

Underlining that the mastermind of 9/11 and the 26/11 perpetrators and their handlers were found in Pakistan, the defence minister said, "The victims of 26/11 will get justice only when the handlers of the terror are brought to book".

He asked the new IMA passouts to hone the skills



Newly commissioned army officers march during the 142nd Passing Out Parade at Indian Military Academy (IMA), in Dehradun on Saturday

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learnt at the academy so that they are ready to grapple with the relatively new challenge of cyber terror.

He said territorial perceptions of India and China might be different from each other but China stands with the rest of the world in the fight against terrorism. He also praised the Indian security forces for displaying great willpower as well as restraint during the Doklam crisis with the Chinese.

Congratulating the cadets on being commissioned into the armed forces, he said, "Your training has not just given you strength but also a new meaning to your life". He also saluted

their parents.

The defence minister, who inspected a colourful drill presented by the passing-out cadets in the backdrop of the historic Chetwode Building, also announced the construction of two underpasses connecting the North, South and Central campuses of the IMA to decongest traffic in the area.

The two underpasses will also make travelling to the neighbouring Himachal Pradesh and Haryana from Dehradun extremely convenient. Singh said over ₹30 crore had been sanctioned for the projects.

A total of 377 gentlemen

cadets, including 71 cadets from ten friendly foreign countries, were commissioned into the armed forces of their respective countries.

Uttar Pradesh had the highest representation with 56 trained gentlemen cadets followed by Haryana with 39 and Bihar with 24.

The Sword of Honour, the most coveted recognition at the academy, and the Gold Medal was given by the defence minister to Academy Under Officer Vinay Vilas Garad, the Silver Medal to Senior Under Officer Peekendra Singh and the Bronze Medal to Battalion Under Officer Dhruv Mehta.

Income tax cut under consideration, says: FM

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday said the Government is working on more steps, including rationalisation of personal income tax rates, to revive the sagging economy.

The GDP growth slowed down to more than six-year low of 4.5 per cent in the second quarter of the current fiscal from 5 per cent recorded in the first quarter.

The Government has taken several measures during August and September to boost the economy, she said at the HT Leadership Summit here.

Besides, she said, the public sector banks have disbursed nearly ₹5 lakh crore without compromising on prudential norms in the last two months to boost consumption in the hinterland.



"So there are ways in which for giving stimulus for consumption. We are adopting a direct method and also the method through which we are spending on infrastructure, whose spillover can go to core industries labour and so on," she said.

Asked if there could be more measures announced to bolster economic activity, she said, "If I say yes, it will be when and if I say yes it's also going to be back to me saying are you not too close to the budget. So I don't want to say yes although I am wishing I can say. At the same time, I will not say no, because we are working on more." When asked if the Government is considering rationalisation of the personal income tax rate for putting more money in the hands of people, the Finance Minister said, "One among many things that we are thinking of".

Following the reduction in corporate tax in September, there has been a growing demand for a slash in the personal income tax to buttress consumption.

In the biggest 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.

TMC eyes CAB to take on BJP ahead of state polls

'Second war of independence', says Mamata

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Buoyed by the success in the recent bypolls, which the ruling Trinamool Congress fought campaigning against the NRC, Mamata Banerjee's party has now eyed the Citizenship Amendment Bill to reach out to voters ahead of the 2021 assembly polls, to corner the BJP.

Termed by Banerjee "second war of independence", the campaign against the contentious bill will be at the centre of the party's poll pitch, said senior TMC leaders, who feel that 120 seats that have significant minority and refugee population will be a deciding factor in the next elections.

Members of Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi and Christian communities, who come from Afghanistan, Bangladesh or Pakistan facing persecution there, will not be treated as illegal immigrants but given Indian citizenship when the proposed amendments to the six-decade-old Citizenship Act come into effect with passage of the bill.

Addressing a rally in Kolkata on Friday, Banerjee said she would support the bill if citizenship is given to each and every refugee, irrespective of their religion.

"We could not take part in the first freedom struggle which gave us our Independence. But we will take part in the second freedom movement. We will resist NRC and CAB," said Banerjee, who has time and again taken shots at the BJP over the issue.

TMC leaders, who spoke to PTI on condition of anonymity, said the party's top brass is of the opinion that after National Register of Citizens (NRC), the bill would act as "nail in the coffin of the BJP in Bengal".

"We all have witnessed how the tide has changed against the BJP in Bengal in just six months after Lok Sabha polls. It was the NRC in Assam that went against them. Now,

this CAB would cause more damage to the BJP. They have failed to gauge people's mood on these two issues," a senior TMC leader said.

"We too have regularised refugee colonies, but we didn't see religion in it. They (BJP government) can set a criteria for granting citizenship but religion can never be that criteria," the TMC leader said.

He exuded confidence that campaigning against the bill would reap benefits for the party in run-up to the elections in the state where civic polls are scheduled next year.

"Just like NRC, CAB too would be a blunder, if not on a bigger scale. It will act as a political trump card for us in Bengal against the BJP," he added.

Bengal being a bordering state, has housed a large number of refugees who came during Partition and the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War.

Left parties have always bagged most of the seats having large number of refugee population, but after 2011, with regime change in the state, they switched loyalties to the TMC.

However, in the Lok Sabha elections held earlier this year, the BJP won a large number of seats in these refugee belts of the state. But after the NRC was published in Assam, in which a large number of Hindus were left out, the scales seem to have tilted in favour of the TMC in West Bengal as it wrestled Kaliaganj and Karimpur assembly seats, where it was a major issue, in bypolls.

According to sources in the TMC's parliamentary unit, it along with other opposition parties have decided on an eight-point agenda to counter the BJP on the Citizenship Amendment Bill, which is likely to be tabled in Parliament next week.

"If the government is talking about one nation, one election, one law, then how come



they are setting different criteria for northeastern states by using the Sixth Schedule and Inner Line Permit. This itself is a double standard," a senior TMC MP said.

The opposition to this bill, which is not only divisive and against the principles of the Constitution, will take place both inside and outside Parliament, he said.

According to the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019, the new law, however, will not be applicable in the Inner Line Permit (ILP) regime areas and those tribal regions which are governed under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution.

The TMC has issued a whip to all its members for being present in Parliament on all four days from Monday, in anticipation of the Citizenship Amendment Bill being introduced by the Centre.

The BJP's West Bengal unit, however, thinks that the bill would do wonders for the party in the state as it would further lead to consolidation of Hindu votes in the bordering districts.

"If TMC opposes the bill then it means they are anti-Hindus. The bill is being brought to give citizenship to all Hindu refugees and non-Muslims. The TMC is just worried that it might lose its minority vote bank," state BJP president Dilip Ghosh said.

No response from Mamata office on requests for dialogue: Guv

PTI ■ KOLKATA

West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar on Saturday said that all attempts to reach out to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee were exhausted as there was no response from her office regarding his requests for a dialogue.

Stating that a chief minister should be in regular communication with the governor, Dhankhar said he was still hopeful about a positive response from Banerjee.

"@MamataOfficial. As Governor after exhausting back channels I engaged in outreach to CM by publicly inviting her to Discussions and Dialogue at her chosen place, time, date as this is the only constitutional way," Dhankhar said in a tweet. "CM sd (should) not be incommunicado to Guv. Am sure there wd (would) b +ve (positive) response," he added.

The governor, who has been at loggerheads with the Mamata Banerjee government over several issues, is being blamed by the ruling TMC for delaying clearance of pending bills leading to an abrupt two-day adjournment of the state assembly earlier this week, opening a new front for hostilities.

Duo who stole rifles spent nearly 2 hrs at Army camp

PTI ■ BHOPAL

The two suspects who stole two loaded INSAS rifles from the Army camp in Madhya Pradesh's Pachmarhi early Friday by posing as Army officers, prima facie spent nearly two hours at the spot during which sentries rushed inside to obey their 'orders', a police officer said on Saturday.

Police have obtained CCTV footages revealing that the duo had boarded a train in Jabalpur to reach Pipariya railway station in Hoshangabad district where the Army camp is located, he said, adding that the duo hired an SUV in Pipariya to reach Pachmarhi, a distance of 55 kms.

The duo travelled back to the railway station in the same vehicle after committing the crime in early hours of Friday.

However, the police trail seems to have gone cold at the railway station which is not covered by CCTV cameras.

Police are now trying to find out how and where the two could have possibly escaped with the weapons.

In a major security breach, the two unidentified men had decamped with the rifles of sentries and ammunition,

prompting the police to sound high alert.

Hoshangabad police, under whose jurisdiction Pachmarhi falls, have obtained a CCTV grab of the accused in hooded sweatshirts from a dhaba in Pachmarhi.

"We have the CCTV footage of the accused wearing hooded sweatshirts who got their food packed from the dhaba before committing the theft," Hoshangabad superintendent of police ML Chhari told PTI on Saturday. The CCTV grab shows the suspects wearing hooded sweatshirt of black and yellow colours.

He said the duo had hired an SUV from Pipariya railway station for their journey to and fro Pachmarhi. "The SUV driver told us that the duo were speaking to each other in a Punjabi accent," the SP said.

He said the duo travelled back to Pipariya railway station after committing the crime in the same car.

However, what is emerging as a hurdle for the police is unavailability of CCTV cameras at Pipariya railway station.

"Prima facie, the duo entered the Army camp around 1:30 am and left around 3:13 am on Friday," the SP said, adding

that multiple agencies were working on the case.

Additional Director General of Police (Intelligence) Dr SW Naqvi said the police obtained CCTV footages revealing that the duo travelled to Pipariya railway station from Jabalpur. "We are yet to find out how (and where) they escaped from the railway station after the crime," he said.

The duo still remains unidentified. When asked whether investigators were closing in on the duo, the ADG said it would be premature to talk about such assumption. Following Friday's incident, a high alert was sounded across Madhya Pradesh and security stepped up at vital establishments.

According to sources in police, the duo, posing as Army officers, got down from the SUV at the Cantonment and ordered the sentry at the checkpoint to summon other jawans for an assembly. They sent another sentry to call a JCO (Junior Commissioned Officer) from the camp. While the two sentries rushed to obey the orders leaving the posts unguarded, the duo picked up their INSAS assault rifles loaded with magazines having 20 cartridges and fled, they said.

Night temp continues to drop in J-K, Ladakh; Drass coldest at minus 25.4 deg C

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Jammu (PTI): The night temperature continued to trend downward in Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh as Drass remained the coldest place in the region recording minus 25.4 degrees Celsius, a Meteorological Department official said on Saturday.

Srinagar experienced its coldest night in the season so far with the mercury falling 0.6 degree Celsius to settle at a low of minus 3.6 degrees Celsius, three notches below the normal.

The MeT official said the night temperature is likely to improve in the coming days due to a western disturbance which is likely to hit the two Union Territories on Wednesday, bringing another spell of snow and rains.

He said Drass in Kargil district of Ladakh was the coldest recorded place in the region with a night temperature of minus 25.4 degrees Celsius against the previous night's 24.3 degrees Celsius.

Leh town, also in Ladakh,

was reeling at a minimum of 15.9 degrees Celsius, the official added.

Foggy conditions engulfed most parts of Kashmir, including Srinagar, as the Sun remained hidden behind the clouds in the morning, the official said. He said the minimum temperature in Jammu and Kashmir's winter capital Jammu marked a slight dip and settled at 8.5 degrees Celsius, two notches below season's average.

Pahalgam hill resort in south Kashmir was the coldest recorded place in the valley with a low of minus 5.9 degrees Celsius followed by the famous ski resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir at minus 5.6 degrees Celsius, the official said.

Katra, which serves as the base camp for the pilgrims visiting Vaishno Devi shrine in Reasi district of Jammu region, recorded a low of 8.7 degrees Celsius, the official said, adding Bhadarwah township of Doda district was, however, the coldest recorded place in the region with a minimum of 1.4 degrees Celsius.

India will work to protect its long-term development interests: Javadekar

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India is participating with a constructive outlook at the Madrid climate talks and will work to protect its long-term development interests, Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar said on Saturday.

Before leaving for the UN-hosted climate negotiations in the Spanish city, Javadekar enumerated India's efforts in mitigating the effects of climate change and said the country "is leading from the front in climate action".

"PM was the first to propose Solar Alliance and Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure," he said. "India's ambitious renewable energy programme of 450 GW has attracted world attention as it is the largest renewable programme in the world".

Javadekar said India has reduced its emission intensity by 22 per cent over 2005 and it is one of the few countries which had increased tree cover in and outside the forest.

On November 27, the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved India's negotiating

Climate talks

stand at the 25th Conference of Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Madrid, Spain. COP-25, which started on December 2 and concludes on December 13, is an important conference on climate change as countries prepare to move from pre-2020 period under the Kyoto Protocol to post-2020 period under the Paris Agreement.

Officials say India's approach will be guided by principles and provisions of UNFCCC and Paris Agreement, particularly the principles of Equity and Common But Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities (CBDR-RC). In September during the Climate Action Summit convened by the UN secretary-general, Prime Minister Modi had announced India's plan on scaling up of renewable energy target to 450 GW and called for responsible action by all on the principles of equity and CBDR-RC.

NRI businessman charged after Aug 5 under PSA released for three months

PTI ■ AGRA

Dr Mubeen Shah, a Non-Resident Indian businessman detained in the aftermath of the August 5 crackdown on political leaders and businessmen in Jammu and Kashmir, was "temporarily released" on Saturday.

Shah, who is based out of Malaysia, walked out of the Agra Central Jail and was received by his brother Niyaz, who had been fighting in the Supreme Court to seek his release.

Refusing to talk to the media citing that the case was sub judice, Niyaz drove away with his brother, Mubeen, who was detained on August 7 and immediately shifted to the central jail in Agra.

The release order issued by Home Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir union territory said "...the government hereby orders the temporary release of Dr Mubeen Shah... presently under detention... from December 7, 2019 to March 6, 2020 subject to the conditions laid down in the bond".

Shah "shall surrender before district magistrate Srinagar on March 7, 2020 at 11 AM after the expiry of the period of his temporary release, if not extended for any further period or upon cancellation of the temporary release order".

Shah, in his bond, has mentioned that he would not "indulge in any unlawful, illegal or secessionist activities which have the potential of endangering peace or is prejudicial to the maintenance of public order during the period of my temporary release".

Shah is among the host of politicians, social activists and businessmen detained after August 5, when the Centre withdrew special status to the erstwhile state and also bifurcated it into two union territories — Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir. He is possibly the first person charged under the controversial Public Safety Act (PSA) who has been released by the union territory administration without any such directions from the court.

Shah's family had approached the Supreme Court

seeking quashing of the PSA. After hearing in the matter began, the Jammu and Kashmir administration, finding itself on the back foot, had assured that they would release Mubeen Shah.

The case is listed for hearing again on December 9.

Shah was released under sub-section 2 of Section 20 of the PSA, which allows the government to release a person at any time for any specified period either without conditions or upon such conditions specified in the direction as that person accepts and may at any time cancel his release.

"In directing the release of any person, the government may require him to enter into a bond with or without sureties for the due observance of the condition specified in the directions," the Act says.

Mubeen Shah figured during the US Congress hearing on South Asia human rights, focused on India action in Kashmir" last month when Indian-American Democratic Party's lawmaker from Washington's 7th Congressional

district Pramila Jayapal raised the issue about his detention.

"One of the individuals detained without charges is Dr Mubeen Shah, who is the uncle of my constituents in Seattle... this is former CEO of chamber of commerce. His urologist who is affiliated with Registrar General of Hospital has called for his immediate release because of serious medical issues".

The Deputy Ambassador to India "told me that he is receiving all medical help but that is not what the family is saying, that is not what his doctors are saying and I remain deeply concerned" she said.

Assuring Jayapal, the US Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs Alice G Wells replied that America had taken up the issue of Shah with the Indian government. "Yes, we explicitly raised the case of Dr Shah and shared your concern about the grounds for detention particularly given the health condition. We have received a response that he is receiving medication," she said.



Activists of All Assam Minorities Students' Union (AAMSU) stage a protest demonstration against Citizenship Amendment Bill, in Guwahati on Saturday

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Hafiz Saeed gets brief breather in terror financing trial

PTI ■ LAHORE

Mumbai terror attack mastermind and chief of the banned JuD Hafiz Saeed could not be indicted by Lahore's anti-terrorism court for terror financing charges as the authorities strangely failed to produce the other co-accused at the high profile hearing on Saturday.

The development came a day after India said it was aware that the mastermind of the Mumbai terror attack was "roaming freely" and enjoying "Pakistan's hospitality".

Ministry of External Affairs Spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said in New Delhi on Friday that India had shared all the evidence with Pakistan and it was Islamabad's responsibility "to take action" against the perpetrators of the attack.

The Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) here has now fixed December 11 as date for framing the charges against the founder of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and other co-accused Malik Zafar Iqbal.

"Case against Hafiz Saeed and others under the FIR 30/19 Counter Terrorism Department of Punjab police was fixed for framing of charges in connection with terror financing before the Anti-Terrorism Court-1 Lahore but strangely co-accused Malik Zafar Iqbal was not produced from jail. Due to

this reason, the case has been adjourned till December 11 for further proceedings and for framing of the charges," a court official told PTI after the hearing.

Saeed was brought to the court from Lahore's Kot Lakhpat jail amidst tight security. Journalists were not allowed to enter the court premises to cover the proceedings because of security reasons.

"We have directions not to allow journalists enter the court premises because this was a high profile case and police couldn't afford any security lapse," said an official of the Punjab police.

The court official said judge Arshad Hussain Bhutta has directed the authorities to ensure that co-accused Iqbal attends the next hearing on December 11.

In the last hearing on December 1, the judge had fixed December 7 as the date for indictment of Saeed and others after hearing the arguments of prosecution and defence lawyers.

The Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) of the Punjab Police had registered 23 FIRs against Saeed and his accomplices on the charges of "terror financing" in different cities of Punjab province and arrested the Jammal-ud-Dawah (JuD) chief on July 17. He is detained at the Kot

Lakhpat jail.

The cases have been registered in Lahore, Gujranwala and Multan for collection of funds for terror financing through assets/properties made and held in the names of Trusts/Non Profit Organisations (NPO) including Al-Anfaal Trust, Dawatul Irshad Trust and Muaz Bin Jabal Trust.

Under pressure from the international community, the Pakistani authorities have launched investigations into matters of the LeT, JuD and its charity wing Falah-e-Insaniat Foundation (FIF) for their holding and use of trusts to raise funds for terrorism financing.

According to the CTD, the investigation was launched into financing matters of proscribed organisations — the JuD and the LeT — in connection with implementation of the UN sanctions against these designated entities and persons as directed by NSC (National Security Committee) in its January 1 meeting chaired by Prime Minister Imran Khan for implementing National Action Plan.

"These suspects made assets from terrorism financing funds. They held and used these assets to raise more funds for more terror financing. Hence, they committed multiple offences of terrorism financing & money laundering

under Anti Terrorism Act 1997. They will be prosecuted in ATCs for commission of these offences," the CTD has said.

The US Department of the Treasury has designated Saeed as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist, and the US, since 2012, has offered a USD 10 million reward for information that brings the JuD chief to justice.

On July 3, top 13 leaders of the banned JuD outfit, including Saeed and Naib Emir Abdul Rehman Makki, were booked in nearly two dozen cases for terror financing and money laundering under the Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997.

The CTD had registered an FIR against Saeed and others for illegally grabbing a piece of land in Lahore and setting up a seminary.

According to officials, JuD's network includes 300 seminaries and schools, hospitals, a publishing house and an ambulance service.

In March, Punjab police said that the government seized control of 160 seminaries, 32 schools, two colleges, four hospitals, 178 ambulances and 153 dispensaries associated with the JuD and its charity wing FIF in the province.

UK election rivals face off for final time ahead of poll

AFP ■ LONDON

The two men vying to be British prime minister in next week's election exchanged trademark blows Friday over the familiar faultlines of Brexit and healthcare in the final head-to-head TV debate of the month-old campaign.

In a lacklustre hour-long battle largely devoid of stand-out moments, Prime Minister Boris Johnson repeatedly criticised Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn's failure to say if he supports Britain leaving the EU while talking up his agenda.

"We have a fantastic plan to get Brexit done," Johnson said, referring to a divorce deal he finalised with EU leaders in October.

"How can you get... a new deal from Brussels for Brexit, if you don't actually believe in it?" he added, referring to Corbyn's vow to remain neutral in a second EU referendum he wants to hold within six months.

The Labour leader is proposing to negotiate a softer form of Brexit to put up against remaining in the bloc in the vote.

He said Johnson's vow to strike trade deals with both the European Union and the United States next year were unrealistic, and that Britain's cherished national health service (NHS) was under threat. "What he will do is walk

out of a relationship with the EU into a relationship with nobody," Corbyn said.

Corbyn has spent the campaign lagging in the polls and was in need of a breakthrough moment, but often found himself on the defensive on Brexit and other issues.

A snap poll by YouGov found the debate, the second head-to-head between the pair, was a draw, but that those questioned found Corbyn more trustworthy.

"Given the Conservatives went into this debate in the lead, they will hope the lack of a knockout blow means they can maintain this until voting day," said Chris Curtis, YouGov's Political Research Manager.

Johnson called the snap election — the third in Britain in nearly five years — last month to try to get a parliamentary majority which would enable him to secure backing for his divorce deal.

Voting takes place next Thursday. The Britain Elects poll aggregator puts the Conservatives on 42 percent, Labour on 33 percent and the Liberal Democrats on 13 percent.

The Greens and the arch-rival Brexit Party were both on three percent. Ahead of Friday evening's debate former prime ministers Tony Blair and John Major

launched unprecedented interventions, calling for people to vote tactically to help ensure a second referendum on Brexit.

Major, a Conservative who was in power from 1990 to 1997, and Labour's Blair, who ousted him and was in Downing Street until 2007, addressed a rally for another poll in London Both want Britain to remain in the EU.

Major gave his backing to several candidates thrown out of the Conservative ranks for rebelling over Brexit.

"Let me make one thing crystal clear, none of them left the Conservative Party, the Conservative Party left them," he said via video-link.

"Were I resident in their constituency I would vote for them." Asked about the comments, Johnson insisted his party retained "a very broad spectrum of views" and noted that all Tory candidates had taken a vow to back his deal.

But in a blow to Johnson, a senior British diplomat in the US quit on Friday, criticising the government over Brexit.

Alexandra Hall said she could no longer "peddle half-truths" on behalf of political leaders she did not "trust", according to CNN, which obtained a copy of her resignation letter.

Earlier Friday, Johnson came under fire for avoiding a set-piece television interview

that all other major party leaders have already subjected themselves to.

The prime minister has so far declined to undergo an uncomfortable grilling from Andrew Neil, who is one of the BBC's top political interviewers, with less than a week to go until the election.

Former Sunday Times editor Andrew Neil said Johnson faced questions of trust, and it was his job to "scrutinise and hold to account those who would govern us".

Corbyn meanwhile used Friday to unveil leaked documents he said proved Johnson was "deliberately misleading the people" about his Brexit deal. He said the finance ministry papers suggested there would be customs declarations and security checks between mainland Britain and Northern Ireland, contrary to what he had said.

Corbyn returned to the subject during the debate, while reiterating his claims US President Donald Trump was eyeing the NHS for America's pharmaceutical firms.

But Johnson strongly denied the claims. "This is pure Bermuda Triangle stuff," he said.

"We'll be hearing about 'little green men' next."

"Under no circumstances will we sell it off to anybody in any kind of trade deal."

WH tells Democrats it will not participate in impeachment proceedings

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

The White House on Friday informed the House Democrats that it would not participate in the impeachment proceedings against President Donald Trump.

In a letter to House Judiciary Committee, Jerrold Nadler, White House Counsel Pat Cipollone said it would be a "reckless abuse of power" for them to adopt the articles of impeachment.

This "would constitute the most unjust, highly partisan, and unconstitutional attempt at impeachment in our Nation's history," he said in a one-page letter.

"As the President has recently stated: 'if you are going

to impeach me, do it now, fast, so we can have a fair trial in the Senate," he wrote and slammed the ongoing impeachment inquiry as "completely baseless." It violates "basic principles of due process and fundamental fairness," the White House Counsel said.

Expressing disappointment over the White House response, Nadler said that American people deserve answers from Trump.

"The House invited, and then subpoenaed, his top advisors. The President ordered them not to show and continues to block key evidence from Congress. We are disappointed that the President has once again failed to provide those answers here," he said.

"We gave President Trump a fair opportunity to question witnesses and present his own to address the overwhelming evidence before us. After listening to him complain about the impeachment process, we had hoped that he might accept our invitation," Nadler added.

"If the President has no good response to the allegations, then he would not want to appear before the Committee. Having declined this opportunity, he cannot claim that the process is unfair. The President's failure will not prevent us from carrying out our solemn constitutional duty," Nadler said.

Nadler has scheduled a Monday morning hearing at which members will hear "pre-

sentations of evidence" from attorneys for the House Judiciary and Intelligence committee. Last week, Nadler had asked White House to participate in the impeachment hearings.

In his letter, Cipollone said House Democrats had wasted enough of America's time with this "charade".

"You should end this inquiry now and not waste even more time with additional hearings. Adopting articles of impeachment would be a reckless abuse of power by House Democrats, and would constitute the most unjust, highly partisan, and unconstitutional attempt at impeachment in our Nation's history," he said.

Saudi Air Force trainee kills three

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

A member of the Saudi Air Force training to be a pilot opened fire in a classroom building at a US naval station with a handgun, killing three people and injuring eight others before being shot dead by police with officials investigating whether the shooting was an act of terrorism.

The gunman in the deadly shooting at Naval Air Station Pensacola in Florida on Friday was a second lieutenant in the Saudi Arabian military and was undergoing training to be a pilot. He started his training in August 2017 as part of a three-year programme. He was taking classes in basic aviation, initial pilot training and English, a US military official told CNN.

Officials are looking into whether the shooting was terror-related as a possible motive.

The SITE Intelligence Group, which monitors jihadist media, identified the shooter as Mohammed al-Shamrani, and said that prior to opening fire he condemned America as a "nation of evil" in an online manifesto on twitter, according to media reports.

"I'm against evil, and America as a whole has turned into a nation of evil." "I'm not against you for just being American, I don't hate you

because your freedoms, I hate you because every day you supporting, funding and committing crimes not only against Muslims but also humanity," he wrote.

The ABC News reported that the Twitter account that posted the manifesto — which also condemned US support for Israel and included a quote from Al-Qaeda's deceased leader Osama bin Laden — has been suspended.

Saudi Arabia's King Salman telephoned Trump to denounce the shooting and said the perpetrator of the "heinous crime" does not represent the Saudi people, the official Saudi Press Agency said. President Donald Trump expressed shock and grief at the incident and said he was personally monitoring the situation at the Naval Air Station Pensacola, that employs more than 16,000 military personnel and 7,400 civilians.

Elon Musk cleared of defamation tweet

AFP ■ LOS ANGELES

Tesla co-founder Elon Musk has been cleared of defamation by a jury in Los Angeles over a tweet in which he labeled a British caver "pedo guy". The jury deliberated less than an hour before ruling in favor of Musk and clearing him of any liability in the high-profile case that pitted him against Vernon Unsworth.

Unsworth had sought USD 190 million in damages from the tech billionaire, arguing that his reputation had been damaged by the tweet.

Musk hugged his lawyer on hearing the verdict, telling reporters afterwards on Friday: "My faith in humanity has

been restored." Unsworth's attorney, Lin Wood, had told jurors in closing arguments that the USD 190 million he was seeking for his client would amount to "a hard slap on the wrist" for Musk and would prevent him "from ever planting a nuclear bomb in the life of another individual."

Describing the 48-year-old entrepreneur as a "billionaire bully," Wood said Unsworth was a man of modest means whose life had been upended by the much-publicized row.

Musk's outburst against Unsworth followed an interview in which the 64-year-old caver dismissed Musk's offer of a mini-submarine to rescue

young soccer players trapped in a cave in Thailand in July 2018. Unsworth at the time said Musk's offer was nothing but a PR stunt — a claim he maintained during the trial — and had suggested he "stick his submarine where it hurts."

In court testimony, Musk said the "pedo guy" tweet he shared with his 22 million followers was an off-the-cuff insult and did not mean he was accusing Unsworth — a financial consultant who splits his time between Britain and Thailand — of being a pedophile.

He apologized on Twitter for his outburst and again during his testimony. He insisted during ques-

tioning that he was simply reacting to Unsworth's "unprovoked" comments and claimed that "pedo guy" was a term widely used in South Africa, where he grew up.

Musk's attorney Alex Spiro told jurors in his closing argument Friday that the case boils down to "an argument between two people," and argued that Unsworth was trying to profit from the row.

"This was just an insult," Spiro said. "Plaintiff is taking one of those insults and putting it in the spotlight." The attorney insisted that it was Unsworth who picked a fight and his client had simply pushed back with a tweet he later regretted.

US resumes talks with Taliban in Doha: Source

AFP ■ DOHA

Washington resumed talks with the Taliban in Qatar Saturday, a US source said, three months after President Donald Trump abruptly halted diplomatic efforts that could end America's longest war.

"The US rejoined talks today in Doha. The focus of discussion will be reduction of violence that leads to intra-Afghan negotiations and a ceasefire," said the source briefed on efforts to end almost two decades of war in Afghanistan.

In September, the United States and the Taliban had appeared on the verge of signing a deal that would have seen Washington begin withdrawing thousands of troops in return for security guarantees.

It was also expected to pave the way towards direct talks between the Taliban and the government in Kabul and, ultimately, a possible peace agreement after more than 18 years of war.

But that same month, Trump abruptly called the year-long effort "dead" and withdrew an invitation to the insurgents to join secret talks at his US retreat at Camp David after the killing of an American soldier.

During a surprise visit to a US military base in Afghanistan last week, Trump said the Taliban "wants to make a deal."

No let-up in French strikes

AFP ■ PARIS

France was on Saturday expecting its most serious nationwide strike in years to paralyse the country over the weekend, with unions warning the turmoil would last well into next week.

The challenge thrown to President Emmanuel Macron over his plans for radical pension reform has seen hundreds of thousands take to the streets and key transport services brought to a standstill.

The strikes, which began on Thursday, have recalled the winter of 1995, when three weeks of huge stoppages forced a social policy U-turn by the then-government.

Unions have vowed a second series of mass demonstrations nationwide on Tuesday after big rallies on Thursday and there is expected to be little easing of the transport freezes over the coming days. Macron was widely

believed to have ridden out the challenge posed by the "yellow vests" whose weekly Saturday protests against inequality in France have shaken the government over the last year.

But the yellow vests have also sought to utilise the momentum of the strike movement and are expected to hold protests across France this Saturday.

With Macron seeking for now to rise above the fray, Prime Minister Edouard Philippe insisted that the government would not abandon the plan even if it was prepared to bring it in more gradually.

He said the government would work with trade unions to introduce a single points-based pension scheme that would require the French to "work a bit longer" and replace dozens of more advantageous plans currently enjoyed by public-sector workers.

But the premier emphasised that the changes, which he

said would be unveiled on Wednesday, were going to be introduced "progressively, without harshness".

The SNCF rail operator has warned that disruption at the weekend will be at the same level as the last two days with just 10-15 percent of high-speed and regional trains running. The Paris metro will remain severely disrupted with nine lines entirely shut, five only partially and just the driverless 1 and 14 lines working normally.

Many cancellations are also expected on the international Eurostar and Thalys services. Air travel, which has been less impacted by the strikes, is expected to return closer to normal with air traffic restrictions now dropped by civil aviation authorities.

The walkout is the latest test of Macron's mettle after months of protests from teachers, hospital workers, police and firefighters, capping a year

of social unrest triggered by the yellow vest movement.

Unions say Macron's proposal for a single pension system would force millions of people in both the public and private sectors to work well beyond the official retirement age of 62.

At least 800,000 took part in rallies around the country on Thursday, according to the interior ministry — one of the biggest demonstrations of union strength in nearly a decade.

Another day of strikes and rallies has been called for Tuesday, a day after union leaders are to meet again with government officials over the pension reform.

While most of the rallies Thursday were peaceful, police fired tear gas to disperse dozens of black-clad protesters smashing windows and throwing stones during the Paris march, with one construction trailer set on fire.

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'I am not playing Sita but living it'

MUSBA HASHMI chats up SHIVYA PATHANIA about what made her choose Ram Siya Ke Luv Kush, preparations for the role and if she would like to be a part of a reality show

■ What prompted you to play Sita in Ram Siya Ke Luv Kush?

First, the character of course. We have seen so many versions of the Ramayana but never heard its story from Luv-Kush's perspective. This was another reason that I chose to take up this project. Also mythology is a genre that will never become out dated. The audience loves to see the stories that represents our culture and history. As for the younger generations, they just know about the stories but not what it taught us. These shows are a wonderful medium to teach the younger generations about the values and our culture.

■ What research did you do for the role?

I didn't do anything at all. I didn't refer to any books neither I haven't seen any previously made series on Ramayana because I didn't want to resemble anybody or portray the role like somebody else did before. We all know what the story is, it has been told since decades. I wanted to showcase the less-told story which our narrators wanted to tell through the show.

■ How hard was it for you to carry off such heavy costumes?

My costume weighs 15 kilogram, but I never feel the heaviness. I am not just playing the character, I am living it. And when you do something with utmost dedication and love you don't feel any challenges in it, it becomes a part of you. I am wearing the costume from morning to evening, but I feel so comfortable that I don't realise its weight. When I am shooting, I don't even remove my jewellery, not even during the breaks.

■ How has your journey been thus far?

My journey started from a contest — Miss Shimla and I won it. Then I gave an audition for a show and fortunately I cleared it. I was called to

Mumbai for a look test. Back then, I thought I am going to Mumbai for only a couple of days as I would not be able to clear the next round. I went there without much clothes, but the city had no plans of leaving me. I was selected for the show — *Humsafars* and since then there is no looking back. I have seen both ups and downs in my journey and have enjoyed being a part of this industry.

■ You have played a bahu and then went on playing a mythological character. Was it hard to do this transition?

I don't know. I have never think about these transitions because at the end of the day it is all about doing good work. The only thing I would say that I have been lucky enough to have been getting such good projects. Be it *Ek Rishta Saajhedaari Ka* or *RadhaKrishn* or *Ram Siya Ke Luv Kush*, I have been fortunate to have got the opportunity to explore different genres and play such beautiful roles.

■ What kind of roles are you looking forward to?

My father tells me one thing '*teri gaadi toh bhagwaan hi chala raha hai*' which means God is taking care of me. I don't plan anything. I take up projects that come my way and I feel that they are good. Whatever God has in store for me, I know it will be for my good. I believe in going with the flow.

■ How is Shivya in real life?

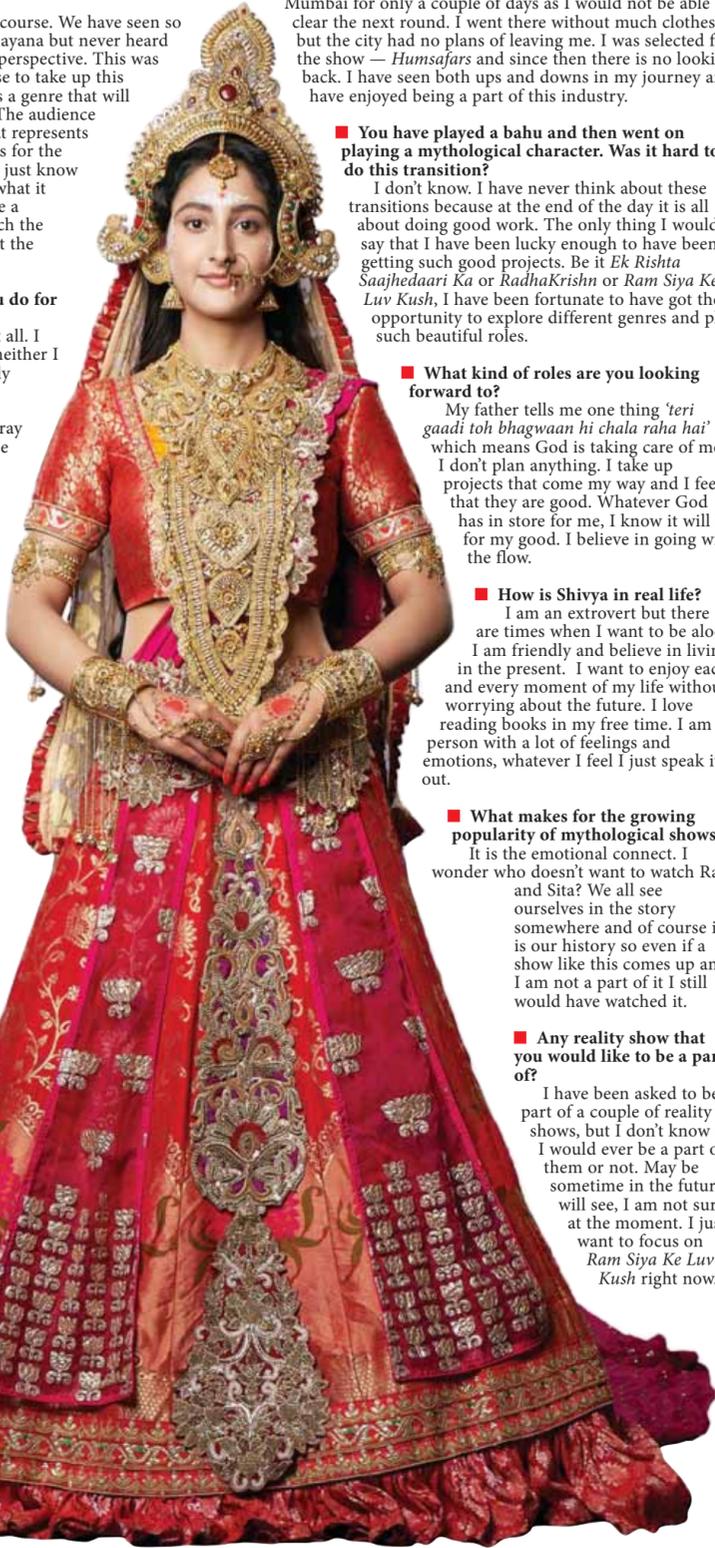
I am an extrovert but there are times when I want to be aloof. I am friendly and believe in living in the present. I want to enjoy each and every moment of my life without worrying about the future. I love reading books in my free time. I am person with a lot of feelings and emotions, whatever I feel I just speak it out.

■ What makes for the growing popularity of mythological shows?

It is the emotional connect. I wonder who doesn't want to watch Ram and Sita? We all see ourselves in the story somewhere and of course it is our history so even if a show like this comes up and I am not a part of it I still would have watched it.

■ Any reality show that you would like to be a part of?

I have been asked to be a part of a couple of reality shows, but I don't know if I would ever be a part of them or not. May be sometime in the future I will see, I am not sure at the moment. I just want to focus on *Ram Siya Ke Luv Kush* right now.



'Directing films is more challenging'



One of the most entertaining persons in the industry, a super talented filmmaker and choreographer Farah Khan is all set to make an appearance on the latest episode of *Not Just Supper Stars* on Zee Café, available as part of Zee Prime English Pack. This is your chance to get the inside scoop as she shares nuggets about her journey in the industry with host Gunjan Utreja. Joining Farah on the show for the first time ever is her friend and celebrity hair stylist, Kanta Motwani.

Speaking about her experience as she dabbles the dual role of a choreographer and film-maker, Farah Khan says: "Directing a film has been more challenging because of the process. One must not only build everything from scratch, but also bring it alive. Choreographing a song is much easier as it's like a five-minute film with actors and lyrics. The song is readily available, and your scene is also set."

The episode sees Gunjan Utreja and Farah Khan in conversation about her career. She quotes: "A lot of research goes behind choreographing a song. Basis the requirement of the scene, we pick up steps from various dance forms. I prefer visiting musicals, catch some local dance performances that help in gaining

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inspiration to do justice to the song and the scene." When asked about her relationship with her kids, she says: "Our holidays have always been about spending extensive time

with my kids which is my most favourite part. We usually have at least 3 holidays a year and when work takes over, the come and pay visit on my set."

While Farah revealed nuggets from her personal and professional journey, her friend Kanta joined the party with some interesting bits to share. Speaking about their 20-year long friendship, Kanta jokingly revealed how Farah and her family are almost entirely responsible for taking care of Kanta's domestic bills. Speaking about Farah, she says: "She lights up the whole place. She is never in a bad mood."

Talking about how the salon is her go-to place, Farah says, "I love going to the parlour. It's my social place. I'll bump into Shilpa Shetty, Sonali Bendre Shweta Bachchan, Madhuri Dixit, Kriti Sanon and sometimes even my mother." She goes on to say, "I live in Kanta's parlour more than I live in my own house. I know the names of everybody from the boy who serves tea, to the colourist. That really is proof that you've been going there a long time."

When asked if they ever call each other at odd hours for random requests Farah retorts: "All my friends know that at 9:30 pm my phone is put off, whenever my children and husband are at home."

TELLYTALE

JENNIFER'S NEW AVATAR



Sony Entertainment Television's much-talked-about daily show *Beyhadh-2* has captured the cumulative attention of the Indian audience. Jennifer Winget, who played a psychotic lover in the first season, is back in this season in a fiercer avatar. The promos of the show have generated a lot of curiosity and excitement among the viewers, and no surprises, that the show has become the talk of the town.

For a sequence, Maya will be seen in Marathi *mulgi avatar* wearing the traditional outfit of a Maharashtrian woman. Sharing her excitement on wearing the outfit for the first time, Jennifer shared: "It was fun to dress up in an attire that I have never donned before, especially in *Beyhadh* where you wouldn't expect Maya wearing something like this. Everybody on the set including me was very happy to me in that attire and I actually went home in that dress. I wanted my mom to see me in the Maharashtrian traditional wear as I never got the opportunity to wear it before. She was extremely happy to me in that outfit."

Meanwhile, it will be interesting for audience to see how Maya plans to meet with MJ's sons and manipulates Rishi, spies on him and his family.

'TURNING 18 CAME WITH CLAUSES'

Roshni Walia, also known as Tara from the most loved show of Sony Entertainment Television's *Tara From Satara* reveals about her dating life. Roshni Walia who recently turned eighteen says how her mother has set some dating clauses for her.

Roshni Walia is very comfortable sharing her personal life with her parents and that's what every kid hopes for. As her mother supports her for acting, Roshni revealed that her mother has no problems with her dating somebody. She says: "I am comfortable sharing my personal life with my parents as they have been extremely supportive. I am currently not dating anyone but my mother has set some clauses for me if I date someone in the future. My focus is



to concentrate on my acting and on my show". When asked about what kind of a guy she wanted she said: "The guy should be as responsible as I am. Currently I am focusing on my career and I expect the guy to do the same. Looks doesn't matter to me, but the guy should focus on building up his own career and support me in what I do. It is okay for me to date a guy who is outside of the industry, as all my friends do not belong to television sector. This keeps me updated of the on-goings in the outside world as most of my time goes in shooting for my show."

Currently, the most famous dramality show will witness the second round of *Dancer No 1* where Radhika (Urvashi Pardeshi) will be seen setting the stage on fire through her bollywood dance and how Tara innocently tries to save her sister from her father's anger.

KAIKALA TO BE CROWNED AS NEW KING

Things are all set to take a dramatic turn of events in Sony SAB's periodic drama — Tenali Rama as Pandit Rama Krishna's (Krishna Bharadwaj) biggest nemesis, Kaikala (Vishwajeet Pradhan) is all set to be



crowned as the new King of Vijayanagar. Vijayanagar's future and rule resides under the power of the corrupt and evil minister and the future episodes will tell what's in store for the residents of the city as their beloved Pandit Rama Krishna fails to stop Kaikala's Rajya-abhishek.

Before being crowned as the King of Vijayanagar, Kaikala threatens Rama that he will kill King Balakumara and then make sure he ends Rama's life as well. Determined Kaikala, starts scheming to put Balakumara's (Shakti Anand) life in danger but Rama saves his life by figuring Kaikala's plan with his wit and intelligence.

Despite Rama's effort to keep Balakumara safe, he gets terrified after an unknown man tries to feed him a poisoned betel leaf. Balakumara is afraid of the looming threat on his life and decides to step down as the King of Vijayanagar by declaring Kaikala as the new King.

Dark times are ahead of Vijayanagar. Now that Rama's biggest enemy is the King of Vijayanagar, how will Rama save himself from his murderous intents?

What will Pandit Rama Krishna do next, save himself or Vijayanagar? Krishna Bharadwaj, playing the role of Pandit Rama Krishna said: "A big challenge lies ahead of Pandit Rama as his biggest enemy is crowned as the King. The upcoming episodes will showcase Rama's

SEQUEL OF YJHJK IN MAKING?

Star Plus' popular fiction show, *Yehh Jadu Hai Jinn Ka* (YJHJK) has been entertaining the audience's week on week with its interesting storyline and twists and turns in the plot. The mysterious tale of a Nawab and his transformation into a



different entity altogether has heightened interest among the viewers. While the show has been ruling the TRP charts, there have been rumors that the show would go off air soon. Is the producer of the show planning to make a sequel of the show *Yehh Jadu Hai Jinn Ka*.

The show has endeared itself to audiences and as per the BARC report, the demand to watch the show has been increasing. Considering the interest of the viewers and the show being a finite series, the makers of the show might make a sequel.

As per the sources: "The makers have finalised the story which further heightens the experience of the audiences. While the original show featured graphics, the second installment is bound to take it a notch higher. The makers of the show have hired specialists from Mumbai, who have started working on some grandiose ideas."

REYHNAA LOVES BELLY DANCING

After playing the lead role for the most part of season one, Reyhnaa Pandit is back for *Mannohini Season 2*. While most of the cast is pretty new, Reyhnaa has been retained, but for a new part. She is playing the passive and deceiving Sandhya, who wants to get her evil powers back. However, she is completely different in real life. The happy-go-lucky and bubbly Reyhnaa Pandit loves to try new things and we hear that she has taken up belly dancing recently.

Reyhnaa Pandit confirmed the same and revealed: "I absolutely love dancing and I want to learn different dance forms. In fact, I have even joined a belly dancing class in Andheri (Mumbai) recently and have completed a few sessions already. The shooting schedule obviously doesn't allow me to completely focus on it, but whenever I get a chance, I try and attend the class. I want to be a pro at it. I want to prepare a full belly dance performance on *Mannohini*'s title track and will record a video soon."

New twist in Alia's life

The bubbly Alia (Anusha Mishra) of Sony SAB will soon be seen in a fierce avatar. The romantic comedy, *Tera Kya Hoga Alia* has taken a rather serious turn where Alia is on a mission to win back her husband, Alok (Harshad Arora). The show is set to take an unexpected turn as Alia learns about Tara (Priyanka Purohit) faking her own accident to be close to Alok.

Earlier, Tara's accident had led to memory gain, where Tara starts living in her own future and starts calling Alok as her husband. The doctor had warned Alok of her sensitive state of mind, and also suggesting that she needs special care. Alok, a true gentleman, brings Tara home and pretends to be her husband.

Alia is disturbed as she is forced to move in with her mother while Tara takes over Alia's place in Alok's life. Things take a shocking turn when Alia while peeping inside Alok's room sees wheelchair bound Tara walking on her own. Alia realises that Tara was faking her own accident and she is now bent on exposing Tara in front of Alok.



In an attempt to expose Tara's facade in front of everyone, Alia joins hand with Kunal (Neil Motwani), Tara's ex-boyfriend, to put an end to Tara's act. Will Alia be able to expose Tara? Tune in to know more.

Gold medal on Saisha's cards

Sony Entertainment Television's *Patiala Babes* has been a trend setter when it comes to clutter breaking content. While initially it started with a beautiful depiction of mother-daughter relationship, with the leap, the viewers are witnessing an interesting take on sisters and their bitter-sweet bond. While Ashnoor plays the part of a mature and grown up Mini, Saisha Bajaj as Hanuman and Babita's daughter Arya is stealing the



show! Bajaj, who is from New Delhi, has already taken a year's training in Kathak. She is also undergoing training in gymnastics since the last six months. "I want to get Gold medal for India in gymnastics. I am a huge Tiger Shroff fan, I love his dancing and gymnastic skills. Now that we have moved to Mumbai, I am looking for a gymnastics teacher here. Apart from this, I also love to experiment with singing," Bajaj says.



Shirin Merchant at a dog training workshop in Delhi

WHISPER TO YOUR DOG

Unruly, unhappy and aggressive pets can be a problem not just for the pet parents but also those around. **SHALINI SAKSENA** speaks with **SHIRIN MERCHANT**, the pet shrink, who busts myths and tells you how to understand what dogs are saying

"Hello, is this the dog shrink?" the caller on the other end of the line demanded.

"Yes," dog shrink replied.

"You have to help me," the lady stated matter-of-factly. "Fendi is guarding the refrigerator and won't let us open it. If anyone goes close he gets very angry."

"Is there any reason he would need to guard it?" the shrink probed, her years of experience telling her that Fendi was the dog and not a visiting cousin.

It's his caviar. He loves it and doesn't want to share it with us."

A week after Fendi's owner called me, the shrink got another call.

"Hello, is this the dog shrink?" the lady drawled.

"Yes," the shrink sighed, knowing exactly who it was.

"We won't be needing your help," she said dismissively. "We have solved the problem."

"That's great!" the shrink replied, wondering what novel method of training they used to solve the problem. "What did you do?"

"It's simple," she said. "We bought him his own refrigerator. Now Fendi guards his own fridge and leaves ours alone. You may cancel our appointment. Thank you and good night."

She was born into a family that had dogs. She grew up along with them. She has always loved animals, especially dogs. When she was in her early 20s, she met her mentor John Rogerson, who had come to India for a workshop. When she attended this session, with her pet, realising that it would change her life. She loved the session so much that she ended up meeting Rogerson, went to England to study and when she came back to India, she started her practice. Meet the country's dog shrink — Shirin Merchant.

What is a pet shrink or a dog behaviourist and how that he does is different from a vet? "Just like in the human world there are different professions, the same is true in the animal world. There is a dog nutritionist, a physiotherapist, a dog trainer and a vet who treats the animals and then there is the behaviourist. A behaviourist is a person who acts as a bridge between the pet and the humans and reduces the gap that exists between the species. He helps you to understand your pet and the problem the human is facing. A number of times the humans and the dog faces problems because they can't understand each other. Very often the pet parents have a problem because they can't understand what the dog wants since they don't speak dog language and the canine can't express what he is feeling since it is a dog. A behaviourist bridges the gap by explaining the canine behaviour and how to work around the problems to the pet parents. Typical issues that are faced by humans when it comes to their dog includes urinating inappropriately, destruction, fear and depression to name a few. He is a kind of a dog psychologist," Merchant explains.

She tells you that even though humans have been keeping pets for centuries, yet the need for a pet behaviourist has gone up. There is a reason for the same. "For centuries, we have been keeping dogs; for centuries villagers have been keeping dogs in the country. If one were to see villager with a dog, the pet will come when called, takes the cattle to the pastures, comes when it is hungry, walks for kilometers with the owner and doesn't need a leash. Yet the animal is the happiest. If you talk to a villager and mention trainer and behaviourist, he would have a blank look and want to know what the work would entail and that it is the most ridiculous profession under the sun. Today,

in the urban set-up, there are far more trainers and behaviourists than ever before. Yet we have more dogs that are abandoned and put up for adoption due to the pet's behaviour than ever before. This means that as pet parents, we are doing something that is seriously wrong.

"One of the reasons partly is why we keep a dog, to begin with. In the past, when people kept a dog, they were ready for it. Today, people keep a dog on a whim. 'I have a big house, let me keep a dog.' My child is lonely, let me get a dog. I want a bigger and fancier breed than my neighbour'. Research shows that we spend more time while looking for a car that we will buy and probably have only for three-four years than on an animal which will stay with them for more than 15 years. People don't give it much thought. They get the dog on a flimsy reason. Then they realise that the pet is far more of a responsibility. When they realise they can't cope and that is when the dog is put up for adoption. Also, there are so many people around them and they feel that they can be roped in to look after the dog," Merchant says.

Let's take the Husky. She tells you that there is a need to choose the right breed as well and this is not applicable to India. Everyone wants to keep a foreign dog. This is truer in the Indian scenario. Everyone wants an exotic looking dog. There is no denying that is a beautiful looking dog. "But it is not fit for the Indian weather. It is not just the coat. The Husky has a double coat to protect it from the freezing temperatures. I see the Husky from the point of view of what it was made to do. It was not bred to sit at home and taken for two walks on a leash. The Husky was made to pull the sleigh in the freezing temperature. If one can't give the environment in which it was supposed to be, there is a difference between a dog thriving and a dog surviving. When we choose a breed, we must choose what suits our environment and lifestyle. When people say that they want to keep a Dalmatian, I tell them no. The animal was made to run. The dog loves to run. It won't die, if it doesn't run, but then again the survive and thrive rule applies here as well," Merchant says.

She opines that one of the reasons why some dogs act up is because they don't get the environment that they are genetically bred for.



THERE ARE CERTAIN SIGNS THAT ONE CAN PICK UP WHEN THE DOG IS STRESSED. SLEEPING A LOT, SNIFFING THE GROUND, LICKING ITS PAWS, REFUSING TO EAT, YAWING A LOT, PANTING AND HYPER-ACTIVE BEHAVIOUR. LOOK FOR SITUATIONS THAT CAUSE STRESS AND ELIMINATE THEM

She tells you that people make the wrong choice when it comes to choosing the dog; they do so on the basis of how they look. "Some people say they want a small dog and keep a Beagle. But they forgot that the breed is a hound and needs twice the amount of mental exercise than most other dogs. We often refer to a dog having the best life ever since all he ever does is go for walks, eating, sleeping and having a little playtime. We have to understand that just because it is sleeping with their mind. When we don't give it this, it is just lying around. We don't give the dog a purpose to wake up everyday. Just like we plan our day," Merchant says.

If one has a dog, they already know what it loves. Take the dog for a drive, take it to meet the person they love. Day after, take it for an ice cream. Play a different game. This will make it want to wake up every day wanting to know what it will be doing that day. But don't do things that are not viable since they pet will be with you for years and years.

"Labradors love to swim. Take it to a place where they can do the same. Take the dog for a trek as a surprise. One can change the direction of the walk. Small things, just like we have in our lives that keeps us going. Not all pets requires the same kind of commitment. However, one has to be breed specific for certain dos and don'ts. If one has a sedentary lifestyle don't keep a dog that needs exercise. If you work from 8 am to 8 pm, don't get a dog at all. Dogs don't need a designer bed or a fancy home or money or aroma therapy baths. They need time from us, they want to play with us. The biggest dog is give them time. Teach them manners, how to behave in the society and train it in a way that doesn't take away the trust it has put in you," Merchant says.

She doesn't agree that a dog should not be trained. Just like we teach a child to behave, they same way, we need to train the pet. "It is our responsibility to teach our pet manners. In order to train the pet, it has to be reward-based than aggressive tactics," Merchant says who doesn't mind when she is called the dog shrink.

She busts some myths. She tells you that it is not necessary for a dog to choose just one master and be loyal to him. "It is not true that a dog is loyal to just one person. If there are seven-eight, it depends who are invest-

ed in the dog's life. If all are invested, it will respond to all alike. But if there is only one person who feeds him, plays with him and trains him, it will be more invested in that person. The best part is that it doesn't affect the psyche of the dog. They are social animals and love to be with a larger group," Merchant says.

She tells you that aggression in dogs is due to certain situations since dogs are social animals. She tells you that Doberman is not necessarily an aggressive dog. It depends on his genetic make-up and how he has been trained. "I know and have come across many Dobermans who are the friendliest of the lot," Merchant says.

She tells you that dogs don't always understand everything that the human says. "They have been conditioned in a manner where they can pick up body language. They don't pick up just words, but cues and gestures as well and therefore some times they will come and nuzzle the human if the human is sad. But not all dogs will do the same, it may care less," Merchant says.

She points out that since each dog has its personality traits, there are certain points that one can pick up to understand what the dog wants or is feeling. "There are certain signs that one can pick up when the dog is stressed. Sleeping a lot, sniffing the ground, licking its paws, refusing to eat, yawing a lot, panting, hyper-active behaviour. These are some of the signs that one change in a dog's life. Look for situations that cause stress and then eliminate them," Merchant says.

In over two decades that Merchant has been a behaviourist, there was a case that was tough to handle. But it was more because of the human rather than the dog.

"A young girl had called saying that the dog had bitten off her face, her lip and the part of the thumb. Over the phone, the situation didn't sound very encouraging. But the lady kept insisting so I agreed to meet her. As we went through the consult. I found that the only time that the dog would bite was when the young person would hug the pet and disturb it when it was sleeping. The next week, the dog bit the girl again. I told her that she needed to change her behaviour. 'But she looks so cute while asleep' she said. Thankfully, daughter had got her mother who put her foot down. Luckily the daughter changed her behaviour and all was well, Merchant says.

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India look to seal series

Men in Blue will be eager to rectify bowling and fielding issues and wrap another series triumph

PTI ■ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

India will look for an improved show in the bowling and fielding departments to match their stupendous batting performance when they face the West Indies in the second game, eyeing to wrap up yet another T20 series here today.

In the last 13 months, India have played the West Indies in six T20Is with the hosts coming up trumps every single time.

A win today will not only help India seal their second series in the shortest format after beating Bangladesh 2-1 last month but also give them a chance to tests the fringe players as they continue their preparation for the T20 World Cup.

India pulled off their highest successful run chase in a T20I on Friday night as they chased down a challenging 207 for 5, posted by the Windies, in 18.4 overs.

If KL Rahul set the platform with a 40-ball 62, skipper Virat Kohli finished the job with a career-best 94 not out.

Rahul looked in sublime touch as he made a case for himself with his well-compiled half-century after being promoted to open in the absence of the injured Shikhar Dhawan.

The Karnataka batsman became the third fastest man to complete 1,000 runs in T20 internationals in 29 innings on way to his half-century and he will look to continue his good run.

Underfire Rishabh Pant too produced two big sixes before being



Indian skipper Virat Kohli, right, and his West Indian counterpart Kieron Pollard react during toss in 1st Twenty 20 game in Hyderabad. ICC/Twitter

holed out at long off and the wicket-keeper batsman, who has come under the scanner for his inconsistent form with the bat and poor glove work, will look to grab such opportunities more often.

While the batting led by Kohli put up a good show, the bowlers found themselves at the receiving end of some power-hitting by Evin Lewis,

Shimron Hetmyer and captain Kieron Pollard.

Deepak Chahar, who was impressive in the preceding series against South Africa and Bangladesh, found the going tough as the West Indian batsman went after him. He took one wicket but gave away 54 runs and he will look to execute things better today.

Returning to the side's T20 setup, Bhuvneshwar Kumar went wicketless, bleeding 36 runs in his four overs but the weakest link in India's bowling seems to be Washington Sundar, who has failed to provide the breakthroughs, claiming just two wickets in his last six games.

The 20-year-old from Chennai got the stick from the Windies batsmen

and it remains to be seen if India sticks to the same bowling unit or brings in wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav.

In the fielding department too, India were far from impressive with Sundar and Rohit Sharma dropping a few catches apart from numerous

misfields and the hosts will look to quickly pull up their socks.

The Windies, on the other hand, will be desperate to bounce back and keep the series alive but for that they will have to find a way to stop the Indian batsmen, led by Kohli.

The visiting team's bowlers appeared clueless as Kohli went on the overdrive in Hyderabad.

Pacer Kieron Williams conceded 60 runs from 3.4 overs and would be lucky to keep a place in the playing XI on Sunday.

Skipper Kieron Pollard would want the experienced Jason Holder (46/0) and Sheldon Cottrell (1/24) to provide wickets in the initial overs to stymie a formidable Indian batting unit.

The visitors also gave away 23 runs in extras, an area which needs immediate attention if they have to put India under pressure.

The Windies captain admitted that his side failed to execute its plans properly and would hope for an improved performance if they have to take the series to the decider and avenge their 0-3 loss to the same opponent in their own backyard in August.



KL Rahul bats during India's nets session. BCCI/Twitter

Relaxed KL wants to make most of opportunities

PTI ■ HYDERABAD

Handed a chance to open the innings for India in the T20I series against the West Indies, star player KL Rahul said he is looking to make the most of the opportunities but doesn't want to worry about sealing his T20 World Cup berth.

The India team is continuing its preparations for next year's T20 World Cup and many players, whose places are not yet secured, are trying to impress the selectors with their performances against the West Indies.

Rahul, who was promoted as an opener in the absence of injured Shikhar Dhawan, grasped the chance with both hands by scoring a 40-ball 62 to help India record their highest successful run chase on Friday.

"It's (T20 World Cup) a long way honestly. I have got the opportunity to bat top of the order again after a couple of series, so looking forward to just making the best use of it," Rahul said at the post-match press conference.

"Today was a good outing, good hit in the middle and hopefully I can continue the same thing without worrying about October next year. There are a lot of games before that."

The 27-year-old stylish batsman from Karnataka said despite both the teams scoring 200 plus runs, the wicket on offer at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium here wasn't the easiest wicket to bat.

"The wicket wasn't bad, both teams scored 200 plus and we chased it in 19 overs but it wasn't the easiest wicket to bat on," Rahul said.

India won the game by six wickets but they were far from impressive on the field

Bowlers lacked discipline & execution: Pollard

PTI ■ HYDERABAD

West Indies captain Kieron Pollard lauded his batsmen for putting up a good show but came down hard on the bowlers for failing to defend 200-plus score against India in the first T20I.

"I think we batted pretty well. We scored above 200 runs which more often than not you take that. But discipline in bowling and execution let us down tonight," Pollard said at the post-match press conference.

"We gave 23 extras, 14 or 15 of those wide deliveries, so when you look at that, those were extra balls and extra overs. When you give a class team like India these many extra deliveries, you are destined for trouble."

"No balls are something we stress on in terms of non-negotiable and we bowled a couple of them tonight. It's something we need to look on."

with Rohit Sharma and Washington Sundar dropping a few catches.

Rahul said for a fielder it wasn't easy to pick the ball with low flood lights at the ground here.

"I don't think it's the dimensions of the ground, I think the lights are pretty low and sometimes you lose the ball in that light and that's what happened a couple of times," he said.

"We have played here before, we have played here for years so we knew what to expect. As a team we don't complain about things like these, it's not in our control."

SINGLES

TRAILBLAZER'S SATNAM FAILS DOPE TEST

NEW DELHI: Satnam Singh Bhamara, the first Indian player to be drafted into an NBA team in 2015, has been provisionally suspended by the National Anti-Doping Agency after he failed a dope test last month. The 23-year-old Punjab cager has failed an out-of-competition test conducted in Bangalore by NADA during the preparatory camp for the South Asian Games. He was provisionally suspended on November 19. The prohibited substance found from Bhamara's 'A' sample of his urine is not known. Bhamara, however, disputed the charge levelled against him and said that he "was and remains a clean" athlete. In a statement issued on Saturday, the 23-year-old Bhamara said he has requested the NADA for a hearing by its Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel and to decide his case within three months.

LAUNCH OF NEW WC VENUE POSTPONED

DOHA: Qatar has postponed to next year the opening of Education City stadium, its second newly built venue for the 2022 football World Cup. FIFA said on Saturday. The venue was due to be inaugurated when it hosted the semi-final of the Club World Cup between Liverpool and an as yet undetermined side on December 18. But delays to the certification of the stadium by the authorities will mean that the fixture will instead be played at Khalifa International Stadium which was already due to host several Club World Cup fixtures. Education City will now be opened in 2020 although the world football governing body did not give an exact date.

FAWAD RECALLED AFTER 10 YEARS

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has recalled 34-year-old middle-order batsman Fawad Alam for the first time in 10 years for the Test series against Sri Lanka. Chief selector and head coach Misbah-ul-Haq said on Saturday that the left handed batsman was selected because of his recent prolific scoring in domestic cricket. The series, which is part of ICC's World Test Championship, starts at Rawalpindi next Wednesday. Karachi will host the second test from Dec. 19-23. Alam is one of the two changes Pakistan selectors have made from the 16-man squad that lost the two-Test matches against Australia. Alam has replaced Iftikhar Ahmed while left arm fast bowler Usman Shinwari comes in place of young fast bowler Mohammad Musa.

PLAY CANCELLED IN DANGEROUS PITCH

MELBOURNE: Play was abandoned on Saturday during a domestic game due to a dangerous pitch at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, just weeks before it is due to host the traditional Boxing Day Test. A decision to call off play was made on day one of the Sheffield Shield clash between Victoria and Western Australia after several batsmen were hit by rising deliveries. It followed talks between the umpires and captains Peter Handscomb and Shaun Marsh. Marsh was among those to be battered multiple times by balls from fast bowlers that rose sharply and unexpectedly on the lively pitch. One that caught Marcus Stoinis in the ribs proved the final straw.

ATK END NORTHEAST'S UNBEATEN RUN

GUWAHATI: ATK reclaimed the top spot in the Indian Super League with an impressive 3-0 win over NorthEast United FC on Saturday. An early strike from David Williams (11th) and a brace from Roy Krishna (35th, 90+4) were enough for Antonio Habas' team to hand NorthEast their first defeat of the season. With Saturday's double strike, Krishna took his goal tally to six to become the leading goal scorer this season. With their fourth win of the campaign, ATK have now 14 points from seven matches while NorthEast, who have 10 points, are at fourth spot. Today, Three points will be the top priority for a Hyderabad FC when they host FC Goa at the GMC Balayogi Athletic Stadium. Hyderabad with just four points from six games, can leapfrog a couple of teams if they manage to upset the Gaurs.

The good work has just started: Stimac



Igor Stimac instructs during India's practice session. IFT

NEW DELHI: It was in May earlier this year that Croatian Igor Stimac was appointed as the head coach of the Indian National Team and on Friday, he assessed his time in India till now and looked back at his tenure so far with the Blue Tigers in a live Q&A session on Facebook.

Stimac stated that "he already feels like home" in the country and stated that there is already a marked difference in the quality of football played by his side.

"We have just started our work in the last six months," he said. "There is a great difference now in the quality of our game and one can look at the statistics and facts to see it. For example, we now have seven players who can cover over 12,000 metres in a match, including 1,000 metres of sprints."

"We have had a great few games and some tough ones as well. The toughest games are where you are considered favourites and now I can easily say that India has become a team that is difficult to beat. We need to mature our game and continue putting in quality work in order to keep moving forward."

The Head Coach pointed out the improved defensive record of the Blue Tigers, citing the number of goals conceded in the first five FIFA World Cup 2022 qualifiers.

Stimac's tenure has seen a number of players take their senior team bows, with a significant portion of them establishing themselves as regular names on the Indian team sheet. The Croat shared his point of view on team selection and stressed on the importance of consistency in a player's performance.

"I do not see if a player is young or old — for me, it's either good or not good enough. The door is open to everyone. There are 11 players in the starting line-up & 23 on the team-sheet. The best performers will get a chance but they have to be consistent. The good performance needs to be maintained for the whole season and there needs to be a degree of continuity."

The Head Coach also shed light on the work being done off the pitch as well and spoke about the plans for the near future, including friendly matches for the national team in Europe. "Not many people know what we are working on when there are no games. I have dedicated myself a million percent into the job. It's not just about choosing 23 players and having training sessions," he said.

"A lot of work has been done in the last six months and so many meetings have taken place with everyone involved in the Indian football family. Preparing players is a long process. We are doing good work and it goes at a certain speed. However, other countries are also working and we need to speed up and all push together in the same direction. With our efforts, we can get there," he maintained.

Anderson, Bairstow back for SA tour

AFP ■ LONDON

James Anderson was recalled by England on Saturday for their upcoming tour of South Africa after recovering from a calf injury, while his fellow bowler Mark Wood and wicketkeeper Jonny Bairstow also returned to the squad.

The 37-year-old Anderson, England's all-time leading wicket-taker, last played internationally in the first Ashes Test against Australia at Edgbaston in August before pulling up after bowling only four overs.

Bairstow, who has played 69 Tests, was left out of the recent Test tour of New Zealand but was named in the 17-man squad.

Fast bowler Wood is also back in the fold after sitting out of the 2-2 Ashes draw with a knee injury and side strain suffered during England's victorious World Cup campaign.

"It is not predicted that Mark (Wood) will be available for selection for the earliest matches," said England national selector Ed Smith.

"However, he will travel with the team and continue his rehab work with the medical staff on tour."

"There is no exact date given for his return, but the medical team is working towards him becoming fully available for selection during the tour."

Smith confirmed that off-spinner Moeen Ali remains unavailable after asking to take a break from Test cricket.

The opening match of the four-Test series starts on December 26 at Centurion.

Uncapped seamer Saqib Mahmood missed out after being part of the squad in New Zealand.

Squad: Joe Root (capt), James Anderson, Jofra Archer, Jonny Bairstow, Stuart Broad, Rory Burns, Jos Buttler, Zak Crawley, Sam Curran, Joe Denly, Jack Leach, Matthew Parkinson, Ollie Pope, Dominic Sibley, Ben Stokes, Chris Woakes, Mark Wood.

'My best year' ever: Hamilton

AFP ■ LONDON

Six-time Formula One champion Lewis Hamilton rates the 2019 season as "the best" of his decorated career, on and off the circuit.

The 34-year-old Mercedes driver reflected on his stunning season in Paris before Friday's FIA awards ceremony.

"It has been the best year I would say of my career I am really proud of what we have achieved as a team," said Hamilton, who is now just one title shy of the record seven world championships held by Michael Schumacher.

The season concluded in Abu Dhabi last Sunday with Hamilton winning his 11th race of the campaign and the 84th of his career.

Despite his repeated brilliance behind the wheel he said it was his life off the track that had made 2019 all that more special.

"The season as a whole was as strong as the last I can remember. "More so from the outside, just being happier. "Happier in collaboration with the team, in terms of team work, the doors that I have opened in terms of doing fashion that I have been well received and accepted."

War erupts in AICF on Barua's charges

NAVIN UPADHYAY ■ NEW DELHI

A war has erupted in the All Indian Chess Federation (AICF) after its President PR Venketrama Raja on Saturday served a showcause notice on the Federation's all-powerful secretary Bharat Singh Chauhan for committing some technical irregularity in decision-making. Obviously, the Raja faction has hit back on Chauhan for siding with Grandmaster Dibyendu Barua in his crusade to clean up the affairs of West Bengal chess.

Barua had accused West Bengal chess association secretary Atanu Lahiri of engaging in corruption and diverting state fund for chess promotion to his (Lahiri's) company Global Chess. Barua had also accused Lahiri of banning several top players for criticizing his handling of the chess affairs.

While Chauhan sided with Barua and chess players, Raja formed three-member committee to probe Barua's charges. Interestingly, he kept Chauhan outside the committee though as per AICF constitution Secretary has to be part of all such committees.

Barua has objected to the composition of the probe committee contending that in-house committee can never fairly probe alleged misconduct of another office-bearer of the Federation. Incidentally, Lahiri is joint secretary of the AICF.

As apprehended by Barua and Chauhan, the three-member committee gave clean chit to Lahiri and authorised him to conduct the election of the state chess association. Barua approached the Kolkata High Court against the order. In a major setback to the AICF, the court appointed two administrators to conduct the elections.

Meanwhile, in another major embarrassment for the Raja faction of the AICF, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) found that Lahiri had submitted fake utilization certificate of a national event organized by the state association. SAI found that the signature of the chartered account was forged. It asked the AICF to look into the matter and take appropriate action.

India beat NZ in 3-Nations women's junior hockey

CANBERRA: Sharmila Devi struck twice as the Indian junior women's hockey team secured a superb 4-1 win over New Zealand in its third match of the 3-Nations Tournament here on Saturday. India came from a goal down to defeat their opponents after New Zealand's Olivia Shannon (4th minute) had scored for her side.

It was Sharmila Devi (12th, 43rd), Beauty Ddungdung (27th) and Lalrindiki (48th) who scored the goals for India in their impressive victory.

In a shaky start to the match, India conceded a Penalty Corner in the 4th minute, and New Zealand made the most of it as they scored through Olivia to make it 1-0 in their favour.

India fought back inside the first quarter and found the equalizer when Sharmila finished off a crisp team-move to make it 1-1 in the 12th minute.

Both teams had several chances in the second quarter as well, but neither could convert until India finally managed to convert their Penalty Corner in the 27th minute.

It was India's forward Beauty, who produced a sublime finish to give her team a much-deserved lead.

New Zealand did have a

India beat NZ in 3-Nations women's junior hockey

Penalty Corner at the stroke of the half-time break, but India's Bichu Devi Kharibam made a decent save to ensure India retained their 2-1 lead.

The start of the third quarter was slightly slower for both teams as they tried to implement different strategies.

Indian goalkeeper Bichu was called into action again in the 40th minute, but she made a diving save to protect her side's lead.

Three minutes later, it was India's chance to break away from the counter which saw Sharmila score her second field goal to extend India's lead to 3-1. The confidence levels rose within the Indian team after scoring their third goal, and it was visible in the last quarter when they started aggressively.

In the 48th minute, India won themselves a Penalty Corner, and the resulting execution saw young Forward Lalrindiki score past New Zealand's goalkeeper Kelly Carline to make it 4-1, and secure the win for her side.

New Zealand did try to pose a threat in the remaining minutes, but could not penetrate through the Indian defense which meant India registered their second win in three matches of the 3-Nations Tournament.

Liverpool seal Christmas No.1 spot as Tottenham run riot

AFP ■ LONDON

Rampant Liverpool beat Bournemouth 3-0 to lock down the Christmas number one spot ahead of Saturday's Manchester derby as Jose Mourinho's Tottenham blitzed Burnley 5-0 to climb to fifth in the table.

Interim boss Duncan Ferguson lifted Everton's spirits, condemning Chelsea to their third Premier League defeat in four matches while bottom club Watford battled to a goalless draw against Crystal Palace.

Liverpool took advantage of playing before their closest rivals to widen the gulf at the top of the table to 11 points, meaning they cannot be caught by December 25.

Jürgen Klopp, mindful of a fixture pile-up for his side, made seven changes from the 5-2 midweek victory against Everton, with Sadio Mané dropping to the bench and Alisson Becker back in goal following suspension.

Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain opened the scoring for the European champions in the 35th minute after poking home Jordan Henderson's long ball, moments after Bournemouth defender Nathan Ake left the pitch injured.

Liverpool made it 2-0 just before the break when Naby Keita played a fine one-two with Mohamed Salah and finished from close range, with Keita turning provider for Salah in the 54th minute.

Spurs lost their first match under new boss Mourinho at Old Trafford in midweek but flew out of the blocks at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium on Saturday.

Harry Kane put them ahead with his 14th goal of the season in the fourth minute and Spurs doubled their lead when Lucas Moura tapped home at the far post following a goalmouth scramble.



Liverpool's Mohamed Salah, right, shoots but fails to score during the English Premier League soccer match between Bournemouth and Liverpool at the Vitality stadium in Bournemouth on Saturday

Son Heung-min added a third with a brilliant solo effort shortly after the half-hour, running from deep in his own half before slotting past goalkeeper Nick Pope.

Kane made it 4-0 in the 54th minute with his second goal of the game and turned provider for Moussa Sissoko to score Spurs' fifth.

Spurs are still six points behind fourth-placed Chelsea but will fancy their chances of closing the gap on their London rivals, who are stumbling after a six-game winning run earlier in the season.

Everton made it a miserable day for Frank Lampard thanks to an early strike from Brazil forward Richarlison and two goals from England under-21 international Dominic Calvert-Lewin.

Mateo Kovacic scored his first Premier League goal to pull the score back to 2-1 but the Toffees wrapped up victory six minutes from time, Calvert-Lewin latching on to a loose ball in the box to finish underneath Kepa Arrizabalaga.

Former Everton player Ferguson, who celebrated the goals wildly, refused to talk up his chances of getting the job full-time despite the win, telling BT Sport: "I'm here for Everton. I'm here for as long as they want me here."

"I'm sure they're out there looking for other candidates, and rightly so. We want the best guys in the world managing our football club."

"This was just an incredible experience for me, one no one can take away from me."

You saw on the touchline how enthusiastic I was. It's one game, it's one result."

Watford, who appointed former Leicester boss Nigel Pearson as their new manager on Friday, were unable to force their second win of the season, drawing 0-0 with Crystal Palace.

Pep Guardiola's Manchester City, in third place, 14 points behind Liverpool, face Manchester United at the Etihad later Saturday.

Defending champions City are firm favourites but Ole Gunnar Solskjær's team were buoyed by their win over Spurs on Wednesday.

Second-placed Leicester are in action on Sunday, away to Aston Villa, while struggling Arsenal travel to West Ham the following day.

Roma hold Inter Milan in Serie A

AFP ■ MILAN

Inter Milan were held to a goalless draw by Roma at the San Siro, leaving the way open for Italian champions Juventus to reclaim top spot in Serie A this weekend.

Antonio Conte's side have a two-point advantage on Juventus who play Lazio at the Stadio Olimpico on Saturday.

The match in the San Siro had been overshadowed by a racism storm after Italian sports daily Corriere dello Sport's controversial "Black Friday" headline.

The front-page headline accompanied an article about the first Serie A meeting between former Manchester United teammates Romelu Lukaku and Chris Smalling.

On the pitch, defender Smalling and Gianluca Mancini stifled Inter's prolific strike duo Lukaku and Lautaro Martinez, who between them have scored 18 of their team's goals in 15 league games this season. Conte's side proved toothless in attack against a well-organised Roma, failing to find the net for the first time this season, days before their Champions League clash against Barcelona.

"The great merit of Roma is having stopped Lautaro-Lukaku," said coach Paulo Fonseca.

"Inter's main chances came from our mistakes, but we always played the ball with courage and that's what I want for the team."

"We did well defensively."



Inter Milan's Lautaro Martinez, centre, misses a scoring chance during a Serie A soccer match between Inter Milan and Roma, at the San Siro stadium in Milan on Friday

Smalling and Mancini had a good game like the whole team, it's certainly not easy against Inter."

Lukaku, Marcelo Brozovic and Matias Vecino all missed chances for the hosts as Roma snatched a precious point to move fourth and into the Champions League places.

Inter were lacking in midfield with Stefano Sensi, Nicolò Barella and Roberto Gagliardini all out with Roma missing goalkeeper Pau Lopez while Edin Dzeko started on the bench after flu, but came on

for the final 25 minutes.

Midfielder Nicolò Zaniolo took Dzeko's place up front with Roma dominating the first half hour, although Inter had the best chances with Antonio Mirante denying Lukaku after a blundering Jordan Veretout back-pass.

A similar error from the Roma goalkeeper nearly proved costly when Mirante passed the ball straight to Lukaku on the edge of the area just before the break but Marcelo Brozovic wastefully fired over the bar.

Inter held on to top spot but their advantage remains under threat from Juventus with third-placed Lazio eight points behind the leaders.

"We faced an excellent Roma but their goalkeeper was their best player on the pitch, they never had a shot on goal," said Conte. "I congratulate my players, even if we were wasteful, we should have sealed the three points."

Roma are just one point ahead of Cagliari, with the Sardinians travelling to Sassuolo on Sunday.

Real Madrid cruise past Espanyol

AFP ■ MADRID

Real Madrid were without Eden Hazard and Gareth Bale on Saturday but Karim Benzema stepped up again to ensure they beat struggling Espanyol in La Liga.

Benzema scored one and set up another in a 2-0 win at the Santiago Bernabeu, where Real wore an all-green kit to show support for this week's Climate Summit in the city. Victory means Zinedine Zidane's side move to the top of the table, for a few hours at least, before Barcelona play later at home to Real Mallorca.

Espanyol, who have not won in six league games, stay 19th.

An ankle injury is likely to rule Hazard out of the season's first Clasico on December 18 while Bale has a thigh problem and is also a concern ahead of that crunch game at Camp Nou.

But another excellent Benzema display will at least be of some consolation, after he teed up Raphael Varane before scoring his 15th goal this term to put Espanyol out of sight.

"We're talking about Karim a lot recently, in a good way," said Zidane. "He's getting older and that's made a difference, his maturity."

"None of us are perfect. But he's asked to chase and he does it. He's asked to score and he does it. I can't ask for more, only that he keeps doing it."

Increasingly it looks like the winner of the Clasico will spend the Christmas break first in the table, with the top two pulling away from the likes of Atletico Madrid, who drew away at Villarreal on Friday. Sevilla, in third, are four points behind Zidane's side before they travel to Osasuna on Sunday.

The absence of Hazard and Bale meant Rodrygo came in on the right of the



front three while Vinicius Junior was given a rare chance to stake a claim on the left.

Vinicius' last start came in the defeat to Mallorca on October 19 and the 19-year-old, who has been out of favour under Zidane, impressed with a daring and dynamic performance.

"He always wants to score goals, that is his job, but we have to highlight everything else he did today," said Zidane.

"He had chances, played well offensively and defensively. And also after playing less recently. He has done well."

Vinicius may now be given another outing against Club Brugge in the Champions League on Wednesday, when Madrid are likely to rest key players given their qualification as runners-up is already guaranteed.

Vinicius looked eager to make an impact as he fired off an early shot from an acute angle and was then booked for a lunge at Espanyol goalkeeper Diego Lopez.

Espanyol had openings on the counter-attack, the best of them presented to Wu Lei, who was making history as the first ever Chinese player to play at the Bernabeu. His header was saved by Thibaut Courtois.

Madrid's goal came in the 37th minute and from an unlikely source as Varane stayed up following a corner and Benzema found him in space after bundling through on the edge of the box. With his left foot, Varane stabbed into the far corner.

Vinicius might have made it two after tearing clear on the break but failed to beat Lopez at his near post while shortly after half-time Lopez denied Benzema, who had also broken in behind.

Benzema missed another chance from a Vinicius cross but finally got his goal with 11 minutes left. He threaded in Fede Valverde with a smart reverse pass and then continued his run, before meeting the pull-back and finding the corner.

Everton bounce back from derby pain to beat Chelsea

AFP ■ LIVERPOOL

Chelsea slipped to their third Premier League defeat in four matches on Saturday as Everton bounced back from their Merseyside derby humiliation to win 3-1 and escape from the relegation zone.

Goals early in each half from Richarlison and Dominic Calvert-Lewin put the home side 2-0 up and although Mateo Kovacic pulled one back, Calvert-Lewin struck again late to seal the win.

The three points for Everton, under the temporary charge of Duncan Ferguson following the sacking of Marco Silva, lifts them to the relative comfort of 14th spot in the table.

Frank Lampard's men remain in fourth place but Wolves could close the gap to just three points if they beat Brighton on Sunday.

Ferguson's reign at Goodison Park got off to the perfect start with Brazil forward Richarlison heading home Djibril Sidibe's cross from the right to give the hosts a fifth-minute lead.

Chelsea pushed for an equaliser, with

in-form England forward Tammy Abraham going close a couple of times, but the Toffees went in at half-time 1-0 up.

Everton got a flying start to the second half as well, with Calvert-Lewin barging his way through the Chelsea defence before slotting past Kepa Arrizabalaga from 12 yards.

But Chelsea responded immediately, with Kovacic stroking in a volley with his right foot in the 52nd minute, beating the dive of England goalkeeper Jordan Pickford.

The visitors continued to dominate possession but Everton looked dangerous on the break, with Theo Walcott seeing a shot parried at the near post.

Substitute Tom Davies mistimed a header when in a good position to restore Everton's two-goal lead.

But Chelsea shot themselves in the foot when Kepa mishit a pass, gifting possession to Walcott.

The ball came to Davies, who struggled to control the ball, but it eventually fell to Calvert-Lewin, who bundled home, sending Ferguson charging down the

touchline. Victory is a huge boost for Everton, who slumped to a 5-2 defeat against Liverpool in midweek. They have a tough run of fixtures coming up including both Manchester clubs away from home.

Lampard's young team won six successive Premier League games to climb into third place in the table last month but have since stumbled, losing to Manchester City, West Ham and now struggling Everton.

The manager will now turn his attention to Tuesday's Champions League match at home to Lille. They will qualify for the knockout stages if they beat Lille or if they draw and Valencia lose to Ajax.

Chelsea were buoyed by the decision of the Court of Arbitration for Sport on Friday to reduce their FIFA-imposed transfer ban, meaning they can sign players in the January window.

Lampard welcomed the outcome but said the club would have to be careful with their recruitment policy after a fine start to the season with a crop of young players.

LOCAL EVENTS

KARAN TO LEAD



Hritik Srivastava

Karan Sharma will lead the Uttar Pradesh Under-23 team for Col CK Nayudu tournament. Hritik Srivastava of Lucknow also made the cut. UP will play its first match against Vidharbha at Nagpur on December 11.

THE TEAM: Karan Sharma, Shivam Chaudhary, Abhishek Goswami, Rahul Singh Rawat, Hannan Rizwan, Sameer Chaudhary, Sawan Singh, Hritik Srivastava, Sandeep Tomar, Mohit Jangra, Harshvardhan, Wajid Ali, Kunal Yadav, Trishal Trivedi, Mukesh Kumar. **Support staff:** Mohd Amir (Coach), Jasbir Singh (Manager), Kapil Sharma (Physio), JP Singh (Trainer), Pradeep Kumar (Masseur)

TCC BEAT KN INFRA

TCC beat KN Infra by 46 runs in a league match of the 2nd Sardar Patel T20 Cricket Tournament at NER stadium on Saturday. In another match,

BRIEF SCORES:

TCC: 164 (Rajnikant 61, Qaman 26, Vinod 22; Subhankar 29/3)
KNI: 118 (Ravi Gupta 62, Abhishek 24; Rajnikant 19/3)

LN: 160 (Siddhant 50, Rahul 18; Swarnim 25/3, Rahul 28/2)

Mevricks: 135 (Swarnim 21, S Bhutani 19; Rahul 18/3, Harshit 11/2)

VIEWS ADVERTISING WIN

Views Advertising defeated Himalayan by 10 runs in a league match of the 4th Neelam Devi T20 Cricket Tournament at RB Tiwari Stadium on Saturday.

BRIEF SCORES:

VA: 179 (Sami Syed 71, Sumit 27, Vivek 17, Arun 17; Shivadhar 31/2)
Himalyan: 169 (Adil Khan 54, Shivadhar 41, Jitendra 34; Arun 35/3)

MANISH-AKSHAT SHINE



Manish Yadav and Akshat Kalra from UP claimed the bronze medal in 500m men's pair event in the 38th Senior National Rowing Championship Hussain Sagar on Saturday. UP Rowing Association secretary Sudhir Sharma said in a press release.

Atletico title hopes suffer blow after Villarreal draw

AFP ■ MADRID

Atletico Madrid's title hopes look to be all-but over after a goalless draw away at Villarreal raised further doubts about their progress under coach Diego Simeone.

After losing at home to Barcelona last weekend, another slip means Atletico are now five points behind Barca and Real Madrid in La Liga, despite having played two games more.

It means by the time Simeone's side head into the Christmas break, the gap could have stretched to double figures and that will be hard to close, especially given they play both Barcelona and Real Madrid away from home in the second half of the season.

Asked if Atletico are too far adrift, Simeone said: "What worries me is winning games and then everything will look different."

But familiar failings in attack proved their undoing at la Ceramica, where Villarreal, who climb to 12th, were fully deserving of their point and could easily have snatched a victory too.

"It's normal that when you create so many chances without scoring, the players get anxious," said Simeone.

"We have to stay calm." Atletico came into the game with 25 points from their first 15 league games, their lowest tally at that stage since Simeone took charge in 2011.

Their remarkable title triumph three years later, not to mention two Champions

League finals, means Simeone is still held in high-esteem but after an expensive summer, questions are being asked about the club's direction of travel.

Simeone has said this is a transition season for the team but there will be no excuses if they fail to make the last 16 of the Champions League on Wednesday. Only a win at home to Lokomotiv Moscow will guarantee their qualification.

Spain coach Luis Enrique was among those in the crowd treated to a frantic opening 20 minutes that offered chances for both sides as Villarreal's Samuel Chukwueze saw an early shot fly over and Gerard Moreno headed wide.

Joao Felix, signed for a record 126 million euros from Benfica last summer, looked Atletico's most likely source of a goal and he hit the post after a driving run through midfield before scooping high when he should have done better.

Villarreal were far from over-awed though and almost punished Renan Lodi for giving the ball away cheaply in midfield, only for Chukwueze again to blaze over.

Felix was at the heart of everything for Atletico going forward in the second half as he cut inside from the left but saw his shot palmed away and then then pulled back for Saul, who failed to finish.

Yet the best chance fell to Lodi with 10 minutes left as Felix picked him out with a cross to the back post. The ball bounced in front of Lodi but he could only cushion the ball high and over the cross-bar.

Mera's late equaliser saves EB against Punjab FC

PTI ■ LUDHIANA

Last season runners-up East Bengal needed a late equaliser to earn a 1-1 draw against a gritty Punjab FC side in an I-League match the Guru Nanak Stadium here on Saturday.

Danilo Augusto put the home side ahead in the 13th minute and it looked like Punjab FC would run away with all the three points from the match before Juan Mera saved the day for the Kolkata giants with an 84th minute equaliser.

Punjab FC coach Yan Law made a host of changes from his side that lost 0-3 to Churchill Brothers FC in their opening match of the season. Kiran Kumar Limbu started at the goal instead of Bhaskar Roy.

Samuel Shadap was slotted into the backline in place of the suspended Anwar Ali. Punjab captain Sanju Pradhan retained his place in the line-up with Bali Gagandeep getting the nod upfront, starting with Aser Dipanda Dicka.

East Bengal coach Alejandro Menendez Garcia named a largely unchanged



The Kolkata side had a golden opportunity to take the lead in the 10th minute when Pintu Mahaha delivered an inch-perfect cross into the box for Jaime Santos Colado, who was completely unmarked. The Spaniard triggered a shot from point-blank range, but it was kept out brilliantly by the outstretched legs of Kumar Limbu at the Punjab goal.

In the 13th minute, however, Punjab took the lead as Augusto headed in from a Sanju Pradhan's free-kick, completely catching the East Bengal defence off guard.

The Red and Golds tried making inroads and pushed for an equaliser but the Punjab side were up to the task as they went in at half-time a goal in front.

In the second half, Punjab kept defending in compact spaces as East Bengal struggled to penetrate through the final third, often finding it difficult to get out of their own half.

The equaliser, however, did arrive six minutes from regulation time when Juan Mera took a seemingly speculative attempt on goal from outside the box and the Spaniard was rewarded as his effort found the back of the net to make it 1-1.



'I went on long spiritual break'

How has the year been?

I started the year with *Sonchiriya*. It was a matter of pride to be a part of a classic film. I feel that it is not only the best film by Abhishek Chaudhary, but also the best film of my career. Then *The Family Man* happened. It was again a wonderful project that took everyone by surprise. I never thought that a web series could

create such a buzz not only in India but abroad too. Then I was conferred with the Padma Shri. Getting awarded at the President's house was an overwhelming experience. I have made new fans. The year was wonderful and I couldn't have asked for more. It was filled with lots of joy and achievements.

What made you say yes to The Family Man?

I had so many offers for web series, but somehow any of them didn't sit well with me. I wanted to make my debut in the digital platform with something that is unique. When I was offered *The Family Man*, I felt that is something which is not there on any platform.

Also, there were young and modern directors on board — Raj Nidimoru and Krishna DK whom I really wanted to work with. I was actually waiting for a project like this to make my debut in the digital space.

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Did you feel any difference in working in films and digital media?

Definitely. When you are shooting 10 episodes, it is like shooting four-five films. It is not at all easy. A positive difference that I felt was that an actor gets a chance to explore dif-

ferent dimensions of his role which one can't do in films. This in itself is heartening. Having said that, it also throws a lot of challenges. If you are not able to give your 500 per cent, work for long hours and break your limitations then it is very difficult to survive in this space.

You were awarded at the Asia Pacific Screen Awards, what was that for?

It was the Best Actor award and I have won it for the second time. This time it was for my upcoming film *Bhonsale*. This year, I was the only Indian actor to have been nominated for the award. If someone is representing their country at such a big platform, it is a matter of pride and honour. You feel a sense of responsibility sitting in the hall and waiting. You are respected and regarded for your work so you not only feel good as an actor but also as a person.

Apart from your work what else kept you busy this year?

After completing the shoot for *The Family Man*, I took a long break from acting. It was a much needed

spiritual break. I went on a spiritual journey. I was always inclined towards spirituality but I was not getting time for it so this year I finally decided to make time for it. After these 10 months, I felt so relaxed and refreshed. I learnt meditation and other spiritual techniques. Now I back and I am shooting for *The Family Man Season 2*. After this I will be shooting for three films back to back which I can't talk much about right now. It was so heartening to see people waiting for me to get back to work.

How do you pick and choose your projects?

I go with my gut feeling. I read the script and if its engaging enough, I go for it. I don't think too much about the amount of work that the director has done or look at the production house. I just go by the script.

A best and worst moment in the industry.

The best moment was when *Satya* (1998) got released. I don't think that anything else can be compared to that. It was the kind

of film which was not getting made back then. My character Bhiku Mahatre became such a rage.

My worst moments are those when I wanted to work but there was not enough work or there were offers that I didn't like and I have to sit at home. But, then also I was not sitting idle. I was doing one thing or the other quite wisely.

One change that you would like to see in the industry?

There are many. I want this industry to become much more organised. The working hours should be thought upon and regulated. And there should be transparency in the distribution system.

What are you looking forward to in 2020?

I am looking forward to my films and my daughter's summer vacations. I want to more work because the 10-month break has given me ample time with myself and now I just want to dedicate myself to work.

Talktime
MANOJ BAJPAYEE
Having shown his acting skills in films like *Gangs of Wasseypur* and *Aligarh*, Bajpayee made his digital debut with *The Family Man*. He speaks with Musba Hashmi about his 10-month break and expectations in 2020

Colouring Delhi alive

MUSBA HASHMI speaks with YOGESH SAINI, the brain behind the beautiful paintings on the Capital's walls, about how he came up with the idea

Birds, trees, faces and what not. Once in a while we all must have walked past these beautiful paintings on walls and pillars under the flyovers of Delhi-NCR and wondered who made them and why? Meet Yogesh Saini, an engineer-turned-artist who founded the Delhi Street Art, an initiative that brings together artists and volunteers to clean and paint parts of the Capital.

Art always interested Saini and may be this was it that brought him back to his motherland.

"I was living in the US for over 20 years, but it was only around six and a half years back that I decided to return to Delhi. The reason to come back was primarily a personal one rather than professional. After returning back, I was looking for things that I can venture into in the country. I was always passionate about colours and art, but the idea struck me only when I was roaming in Lodhi Garden and thought that how the public places in our country, Delhi in particular, lacked colours. It all started with picking up the usual and boring garbage cans and giving them a new look, not only to draw more public attention towards them, but to also set an example that anything can be your canvas if you have an artistic mind," Saini tells you.

Since then Saini's team is not only painting and redoing different areas for the better in Delhi-NCR but in other cities too. "Till date we have beautified the walls of almost 15-20 cities in India. Mumbai, Bangalore, Pune, Bhopal, Shimla and Lucknow to name a few," he tells you.

The idea behind each and every painting is derived from its vicinity. "The walls that we pick ourselves we try to keep it relevant to its local context. Be it a school, a basti or any other public space, we just try to incorporate all the elements that are relevant to the audience of that place. If a particular community is living in a place we ask for their advice of what would they like to see on the walls and accordingly we paint it. If a client has given us a project then we play with his ideas and come up with designs," he says.

The type of colours and duration



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Colourful artwork in one of Delhi's basti

of completing the work depends upon the kind of walls that are being painted. The walls with simpler designs can be finished in a couple of days with a team of three to five people. Even the kind of colours and techniques depend on the type of design one wants to create. "All the paintings are hand-made only, but there are different techniques to paint. One can use rollers or com-

pressors or even utensils, depending upon the design one wants to make. Exterior wall paints have been extensively used in painting Delhi-NCR's walls. For metallic surfaces, oil pastels are widely used," Saini tells you.

However as easy as it may sound, there are certain challenges in everything one does. "I don't see them as challenges, but minor issues that need

to be tackled. Once we were painting a busy flyover in Ahmedabad, the challenge over there was running traffic all the time and the height was around 20 feet so we had to take a lot of safety measures as well. Then the other issue was during the day time the temperatures were high, therefore we had to complete a lot of work during the night itself. There are certain places where getting the access to becomes difficult, mainly in the slums. But, all of these are surmountable problems," he says.

Saini's work earned him Prime Minister Narendra Modi's praise too in one of the episodes of *Mann Ki Baat*. "It was surreal for us and came as a huge encouragement for the whole team. We never looked forward to any kind of awards or recognition and the Prime Minister's words of praise came as a surprise to us," he recalls.

Next big thing on Saini's cards is to paint the BIG FM's office in New Delhi and the whole team looks forward to it. "We are looking forward to this association. We will try to bring in the flavours of Delhi in BIG FM's New Delhi's office. We will try to showcase the heritage of the Capital on the walls and make it a colourful and pleasant space for the entire team," he says and tells you that there are other ongoing projects as well including the work in the jails and slums of Delhi and also some corporate projects too.

There is still a long way to go for Saini. Since many walls of Delhi-NCR has been painted, but not all, Saini thinks that the people should start giving a little bit more attention to the environment and should come forward and talk about the large scale need of beautifying the surroundings.

"We have construction projects that are lying since February. We have newly built flyovers where half the construction material is left behind by the contractors and no one is bothered about it. If only people start paying attention to even the smallest things in their surroundings, we can have a better future. Instead of questioning others, we have to start thinking that what can I do as an individual to improve my surroundings. Only this can make a difference in the near future," he says.

'People need to talk about air pollution'



Singer, song-writer and composer ROHAN SOLOMON just released a song about Delhi's pollution. He speaks with SHALINI SAKSENA about why he chose to do so, his future projects and musical journey

Why a song on Delhi's pollution?

Why not. Our city is in a bad state. I just got back from the US and as soon as I walked out of the airport, I could smell the pollution. I've only been back one day and I can feel the wheezing creeping up in my lungs. We are in dire need of an ecological clean up. Every citizen must play their part by spreading the word and taking some action. The only way I know how to do that is by writing songs. More people need to be writing about this.

Do you think a song would have an impact?

There is definitely potential of a song having an impact on people. One can never know which song is going to click with people. Let's take a look at some examples. *Man in the mirror* by Michael Jackson and *Imagine* by John Lennon. These are two of the most powerful and meaningful songs in history. They both have a great message and managed to touch the hearts of millions of people. All it takes is the right message to connect with a person.

How did your journey begin?

I have been obsessed with music since I was three years old. I used to listen to a lot of Michael Jackson, Jackson 5 and Beatles records on my family's old LP player. I never knew how to sing or play any instrument at that time, but the music was always calming to me. At the age of 12, my cousin taught me a few chords on the piano and guitar and taught me the formula for chords. Once I knew that, it was pretty easy for me to figure out other chords and also translate those chords on to the guitar. I started on the piano first. I was around 13 by the time I wrote my first song. Around the age of 15, I finally got the courage to start playing my original to friends and family. I spoke to a teacher in my school and arranged to perform in the school assembly. I performed one of my originals and a cover as well and I received a standing ovation. The rush I felt that day on stage was amazing. I formed my band Cyanide in school itself and we continued to perform together all through college and even after that. Then I moved to New York and decided to pursue Music Production and Audio Engineering.

Singer, composer, guitarist and sound engineer. What role sits with you best?

That's really hard to say. I enjoy all those things. I could possibly answer what role suits me the least. It would probably be a guitarist. I'm a good rhythm guitarist, but never got the hang of playing fast shredding solos. But as far as composing, singing and engineering, are concerned, I'm a huge geek about all those things.

Why shift to New York?

I have always loved New York since the first time I visited it as a tourist. I'm a huge Broadway fan. I had decided, if I ever move to the US, it will be New York. In Late 2015, I decided that I wanted to go to school for Audio Engineering. I found a great programme. After finishing my course, I stayed on and got an internship at Engine Room Audio and eventually climbed up the ladder to become Production Manager. The life, the pace and the action in New York City are what kept me there.

What kind of music do you listen to?

I listen to multiple genres from pop, rock, country, metal, funk, even some hip hop and R&B. Some of my favourite artists are Michael Jackson, Hanson, Metallica, Foo Fighters, Daughtry, Vulfpeck and Zac Brown Band.

You also made a new band. Why?

Being in a band is what comes naturally to me. My band mates become my brothers and best friends for life. With Jeet and Chellean, it just happened so naturally. We were already hanging out all the time, jamming in my apartment. One day, we just decided to jam in front of a microphone and the rest is history. It's the chemistry between band mates that gets the band started. I love writing songs and recording them.

What are your future projects?

I am super excited about starting a Music Production School in Delhi by the summer of 2020. As far as new music goes, there is definitely new music under production. But I can't reveal too much. But it will be something different. Something that I've never done before or any other local indie band has done either.

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TOP HONOURS FOR PEECEE

Actor Priyanka Chopra Jonas has built a strong body of work with her sheer hard work and dedication. Not only is she hailed as one of the top actors in Bollywood, but she is also a very global icon on the world map as well.

Celebrating her achievements the Marrakech International Film Festival has announced a prestigious honor for the multi-talented person that she is.

A tribute has been given to Priyanka Chopra Jonas at the mythical Jamaa El Fna Square in front of the people, a special venue where no award ceremony has happened earlier.

While the film festival celebrated the Indian cinema in 2012 and invited Bollywood celebrities, it is for the first time that an Indian celebrity has gotten honored individually. This is also the first time that a celebrity is given a tribute in front of 30,000 people. Talking about this milestone, Priyanka says: "It is such an honor to be recognised this year with a tribute on Jamaa El Fna square before the Moroccan public, who have always shown so much love and support throughout my career."

Three films of Priyanka — *Krrish 3*, *Bajirao Mastani*, and *The Sky Is Pink* is part of the festival's line-up. *Krrish 3* and *Bajirao Mastani* have also received the honor of public screening at the Jamaa El Fna square, which draws over 20,000 people every evening for a festival show.



PANKAJ KAPUR JOINS SHAHID IN JERSEY

Ever since actor Shahid Kapoor announced his next film, his fans have been waiting with bated breath for the film's glimpses. The actor is prepping for his next — *Jersey* and will start shooting in Chandigarh. However, there is one more reason for fans to look forward to the film. Shahid Kapoor's father Pankaj Kapur has joined the cast of the film *Jersey*.

Pankaj will be playing one of the pivotal roles in the film that already has Shahid Kapoor & Mrunal Thakur as the lead couple, it will be very interesting to see father-son come together in such a film. Says a source: "Pankaj plays a mentor like figure in the film to Shahid, and is a strong pillar of support to Shahid's character during his unexpected comeback journey"

Talking about joining the film, Pankaj Kapur says: "I am very excited to be part of the film. *Jersey* is a very strong story and is driven by emotions. Working with Shahid has always been very interesting and I have always admired his ability to portray emotions beautifully."

Produced by Aman Gill and Dil Raju, the film is slated to release on August 28, 2020.



NEW FILM ON CARDS FOR HUMA?

Well on her way to international stardom, Huma Qureshi has been making headlines ever since she landed a pivotal role in Zack Snyder's *Army Of The Dead*. All eyes have been on the gorgeous actress' next move after she achieved the commendable feat of being the only Indian talent on Film Independent's New Wave Actors' list. The actress most recently visited India Culture Lab. Ever since then, speculation is rife that Qureshi will soon be headlining a project that is premised around the LGBTQ community in India.

A fluid experimental space, India Culture Lab is a pro-LGBTQ community that cross-pollinates ideas and people to explore what it means to be modern and Indian. A few days ago, Huma was spotted with the Founder of the organisation, Parmesh Shahani. According to sources, the *Lelia* actress was also seen interacting with the volunteers of the LGBTQ community and probed into their journeys. Her visit to them has sparked conjecture that she is prepping for her upcoming film.

As a result of Section 377 is read down by the Supreme Court of India, there has been a rise in the number of films based on love that was earlier considered unnatural. Going by the stunner's latest maneuver, it seems Huma is about to venture into a new genre.



the pioneer agenda

It's a very big deal to me to remain the same person because I know all of this is going to be gone one day and I'm just going to have myself
— Gina Carano



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FOOD TRENDS 2020

MINDFUL EATING, ghar ka khaana continue to rule

With the rapid proliferation of the F&B business across the country, millions of dollars riding on food enterprises, and several million people dependent on it for their livelihood, finding one's way through the maze of taste is serious business, writes RUSHINA MUNSHAW-GHILDIAL, as she maps the trends for an annual food trends report for 2020

The year 2019 was a year of unprecedented growth and digital disruption for the food industry. Digital technology drove how we ate all the time. It was the year in which more Indians ate more food "not" cooked in their homes than ever before! Whether you wanted Pizza, Biryani or Gobbhi Manchurian, or a regional favourite such as Rajasthani Lal Maas, Naga Pork or the Gujarati Undhiyu, getting food from a home chef's kitchen was easier than it has ever been, thanks to digital technology!

Even the way we eat at home changed — the culture of passing down recipes from one generation to the next is being replaced by online recipe sharing, consumer facing apps, DIY videos, and more.

Therefore, in a country where Mumbai responds to regional pop-ups enthusiastically while Delhi is nonchalant about the idea, and Indore is expanding its culinary wings while Kolkata is looking back at its culinary traditions, it's quite a challenge for businesses to identify concepts that have potential to succeed across our inherent diversity.

In such a scenario, food businesses can benefit from a resource that monitors changes in business and consumer expectations, identifies underlying themes that drive these changes, and helps separate the fads from the trends.

Over the past three years, I have found that putting together the annual Godrej Food Trends report requires everything from data analytics to pure intuition on the part of our core team. As a forecaster of trends, it is important that the report is able to differentiate fads from trends. The key distinction between the two is that while trends have the potential to exert long-term influence on the market, a fad is usually isolated, coming and going quickly.

Trends, therefore, don't exist in isolation. They are a sum of many things, often including altered classics, and can have much longer life cycles, sometimes being around for years, or even decades.

One of my favourite examples is our return to our roots. Over the last two iterations of the report, we described a growing movement of self-discovery in the Indian food industry. This desire to learn more about our diverse culinary culture and traditions began in 2018 with an initial exploration into Indian regional cuisines. In 2019, we went beyond the broad strokes of regional cuisines and took a deep dive into the micro-cuisines of India. We saw an explosion of conversations, events, products and dining experiences inspired by micro-cuisines from specific sub-regions, communities, and even family kitchens of India.

This inspired exploration into home kitchens brought the true custodians of Indian cuisine into the limelight as the food industry connected with nanis, dadis, mothers or home chefs as SMEs (Subject Matter Experts), or sources of inspiration and knowledge of our rich culinary diversity. This in turn drove a re-discovery of traditional ingredients, as ordinary vegetables became the new exotic and gharelu greens such as kele ke phool, bathua, tendli, lauki and tinda featured prominently on restaurant menus. Let me tell you, this trend has not shown no signs of ebbing. It continues to play in 2020.

That said, I must admit we don't always get it all right. While we are on target in a majority of cases, sometimes trends don't play out as anticipated. For instance, in 2019, we heard a lot of talk about millets driving a discovery of other indigenous grains, celebrated as a climate-smart choice for farmers and consumers, but

THIS DESIRE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR DIVERSE CULINARY CULTURE AND TRADITIONS BEGAN IN 2018 WITH AN INITIAL EXPLORATION INTO INDIAN REGIONAL CUISINES. IN 2019, WE WENT BEYOND THE BROAD STROKES OF REGIONAL CUISINES AND TOOK A DEEP DIVE INTO THE MICRO-CUISINES OF INDIA. THE TREND CONTINUES TO PLAY IN 2020

this trend did not map out as expected. The consumption of indigenous grains hasn't grown as significantly as the noise would suggest. What happened to all that hype? Do chefs and media influencers not put their money where their mouth is?

To answer all those questions, as we usher in the report's third year, the 2020 edition points at some interesting big trends (organised alphabetically) for the coming year:

Continued commitment to provenance and mindful eating. Powered by the growing demand for sustainable practices, consumers will continue to make active choices that help minimise their carbon footprint by supporting local/artisanal producers and eating seasonally.

Deeper exploration of South-East Asian flavours. In 2020, the restaurant industry will offer diners a greater variety of South-East Asian flavours through deeper explorations of the popular cuisines, along with specialist menus from previously unexplored regional and ethnic cuisines from the region.

Emergence of the neighbourhood 'food-preneur'. The growing demand for fresh, healthy, hygienic and familiar ghar ka khana, combined with the convenience of digital communications and payment platforms, will encourage many more traditional, regional and community cooks to start mini-enterprises from their home kitchens, offering limited daily specials to small communities of their fans.

Keeping it real. Fuelled by an ever-growing consumer demand for authenticity, 2020 will see a growth of dining experiences designed around real issues, real people, real ingredients, and real stories!

Longing for ghar-ka-khana. The decline in daily cooking at home, because of changing social dynamics and attitudes towards cooking, will see nostalgic diners ordering food that reminds them of their own ghar-ka-khana, more often than ever before!

No-compromise convenience cooking. A discerning consumer of 2020, experimenting with the latest health fads and lifestyle diets, can look forward to many more options for quickly and conveniently assembling personalised meals at home, with little or no compromises to their choices.

Proliferation of desi flavours. As an outcome of the persistent demand for all things indigenous, consumers should expect

to see a proliferation of desi flavours in everything from small plates to cocktails, and even desserts in 2020!

Return to traditional fats. The growing appreciation of the significance of our choice of cooking medium will inspire more consumers in 2020 to go with desi ghee and cold-pressed local seed oils over other options.

Rise of the culinary explorer. An evolving sense of social, financial and cultural independence among young people will drive a greater demand for aspirational, novel, and even exotic travel and dining experiences. These experiences will be inspired by exciting new cuisines from within and outside the country.

Revival of culinary traditions. Riding the ongoing wave of deeper exploration and discovery of our culinary heritage, food businesses and restaurants will find exciting new ways of packaging traditional food wisdom, knowledge, cookware, cooking techniques and food preparation methods to make it suitable for the demands of the modern dining experience.

"When it comes to food, Indians have always preferred ghar-ka-khana," says Sujit Patil, Vice President and Head, Corporate Brand and Communications, Godrej Industries Limited and associate companies, reviewing the key findings.

"The growth of technology is also shaping what we eat. It is not only giving a big boost to the food processing industry, but also enabling home chefs to become 'food-preneurs'."

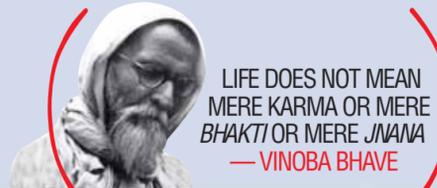
For Patil, as he says it, what is "heart-warming" about the findings is that they point to "the emergence of the neighbourhood food-preneur" in 2020, parallel to the revival of culinary traditions and a proliferation of desi flavours in everything, from small plates to cocktails, and even desserts. The emerging future happily rides on the past.

In fact, as you delve deeper, you will find that 2020 will continue to be the year of discovery and it will see us immersing deeper into our culinary diversity than ever before! The food industry will continue to draw inspiration from the home kitchen. Indian ingredients and flavours will dominate conversations, menus, beverages and even our desserts.

The year ahead will continue to reveal newer facets of the power of digital disruption. Every aspect of the industry will galvanise to deliver what consumers want and work to meet their needs. In an era of consumer hyper choice, the food producer will have to do more to stand out and seamlessly deliver exceptional service while at the same time ensuring food variety, quality and integrity, transparency and sustainability.

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HIDDEN SOULS
PRAMOD PATHAK

The strength of character



There is an old saying: when wealth is lost nothing is lost; when health is lost something is lost; when character is lost everything is lost. The saying needs some elaboration as the context has changed. It was coined when wealth was not the be all and end all of everything. But we are in the commerce age, where wealth is everything, gotten from whatever means. How to relate the relevance of the saying to the modern times is what would be baffling to many or may be most. But there is relevance, only one needs to probe a little deep. So, as the saying goes when wealth is lost nothing is lost because it can be regained by using health and character. But when health is lost something is lost because the weakening of the health will make things difficult for people to recover wealth. Yet, since character is there, sincere efforts can still help in getting back what is lost at least to some extent. But when character is lost, nothing will come back as it is the character that gives the drive. Let us look at the present political scenario. What is happening may leave even the most ardent of the optimists with serious doubts about the future of the country. Political scenario has left a lot to be desired. It is not just about the recent happenings in the elections to the few state assemblies that went to polls. We need not go back very far. Just remember what happened in Karnataka sometime back? You decide, but if one word that can aptly describe the entire story — it is character. It was conspicuously absent. More recently Maharashtra or even Haryana. And what is happening in Jharkhand. The incidents will put even the most shameless to shame. Shame, yes people in politics have thrown the very idea of shame to the winds. A politician in one party today does not find favour there, goes to another party, succeeds and may even change over to some other party to gain a position of power or may be for something in cash or kind. Where is the Indian politics heading for? Disaster? Chaos? Whatever, but portends are ominous. How to explain what is happening? Logic cannot explain. Reason has no answer with values and morality virtually becoming extinct in politics the scenario can only be described as a precursor to anarchy. There is a rather elaborate description of these times in the *Uttar Ramayana* section of *Ram Charit Manas*. All one needs is to read the dialogue between Kagabhushundi and Garuda on how things will be in Kalyug. It is so vividly described that futurologists like Alvin Toffler may appear naïve. The dialogue has also been very neatly summed up in a very popular song from a Bollywood hit of the early seventies starring the thespian Dilip Kumar in the lead role. Relevant portion of the song is being paraphrased here. The song says that an era called Kalyug will come in which all undesirable things will happen. There will be black money and blackhearts. Thieves and pickpockets will be rich and respected whereas the righteous will be miserable. Those who will be greedy and sinful will be called saintly. And the real clincher is that there will be proclamation of righteousness and religiosity everywhere but there will be no shame. How vivid and accurate. There cannot be a better description of these times.

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deeds. Be detached from it as it is not of your initiation. You are only a witness to the act, so why become the owner? Most evolved souls have stated that what they do, they do in the name of the Supreme Consciousness. Some may have called it 'Father', others used the term 'God', but none of them claimed that they as individuals were the doers. At an advanced thought process, they identified with the Supreme and their 'I' became the 'I' of oneness with the whole. "In the name of the Father..." Krishna used the 'I' in context to *aham brahmasmi* or 'I am that'. The eternal truth is that in every form lies the same God particle and each of you is the God above (God knows why above). Realising divinity within yourself is enlightenment. Or at least a giant step towards it!

But the toughest task of all is to get detached from one's own body, identity, personality and *jivatma*. This is the second stage after having detached from one's desires, pleasures, family and commercial attachments.

Achieving the above requires the kind of purpose and perseverance displayed by Buddha and other saints of that stature. This can be achieved in parts, over a period of several lives. The effort must be a sustained one.

It is a common thought that anything impossible to achieve is unproductive to try. But the lives of great people and their experiences prove this to be redundant.

We need not compete with the prophets and saints, but even they evolved in stages and took several lives to step outside the circle of *maya*.

Most of the spiritual teachings are easy to listen, and to some extent understand, but difficult to accomplish. So, if you can give up taking ownership of all your actions, including the good ones, you have a chance to attain spiritual heights.

To conclude, if you can give up ownership of karma, do it. If you can't, take the easier path and just plaster your negative karmas with an overload of positive ones, so that in relative comparison they are much less and you can have a better life or lives in the future. This is solely because our destiny is created by our previously accumulated karmas. The form of storage is called *samskars*.

If you don't care for either of these methods you can carry on and be as nice as you can as there is hope. I do hope that at the end of this article, you will find that a part of this resonates. If so, the purpose is accomplished.

If you see reason that good karma is worth your investment of time, money and inclination, then several life forms will be benefitted.

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is one act of selfishness you should encourage and propagate. Because within this selfishness is selflessness and the selflessness is selfishness.

And just when you feel you have reached the very core of this concept and understood the business, you realise that it was all a façade under the veil of *maya*, the physical world. When you lift that veil and look at karma, you now see it not as acts of generosity but as an act of necessity. It stops being an act of selfishness and becomes just a plain habit. And that habitual karma though helps others as designed to, stops affecting the spirit, it becomes an unselfish act so to say, and such an act in Hindi is called *Niswarth Seva*. You are no longer the doer, you have risen above karma.

This also brings us to a poignant question — is there an easier formula for diluting doer-ship?

Do not take ownership of any of your actions! Since, they were acts of destiny (even though they were a fructification of our earlier deeds), you do not need to hold yourself responsible for what has been programmed to happen. It is the fruit, not the root. You need to take the 'I' away from the

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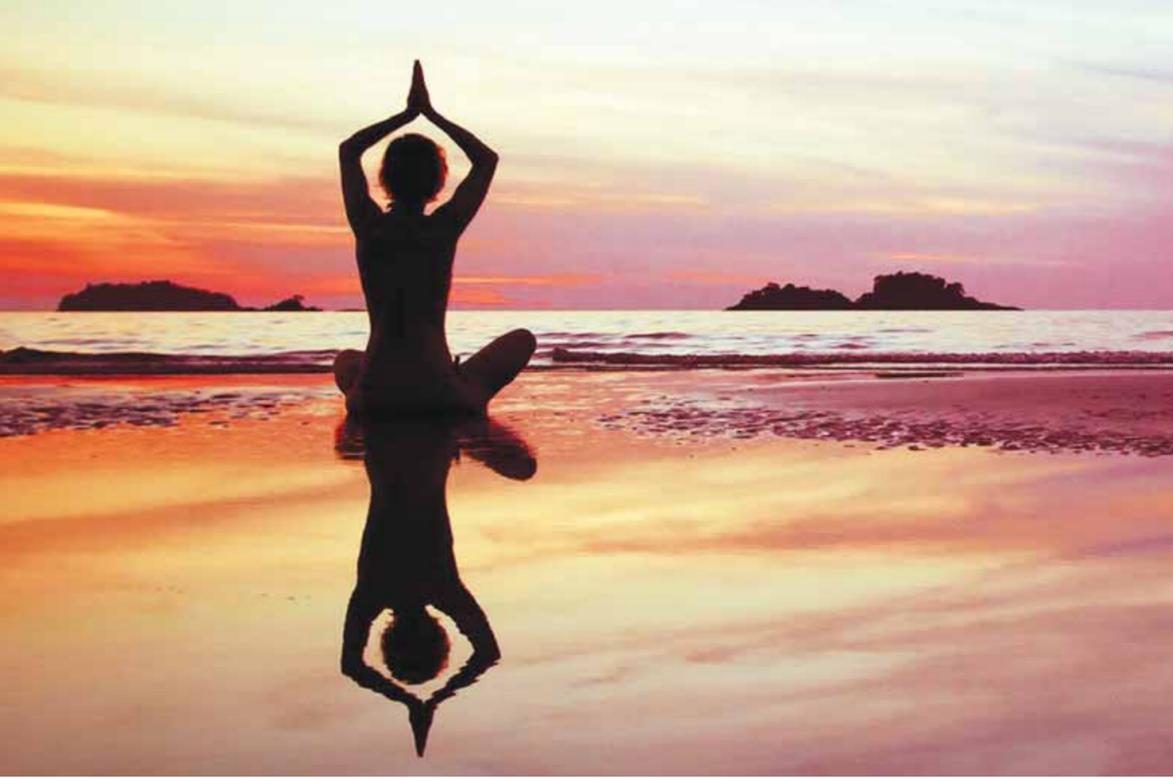
Deeper still into this concept, you stop seeing it as generosity on your part or a profit venture for yourself. You consider it to be more of an opportunity you were given, something to be grateful for. Yes, show gratitude for the chance to be kind and generous.

Finally, when you have fully understood this business, you begin to view karma objectively. Say for example, you feed a hundred homeless one day, you will realise it was in their destiny to eat that meal and some way or the other it would have been provided for. If it hadn't been you, someone else would have fed them, making you just the medium through which their destiny was fulfilled and nothing more. At this point you realise that the credit for this karma is not yours for the taking. It works the same way for negative karma as well, that is, the guilt too is not yours to shoulder, destiny has a plan to play out, and in that, you are only a pawn.

The question arises then, are acts of positive karma really acts of selfishness? Well the answer is yes. Your every good deed benefits another but also benefits your own spirit. And yet, this

THE BUSINESS OF KARMA

The business of karma is viewed differently by different people, showing a change in attitude as you walk through each successive door of realisation, writes HINGORI



There's one form of wealth we don't often talk about, the one that follows you to the other side of the light — karma.

You know you have tuned into the concept of karma when the realisation dawns upon you that you owe a debt to every life form that served you in any way: plants, animals, your parents, your teachers, everyone. Our karmic record is analogous to a balance sheet, where every positive deed accounts for credit and every negative deed we perform adds to our debt. These debts and credits fructify in our present life or future ones determining the quality of our lives, allowing us to repay debts and savour the credits.

When you delve deeper into the concept, really start performing good deeds, you feel good about it. The spirit within finds it easier to connect with the physical-self because it finally sees itself being benefited as all the accrued positive karma overshadows the negative. That would result in the physical-self experiencing many more, good times than tough ones in the fructification of that accumulated karma in this life and future ones.

I am because of Me

Personal accountability is the single most important driver of leadership. It is what sets apart great leaders from talented managers, says APURVA PUROHIT



When we began our journey of understanding the art of leadership viewed from the battlefield so to speak, we saw how much we could adapt from a role that many of us have already been playing for several years now, that of child readers. As parents, we dole out discipline and love in equal measure to help our children become better individuals and while doing so we also teach them to deal with the big, bad world with courage and fortitude. These are valuable leadership lessons to manage teams too. We learnt of the power that comes with listening to those around us, and how implementation can be facilitated and goals achieved by a truly clear mind that has its priorities set correctly. We discussed the importance of being curious and asking questions, of making hard choices and of persevering through the trying times that all of us have faced sometime or the other in our lives. We made note of some of the common biases that leaders fall for—a pro-strategy bias and a negative skew against implementation, and the dangers of subjective measurement metrics. Lastly, we spoke

of clearly defining and sustaining values, promoting genuine trust amongst teams, unfailingly keeping commitments and using all these as building blocks to create empowering and engaging cultures.

But, the single most important driver of leadership in my opinion is personal accountability, and I say this loudly because I have seen too many talented managers unable to evolve to great leaders, only because this particular characteristic was missing in their make-up.

When a child is very young, and while playing, loses her ball, she comes to her mother and happily says, 'Mama, I lost the ball'. Note the use of words. The child believes that the ball lost itself all on its own. And consequently it doesn't upset her. She believes her mother will take care of the situation and indeed the dotting parent rushes out to the play area, scrambling around for the lost ball. However, when this same child grows up a little bit and loses the same ball, this time she returns crying, 'Mama, I lost the ball'. It's a complete turnaround of both syntax and associated emotion. This time,

not only does the child feel terrible about losing the ball, but also for the first time in her life admits that it was her fault that the ball got lost. Several studies on developmental psychology indicate that this is the point in the child's growth (usually around the age of six) when the transition to adulthood truly begins. Because that's the behaviour that adults are expected to demonstrate, to take responsibility for their actions and the consequences thereof! To whit—personal accountability. 'I lost the ball. The ball didn't lose itself of its own volition. Neither did some malignant universal force direct its disappearance. It was me and only me.'

The reason I am highlighting this issue of accountability so vigorously is that most people struggle to accept onus, especially in negative situations. Despite being grown up, they morph back into that preschooler who happily says the ball disappeared through no fault of hers. This fundamental attribution error makes us prone to patting ourselves on our backs when things go right, but also just as swiftly blaming the external situation around us when things go wrong. Sales targets not met? Must be the bad economic conditions. Marriage failing? It was because our *kundalis* didn't match. Child turning out to be a brat? Surely it's all the company he's been keeping at school. And before we know it, we start blaming everything but ourselves for the shortcomings and disappointments that our lives are inevitably littered with. For it is the easier route to take, and certainly far more preferable than seeing our own errors reflected in the mirror of our benighted circumstances.

I see this happen all the time. Inevitably people outsource their lives to their circumstances or to other people around them by refusing to take culpability for anything that happens to them. Essentially admitting that not they, but someone else is responsible for their successes and failures.

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What should a soul do?

Souls have in them a huge potential even while they are intrinsically small. This is the beauty of the cosmic design, says AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

Lord Krishna describes us, souls, as His parts in the Geeta. (15.7) And we always remain so, that is, unchanged small souls. There is no mention anywhere in our scriptures that we, souls, ever become different or bigger. We eternally remain unchanged. (2.23-24)

The smallness of the soul is indicative of its very limited powers. All a soul can do is to desire, decide and enjoy or suffer as a consequence. Everything else is done by the material nature (3.27); our bodies are also parts of the material nature. If it wasn't so, no one will ever become sick or die for that matter; we will tell our bodies to follow our dictate. We can try to keep our bodies fit but the control over our bodies is not with us. We in fact are quite helpless not only with regard to the state of our bodies but in many other matters as well. Aren't we controlled by the results of our past deeds, which manifest periodically as good luck or bad luck? Our being small is part of the cosmic design. Imagine some soul becoming powerful somehow intrinsically. What chaos he or she is likely to cause; he or she may even challenge God. Therefore, this possibility does not exist.

However, this does not mean that we, souls, are helpless in the ultimate sense, because that will make the cosmic design defective. God has mercifully empowered me to write spiritual texts; He provides the needed information to me. (15.15) Therefore, a wise soul does the logical thing, that is to take shelter of God, who is open to such surrender. Rather, He encourages us to do so. (18.62) Then, our deficiency of being



small disappears. Small souls are able to perform unbelievable feats. Imagine Tulsidas writing such voluminous spiritual texts like *Ram Charit Manas*!

How do we get started on this all important surrender to God? In this also God helps; He communicates His instructions. As soon as a soul takes a material body, it is automatically covered by the three modes of the material nature, which are goodness, passion and darkness. This can be understood by an example of a man covered by a cloth made up of three different types of materials. The material representing goodness is light and mostly transparent; the material representing passion is slightly thicker and opaque; and darkness is almost dark. God has no problem piercing this cover; He is everywhere to begin with. The difficulty lies on the soul's ability to communicate to his brain. This cover stands in the way.

What should we do to get over this difficulty? The composition of the cover around us has to be made more transparent with greater goodness, less

passion and very little darkness. How this can be done is covered in the fourteenth chapter of the Geeta. There is another way, which Lord uses for those sincere souls, who are very keen on hearing from God; He finds many ways like a medium or He gives us a dream with the right information. Similarly, wise souls do spiritual activities while they are changing the relative proportions of the three modes. This endears us to God, who, then, takes the direct route of communication. By the way, God has no difficulty in receiving our messages; nothing can come in His way.

So let us get started on taking full benefit of this facility of getting help from the omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent God, if not started already. I have managed to get started on getting God's guidance, help, various shaktis (strengths), protection, bliss, peace, support and forgiveness. We all can do so and will, then, never be handicapped by our inherent smallness."

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The idea of instant justice

It's time to fix the rot in the criminal justice system to stem the rising demand for wanton killing of rapists-killers. Further laxity will make Nov 6 Hyderabad encounter an epitome of a parallel justice delivery system



SWARN KUMAR ANAND

If the misery of the poor be caused not by the laws of nature, but by our institutions, great is our sin.

— Charles Darwin, *Voyage of the Beagle*

The vagaries of the human mind seen in the binary of crime and punishment in the past fortnight — the rape-murder of a veterinarian in Hyderabad and the immolation of a rape survivor in Unnao in one side, and the encounter killing of all the four accused on the same crime spot on the outskirts of Hyderabad on the other — are so complex that for a concerned citizen speaking up is difficult, but keeping silence is impossible.

Violence against women is not a new phenomenon; it is existent in varying intensity in all societies, patriarchal or matriarchal. In India, after every few years, we witness paroxysms of public outrage over ghastly rape incidents, triggering demands for an effective criminal justice system. The narratives always ensue in across-the-board support for amendments to make laws more stringent, but the sluggish implementation keeps drawing people's ire. Nevertheless, the public outrage has rarely precipitated into the redressal of grievances by trigger-happy policemen as was seen in Hyderabad.

However, rather than going into the veracity of the claims of "fake" or "genuine" encounter in which four men accused of raping and killing the vet were shot dead during

the recreation of the crime scene in the wee hours of November 6, it is more pertinent to study why the extrajudicial killings have gained so much traction among the common people. The assessment is warranted all the more so because many of those singing the praises of the police believe the cops had taken vengeance on the rapists-murderers by shooting them in cold blood. The fortune of the Cyberabad Police, which had taken brickbats for initial delays in the filing FIR over the jurisdiction issue, has turned around with this "heroic" act in the eyes of the commoners.

Seen in this perspective, for those living in the ivory towers, it is imperative to acknowledge the reasons for the euphoria over the encounter deaths, rather than resting their case just by blaming the cops and the "mass hysteria". Whether genuine or fake, the encounter deaths reflect the rot in grievance redressal mechanism as the elation among people points to their belief that such encounter killings will serve the purported purposes of the criminal justice system: First, by punishing the wrongdoer; second, as deterrence for potential criminals; and third, by delivering speedy justice without the rigmarole of the unending procedure. The long seven years wait for the execution of Nirbhaya's rapists-killers is a case in point for them.

Therefore, terming the jubilation over the encounter killing of rapists-immolators as perversion is pregnant with the

possibilities of misunderstanding the ground situation. Social reality is not shaped by those legal codes which are divorced from the desires and demands of the people. It is vital for the lawmakers and enforcement agencies to understand that the perceptions of justice or injustice are always coloured by the values and interests of the particular society. The Cyberabad Police did what the irate people were looking from the criminal justice system that has failed to deliver to the satisfaction of the aggrieved.

It points to dangerous outlook. If people push for extrajudicial killings for swift justice, it means they have lost trust in the criminal justice system. Credible institutions are the foundations of a strong democracy. If one institution usurps the role of another, it will lead to anarchy and loss of accountability. Police can't be the end process in the criminal justice system; it rests with the court of law. But if justice is delayed or denied, it is natural, though unlawful, for the outraged mass to seek alternative methods.

It's high time we fixed the rot in the criminal justice system in order to stem the rising demand for wanton killing of rapists-killers, otherwise, the vacuum will be filled by unwanted and unaccountable elements. Any further laxity will make the Hyderabad encounter an epitome of a parallel justice delivery system.

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Ayodhya verdict: A way forward

The announcement of judgment went off peacefully without a single incident of communal tension or violence speaks volume about the administrative capacity of Indian state and astuteness of political class; however, one has to concede that this 'peace' has rested on the magnanimity of a section of the majoritarian community with 'its move forward approach' and 'fear-stricken tolerance' of the Muslim community

There are three crucial questions that have arisen following the November 9, 2019, Supreme Court verdict on clutches of writ petitions challenging the 2010 Allahabad High Court judgment on "land title of disputed structure of 2.77 acre" belonging to Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid (hereby Ayodhya matter). One, whether the unanimous decision of the SC on the Ayodhya matter strictly meets the test of legal jurisprudence, (i.e. whether verdict is based purely on the balance of evidence, which was produced in the court), constitutional morality and justice? Second, whether the judgment interfered with the matter of "faith/religious belief" of people and thus compromised the principle of secular governance? Third, whether judgment, given the historicity of emotional contestation attached with the Ayodhya matter spanning over more than 400 years, has succeeded in securing "social peace" and in healing the "wounded self" of both Hindu and Muslim communities?

The critics have slammed the judgment on all three indexes and concluded that the SC verdict has legalised the "rule of majoritarianism" and paved the way for the construction of Ram Mandir despite the fact that the weight of evidence was in favour of Muslim party. However such conclusions are simplistic and extreme reading of the judgment arising primarily from the current political context of Hindutava. A reality of specific political context is one thing; however demonstrating that judgment has primarily flowed from this political reality is another thing. The critics fall short on the second option.

I believe that the judgment meets the test of all three criteria. The strength of judgment lies in its unanimity and its inclusive approach that combines the judicious balance of law, constitutional practice of secularism, legal history of case, constitutional notion of justice, practical wisdom and Indian tradition of providing

context specific solution with its inherent flexibility and ambiguity required to manage its enormous social diversities. It is misnomer to think that judgment is based on a priori consideration of majoritarian faith and has ignored the legal scrutiny of evidences.

What has been found puzzling is that while on the one hand (a) the court recognised the damage to the Babri mosque in 1934, placement of idols of Ram Lalla in 1949 in the Sanctum sanctorum of the mosque and its eventual demolition in 1992 as grave violation of law and rejected the contention of Hindu party and ASI's archaeological evidence that the mosque was built by destroying a temple, though the judgment mentioned that the mosque was built on the ruins of a temple-like structure; on the other (b) it handed over the possession of entire disputed structure of 2.77 acre to Bhagwan Sri Ram Lalla Virajman (BSRV). However for the court, (a) and (b) are not inter related; they are separate matter to be investigated separately. In this specific judgment, the SC was seized with matter of "title deeds of land" only. Its judgment has no implication on the ongoing criminal trials against people who were charged with vandalising and conspiracy to destroy Babri mosque.

While awarding the possession of entire disputed land to BSRV, the SC relied upon historically evolved legal tradition of considering deity/idol as "juristic person" on the basis of continuation of tradition of worship and offering prayer to such idea/form of divinity without necessarily being manifested into the form of physical idol, which was agreed by the Muslim party. This recognition of BSRV as juristic person was combined with scrutiny of evidences which

demonstrated that unlike the Hindu party, which demonstrated the continuation of worship and prayer in the outer courtyard of mosque and their assertion of right to offer worship mixed with a few incidents of offering prayer in the inner courtyard of the mosque, the Muslim party neither demonstrated the continuation of prayer between 1526 and 1858, nor succeeded in establishing their exclusive claim over inner courtyard of the mosque, nor contested the exclusive claim of Hindus in outer courtyard. Hence the Muslim party failed to qualify the principle of adverse possession.

The court, therefore, on the basis of "principle of preponderance of probability" awarded the entire disputed structure to BSRV with a consideration that iron bifurcation between inner courtyard and outer courtyard was merely an administrative arrangement by the Colonial power in 1857-1858 to maintain the amity and peace, which does not take away the fact that the entire disputed structure was essentially one compact piece of land. The court then invoke the Article 142 to instruct the Central/State Governments to grant 5 acre to Muslim party at prominent place in Ayodhya in order to do justice to the loss of structure of the mosque.

The judgment has been criticised from the point of view that it dilutes and compromises the principle of secularism to an extent that it has interfered with matter of faith as evident from its directives to the Central Government to constitute a trust for construction of temple and a grant of

land to construct mosque. It is said that it is not a business of secular state to construct a place of worship.

I think this criticism is not fair and merely reflects a "panic reading" of judgment within the context of perceived Hindutava threat to the secular edifice of Indian governing structure. Rather the judgment not only repeatedly upheld the principle of secularism in terms of its equal and just treatment of all religions with equal freedom to practice their religious belief but closely follows the specific tradition of secular governance in India where the state and the court has historically dealt with "secular" aspect of religious activities (such as regulating administrative management and finances of places of worship). The court has in unmet number of cases has reserved its right to define what it constitutes the "essential of religion". In this specific matter, the court has been confined to deliberate over secular aspect of faith: the issue of land titles.

Second, it has only given directives to Central Government to establish a "trust", the composition of which is yet to finalise, to facilitate the construction of temple over undisputed structure without stating or implying that expenditure for such construction would be borne out of the Government exchequer. It may be noted here that while the Central Government constituted a trust to reconstruct Somnath Mandir in early 1950s, the trust raised money from people to complete the reconstruction. On the other hand, the court directed the State Government to allot 5 acre of land to UP Sunni Central Waqf Board, the main litigant in the case, as "just compensation" to the loss of structure of Babri mosque without underlining that mosque will be reconstructed with public fund. Thus in both instances, the court merely upheld the secular tradition of governance.

The announcement of judgment went off peacefully



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without a single incident of communal tension or violence speaks volume about the administrative capacity of Indian state and astuteness of political class; however one has to concede that this "fragile peace" has rested on the magnanimity of a section of the majoritarian community with "its move forward approach" and "fear stricken tolerance" of the Muslim community.

Nonetheless, the judgment has potential to achieve a durable "social peace" between the two communities if the following conditions are met: (a) The Government must reign in the fringe extremist section of majoritarian community to celebrate the day as 'victory day' in future; (b) the Muslim community must not file pleas for review of the judgment as it has potential to further vitiate the national atmosphere; (c) The Muslim community must not see this judgment as a part of bundle of Government's (perceived) anti-Muslim actions: incidence of lynching, cow politics, abolition and criminalisation of instant triple talaq, abolition of Article 370 and downgrading of Jammu & Kashmir to UT, the threat of NRC, threat of Uniform Civil Code, etc, rather a result of legal scrutiny with faith in Indian judicial system, and (d) the Government must build the conducive political climate in which minorities could live with sense of security, trust and liberty.

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Let's fight for right to life & dignity of rape survivors

Considering the social stigma attached to rape, it needs great courage and determination for the victim to take legal recourse for justice. Therefore, if a rape survivor decides to fight it out despite all odds, she becomes a saviour for other victims. Such women should be given state protection, particularly a foolproof financial support in her pursuit of justice

Crime against women, particularly sexual assault, is on the upsurge. The recent appalling incidents testify that despite a mass protest against the 2012 Nirbhaya gang-rape and the subsequent enforcement of the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2013 (Nirbhaya Act), nothing much has changed.

The audacity with which the accused executed the brutal rape and gruesome murder of a 26-year-old veterinary doctor on Hyderabad outskirts compels us to contemplate on what is wrong with us as a society. Implementation of stringent laws has failed to curb the barbarity. Reports show that rape, in most cases, is not the first offense of the perpetrators. As their crimes often go unregistered, they repeat it and their cruelty increases with each repetition of the act. A psychoanalyst has pointed out that those who repeat the crime, especially related to sexual assault, do it as an act of their right. And whenever a woman objects, they react as if their right is being curtailed by that woman.

Shiv Kumar Yadav, the

Uber Cab driver, who was sentenced life-term for raping a 27-year old woman executive in 2013, exemplifies how a pervert keeps on repeating his crime when it goes unregistered. Investigation into the case revealed that Yadav had tried to molest many women of his village but since no complaint was registered officially no action was taken against him. In 2012 he was arrested for allegedly raping a bar dancer, but was acquitted for lack of evidence. A little courage and prompt legal action could have saved innocent from falling prey to the predator.

Due to social stigma attached to rape, many women prefer to keep quiet and this silence is exploited by the perpetrators. In an incident in April 2019 in Alwara, a woman, travelling with her husband on a bike, was waylaid and gang-raped, while her husband was brutally tortured. The accused took multiple videos of their heinous act and uploaded it on social networking sites. It was only after the video went viral that the couple lodged a complaint on May 4. The audacity of the criminals shows that

there is no fear of law. But why is it so? Since majority of the sexual assault victims do not register their complaints, the rapists do not appear in news stories and thus go undetected. Thus it's really important to register every rape case.

Registering the crime, however, doesn't put an end to the misery of a woman. In fact it initiates a life-long struggle. Even if a woman, overcoming all the social and psychological barriers, registers her complaint, she faces legal harassment. Apart from the traumatic and unsympathetic medical examinations, she has to face inappropriate questions and indecent remarks. Her character is brutally assassinated. She is often pressurised to withdraw her complaint and even receives life threats from the influential and powerful perpetrators and their accomplices. Some do succumb to the family pressure and popular Indian thinking "jo hona tha so ho gaya".

But the way an 18-year old girl showed exemplary courage by registering a case in Delhi Police station on April 16, 2019 against her parents, who had accepted a bribe from the

accused (two rich property dealers who abducted and raped her) to compel her to withdraw her statement in the court is praiseworthy. The girl claimed that the accused had offered a hefty amount of ₹20 lakh and had even paid an advance of ₹5 lakh (which she had even deposited in the police station) to her parents to withdraw the case. Despite being poor and struggling to arrange money to fight the case against the perpetrators, she chose to stand by her dignity.

It reminds us of another incident where a 17-year old survivor of a gang-rape, in spite of receiving multiple threats, decided to file case against a powerful MLA of the ruling party in Uttar Pradesh. While acting on their threat, the brother of the MLA along with some goons, severely beat up her father and humiliated him in hospital, who later succumbed to his injuries. When her complaint went unnoticed, the Unnao girl tried to immolate herself in front of Uttar Pradesh Assembly, which drew public attention. She knew about the consequences when she decided to file an FIR against such a powerful MLA, but nevertheless

she decided to fight on.

Had these girls preferred to keep silence and not file case against the rapists, many others could have been a victim of their lust. And who knows how many victims have remained silent!

Thus fast-track court and legal reforms alone cannot help. What we desperately need at this moment is to get rape registered. The culprits need to be exposed. But this is not possible unless the stigma associated with rape is removed. The stigma is so ingrained in our culture that while we can easily identify ourselves as a victim of robbery or any other crime we do hesitate even to confide in our families about rape or sexual assault.

It does take immense courage to come out of the closet and expose the culprits while realising the consequences. Thus the courage a woman shows in registering a case of rape against her perpetrators should not be seen as just an urge to punish the culprits. It's her fight for her self-respect and dignity. In the process of exposing the perverts she saves innumerable women from being harmed by

them. Thus the perception of society needs to be changed. A rape survivor should not be looked down upon just as a helpless woman. Prying eyes and social exclusion is not what she deserves. Instead she should be seen as a warrior who has enough courage to fight against injustice and as "savior of modesty" of a lot of other women.

While we acknowledge the physical courage exhibited by the brave hearts who save many lives from the clutches of death, a woman who has been courageous enough to conquer all psychological, social, economic and political barriers in exposing the perpetrators and thus protecting many lives from being harmed by the perverts also deserves to be honoured with bravery award for upholding moral courage. Recognition and respect alone can change our conditioned perceptions.

However besides moral support and encouragement what the survivors need is financial independence and security. The Government should ensure a policy to rehabilitate these women through respectable Government jobs according to their qualifications

and abilities to enable them to continue their fight. They should be given duty leave to attend the court proceedings and additional financial assistance to afford lawyer's fees. The Government must provide security to the survivors in case there is any threat.

True, unless society changes its perception, the stigma associated with rape will continue haunting the survivors and any financial assistance cannot compensate their ordeal. But a secure job can at least lighten their additional miseries related to career and finance. As the crime against women is not just a legal problem but a socio-political and psychological one, it becomes a collective responsibility of society to rehabilitate the survivors. However, it's the perpetrators who should be compelled to share the responsibility of generating financial aid for the survivors. Resources can be generated by confiscating the properties of the perpetrators once their guilt is proven.

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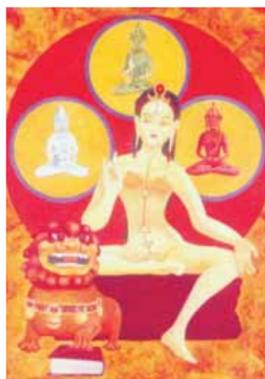
TO GO FROM MORTAL TO BUDDHA, YOU HAVE TO PUT AN END TO KARMA, NURTURE YOUR AWARENESS, AND ACCEPT WHAT LIFE BRINGS —BODHDHARMA

YOUR WEEK AHEAD

MADHU KOTIYA



ARIES March 21-April 19
The week looks good for you. Your health is likely to take a turn for the better. You will be in a cheerful and positive mood. Mostly, you are very conscious of health and devote a good time in looking after your well-being. There are things that you can actively do to groom yourself — taking a massage, going to spa and joining a gym is on the card. Career-wise, you are sparking with new ideas. Promotion or starting a new project/job is likely to happen. Your productive level will be very high and being efficient will pay off. Your submissive attitude will play a great role in enhancing your career this week. Your relationship with your family is going strong. You may need to do what it takes to find balance in your personal and professional life.
Lucky number 13
Lucky colour Maroon
Lucky day Wednesday



LEO July 23-Aug 22
Living in the moment and to listen to your body is the first condition to being in a state of good health. Temptations, confusions and disorganisation will disorient. You are overwhelmed and this energy carries the warning that you need to focus. On the career front, you have all the means and ability to achieve your goals. So aim high and you will go far. A new connection at the workplace could prove in your favour this week. Those looking for employment, you are going to find it very soon. You may expect a job call from a distant city, travel is likely. You need to be a little careful in money matters this week. Relationship wise, an existing relationship is going to take a turn for the better. Singles, a new relationship is likely to appear soon.
Lucky number 12
Lucky colour Brown
Lucky day Thursday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21
This week you will be all charged up and ready for action. Good news is in the offing. When you have a positive self-image, you value and respect your body. You will feel good about living a healthy and balanced lifestyle. Pamper yourself with spa and grooming. On the professional front, now is the time to go independent. Do your homework well. You have the resources and you can make your business work. Make sure to put in the time and effort it requires. Your determination, perseverance are your greatest assets which will take you ahead in your career. On the personal front, it is never too late to change any pattern of behaviour, and with enough effort, you can change the way you think, feel, and act.
Lucky number 11
Lucky colour Golden
Lucky day Monday



TAURUS April 20-May 20
You need some quick changes in your routine as the situation has changed and you have to fulfill the needs of the present state that you are in. Expectant mothers may need to undergo a medical examination to clear some doubts for a stress-free time ahead. Be honest with yourselves and review what best action should be taken. On the career front, those seeking a job, know that you have the skill set to find it. If you're already employed, and there is room for upward mobility. Do not hesitate to negotiate for what you are worth. If there is no room for a raise then you should give serious thought to finding something with high scope. On the personal front, things will speed up in the relationship. There may be good news of childbirth, conception, marriage or engagement.
Lucky number 7
Lucky colour White
Lucky day Monday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22
You would be in the pink of your health this week. This will be a time of peace, joy, and prosperity for you and to deepen your spiritual growth. Celebrate these good feelings and share them with your friends and loved ones in whatever way you can. On the career front, if you are seeking employment, you will be hired into a new position that tests your skills and is demanding. Those who are already employed may be saddled with far more responsibility. Don't hesitate to request assistance from supervisors with prioritising. You have the knowledge, strength, and inspiration needed to meet your challenges. On a personal level, you are enthusiastic and very romantic in your relations. If you are single, it's very likely that a new romance is on the horizon.
Lucky number 10
Lucky colour Yellow
Lucky day Sunday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19
This week things are likely to go well. You will feel loved, cared for, and content. This is a good time to enjoy good health. Air, water, fire, earth, and ether (space) the balance of these five elements in life will make life worth living. You are likely to be a motivator and inspiring for many. You need a well-deserved rest and relaxation, after a hectic work schedule that has had you busy. On the career front, a sudden hike in salary or reputation is foreseen. There may be switch over of job, promotion in the existing job, transfer or some different portfolio is assigned which could turn out to be in your favour. On the personal front, you may plan a vacation with your partner to an exotic place. The time flies with happy note leaving you rejuvenated and rejoiced.
Lucky number 20
Lucky colour Grey
Lucky day Friday



GEMINI May 21-June 20
Stress may cause health problems. Pay attention to diet, exercise and sleep. Stay positive. You will find depth and wisdom in solitude. You may look at a new belief system in search of the meaning of life. On the career front, you will share cordial relations with colleagues, friends and even seniors this week. For those in business, this is a good time to bring in desirable changes. Be a good listener, trust your instincts and connect with your innermost desires. This is also a good time to start a new venture/project. On the personal front, you will make new friends and a friendship may turn into a loving relationship. You will reach a good understanding with others. Make a deeper commitment in love to strengthen the bond.
Lucky number 2
Lucky colour Green
Lucky day Friday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22
Hectic work schedule and day to day challenges could take a toll on your health. Take time out for yourself. You need to bring balance in your professional and personal life. Time management and discipline is the first bet to beat the fast pace of life. Professionally, anxiety, fear and tension could bring your efficiency down. There is a fear of lay off, office politics and survival in the rat race. Keep all your financial documents up to date. You may be questioned or interrogated in this week. A key decision will work as a foundation on which the rest of your life may be set. Relationship wise, you are working with your heart and not the mind. Those who are committed, there are chances that things are not moving smoothly. You will realise that it is better to move away from an unhealthy relationship.
Lucky number 16
Lucky colour Orange
Lucky day Tuesday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18
Those who are having physical problems, remember that things do not always have to be the way they are right now. Pay attention to diet, exercise, and make time for rest. A trusted health counsellor can get you moving along the right course. Career-wise, this is the time when many projects are realised, especially those that are profitable to you. Business dealings will be fruitful. If you are in self-made business or job, people will evaluate your work and accept your views and products. Those who are in export and import business are likely to engage in good networking this week. On the personal front, this is the time for completion. You have worked hard, and you deserve all the accolades that are coming your way.
Lucky number 3
Lucky colour Sky Blue
Lucky day Thursday



CANCER June 21-July 22
You will put an end to certain bad habits that you may be harbouring. Expect some distress as you make this transition. Physical exercise is important, but do not overdo it. You will find some spiritual truths that hold promise and are beneficial for you. Professionally, you may be moving to a new position or a new set of responsibilities. You will be optimistic, upbeat, and hopeful about your future. You are likely to be able to pay off debts and perhaps, share your wealth with those less fortunate. On the personal front, it would be good to strike a balance with yourself. You are passionate and energetic and have a charming persona. Love is in the air. A fiery affair or new relationship is on the cards.
Lucky number 8
Lucky colour Red
Lucky day Saturday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21
Your health will be good this week and mood elated. Your determination and will power will give you strength and put you in the right direction where you can live a disciplined life. Avoid alcohol, junk and spicy food. Routine exercises, morning walk and planned diet will work wonders for you. Career-wise, this is a rewarding week. It is the right time to get close to an influential person. You could establish your strength in your career. If you are in partnership business, there are fair chances that you will all work for selfless motives. People will listen to you and respect your views. On the personal front, some arguments, conflicts may cause bitterness in your existing relationship. Your aggression, anger will take a toll. You need to relax and think with a cool mind.
Lucky number 5
Lucky colour Indigo
Lucky day Saturday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20
This is a good week for your emotional and physical well-being. Your positive approach to things will be of great help. Those waiting for test results, know that the news will be good. You are getting ready to enter new realms in your spiritual exploration. This is a good week career-wise and with your charm and intelligence you will realise all your ambitions. You need a break and some perspective. Perhaps the time has come to start looking for another position. Your psychological insight is excellent and you can better understand what motivate others and what their needs are. However, this is not a good time for investments. You will find stability in existing relations. Those close to you are full of concern and love; it would be wise to enjoy the moment.
Lucky number 9
Lucky colour Magenta
Lucky day Sunday

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God helps those who help themselves

I am God loving. I pray every morning before I set out for work, and again before I retire for the day. Yet, my life has gone through unwanted twists and turns every now and then. Why have my prayers gone un-responded so far? What am I lacking? Tell me, what corrections do I need to make. When does my life stabilise? With these questions in mind, someone recently sought my guidance.
Well, God or no God, how does it matter? If at all there is a God, He would be involuntarily doing His rounds. He doesn't need our seeking or prompting for coming into play. He, in His own glory would be available in equal proportion to all and sundry. It, therefore, becomes difficult to digest that he would selectively listen to your prayers and grant wishes to your asking. Even if there is no God, how does it matter. For, life will still continue to move on. So, instead of looking for seeking God's help, somewhere out at a distance, for fulfillment of desires, better take charge of yourself, and consciously try to get better empowered.
Having said that, let me make it clear that the relevance of the concept of

God still holds good. Even if He doesn't grant your wishes, pursuing the belief does certainly help firm up your own faith element. That helps you carry on the task in hand in all strength. Also, it keeps you centred.
But all said and done, at the end of the day, you need to take charge of yourself, and consciously works towards the desired destination. Know it in clear terms that life as such doesn't have an easy go. In a world, where everyone is born unique, each manifesting varying mind-traits and desire-trends, it becomes a natural breeding ground for conflict of perceptions and interests. Evidently, therefore, you are bound to contend with competing interests and contrarian forces. Braving all such challenges ahead intelligently, you need to put in wholesome quality efforts to score success. That, however, would not come about, unless you consciously identify and acknowledge your inherent fault lines, address them, and also optimise your potential. But, for which, you will fail to put in your best foot forward. Also, you need to keep an eye on prevailing environmental conditions to intelligently sail through all odds com-



ing in the way.
That makes it incumbent upon you to live consciously. You have so far gone ahead with the usual flow of life, carrying the hope that being a believer, God will help you sail through. So, you have gone through intermittent bouts of success and failures. It's time now to make you aware of your potential and weaknesses. Jupiter firmly placed in the *lagna* makes you a well-meaning and creative person. The *lagna* lord Mars in the 3rd house grants you with the courage necessary to spiritedly carry on the task in hand. Moon, well aligned to Uranus points to your innovative, inventive, and insightful mind, worth coming out with out of box independent ideas. Moon again, placed favourably to Mercury grants you with excellent communicative skills.
Your habits and attitudes, however, often play spoil sport with your strength side. Your *lagna* sign Aries makes you aggressive, impulsive, impatient, intolerant, and domineering, who may not like to play a second fiddle to any. You carry the tendency to jump into action without applying proper forethoughts, and with obvious consequences. It's only when you land into problem that you are forced to apply your mind when you

may emerge as the best crisis manager also. Moon occupying Sagittarius sign makes you undiplomatic and tactless. Mars well aligned to Uranus makes you self-willed and overconfident, but its opposition to Moon, and also ill-disposed off to the Sun, makes you temperamental, angry and irritable person. You may flare up on the slightest provocation, when you may temporarily lose all sense of reasons and direction. The Sun opposite Saturn brings in a sense of fear and insecurity, which in turn, brings in a sense of inertia. So, often your initiatives as also response to a situation gets delayed, and with obvious consequences. If that would not be enough, the Sun placed adverse to Jupiter brings in a swaggering ego, which binds you to self-defined beliefs and perceptions, not open to look beyond for a reality check either. It becomes difficult for you to digest, if ever things don't move your expected lines, when you get unnerved beyond due. And the result is there to see.
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