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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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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 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 criminals 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 nar-

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

rated 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 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 lathicharged Congress workers who staged a protest against



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 visits Sindupur village, the home of the rape victim who succumbed to burns, on Saturday PTI

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. 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 Bhawan 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.

## Access to justice beyond reach of poor: President

PTI ■ JODHPUR

President Ram Nath Kovind here on Saturday expressed concern over access to justice, saying the judicial process has gone beyond the reach of the common man.

"The judicial process has become expensive, even beyond the reach of common man due to many reasons, especially in the high court and the Supreme Court where it has become impossible for common litigants," the President said during the inauguration of the newly constructed Rajasthan High Court building.

"Today, can any poor or deprived person come here with his complaint? This question is the most important because in the Preamble to the Constitution, we all have



accepted the responsibility of providing justice to all," he said.

He added Mahatma Gandhi was concerned about the expenditure incurred in the process of justice. For him, the welfare of the poorest of poor (daridra narayan) was always paramount, he said.

"If we keep in mind Gandhiji's famous criterion, if we remember the face of the poorest and the weakest, then we will see the right path," Kovind said.

# 64.39 % polling in second phase

Man killed, Police thwart Maoist attempt to ambush polling party

PNS ■ RANCHI

Amid a couple of incidents where Maoists tried to disrupt the electoral process and a person lost his life in firing after villagers attacked security personnel at a polling booth, 64.39 per cent polling was recorded in the second phase of Jharkhand Assembly polls that took place in 20 constituencies across the State.

Chief Electoral officer, Jharkhand Vinay Kumar Chaubey informed that one person named Jilani Ansari lost his life in firing by police personnel, when villagers at a polling booth in Sisai constituency attacked the security men after a scuffle between them. Also, suspected Maoists torched a bus in West Singhbhum district and fired at a polling party in Khunti district while it was returning to district headquarters after polling. No casualties were reported from the two Maoist related incidents, he said.

The Election Commission of India has cancelled polling at booth number 36 in Sisai constituency, which will undergo re-polling on December 09, said officials.

Meanwhile, the statistics released by CEO, Jharkhand office the highest polling percentage was recorded in Bahragora constituency where 74.44 per cent voters used their franchise, while the lowest voting percentage was recorded in Jamshepur West constituency where 47.42 per cent voters exercised their vot-



Voters show voter identity cards as they wait in a queue to cast their votes at a polling station during the 2nd phase of Jharkhand Assembly elections, at Mandar constituency on Saturday Vinay Murmu | Pioneer

ing rights. The overall polling percentage has also recorded a decline the polling percentage in Lok Sabha elections 2019 and Assembly elections 2014 were 67.97 and 68.01 per cent respectively.

Notably, Maoist infested constituencies including Simdega (64.74%), Kolebira (65.48%), Khunti (63.66%), Torpa (64.24%), Tamar (68.11%), Kharsawan (62.22%), Manoharpur (60.03%), Chaibasa (65.09%), Seraikela (60.05%), Potka (66.5%) and Ghatasila (70.65%) recorded encouraging voting figures.

Interestingly, Jamshepur East, the constituency of Chief Minister Raghubar Das, who is contesting against rebel BJP leader Saryu Roy and Congress' Gaurav Ballabh showed poor voting percentage with just 50.67 per cent voters coming out to vote. The constituency had recorded 60.90 per cent voting in 2014 Assembly polls.

CEO, Vinay Kumar Chaubey said that barring a couple of untoward incidents polling went well with very enthusiastic participation of voters including PwDs, senior citizens, youth and women in



Chief Minister Raghubar Das shows inked finger after casting his vote during the 2nd phase of Jharkhand Assembly polls in Jamshepur on Saturday Pioneer

were made to conduct the second phase of polls in a fair, peaceful and transparent manner. This phase was being monitored continuously and intensively throughout the

entire electoral process. Due to being mostly Naxalite affected areas in this phase, elaborate security arrangements were made. As many as 48,25,038 elec-

## 1 dead, 2 injured in police firing at polling booth

Maoists attack poll party in Khunti, torch bus in Chaibasa

SAURAV ROY ■ RANCHI

One person died and at least two others sustained injuries after security personnel opened fire at a polling booth in Gumla district's Sisai constituency on Saturday. The villagers pelted stones at the jawans 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 jawans, police added, had to take the extreme step in a bid to protect themselves from an enraged group of young men who tried to snatch their guns



An injured police officer at a hospital for treatment after clash between voters at a polling station during 2nd phase of Assembly polls, at Sisai in Gumla district on Saturday Pioneer photo

surrounded the jawans and attacked them, police said. The second gunshot killed one of the assailants.

"Preliminary investigation shows that it was an act of self-defence. The assailants tried to distort the queue of voters at the polling booth. On being checked, they got into a scuffle with the cops. One of them tried to snatch a security personnel's gun," said Gumla Superintendent of Police (SP), Anjani Kumar Jha.

The deceased has been identified as 28-year-old Jilani Ansari. One of the two injured, identified as Tabrez Ansari, was shot on his thigh, while the other sustained splinter injuries, said police. Tabrez was sent to Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Ranchi for treatment. The incident involved five Railway Police Force (RPF) jawans, who too have been

referred to RIMS.

The incident occurred at polling booth number 36 and the Election Commission of India (ECI) has decided to go for a re-polling in the booth later. Meanwhile, Leader of Opposition Hemant Soren demanded suspension of the security personnel in question and a high level inquiry into the matter. "Fearing defeat in the elections, the Government used security forces to suppress the voice of common people," Soren said.

In another incident, Left Wing Extremists (LWE) torched a bus used for ferrying voters to polling booths in Chaibasa. However, no casualties were reported in the incident. Later in the day, LWE rebels attacked poll parties in Khunti district's Arki block leading to an encounter between security forces and the insurgents.

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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.



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## 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.

## Plan Your Sunday

### Kanaat by Ritu Kumar

Venue: Ritu Kumar store, M4, South Extension - Part II  
When: December 12 and December 13, 2019  
Time: 11 am to 5 pm

For over five decades, textile revivalist and fashion designer Ritu Kumar has travelled around the world studying historical Indian textile collections and contemporary traditions of hand-making. Ritu Kumar presents Kanaat; a brief history of painted and printed Indian Textiles; an exhibition which presents historical pieces, archival images and collages around the diverse traditions of hand painting and hand printing on cloth. This showcase also highlights Kumar's efforts to recreate their timeless appeal in contemporary collections for her eponymous label Ritu Kumar Home.

The word *kanaat* refers to textile panels which were used to create walls, screens and tents over centuries in the Indian subcontinent. Historically, many of these were meant for furnishings, interiors and architecture. Forming travelling palaces, garden pavilions and sacred spaces, they reflected the outstanding genius of Indian dyers, artists and printers which developed in the Indian subcontinent over centuries. They conjured celebratory worlds of flora and fauna with the use of exceptional colours, fabrics, techniques and skills, producing masterpieces which remain unparalleled. Made for both local markets and for export, such patterned textiles — made in India — further inspired the growth of printed fabric in other parts of Asia and Europe.



### Ramen Festival

Venue: Youmee, Greater Kailash II, New Delhi  
When: Till December 8, 2019  
Time: 11 am to 11:30 pm

One of life's simplest and universal pleasures is a bowl of hot ramen. With the onset of winter, Youmee is all set to pay an ode to the delicious soup art made with crafted noodles, savory broths, and perfectly melded toppings with a ten day Ramen festival. The special menu will be offering different types of ramen to try and slurp to your heart's delight.



With exciting options for both vegetarians and non-vegetarians, the ramen bowls will be a delight for people who love the convenience and warmth of one-bowl meals. The menu will cater to the palate of the adventurous foodies as well as the ones who like more tried-and-tested popular options.

The mouth-watering vegetarian options include vegan dreams, a delicious ramen bowl with tofu, broccoli, pok choy, mushroom, lettuce in miso broth and Veggie Delight, blend of mushroom, pok choy, chinese cabbage, bean sprouts in garlic sesame flavoured broth. The non-vegetarians can enjoy Teriyaki Chicken Ramen - a Chef's special teriyaki glazed chicken ramen with a healthy miso broth, wakame & nori and many others.

### Peking Duck & Flavours Of Sichuan

Venue: The Westin Gurgaon, New Delhi  
When: Till December 22, 2019  
Time: 11 am to 7 pm  
Cost: ₹2,500 plus taxes (for two)

The Westin Gurgaon announces the launch of Peking Duck at EEST, its exquisitely designed Pan Asian specialty dining outlet, introducing savors from the Imperial era in the menu.



That's not it though! The hotel also brings forth Flavours of Sichuan at EEST, an authentic menu inspired by Sichuan cuisine originating from the Sichuan Province in China. This festival curating the most popular cuisine of China — the indulgent Sichuan also marks the launch of the Sichuan Special Menu at EEST, upgrading its expansive Pan Asian menu to offering Sichuan specialties now.

The carefully curated menu showcases a myriad of taste profiles the complex Sichuan cuisine has to offer ultimately aiming to manifest comfort dining for patrons through its bespoke traditional presentation in a sophisticated ambience.

### 7th edition of Vh1 Supersonic

Venue: Mahalakshmi Lawns, Pune  
When: February 7 to February 9, 2020  
Cost: ₹3,000 per ticket

BeThereBeFree! Step up music fanatics and get ready to groove to the pumping beats of India's biggest multi-genre festival — Vh1 Supersonic 2020. Known for diverse music, extravagant stages, breakthrough artist line-up, and wholesome festival experience Vh1 Supersonic 2020 returns to its three-day original format and promises to set you free with its theme — The Rabbit Hole. The theme is a place of infinite possibilities, a place that resonates with the beat of Supersonic - #BeThereBeFree.



Taking the festival to its crescendo will be the all-time favourite — American DJ and musician Illenium, rock band Chon, Indian rapper Divine and world's biggest techno brand Awakenings!

## 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.

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

journey to keep himself and Balakumara safe from Kaikala's threat and at the same time save Vijayanagar from their ultimate doom. It will be interesting for our viewers to watch the episodes further as they are full of thrilling and unexpected twists."

### SEQUEL OF YJHK IN MAKING?

Star Plus' popular fiction show, *Yehh Jadu Hai Jinn Ka* (YJHK) 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 amongst 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."



# Ballot fervour wins over bullets in Kolhan, rural voters take lead

**East Singhbhum registers 55.61 per cent polling, model booths popular among voters**

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

Despite threat of Naxal violence looming large over Maoists infested areas of Kolhan, people proved that ballot (now EVM) is powerful than bullet on Saturday during the second phase of election that took place here today.

Voter turnout was impressive in all the constituencies of Kolhan division Bahragora, Ghatsila, Potka, Seraikela and Kharsawan.

Despite poster war waged by the ultras in Seraikela Kharswan and West Singhbhum, the voters dared to come out and exercise their franchise.

District East Singhbhum registered 55.61 per cent, West Singhbhum 62.55 per cent and Seraikela Kharswan 58.05 per



Polling officials escorted by security personnel as they return after completing the voting at a polling station during second phase of State Assembly elections at Burudih Kochang under Arki police station of Khunti district on Saturday  
Ratan Lal | Pioneer

cent voting.

SSP Anoop Bitharay said that the second phase of polling was held peacefully under strict vigil. He said that both Election Commission and the district police made good co-

ordination to ensure the elections are conducted in smooth manner.

Returning Officer Ravi Shankar Shukla said that the process to calculate the voting percentage is on.

However, according initial calculation Bahragora registered 68.38 per cent polling, Ghatsila 64.47 per cent, Potka 61 per cent.

While Jamshedpur East and West were 46.41 per cent



Women voters show their voter id cards as they wait in queue to cast their votes at Barigardha in Tamar constituency on Saturday  
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and 43.22 per cent.

Prior to this the tribal people and police were seen moving freely in this area, despite Maoists gave a poll boycott call, but tribals took it casually.

The day began with low

turned out. Almost all the polling booths were vacant, but as the day progressed the polling speed kicked-off.

It may be mentioned that Security forces comprising of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Railway Protection

Special Force (RPSF), Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), Jharkhand Jaguar assault groups, Jharkhand armed police, district police and home guards were deployed to ensure peaceful polling under threat of Naxalite

effort to disrupt the polling. Meanwhile, the model booths in East Singhbhum district were popular among voters making them keen to cast their vote for the Assembly polls.

Voters young as well as senior citizens loved the concept of model booth, some of which were decorated with flowers and balloons.

A voter said that though booths are usually very boring but he loved the new idea that was introduced since the general elections this time.

It makes one feel that they are a part of this great democratic process.

For ensuring the polling in a peaceful and hassle-free way, the administration had deployed over 250 companies forces from the CRPF, CISF, Central Armed Police Force (CAPF), CoBRA, Jharkhand Jaguar, Jharkhand Armed Police and District Armed police across three districts. They had set up 10 Quick Response Teams (QRT) comprising 15 armed personnel in each team to meet any emergency in the city.

**State Govt bugles siren for non accredited colleges**

PNS ■ DALTONGANJ

Colleges having status of Cbeing constituent or permanently affiliated going un accredited so far have been given a last chance to get accredited by NAAC latest by May 31, 2020 or face music which will be too harsh.

Sources said director technical, higher education and skill development department government of Jharkhand has sent a letter to this effect to nearly a dozen universities set up in the state like Nilamber Pitamber university in Daltonganj, Rai university in Ranchi, Ameti university, Jharkhand Raksha Shakti university Ranchi, Vinod Bihari Mahto university Dhanbad, Sarla Birla university Ranchi, National Institute of Technology Jamshedpur, Arka Jain university Jamshedpur, Jharkhand Pradhogik university Ranchi etc to get NAAC done positively by May 31st 2020.

A timeline has been given and these non accredited institutions are to adhere to it by all means read the letter of the director which begins from the first week of January 2020 and ends on 31.5.2020.

Sources said the government is too much vexed with universities/ constituent colleges/ permanent affiliated colleges not going for NAAC accreditation despite several prodding both from the government and at various levels of meeting of the Chancellor of the state universities Droupadi Murmu who is the governor of Jharkhand. Sources said the universities and colleges are not budging an inch for accreditation by NAAC which is sending out a very poor image of the status of the higher education here in Jharkhand.

Vice chancellor of Nilamber Pitamber university S N Singh said this malaise is very much prevalent in this university too where 3 constituent colleges namely GLA, JS and SJSN college Garhwa are dangling this evaluation and assessment by NAAC over the years.

Singh said two permanent affiliated colleges one B S college at Latehar and the other at Japla based A K Singh college are also hanging this NAAC business in air for years.

Sources said colleges not ready or bracing to face NAAC are for the express reasons of utter lack of infra structures on their campus. Sources said colleges wear a look of neglect as their library, labs, administrative section, academic sector, common rooms for boys and girls, wash rooms, play ground, facility of drinking water supply and water supply in labs etc are either in shabby condition or not available too.

A college teacher preferring anonymity said such colleges do not want to face NAAC as then its grading which is bound to be minus C will leave them nowhere.

Asked that fear of dismal grading by NAAC too is a factor pushing these colleges to avoid NAAC as long as it can to which VC said, "I have asked them to get any grading but go for NAAC."

## Human chain formed to spread voting awareness



PNS ■ BOKARO

A large number of people took part in forming a human chain aiming to aware voters to exercise their franchise to strengthen democracy here on Saturday.

The human chain was formed under Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) programme. The eight kms stretch from ITI More Chas to Bokaro Airport was to motivate people to exercise their franchise, informed Rahul Kumar Bharti DPRO Bokaro.

The district administration succeeded in making a Human Chain with help of over thousands of people including Jharkhand Police and CRPF jawans, people from various social organizations, college

principals, professors and students, teachers, Sakhi Mandal members, Sahia's, employees form PSU's and other plant units, the district administration officers and staffs, general voters, brand ambassadors from colleges, PWD brand ambassadors and others in order to create voter awareness.

Cops and students holding placards sensitized voters about the importance of voting. Special children and senior citizens were also part of the initiative.

DDC Ravi Ranjan Mishra said, "It is necessary for everyone to vote in order to make a change in our country. He noted that this initiative will motivate people for coming state elections. With the help of this, people can vote for the

right leader."

Bokaro district consists of four constituencies including Bermo and Gomia and Bokaro and Chandankiyari assembly constituency. Bermo and Gomia will go for poll on 12 December while Bokaro and Chandankiyari on 16 December.

According to the proposed final roll (12 October 2019), there are about 13.5 lakhs voters in four Assembly constituency of the district. In Bokaro assembly constituency there are 526660 voters includes 281653 male voters, 243428 female, 30 transgender and 1549 service voters while in Chandankiyari there are 240900 total voter includes 127161 male, 113469 female, 1 transgender and 269 service voters, he said.

## Man held for killing wife in Garhwa

PNS ■ GARHWA

A man allegedly hacked her 32 year-old-wife to death over a family dispute at Padhua village under Meral police station here on Saturday. The deceased has been identified as Sima Devi, whose husband Akhilesh Sao and mother in law Sumitra Devi were arrested by police.

Police said that at around 8.30 morning today, Akhilesh hit his wife with an axe following a heated argument with her in-laws over some domestic issues leaving her dead. Hearing the cries of the 8 years old son of deceased, a mob of villagers reached the spot and found dead the deceased in the house.

After executing the incident, all the accused hid in the house of the former Mukhiya of Padhua panchayat Awadh Kishore Deo and they stated him her daughter-in-law was dead. Former Mukhiya informed the Meral police.

Police somehow wanted to get out from there with the accused so that no major incident happens. But the furious people surrounded the in front of police jeep and made a ruckus for about 2 hours.

Meral Police Station in-charge Rameshwar Upadhyay said, "Due to the alertness of police, a major incident was averted."

The crowd was so fierce that the possibility of a major event happening cannot be ruled out."

Police sent the dead body for post mortem.

## OT wire snaps, disrupts train services

**The trains were later halted at Khalari and Barkakana railway stations**

PNS ■ BERMO

Train services on the Gomoh-Barkakana section of the Northern Central Railway was affected after the overhead traction wire snapped between Khalari and Rai railway stations in Dhanbad on Saturday evening.

NCR sources said the wires snapped at the Bhopal-Hawrah Saktipunj Express along with several other passangers trains were about to pass between the two stations. The trains were later halted at Khalari and Barkakana railway stations.

The Saktipunj express 11447 and 11448 Up and DN and 53344 DN Chaupan Gomoh passenger were stopped at Rai railway station, they said. The reason for the snapping of the wire was not immediately clear, the sources said.

"My train Saktipunj express was stuck at Khalari station for nearly an hour,"passenger Anup Akela said, "It was really painful as my friend Vijay Kumar was not feeling well and we were in a hurry to reach home." Several passengers took to social networking sites to warn people of the disruptions.

Sources said: "An insulator at the OHE got damaged. It has now been repaired and the train traffic is being restored".



Former Maoist Kundan Pahan's wife Asha Devi and father Narayan Pahan show their inked finger and identity card after casting their vote outside a polling station during the second phase of Jharkhand Assembly polls at Barigardha under Arki block in Tamar constituency on Saturday. Pahan in contesting frome Tamar constituency  
Ratan Lal | Pioneer



An elderly woman shows her inked finger and identity card after casting her vote at a polling station during second phase of Jharkhand Assembly elections at Adelhatu in Bundu 45 KMs from capitol Ranchi on Saturday  
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Chief Minister Raghubar Das wave gathering during an election campaign rally for the 3rd phase of State Assembly elections, in Koderma on Saturday  
Pioneer photo

**64.39 % polling...**

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While the Congress party

has fielded candidates in six constituencies, its ally Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) has nominated candidates in the remaining 14

seats. With four women candidates, JVM-P has given the highest share of seats to women in the second phase of elections here.

## 1 dead, 2 injured in police...

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With prompt reinforcement,

the security forces overpowered the rebels and forced them to flee, said Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Vinay Kumar Choubey.

"No casualties were reported from either of the two LWE incidents. Casualties were only reported from Sisai, where the cops had to open fire in self defence," Choubey said.

The second phase of elections in Jharkhand was held

in 20 constituencies spread across LWE-affected districts on Saturday. A five phase election from November 30 to December 20 is underway in the tribal State where 19 of 24 districts are LWE-affected. The ECI announced elections in Jharkhand on November 1, and since then the State has witnessed at least four incidents of LWE violence.



A man carries his physically challenged brother at a polling station to cast their votes during the 2nd phase of Jharkhand Assembly elections, at Mandar constituency on Saturday  
Vinay Murmu | Pioneer

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.

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



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

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.

Seeking 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 a 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 secretary.

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 trades 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 benefitted 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 Hidayatullah 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 "KhalifahGFX", 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

glorious traditions and fundamental provisions of our Constitution," he said, apparently referring to the crackdown on the Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party (JKNPP) which had called for 'Jammu bandh' on Saturday. According to officials, the day-long 'Jammu bandh' to protest internet shutdown failed to evoke any response here as JKNPP leader Harsh Dev Singh was put under house arrest and several others were detained.

Criticising the "authoritarian approach" of the administration at the "behest of the Centre", Sharma said the Congress has taken strong exception to the "vindictive attitude" towards opposition in all matters such as withdrawing security cover and "leaving no scope or space to play their

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.

JKNPP chairman and former minister Harsh Dev Singh was detained along with several other associates on Friday while he was trying to gather support for the bandh to protest internet shutdown after the abrogation of Article 370 provisions on August 5. PTI

# ED attaches ₹34-crore assets of Gujarat company for 'money laundering'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has attached assets worth over ₹34 crore of a Gujarat-based firm under the anti-money laundering law in connection with an alleged bank fraud case.

The ED probe pertains to Biotor Industries Limited and its managing director, Rajesh M Kapadia, and others, which is also being investigated by the Gujarat police and the Central Bureau of Investigation. "The probe revealed that the accused had 'misappropriated' funds to the tune of about ₹250 crore by preparing bogus bills and invoices during 2007-2009, the ED said in a statement.

"Arif Ismailbhai Memon, owner of KGN Group of companies, was instrumental in preparing the circular paper transactions for transferring proceeds of crime in connivance with Rajesh Kapadia and others," it said.

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.

# 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 quite 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 came over 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.

# Income tax cut under consideration: FM

## Govt working on more measures to boost economy, says Nirmala

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.

Assuring that there will be no harassment of taxpayers, Sitharaman said the intent of the government is to further simplify taxation systems

including removal of exemption. Citing the example of corporate tax, she said, "From now on, they're moving towards a greater simplified and exemption free. Therefore, has harassment-free therefore subjective interpretation free taxation regime."

Besides, she said the government has introduced faceless assessment of direct tax and soon this will be introduced in indirect tax to eliminate harassment.

On the Goods and Services Tax (GST) the Finance Minister said, the rate structure will be decided by the GST Council.

# Jaypee Infratech lenders to put on vote bids of NBCC, Suraksha simultaneously

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Homebuyers and lenders of Jaypee Infratech will vote simultaneously on bids of both state-owned NBCC Ltd and private sector firm Suraksha Realty to acquire the bankrupt realty firm, sources said.

In a meeting of financial creditors held here on Saturday, it was decided that the voting process will start on December 10 and end on December 16. Both the contenders were asked to submit their revised bids by 11 pm Saturday night, the sources said.

This is the third round of bidding process, which has been initiated on the direction of the apex court.

During the meeting of Committee of Creditors (CoC), sources said ICICI and Axis Bank opposed the decision to put both the resolution plans to vote at the same time as they wanted the bid of highest bidder (H1) to be the first.

However, lenders could not finalise on H1 and H2 (second highest bidder) and therefore decided to opt for simultaneous voting.

As many as 13 banks and over 23,000 homebuyers have voting rights in the CoC. Buyers have around 58 per cent votes. For a bid to be approved, 66 per cent votes are required.

If bids of both the parties are approved in the voting process, then winner will be decided on the basis of higher vote numbers, the sources said. Homebuyers claim amounting to over ₹13,000 crore has been admitted by Interim Resolution Professional (IRP) Anuj Jain, while banks claim is worth ₹9,800 crore.

In the meeting, Suraksha Realty further improved its bid to acquire Jaypee Infratech by offering more land and upfront cash to lenders. It has increased upfront payment to lenders to ₹190 crore from ₹175 crore offered in its revised offer submitted on December 3. The land-bid swap deal has also been improved to 2,275 acre from 2,220 acre.

NBCC in its revised bid on December 3 had offered 1,526 acres of land to lenders.

# Startups will be key in becoming \$5 trillion economy, says Prabhu

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Startups are going to play a major role to make India a \$5 trillion economy, former Union Minister and BJP MP Suresh Prabhu said on Saturday.

"So, when we talk about \$5 trillion economy, it will be largely from the startups. It is inevitably bound to happen all

over the world, thankfully our prime minister realised it and had that vision to understand the changing economic scenario of the Indian economy," Prabhu said here at an event.

The economic growth will come from both the existing industries as well as from those companies that are going to come up in the future, he added.

# Amalgamated entity of 3 PSBs to retain sovereign status: UBI Chief

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Alleging that some private banks were trying to mislead a section of depositors of the three state-run banks which will be merged into an entity by telling them to shift their deposits, a top UBI official on Saturday said that the proposed amalgamated lender will

retain the "sovereign status".

In the biggest consolidation exercise in the banking space, the Centre had announced that the United Bank of India and Oriental Bank of Commerce would be merged with Punjab National Bank, making the proposed entity the second largest public sector bank (PSB).

# US unemployment rate back at 50-year low

Washington: The United States' headline unemployment rate fell by one-tenth of a percentage point in November to 3.5 per cent, matching the lowest level in a half century, while the number of new jobs added last month — 2,66,000 — far exceeded economists' expectations.

Those latest figures came from the Labour Department's monthly "The Employment Situation" report, released on Friday. Efe news reported. Hiring was particularly strong in November in the health care, leisure and hospitality and transportation and warehousing sectors.

The conclusion of an October strike by General Motors' workers also helped give a boost to the labour market last month.

The Labour Department's Bureau of Labour Statistics said non-farm payrolls grew by 2,66,000 last month and that job growth has averaged 1,80,000 a month so far in 2019, down from an average monthly gain of 2,23,000 last year.

### SEARCH FOR FEMALE GIRL

General public is hereby informed that this female namely Savita @ Kavita D/o Ram Prasad R/o A-227, Sangam Colony, Pandav Nagar, Delhi Age : 22 years, Height : 5', Complexion : Sallow, Face : Oval, Build : Thin, wearing blue colour suit, firozi colour salwar and hawai chapple in feet, has been missing since 07.11.2019 from her house. In this regard a case DD No. 19-A, dated 08.11.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Ranjit Nagar, New Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing female may kindly inform to the following:-  
E-mail: [cic@cbl.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbl.gov.in) Website: <http://cbl.nic.in> SHO : P.S. Ranjit Nagar, Delhi Ph. : 011-25704008, 24368639, 24368641

### SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED GIRL

General public is hereby informed that this girl namely Saloni D/o Rameshwar Orao R/o Gali No. 06, Kapil Vihar, Mukund Pur, Delhi Age : 14 years, Height : 5'2", Face : Round, Complexion : Wheatish, Build : Thin, wearing red colour frock, cream colour pajami and hawai chapple in feet, has been missing/ kidnapped since 15.11.2019 from the area of P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi. In this regard FIR No. 677/19 dated 16.11.2019 u/s 363 IPC has been registered at P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing/kidnapped girl may kindly inform to the following.  
E-mail: [cic@cbl.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbl.gov.in) Website: <http://cbl.nic.in> SHO : P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi Ph. : 011-27811933, 24368639, 24368641

### Office Project Manager, Construction Unit

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Letter No. 1852/NVIDA/285 Date: 06-12-2019

#### TENDER NOTICE

The Project Manager Construction Unit Uttarakhand Pejal Nigam Ranikhet (Almora) 263645, on behalf of Chairman Uttarakhand Pejal Nigam invites sealed item rate tender on e-Government Procurement System (e-GPS) portal i.e. <http://www.uktenders.gov.in> for the following works.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Cost of Tender (Rs. in lacs)
1	CONSTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL BUILDING AND APPURTENANR AT BHEEMA DEVI, DISTRICT-ALMORA	28.29 lacs

The tender form can be downloaded from e-Government Procurement System (e-GPS) portal i.e. <http://www.uktenders.gov.in> from 07.12.2019 at 17:00 hrs. to 23.12.2019 at 17:00 hrs. Other information can be seen in tender form or office notice board or obtained from office or phone no. 05966 220690 of office of tender inviting authority.

PROJECT MANAGER

# Airtel removes cap on free outgoing call to other networks

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Telecom operator Bharti Airtel has removed cap from free outgoing calls on other networks under its new plans for prepaid customers that came into effect from December 3.

The company had earlier capped outgoing calls to network of other telecom operator to 1,000 minutes in case of plans with 28 days validity, 3,000 in 84 days validity plans and 12,000 in 365 days validity plan. Beyond this limit, customers were required to pay 6 paise per minute for outgoing calls.

# Amazon, Flipkart may face more queries on predatory pricing

PTI ■ PANAJI

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) is examining the responses by the e-commerce companies, like Flipkart and Amazon, on complaints over predatory pricing and if required will ask them for further clarification, according to a senior government official, here on Saturday.

Amazon, Flipkart have also met DPIIT officials over predatory pricing allegations against them by the CAIT

### WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. : C 78/11/117/SLR/10/2019 dated 06/12/2019

Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial), Western Railway, Mumbai Division, Mumbai Central, invites open e-tender, for leasing of SLR on single trip / round trip basis on payment of lumpsum rates for loading/unloading of parcels in specific trains for a period of 5 years. Leasing Contract of 3.9/04 tonnes space in SLRs Compartments of the trains mentioned below. (Period of Contract = 5 years).

Sr. No.	Train No.	From/To	RP (in ₹)	Sr. No.	Train No.	From/To	RP (in ₹)
01	19707-FSLR-I	BDS-SGMR	15688	23	22953-FSLR-I	MMCT-ADI	3024
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-RSLR-I	ST-CPR	25758	28	22951-FSLR-II	BDS-GIMB	4586
07	19051-FSLR-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-RSLR-I	ST-MFP	29708	31	12903-FSLR-I	MMCT-ASR	27235
10	12969-FSLR-I	DDR-AII	2745	32	12903-RSLR-I	MMCT-ASR	27235
11	12989-FSLR-I	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-RSLR-I	DDR-BKN	6649	35	12927-RSLR-I	MMCT-BRC	7770
14	22947-FSLR-I	ST-BGP	26742	36	12995-FSLR-I	BDS-AII	5610
15	22947-FSLR-II	ST-BGP	26742	37	12995-FSLR-II	BDS-AII	5610
16	22947-RSLR-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-RSLR-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-RSLR-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
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Date & Time of Submission of Tender : Up to 30/12/2019 at 15:00 hrs. through online [www.reps.gov.in](http://www.reps.gov.in) only and Date & Time of Opening of Tender : Up to 30/12/2019 at 15:30 hrs.

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4th FLOOR JEEVAN TARA BUILDING PARLIAMENT STREET NEW DELHI - 110001

OA No. 242/18 Date : 19.10.2019

UCCO BANK Versus APPLICANT

DHARMENDRA SINGH KUSHWAHA & ORS. Versus DEFENDANTS

TO DEFENDANT

1. DHARMENDRA SINGH KUSHWAHA  
2. RAJNI KUSHWAHA  
BOTH HAT: A-1, SURBHI APARTMENT, 882/6, WARD NO. 6, MEHRAULI, NEW DELHI

Whereas the above named applicant has/have instituted a case for recovery of Rs. 13,65,254/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Four Only) against you and where as it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in this Tribunal 13.12.2019 at 10.30 AM.

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before the mentioned, the case will be heard and determined in your absence.

By Order of this Tribunal,  
SECTION OFFICER, DRT-II, DELHI

### APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified body of a male namely Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, was found on 03.12.2019 at 08:30 AM at DDU Hospital, Hari Nagar, Delhi. He was admitted at DDU hospital vide MLC No. 11808/19 on 03.12.2019 however the doctors declared him dead on the same date. In this regard DD No. 19-A dated 03.12.2019 has been lodged at Police Station, Hari Nagar, New Delhi. Dead Body has been preserved in DDU Hospital mortuary for 72 hrs for identification. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

Name: Unknown, Age: About 30 Years, Face: Oval, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Wheatish, Built: Thin, ID Mark: Mole on forehead, Wearing: Off white T-Shirt and grey colour lower. If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

SHO  
Police Station, Hari Nagar, Delhi  
DP/8529/WD/19 Ph.: 011-28525719, 8750871128, 8368215758

### MAHARASHTRA STATE ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION COMPANY LTD.

Prashkashgad, 1st Floor, Plot No.9, Station Road, Bandra (E), Mumbai- 400 051.

#### NOTICE INVITING TENDER CPD/15- 2019-20

Tenders are invited through e-Tendering in SRM System from the registered vendors for supply of following:

Tender No. & Description of Material	Estimated Amount (in Rs. Lakhs)	Due Date & Time (Hrs.) for Submission & Opening of Tender
RFx No. 7000000785 SP/T-0512/1119- (Two Bid System) Procurement of 100MVA, 220/22-22KV, 3 Winding and 50MVA, 220/33KV Transformers along with New Uninhibited High Grade Mineral Insulating Oil for Augmentation Schemes under EHV PC O&M Zone, Vashi and Nagpur respectively.	Rs. 1293.87 lakhs	30.12.2019 Up to at 16:00 Hrs. 30.12.2019 15:00 Hrs.

Contact Person: Office of the Executive Engineer (P&C)  
Tel. No. 022-26474211/022-26472131 Extn. 2493/2491.  
For further details visit our website <http://www.srm.tender.mahatransco.in>  
Any further amendments will be published on the MSETCL website [www.mahatransco.in](http://www.mahatransco.in). So bidders are requested to check the website.

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer (P&C)

### Govt. of Bihar

#### BIHAR LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, PATNA

#### ANIMAL & FISHERIES RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

#### Notice for Appointment of Consultant

Bihar Livestock Development Agency, Dept. of Animal & Fisheries Resources, Govt. of Bihar invites applications for individual Sr. Consultant on Time based contract basis from candidates having the following qualifications and experiences under:

Qualification	Experience
B.V.Sc. & AH or equivalent/M.V.Sc with minimum 10 years of experience.	1. Candidate should have complete knowledge and adequate experience in Implementation of Various Livestock Development Programme & Scheme of Govt. Of Bihar & Govt. Of India. 2. The Consultant must have experience in E establishment and operation of Mega semen station such as supervisory capacity of construction of semen station, quarantine station, setting up of semen lab and QC Lab, health and feeding management of breeding bulls, budgeting, financial management and overall co-ordination.

The details Terms of Reference can be downloaded from the website [www.ahd.bih.nic.in](http://www.ahd.bih.nic.in). The last date for submission of the Application is 03.01.2020 till 3.00 PM.

The candidates who are meeting the requirements of qualifications and experience and are agreeable to the terms & conditions mentioned in the Terms of Reference are requested to submit their applications, along with bio data and copies of documents in support of their qualifications and experience, addressed to "The Project Director, Bihar Livestock Development Agency, Bihar Veterinary College Campus, PO. Bihar Veterinary College, Patna-800014".

BLDA reserves the right to annul the process of selection/appointment of individual consultant against this public notice at any time without assigning any reason.

Project Director  
Bihar Live Stock Development Agency

PR. 11872 (Animal) 2019-20

### WESTERN RAILWAY

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No. S/12/2019 Date 05/12/2019

S.N.	Short Description of Item	Quantity	T.O.D.
273	Gear Oil Optigear RMO	1967 Ltr.	20/12/2019
274	LED Display Single Side for MRC-II EMU	52 Nos.	25/12/2019
275	ISA Angle Size 65 x 65 10 MM	12869 Gm.	28/12/2019
276	Single Spindle Automatic Lathe with Standard Accessories	1 No.	30/12/2019
277	Double Acting Hydraulic Shock Absorber	500 Nos.	30/12/2019
278	Complete Air Bellow Raised Pantograph	4 Nos.	31/12/2019
279	Repair Kit for Purge Valve	45 Set	01/01/2020
280	Dessicant Kit	257 Nos.	02/01/2020
281	ICD Dual Chamber	3 Nos.	02/01/2020
282	Cotter for Crank Pivot	175 Nos.	02/01/2020
283	Canon EF	1 No.	03/01/2020
284	Complete Air Brake System	1 Set	03/01/2020
285	G.I. Mild Steel Tubes 25mm Heavy	893 Mtrs.	04/01/2020
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# TRUMP IMPEACHMENT WH won't participate in 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 advi-



sors. The President ordered them not to show and continue 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 "presentations 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.

# US resumes talks with Taliban in Doha: US 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.

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.

"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 US source briefed on efforts to end almost two decades of war in Afghanistan.

During a surprise visit to a US military base in

Afghanistan last week, Trump said the Taliban "wants to make a deal." Even during the stall in talks, US negotiator Zalmay Khalilzad has in recent weeks made a whistle-stop tour of nations with a stake in Afghan peace, including Pakistan.

He recently arranged a captive swap in which the Taliban released an American and an Australian academic whom they had held hostage for three years. The Taliban have until now refused to negotiate with the Afghan government, which they consider an illegitimate regime.

In a nod to concerns raised by Afghan President Ashraf Ghani, the State Department voiced support for a ceasefire - a key priority for Kabul before it enters negotiations with the Islamist insurgents.

"Ambassador Khalilzad will rejoin talks with the Taliban to discuss steps that could lead to intra-Afghan negotiations and a peaceful settlement of the war, specifically a reduction in violence that leads to a ceasefire," the State Department said on Wednesday as it announced the resumption of efforts to end the conflict. Washington had sought to seal a political deal with the Taliban ahead of September's elections in Afghanistan.

# Drone hits Iraq cleric's home as tensions rise after Baghdad attack

AFP ■ BAGHDAD

An armed drone targeted the home of Iraqi cleric Moqtada Sadr on Saturday, hours after his supporters deployed in Baghdad in response to an attack that left 17 protesters dead.

The developments marked a worrying turn for the anti-government protests rocking Iraq since October, the country's largest and deadliest grassroots movement in decades.

The mostly young protesters in the capital's iconic Tahrir Square had long feared a spiral into chaos, and on Friday it appeared their apprehensions were well-placed.

After nightfall, armed men on pick-up trucks attacked a large building where protesters had been camped out for weeks near the capital's Al-Sinek bridge.

Security forces deployed on the bridge itself did not intervene, witnesses said, as the attackers ousted protesters from the building in a volley of gunfire.

At least 17 people were killed and dozens more wounded, medics told AFP, with ambulances shuttling teenagers suffering gunshot and stab wounds to nearby field clinics.

Panicked demonstrators rushed out into the street,

sending out calls through social media for people to come to their main gathering place in Tahrir Square.

By Saturday morning, hundreds had arrived. "I came after the incident and there were tons of people in Tahrir and by Al-Sinek," one demonstrator told AFP.

Many of the new arrivals were suspected to be members of Saraya al-Salam (Peace Brigades), the paramilitary group headed by Sadr.

They are nicknamed "blue helmets" for the headgear they typically wear, and witnesses said they were visible in large numbers in Tahrir before dawn on Saturday.

A source within Saraya told AFP one of its own members had died in the overnight clash, and that more unarmed members had been sent to Tahrir "to protect protesters."

Sadr has backed the protests, but demonstrators have been wary of his support as they feared it could pave the way for confrontations with pro-government forces.

Early Saturday, a drone dropped a bomb on his home in the shrine city of Najaf, damaging the exterior wall, sources within his party told AFP.

Sadr, a notoriously versatile figure, is currently in Iran.

# London bridge terrorist buried in ancestral village in PoK

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Uzman Khan, the convicted terrorist of Pakistani origin who was shot dead during last week's terror attack in London, has been buried in his family's ancestral village in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, according to a media report on Saturday.

Talking to Dawn Newspaper, the General Manager, public relations, of Pakistan International Airlines Abdul Hafeez said Khan's body was flown to Islamabad from London and then handed over to his family on Friday.

Khan's relatives drove body to Kotli in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, the daily reported. Funeral was held and Khan was buried in the evening, the daily said.

Khan, 28, stabbed and killed two people in London Bridge terrorist attack. He was later identified as a convicted terrorist who was jailed seven years ago over a plot to bomb the London Stock Exchange and build a terrorist training camp on land owned by his family in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

He had also discussed staging a Mumbai-style attack on the UK Parliament, and was described by the UK judge who sentenced him for terrorism offences in 2012 as an ongoing risk to the public with a "serious, long term venture in terrorism."

# UK election rivals face off for final time ahead of poll



Opposition Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn, left, shakes hands with Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson, centre, with debate moderator TV presenter Nick Robinson, right, during a head to head Election Debate at the BBC TV studios in Maidstone, England on Friday. Britain's Brexit is one of the main issues for political parties and for voters, as the UK prepares for a General Election on December 12.

AFP ■ LONDON

the month-old campaign.

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

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 per cent, Labour on 33 per cent and the Liberal Democrats on 13 per-

# 629 Pakistani girls sold as brides to China

AP ■ LAHORE

629 girls and women from across Pakistan who were sold as brides to Chinese men and taken to China.

The list, obtained by The Associated Press, was compiled by Pakistani investigators determined to break up trafficking networks exploiting the country's poor and vulnerable.

The list gives the most concrete figure yet for the number of women caught up in the trafficking schemes since 2018.

But since the time it was put together in June, investigators' aggressive drive against the networks has largely ground to a halt. Officials with

knowledge of the investigations say that is because of pressure from Government officials fearful of hurting Pakistan's lucrative ties to Beijing.

The biggest case against traffickers has fallen apart. In October, a court in Faisalabad acquitted 31 Chinese nationals charged in connection with trafficking.

Several of the women who had initially been interviewed by police refused to testify because they were either threatened or bribed into silence, according to a court official and a police investigator familiar with the case. The two spoke on condition of anonymity because they feared retribution for speaking out.

# Thousands in Myanmar rally behind Suu Kyi ahead of Hague court date

AFP ■ NAYPYIDAW (MYANMAR)

Thousands rallied in support of Aung San Suu Kyi in Myanmar Saturday, on the eve of her departure for the UN's top court to defend Myanmar against charges of genocide against Rohingya Muslims.

The raucous rally in the capital Naypyidaw came as China's Foreign Minister arrived for a visit at Suu Kyi's invitation.

Analysts say Beijing's permanent seat on the UN Security Council and its veto vote - makes it a valuable ally as Myanmar faces intensifying scrutiny over its treatment of the Rohingya.

Once-lauded democracy champion Suu Kyi's shock decision to face the International Court of Justice (ICJ) next week to defend Myanmar

against charges it committed genocide against the Muslim minority risks further damaging her already tattered overseas reputation.

But domestically "The Lady" remains revered, and the resolve of her supporters has only hardened in the lead-up to the ICJ hearing scheduled for December 10-12.

"We are proud of her taking accountability. By going to The Hague to protect the nation's image," shouted prominent writer Htin Lin Oo into a microphone in front of a banner emblazoned with the words "We stand with our leader." "Our blood shall come together and unite us when it is important," he shouted to a cheering crowd, who hoisted colourful artwork of Suu Kyi in the air.

# Trump pulls back on designating Mexico cartels as 'terror' groups

AFP ■ WASHINGTON

Mormon community.

US President Donald Trump said Friday he would not proceed with his stated plans to designate Mexican drug cartels as terror groups following a request from his counterpart Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador.

Trump called for a "war" on the cartels last month after the killings of nine women and children from a US-Mexican

The case brought fresh attention to cartel violence in Mexico and leftist president Lopez Obrador's struggles to rein in bloodshed, but south of the border the US plans were seen as unwanted meddling.

Mexican officials asked for clarification on Trump's plans, and said they wanted to make progress on efforts to stem the flow of weapons and money

from the United States to criminal gangs in Mexico.

Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard had reacted more forcefully, saying: "Mexico will never allow any action that means a violation of its national sovereignty." While Trump said in a tweet Friday evening that "all necessary work has been completed to declare Mexican Cartels terrorist organizations," he said

# UN PEACEKEEPING No substitute for professional competence: India

PTI ■ UNITED NATIONS

India told a high-level event on peacekeeping that working in partnerships is key to successful peacekeeping, underlining that professional competence of those engaged in all aspects of this global enterprise cannot be substituted or compromised.

India along with Portugal, Senegal, Uruguay and Vietnam co-hosted the high-level event 'Improving peacekeeping performance: A year since UNSCR 2436' initiated by the US here Friday.

UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres thanked the US and the event's co-hosts, India, Portugal, Senegal, Uruguay and Vietnam, for convening the event and for their support to United Nations peacekeeping operations.

"India believes that even while broad participation in peacekeeping is important to enhance global solidarity, there can be no substitute for professional competence of those engaged in all aspects of this global enterprise," India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Syed Akbaruddin said in his address at the event. "Working in partnerships is key to successful peacekeeping."

He stressed that guidelines require that the Peacekeeping Capability Readiness System

(PCRS) should be the sole mechanism for the selection of a military or police unit for deployment.

"A diversity in terms of deployment needs is understandable, and some variations are inevitable. However, choices and selections need to be made from within the same spectrum of options," he said, adding that those not part of the PCRS are best avoided.

Akbaruddin also highlighted that in selection, units without caveats should have precedence over units pledged with caveats, "as these will not tie down the hands of Force Commander in operational decisions.

"In short, we need to have a 'selection policy' that is a natural extension of the PCRS to ensure that the most ready, capable, well-equipped and willing contingents are selected for deployment," he said.

He also stressed on the need for instances of under-performance to be assessed, saying such assessment needs to examine whether there were units available at higher levels in PCRS that were overlooked during selection; whether caveats have impacted performance; whether poor performance is due to lack of resources, including equipment; or whether the mandate, including guidelines, were not clear, resulting in unsatisfactory

# Saudis distance themselves from US naval base shooter

AFP ■ RIYADH

Saudi Arabia sought to distance itself Saturday from a student who carried out a fatal shooting at an American naval base, as it seeks to repair its image of being an exporter of Islamic extremism.

The Saudi military student reportedly condemned the US as a "nation of evil" before going on a rampage Friday at Naval Air Station Pensacola in Florida, killing three people and wounding eight.

The shooting marks a setback in the kingdom's efforts to shrug off its longstanding reputation for promoting religious extremism after the September 11, 2001 attacks in which 15 of the 19 hijackers were Saudis.

The hashtag "Saudis stand with America" gained traction on social media after King Salman telephoned President Donald Trump to denounce the shooting as "heinous" and pledge cooperation with American officials to investigate the incident.

The king added in the phone call on Friday that the shooter, who was gunned down by police, "does not represent the Saudi people", a sentiment echoed by other officials.

"Like many other Saudi military personnel, I was trained in a US military base, and we used that valuable training to fight side by side with our American allies against terrorism and other threats,"

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3	CA_11_Bulk Station DIC_FOB_2019 dtd. 27/11/2019	Tender for Bulk Advertising Rights for Display of Advertisements at Dahisar FOB for a period of 5 years over Mumbai Division of Western Railway.	21,04,137/-	42,100/-
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- (vii) Other terms and conditions shall be as per tender documents.

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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 test 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 Kesrick 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 with Rohit Sharma and Washington Sundar dropping a few catches.

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## Bowlers lacked discipline & execution: Pollard

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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 T20.

"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 were 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."

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."

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## 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. AGENCIES

## 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."

## '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."

Hamilton has one year left on his contract with Mercedes before he has to decide whether to end his career with the German team or take up a new challenge at Ferrari.

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. PNS

## 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.

## War erupts in AICF on Barua's charges

President show causes secretary

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 com-

mittee 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 authorized 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 certification 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.

In view of the SAI directive, Raja referred the matter to the same committee which had given clean chit to Lahiri and also asked Chauhan to attend its meeting on December 5, Chauhan refused to attend the

meeting, asked for setting up a new committee, and suggested that the AICF should file a FIR for faking the utilization certificate.

In his letter to Raja, Chauhan also pointed out that he had raised the issue of the forged utilization certificate in the past but nothing was done against Lahiri.

Irked by Chauhan's defiance, Raja had now acted against the Secretary, triggering a full-scale war within the AICF. Chauhan enjoys majority support in the Federation and could count on the backing of most leading chess players. He has convened a meeting of the general body of the Federation on December 22 when he could announce the date of the next election of the office bearers.

When contacted by The Pioneer, Chauhan said he would not comment on the development, but he can confirm that he has received a show cause letter from the President.

"At this stage I would not say anything. I've always stood by players and continue to do that. We should treat a player like Dibyendu Barua with a little more respect and gratitude," he said.

## Mera's late strike saves East Bengal

**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 line-up from his side that drew 1-1 at home against Real Kashmir FC, with the only change being Samad Ali Mallick starting in place of Kamalpreet

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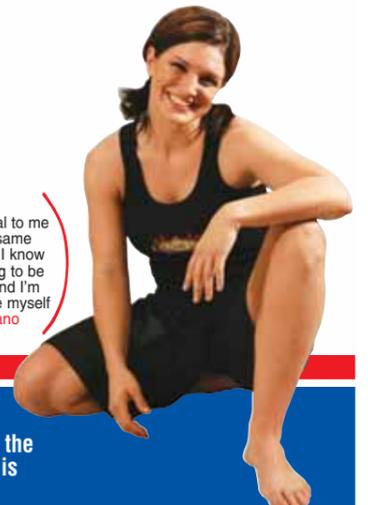
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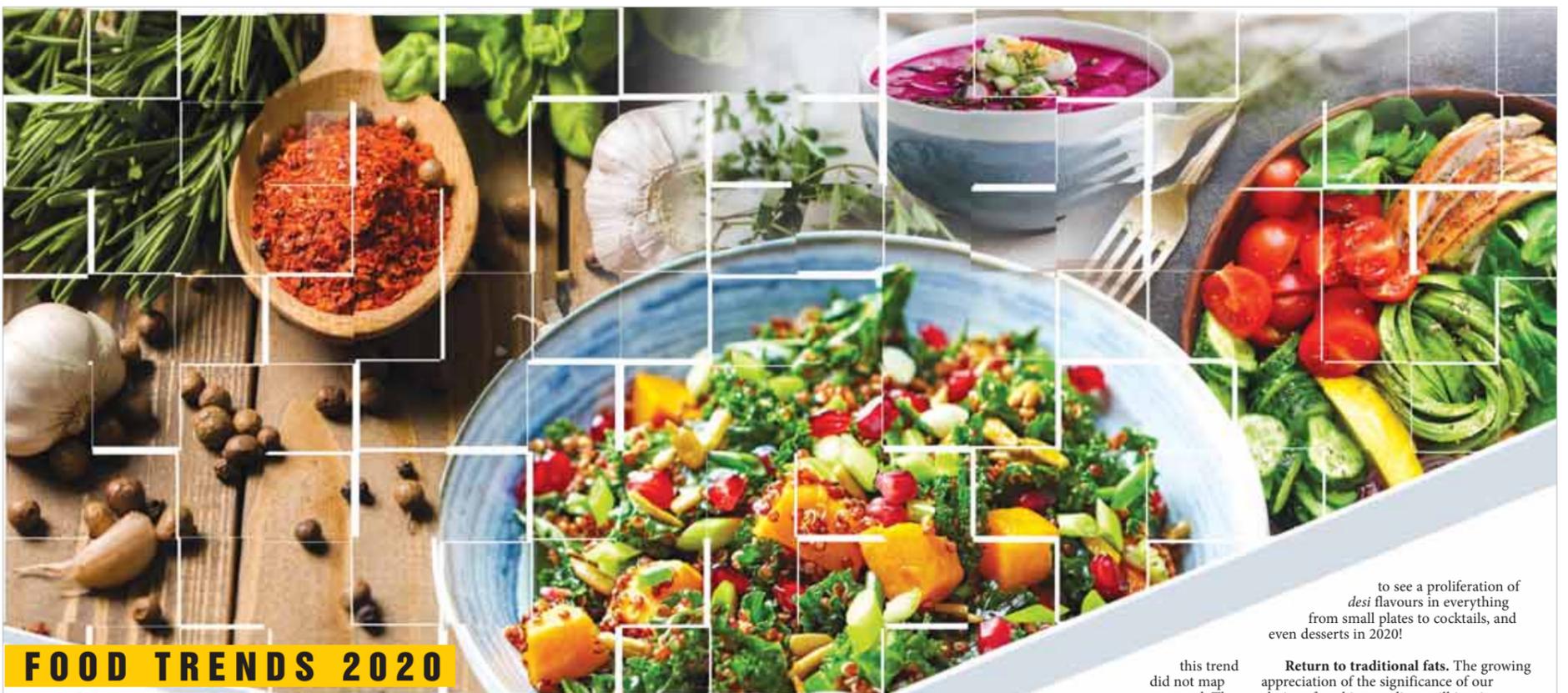
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Instead of seeking God's help for the fulfillment of your aspirations, it is better take charge of yourself



**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-GHILDIYAL, 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 Gobhi 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 in 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

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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 'foodpreneur'.** The growing demand for fresh, healthy, hygienic and familiar *ghar ka khaana*, 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

**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 'foodpreneurs'."

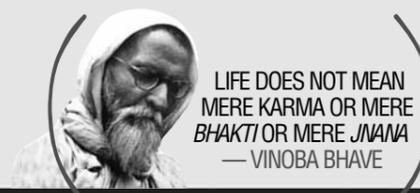
For Patil, as he says it, what is "heart-warming" about the findings is that they point to "the emergence of the neighbourhood foodpreneur" in 2020, parallel to the revival of culinary traditions and a proliferation of *desi* flavours in everything, from small plates to cocktails, and even desserts. 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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# 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.

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

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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 *Niswath 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

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 *jivaatma*. 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 too hope that at the end of this article, you will find that a part of this resonates. If so, the purpose is accomplished.

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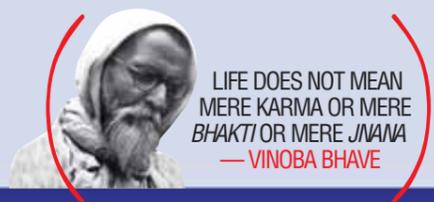
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There's one form of wealth we don't often talk about, the one that follows you to the other side of the light — karma.

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.

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.

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But the toughest task of all is to get detached from one's own body, identity, personality and *jivaatma*. 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*.

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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 bricks 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



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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.

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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 has 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 constestation 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 criterions. 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 have 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.

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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

Crimes 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 a gruesome act of rape and murder, 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 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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