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Firm to avenge Pulwama, Govt mulls options

Surgical, airstrike not easy choices for want of shock & awe, in wake of foul weather

RAHUL DUTTA ■ NEW DELHI

The security establishment in India is mulling over options to avenge the killing of 44 CRPF personnel in a suicide attack in Pulwama on Thursday. The Services Chiefs briefed the political leadership on Friday about their preparedness to carry out any punitive strikes. The options include cross-border raids or surgical strikes on terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (POK), air strikes to destroy camps of well-known terror outfits, or something more "detering".

However, none of these options are easy for want of element of surprise, and inclement weather conditions.

Determined to punish the perpetrators, officials said the Government has also not ruled out opting for an unconventional response which may not entail using military option. These options could include intelligence-based action which may be covert in nature. Also, the retaliation by India may not come soon as the decision makers will weigh all consequences before launching any punitive action, officials said.

The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday took stock of the situation in the wake of the attack and options to be exercised, sources said. Modi later said in a public rally here that the security forces were given a free hand for the job at a place and timing of their choosing.

Elaborating upon various alternatives, sources in the security establishment said while surgical strikes by the elite Special Forces are on the table, it may be difficult at this point of time due to inclement weather along the Line of Control (LoC). Most of the mountain passes are snow-bound, making movement of commandoes to carry out any operation across the LoC difficult. If helicopters are used to drop the commandoes close to the LoC, the Pakistan Army will be immediately alerted, they said.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi pays tribute to the martyred CRPF jawans, who lost their lives in Thursday's Pulwama terror attack, after their mortal remains were brought at AFS Palam in New Delhi on Friday. PTI

Officials also admitted that surprise element as regards surgical strikes this time unlike two years back is not there, and the Pakistan Army will be fully geared to thwart any such move. The Pakistan Army is now deployed in full strength along the LoC and swift raids by the Indians may not be productive, they added.

On using air power, be it helicopters or fighter jets, to take out terrorist camps of Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) in Muridke in POK, officials said — India has the weapons and capability such an action across the border — may be construed as an act of war and also lead to escalation of hostilities between India and Pakistan.

Taking these factors into consideration, the Government decided to move step by step and immediately try to isolate Pakistan diplomatically and withdrawing the Most Favoured Nation status on Friday. More diplomatic actions in the coming days were not ruled out, sources said.

Pak stripped of Most Favoured Nation status

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Talking tough after an unprecedented terror attack on security forces in Kashmir that killed 44 CRPF jawans on Thursday, the Government on Friday removed "Most Favoured Nation" (MNF) privilege accorded to Pakistan.

All steps will be taken to ensure the neighbouring country's isolation globally, the Government said after the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) met here to review the situation following the terror strike reportedly had a backing of the Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad.

After the CCS meeting at Prime Minister's residence, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said all efforts will be made to ensure that perpetrators of the attack are brought to book.

Pak's Abdul Rasheed brains; 40 biker-fidayeen on prowl

RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

A day after the deadly strike on a CRPF convoy that took lives of 44 paramilitary jawans, the security agencies have identified Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) commander Abdul Rasheed as the mastermind of the Pulwama terror attack.

Pakistani national Rasheed is suspected to have been trained in Afghanistan. An IED expert, he is suspected to have planned the terror attack in December last year. He is suspected to have also acted as a handler of the slain Adil Ahmad Dar, alias Waqas Commando who rammed his explosive-laden Scorpio SUV into a bus of the CRPF convoy on Thursday.

Intelligence estimates suggest 35-40 fidayeen of Jaish are

active in South Kashmir.

Inputs also suggest motorcycle-borne fidayeen could be on the prowl in the Valley, a reason why convoy movement was banned across Kashmir by the State police.

"The chatter inputs reveal that Jaish-e-Mohammad has hinted to carry out IED attacks along the routes of security forces across Jammu & Kashmir. It is as such suggested that security forces need to put on alert to thwart any such attempt by terrorists," warned a Multi-Agency Centre (MAC) alert a day before the Pulwama attack, asking all the J&K-based units to remain on high alert and maintain constant liaison with the State police.

"...it is requested to issue necessary guidelines and instructions to all unit commanders of J&K-based

units to be on highest alert to avoid any untoward incident. Constant liaison must be maintained with the local police and other intelligence agencies for sharing of information and coordinate action. Any significant information in this regard should be immediately intimated to all concerned," read the alert.

The J&K Police had on February 8 issued an alert asking the CRPF to sanitise area of deployment.

"Before occupying your place of deployment, please sanitise the area properly as there are inputs of use of IEDs. Matter most urgent, read the February 8 alert flashed through the police control room to the various formations of CRPF, Srinagar Sector, BSF, ITBP and police formations in the State," it said.

Blood boiling, will exact high price: Modi

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said those responsible for the Pulwama terror attack will pay "a very heavy price" and security forces will be given a free hand to deal with terrorists. In a hard-hitting speech, Modi said the "blood of the people is boiling" and forces behind the act of terrorism will definitely be punished.

"I want to tell the terror outfits and those aiding and abetting them that they have made a big mistake. They will have to pay a very heavy price for their actions. Let me assure the nation that those behind this attack, the perpetrators of this attack will be punished," Modi said at a function to flag off the Vande Bharat Express, India's fastest train from Delhi to Varanasi. He was speaking just after the Cabinet meeting.

"Security forces have been given complete freedom, the blood of the people is boiling...Our neighbouring country, which has been isolated

internationally, thinks such terror attacks can destabilise us, but their plans will not materialise," Modi said.

"My condolences to families of those martyred in Pulwama attack; those behind the terror strike will pay a very heavy price," Modi said.

"I am thankful to all nations which condemned the Pulwama attack and I urge them to come together to crush terrorism," he said.

Appealing to his critics to not politicise the tragedy, Modi said the attacks have left the country emotional. "I understand the sentiments of those criticising us but I urge them that it is an emotional time, so stay away from political one-upmanship," he said.

Addressing a public meeting in Jhansi later in the day, the PM again did not name Pakistan but said the attack was an outcome of the neighbour's desperation as it is in a bad shape and has been forced to go to different countries with a "begging bowl" to meet even its daily expenses.

Exclusive passage for force convoys, crackdown on ISI funding ordered

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Announcing a massive crackdown on those accepting funds from the Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) to carry out nefarious activities in the Kashmir, Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday said strict action will be taken against them.

Making another significant announcement in Srinagar, Rajnath said the civilian traffic would be stopped during the movement of convoys of Army and paramilitary. "In the wake of the suicide attack on a CRPF convoy on Thursday, it has been decided that the civilian movement will be stopped for some time when a large convoy of security forces passes through an area," Rajnath told at Press conference.

He said that the civilians will face a little difficulty because of the restriction. "We apologise for it," he added.

Earlier, on his arrival in Srinagar, the Home Minister attended a high-level security review meeting and also visited Command hospital where he interacted with the injured CRPF jawans.

Rajnath also shouldered mortal remains of CRPF jawans along with senior police/Army and CRPF officers after attending a solemn wreath-laying ceremony.

INDIA'S ENVOY TO PAK CALLED BACK

Ajay Bisaria, India's High Commissioner to Pakistan, was on Friday called back to Delhi for consultations after a Pakistan-based terror group killed over 44 CRPF soldiers in a massive car bombing in Jammu & Kashmir on Thursday.

ALL-PARTY MEET CALLED BY GOVT

An all-party meeting has been called by the Government on Saturday to discuss Thursday's terror attack against a convoy of CRPF. This meeting will be first of its kind called by the NDA Government led by Narendra Modi.

US to Pak: End safe haven for terrorists

The international community has strongly condemned the terror attack, with US President Donald Trump asking Pakistan to "end immediately" the support and safe haven provided to all terrorist groups operating on its soil.

CHINA TO BLOCK BID TO DECLARE AZHAR GLOBAL TERRORIST

China on Friday indicated it would continue to block India's bid to declare Masood Azhar as an international terrorist whose outfit JeM has claimed to plot the worst-ever attack in J&K.



A clash between two communities started on the issue of a protest against Thursday's terror attack on a CRPF convoy, in Jammu on Friday. PTI

India outraged; curfew clamped on protest epicentre Jammu

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Protests broke out in several parts of the country on Friday against the terror attack in Pulwama district of South Kashmir. Jammu was the epicentre of the people's outburst as curfew had to be imposed there following massive violence during the day-long bandh call given by Chamber of Commerce and Industries. Protesters burned dozens of vehicles and shops and damaged properties.

In Delhi, protesters gathered at India Gate on Friday afternoon raising anti-Pakistan slogans. A group of protesters

demonstrated outside Pakistan's embassy in Delhi.

Spontaneous protest also broke out in Mumbai, Amritsar, Patna, Varanasi, Ranchi, Hyderabad and several other cities. But it was Jammu, which saw massive arson and violence through the day. The situation became explosive after scuffle broke between members of two groups during the bandh call.

As police authorities deployed in the area failed to contain the situation, even after lobbing teargas shells, angry protesters resorted to violence and torched vehicles parked outside Jogi gate area.

Nath: Martyr's family will be provided assistance of ₹1 cr

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Expressing his deepest condolences to the family of martyred Ashwini Kumar Kachhi who sacrificed his life in the Pulwama terrorist attack in Jammu-Kashmir, Chief Minister Kamal Nath said that the family will be provided an assistance of ₹1 crore. Nath said that the martyr's family will also be provided free residence and job.

On the martyrdom of Ashwini Kumar Kachhi of Jabalpur district in the terrorist attack in Pulwama, Jammu-Kashmir, Chief Minister Kamal Nath has said that the whole state is proud of the brave young man.

Nath said that his martyrdom tells us that the youth of our State have the courage to lay down their lives for the protection of their country.

It is the result of their

courage that the enemy had to attack in such a cowardly manner.

Nath said that I salute the family of martyr Ashwini Kumar who sent their son to the border to save the country. No form of terrorism will be tolerated in the State and the country.

Nath said that terrorism must not be tolerated and there is need to take stern steps to uproot it.

30 hotels under Delhi Govt fire lose licence

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

A few days after a massive fire in Karol Bagh took 17 lives, the Delhi Government on Friday cancelled the No Objection Certificate (NOC) for fire clearance of 30 hotels.

Pertinently, the Government audited hotels/guest house in the vicinity after a magisterial probe ordered by Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal. Home Minister Satyender Jain said the fire department will intensify its drive against errant hotels across

the city to prevent recurrence of Karol Bagh-like incident. "45 hotels have been inspected in Karol Bagh area, 30 were found to be violating rules and hence, safety certificates have been cancelled," said Jain. Persona International, Danish Residency, Hotel Mid Town, Sunrise Karol Bagh, MS Regency Hotel, Hotel Apra Inn, GH TJS Royal, Rockwell Plaza, Kyron, Sun Star Height, JP Residency, Hotel Metro Continental, Hotel Royal Garden, Arihant Inn, Hotel Krishna Palace, Hotel Majestic are a few of the violators.



BJP activists raise slogans as they demonstrate against Pakistan and burn posters of founder of Jaish-e-Mohammed Masood Azhar in Bhopal on Friday protesting against the killing of Indian Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel in Pulwama on Thursday. Pioneer photo

Honour dignity of uniform: Nath

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Chief Minister Kamal Nath has told the police officers to honour the dignity of uniform and ignore criticism. He urged them to keep in mind the poor sections while practicing law and order. He said that primary object of a law is to protect the interests of the poor.

Nath was addressing the 37 batch officers of Deputy Police Superintendents who called on him at Mantralaya today after completing their training. They will be posted in different districts now.

In his address, the Chief Minister said that Madhya Pradesh has to keep pace with globally changing world. The challenges and responsibilities of the police have increased in proportion to the speedy

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changes in the society. He said that in past resources and facilities of communication technology were not so vast. Today, every person has access to them. Therefore, technologies should be used to prevent crime and improve policing.

Nath guided the officials to keep passion for acquiring new knowledge saying that Training

School can give limited period of training but challenging conditions in field and everyday experiences give ample learning, which continues till the end of career.

The Chief Minister praised the female police officers for their decision of joining the police service saying that it would be an inspiration for

other daughters willing to join the police force. He said that women's representation in police force is a good sign for society.

Nath expected police officers to set examples at the beginning of career. He said that the decision to join the police service leaving aside lucrative career options shows passion to serve the people. The Chief Minister said that police officers must own the responsibility of protecting the dignity of institutions, which draw strength and power from the Constitution as they represent the Unity in Diversity.

The Director General of Police VK Singh, Special DGP (Training) Sanjay Rana and Deputy Director of Police Training Academy, Bhouri V Kapoor were present on the occasion.

'Harishchandra Ke Chaupat Raja' staged

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

A Hindi play 'Harishchandra Ke Chaupat Raja' was staged here on Friday. The play was performed at Madhya Pradesh State Tribal Museum under Abhinayan series of drama.

The play was directed by Vinod Kumar Mishra. Written by Bhartendu Harishchandra the play is an adaptation of the play by Harishchandra 'Andher Nagri Chaupat Raja'.

This fascinating story was much enjoyed by the audience. Also it was presented brilliantly by the artists of the theatre group.

A boy once seeks the advice of his guru about going

to a certain country to seek his living. The guru tells him not to go there by saying one line about that country 'Andheri nagri Chaupat raja; takeh ser bhaji, takeh ser khaja'.

The citizens lack intelligence and it is an undesirable place to live. The young and unwise boy goes anyway.

Everything is so cheap at the place.

The boy enjoys dates and veggies at the country. Then some strange series of situations happen at the country and somehow that boy is accused to be hand.

The guru quickly arrives early morning at the public square and creates uproar by insisting that he be hanged

instead of the boy.

The guru confessed that on this day of the new moon, anyone who is hanged goes straight to heaven. The judge decides that 'he' should be hanged himself. In the meantime the news reaches the king.

He repairs the scene and uses his monkey to be hanged. The relieved guru and disciple promptly cross the borders of the strange kingdom, vowing never to return again.

Through this play the performers gave the message to the audience that living with the fools can never be safe and the foolish person does not know when in trouble.

The play was much enjoyed by the audience.

Tribute to martyrs of Pulwama attack

Bhopal: Archdiocese of Bhopal paid tribute to the martyrs of Pulwama attack at Pastoral Centre, Arera Colony, Bhopal on Friday.

Archbishop Leo Cornelio SVD strongly condemned the terrorist attack on CRPF personnel with strongest words ever, who sacrificed their life in the brutal terrorists attack. He said, "Any sort of violence and terror is against the progress of humanity." Terrorists are trying to destabilize the peace and harmony in the world, he continued. The time has come to unite the peace loving community against all kinds of terrorism, he added.

The Christian community came together at Pastoral centre on Friday and lighted the candles in memories of the brave heroes and observed two minutes silence to pay the homage. Fr Maria Stephen, the PRO led the prayer with a Bhajan to pay respect to the departed souls. He said, "The society is deeply wounded and it needs healing touch. We have the habit of handing over the responsibility of spreading peace to the Army, Jesus, Krishna, Ram, Allah or society but we forget that an individual is majority to spread peace and love. The need of hour is to change. He further said, "We are proud of Indian Army for their dedicated service to the country, and we place our faith in them." He also expressed his deep condolence to the bereaved family members of martyrs and prayed for them.

Fr Shaji (Asst PRO), Sudhir Sharma (Coordinator), Sisters and along with many other Christians gathered around to pay the homage to martyrs of Pulwama attack. SR

7 co-operative societies awarded for 'excellence'

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Seven cooperative societies of the state have been awarded for excellence in the award scheme of National Cooperative Development Corporation at Samanvay Bhavan, Bhopal. Principal Secretary Cooperatives Ajit Kesari presented the award money and the citations to the institutes.

Registrar and Commissioner Cooperatives Kedar Sharma and Managing Director of Apex Bank Pradeep Nikhra were also present.

Principal Secretary Kesari congratulated the awarded cooperative societies.

He said that they should give information about their successful works to other soci-

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eties, which would inspire good work in the cooperative sector. Kesari said that women members of excellent cooperative societies will share their work experience with other co-operatives and women will also be helped in empowerment.

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lence in work can be honoured. At the outset Regional Director of National Cooperative Development Corporation RK Lala informed that the societies were selected by the selection committee through a selection process by the co-operative institutions by inviting entries.

Among the societies chosen for the award include first prize of ₹25 thousand to Tribal Service Cooperative Society, Sourwa, Alirajpur, in Primary Agricultural Co-operative

Credit Committee and second prize of ₹20,000 to Tribal Service Cooperative Society, Chandpur, Alirajpur. In the women's category, the first prize of ₹25,000 was awarded to Manorama Joshi of Indore's Swashri Women's Credit Cooperative Society while the second prize of ₹20,000 was awarded to Rani Durgawati Poultry Cooperative Committee of Samnapur in Dindori district.

In the marketing sector, the first prize of ₹25,000 was awarded Petlawad Marketing Cooperative Society of Jhabua district and second prize of Rs 20,000 to Rau Cooperative Cold Storage Society of Indore district. In the Thrift sector Sadguru Credit Cooperative Society Dhar was awarded.

6th Inter Club Bridge Tournament '19 begins

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

6th Inter Club Bridge Tournament 2019 began here from Friday at Arera Club.

The tournament will continue till Sunday. It is to be noted that all affiliated Clubs from all over the country and Clubs/ organizations of Madhya Pradesh and adjoining States are invited to participate in the tournament.

It is being organized jointly with Bhopal District Contract Bridge Association and Directorate of Sports and Youth Welfare with sponsorships from Indian Oil

Corporation Limited in order to promote and popularize the game of 'Bridge'.

This year more than 15 teams comprising of 70 players from Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Delhi and Madhya Pradesh are participating in the tournament, who will contest in three events of Duplicate, Silver and Pairs formats of the tournament. It is to be noted that as many as 12 teams from Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh, participated in the duplicate events.

In the competition all the players gave tough fight to each

other. Among all the 12 teams, various matches were played during the tournament. The match was really exciting for the players as well as the audience. As they played, the match became even more stimulating as each team was giving its best.

In the duplicate event played on Friday four teams qualified for semifinal. The teams included Nagpur Team, Abbasi Team from Lucknow, ICBT Team from Indore and Vibrant Team from Bhopal.

For semifinal to be played on 16th February 2019 rest of the team will play for Silver Event.

2-day seminar on 'Gender Mainstreaming in Water Resources Mgmt' begins

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Two-day National Seminar on 'Gender Mainstreaming in Water Resources Management in India' was inaugurated here on Friday. This Seminar organised by Centre for Resources Development Studies, Bhopal in association with Environment Planning and Coordination Organisation (EPCO), Bhopal and Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhopal.

During the inauguration, Neeta Singh, President of CRDS, Bhopal welcomed the Chief Guest SP Royal, Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Working Plan), MP Forest Deptt. Bhopal; KG Vyas, Former Advisor, Rajiv Gandhi Water Shed Mission and Director WALMI, Bhopal detailed about the need of Management of Water Resources. After this, museum visit was organized for the delegates of seminar. Participants also visited the permanent gallery, temporary galleries, discovery centre, traditional conservation, wetland conservation, mini-court yard etc. during the museum visit.

During the Plenary Session, Mamta Ekks from Hamidia College, Bhopal detailed about the Water Conservation Awareness. Similarly Subrata Pani from EPCO, Bhopal and Sudhinder Mohan Sharma from Central Ground Water Board, Indore detailed about the Provision, Management and Safeguarding Water.

History, Bhopal, Delegates, participants and other.

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1 dies, 2 injured in road mishap

Bhopal: A 30-year-old man died while two persons escaped with severe injuries after his motorbike hit head-on with another bike near Kalyan Nagar under Chhola Mandir police station area late in the evening on Wednesday and died later in the night on Thursday.

Police said that three injured persons were rushed to a nearby hospital where one of them died during treatment.

The three got injured after their motorbikes rammed into each other. Police were informed and on the receipt of the information a team reached the spot and started investigation. In the initial investigation, the deceased was identified as Mohar Singh Jathav of Shankar Nagar. The accident took place at around 8 pm when he was on his way to Shankar Nagar from Chopda village. The

deceased who used to work as labour was on his way to home after work.

On the other bike two persons were injured severely and are undergoing treatment at LBS hospital. One of the injured was identified as Manoj. After preliminary investigation, the body was sent for post mortem.

The police have registered a case under section 304 A of IPC and have started search for the errant driver. The deceased was in an inebriated state could not be ascertained and would be revealed after receiving the post mortem report.

After the accident deceased was undergoing treatment and later he died on Thursday. The condition of the injured is critical and they are under observation and further investigation has been started said police. SR

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Train No.	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service
19664	Khajuraho 23.30 hrs	Indore Jn. 13.50 hrs (Next day)	Sunday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday
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Halts: Chhatarpur, Khargapur, Tikamgarh, Lalitpur, Bina, Vidisha, Sanchi, Sant Hirdaram Nagar & Ujjain
Composition: AC 2-Tier, AC 3-Tier, Sleeper Class, & General Second Class Coaches

KHAJURAHO → INDORE JN. Inaugural Service on 16th February 2019			
Train No.	Departure	Arrival	Date of Service
09664	Khajuraho 10.50 hrs (Saturday)	Indore Jn. 02.10 hrs (Next day)	16.02.2019

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Fuel conservation is responsibility of each citizen: Guv

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Governor Anandiben Patel has said that fuel and energy conservation is a responsibility of each citizen.

Besides tapping our own natural resources, our country is dependent on import and petroleum products are its important component.

The Governor was addressing the concluding programme of Saksham-2019 organised from January 16 to February 15 under the coordinated efforts of Bharat Petroleum, Hindustan Petroleum, GAIL and Indian Oil Corporation.

The Governor said that approximately 20 per cent of petroleum products are produced in the country.

The remaining 80 per cent are imported from other countries, which impact our economy.

Hence, balance between producers and consumers is essential. She further mentioned that we all should think about wise use of petroleum products along with the oil companies.

Praising the slogan of this

year 'Edhan Sanrakshan ki Zimmedari- Jan Gan ki Bhagidaari' of the month long Sanrakshan Mahotsav, the Governor stated that these efforts will strengthen efforts for energy conservation and increase awareness. Citizens will understand their responsibility towards fuel conservation.

The State Coordinator of the Indian Oil B Satish Kumar has informed that a World Record has been set by participation of 50 thousand people in a cycle rally held in Indore on January 27.

Activities like painting, debate, cycle rally, car rally and quiz are organized to generate awareness during the month long programme every year.

Patel presented mementos and certificates to the winners of debate and painting competition held in various cities of the state under the Saksham-2019.

The DGM of Petroleum Conservation Research Association SK Haldhar gave a presentation on programmes organized in the past.

Man arrested for promising fake jobs

Bhopal: The MP Nagar police have booked persons involved in duping Bihar based youth to the tune of ₹54000 in the name of facilitating job in Malaysia; accused had been posted advertisement over Facebook which trapped the victim.

Police said that the victim Mohammad Shahid Ansari has been duped by miscreants creating fake Bhopal based BI recruitment agency and duped victim of ₹54000.

During the investigation it was found that few more people have been duped in other areas luring the same offer of facilitating job in Malaysia and possibly more cases of fraud of the same nature would be revealed by the victims who have been trapped by the accused.

Police said that the miscreants have posted advertisement over Facebook of jobs with good packages in Malaysia and after reading the advertisement victim contacted the accused who duped to the tune of ₹54000.

The accused asked him consultancy fee, fee for facilitating visa and passport and deposited ₹54000 in parts in different bank accounts.

The police registered a case of fraud against the accused and started further investigation. **SR**

Belgium delegation to explore collaboration on Smart City projects

PNS ■ GWALIOR

A twelve member delegation under the leadership of The Mayor of the Lubin city in Belgium, Mohammed Radiony is on a study tour of Gwalior to explore further collaboration in various Smart City Projects.

Lubin and Gwalior have been working together on various Smart City Projects under the aegis of the International Urban Cooperation.

The IUC facilitates bilateral cooperation between cities to enable them to tackle various pressing challenges.

Under the IUC program cities and regions in Europe have entered into partnership with Indian cities on various developmental projects.

In this connection Gwalior has been paired with the Belgium city, Lubin.

Mayor Mohammed during his meeting with the Gwalior Mayor Vivek Shewalkar, Smart City Project CEO, Mahip Tejaswi and other officials expressed satisfaction over the implementation of various Smart City Projects.

He said that Gwalior, being an important historical place on the world map has great potential as a world tourist

centre and assured all support in the field of urban planning as well as heritage conservation.

The Belgium delegation also held detailed discussions with their Gwalior counterparts on various issues related to Smart City Project, especially use of new technology for sewage treatment, including solid waste management and ways for generating energy.

The delegation from Lubin also shared their expertise in the field of traffic, garbage management, water supply, sanitation and drainage.

The two delegations also discussed on ways to implement innovative technologies to ease the various civic issues.

The officials of the Gwalior Smart City Project gave a presentation to apprise the Belgium delegation about the progress of the various projects.

After the presentation and the meeting with the Smart City Project officials, the Belgium delegation took cycles from the Public Bike Sharing Centre situated at City Centre and went on a tour of the city. The delegation visited the Jal Vihar, Boat Club, Gwalior Fort and Maharaj Bada.

Two arrested for attacking 18-yr-old youth

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Aishbagh police have booked two miscreants for attacking an 18-year-old youth with a sharp-edged weapon near Ice-cream factory in the night on Thursday.

The victim identified as Mahesh Batham was attacked by two accused who attacked with sharp edged weapons after victim refused to sell liquor in the night on Thursday.

The victim lives near Dhobi Ghat at Pul Patra while the accused are habitual criminal and are involved in criminal activities for long.

A complaint was lodged by the victim stating that at around 9.30 pm when he was near Mohan Ice-cream factory the accused Bali and Pal came and asked him to sell and transport illegally which the victim refused after which they abused him and attacked him with a sharp edged weapon in his legs and back.

The victim was rushed to hospital where his condition is reportedly stable.

The police have registered a case under section 307 of the

The victim lives near Dhobi Ghat at Pul Patra while the accused are habitual criminal and are involved in criminal activities for long

IPC and started further investigation. Search for the two absconding accused has been intensified.

Meanwhile, TT Nagar police have booked two miscreants for creating ruckus after a food stall owner asked for money at Betwa Apartments under TT Nagar police station area in the night on Thursday.

The victim Sanjeev Nepali lodged complaint with the TT Nagar police stating that two miscreants after having food at his stall opened fire when he asked for payment of food the two had. Based on the complaint police have started investigation but not found evidence of firing in air was found.

2 vehicle lifters held, car worth ₹4 lakh seized

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Kamla Nagar police have nabbed two vehicle lifters and recovered a car worth ₹4,00,000 from their possession on Thursday from Kaliasot Dam; car was stolen from Sayaji hotel in the evening on Thursday and the two accused were nabbed on Friday.

According to the police, acting on a tip off two youths were nabbed near Kaliasot Dam who were with the stolen car and when they were quizzed regarding the car they were not able to provide the details and document of the car and confessed that the car was a stolen one.

The nabbed miscreants were identified as Shobhit Palivali (22) and Naveen Singh Gurjar (22) and confessed stealing of car from Sayaji hotel.

During the investigation police found that the he had gone to attend a programme at Sayaji hotel at around 8 pm and after the programme when he came out of the hotel at around 11.30 pm car was found stolen. Police have started investigating details of the nabbed accused.

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 Corporate Office: 201, Raheja Point-1, Near Shamrao Vitthal Bank, Nehru Road, Vakola Santacruz (E), Mumbai-400055
 Sagor Branch : 1st Floor, Jay Sakhi Baba Matrix, Makronia Road, Sagor - 470004 (MP)

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.
 (Formerly known as DHFL Vyasa Housing Finance Ltd.)

APPENDIX IV POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of AHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

S. N. Co Borrower(s) (Name of the Branch)	Name of the Borrower(s) / Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Date of Possession
1. (App No. 00066081/ Sagor Branch) Rajesh Soni (Borrower) Maya devi soni (Co-Borrower)	All that part & parcel of property bearing, Ward No.39, Kh.no. 318/14, Ph. No. 65., Subedar Ward, Mouja- Sagor Khas, Near Gulab Baba Mandir, Sagor, Madhya Pradesh-470002. Boundaries: East: Vendor, West: House of MitthuKhalifa, North: Land Of Chandu Patel, South: Kuliya	10.05.2018 for ₹ 4,54,706/- Rs. Four Lakh Fifty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Six Only.	12.02.19
2. (App No. 00023359/ Sagor Branch) Sava Qurashi (Borrower) Mohammad Sameer Quraishi (Co-Borrower)	All that part & parcel of property bearing, Kh No 40/9, Ph No 67 Circle Sagor 1, Moja Lalai Tori, Bandi No. M 73638 Tulshi Nagar Ward , Sagor, Madhya Pradesh-470002. Boundaries: East : Plot Of Seller, West : 18 ft. Road, North : Rashid Bhajjan, South : Plot Of Seller	10.05.2018 for ₹ 5,15,143/- Rs. Five Lakh Fifteen Thousand One Hundred Forty Three Only.	12.02.19
3. (App No. 00073513/ Sagor Branch) Anwar Qureshi (Borrower) Molana Mohamadfarukh Qureshi (Co-Borrower)	All that part & parcel of property bearing, Ward No.03, Kh. No. 80/20, Ph.no.26, Mouja - Rahatgarh, Near Sanjay Market, Sagor, Madhya Pradesh-470119. Boundaries: East : Road Of Kanji House To Bus Stand, West : House Of Raju Ghasera, North : House Of Jamana Bai, South : House Of Devendra Jain	10.05.2018 for ₹ 5,54,646/- Rupees Five Lakh Fifty Four Thousand Six Hundred Forty Six Only.	12.02.19
4. (App No. 00135676/ Sagor Branch) Sandeep Sahu (Borrower) Shilpi Sahu (Co-Borrower)	All that part & parcel of property bearing, Kh. No. 129/2, 129/4 & P.H. No. 65, Ward No. 14, Tilakganj Ward Varni Colony Road, Sagor, Madhya Pradesh-470002. Boundaries: East : House Of Lilli, West : 10 ft. Wide Road, North : Land Of Vinod Patel, South : Plot Of Malati	08.06.2018 for ₹ 3,25,608/- Rs. Three Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Six Hundred Eight Only.	12.02.19

Authorised Officer
Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

Place : Sagor
Date : 16.02.2019

Corporation Bank
 (A Premier Public Sector Bank)

Zonal Office- Delhi North, Second Floor, Faiz Road-1, New Delhi- 110005, Phone No. 011-28754615, 28754642
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LAST DATE & TIME OF SUBMISSION OF EMD AND DOCUMENTS 11-03-2019 UPTO 05.00 P.M.

Date & Time of E-Auction : 12-03-2019 at 11.45 am to 1.15 pm

Sale of immovable/movable property mortgaged to Bank under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 (No.54 of 2002) Whereas, the Authorized Officer of Corporation Bank has taken possession of the following property pursuant to the notice issued under Sec 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 in the following loan accounts with our Branch with a right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS AND AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for realization of Bank's dues. The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website: <https://bankauctions.in>

Name of the Borrower and Guarantor	Description & owner of property	Reserve Price
		EMD
Overseas Branch, Phone No. 011-23418370, 23418720 for any property related queries contact: Mr. Ravishankar: 9599543533 EMD Submission Account Details - A/C No: 510101006249001, A/C Name: Current Account, Name of Beneficiary: Authorized Officer, IFSC CODE: CORP000606		Bid Increment Amount
Borrower: Vigyan Chemicals Pvt. Ltd., S 518 LGF, GK Part-I, New Delhi Also At - Plot No 508 & 581, Kandla Sez, Kandla, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, Name of the Directors: 1. Mr. Sanjay Jain, 2. Mr. Ayush Jain, 3. Mrs. Shantini Reddy, 4. Mr. Shrawan Reddy Guarantor: 1. Sanjay Jain, H No 965, Sector-15, Faridabad, Haryana, 2. Ayush Jain, 1 JP Block, Pitampura, Delhi, 3. Mr. Shrawan Reddy, D 5 D 1V Type, Quarters, Hudco Place, Andrews Ganj, New Delhi, 4. Goldline Ventures P. Ltd.	Property Located On Ph No 19 (new - 49), Revenue Circle- 2, Dharampur, VIII - Bhanwarsala, Survey No. 166/2, 167/2, 168/1, Tehsil - Sanwar, Dist - Indore (mp), Measuring 3.33 Hectares, owned by M/s Goldline Ventures Pvt Limited Date of Demand Notice Issue 26.12.2016 Outstanding Amount (secured Debt) Rs. 15,64,87,110.62 Plus Interest and Other Charges thereon BG/LC No. 2016/00025 for Rs. 15,90,000/- is outstanding in books and not yet crystallized. Please refer the link: https://corpbank.com/sites/default/files/corpbank-page-files/tender/vigyan_chemicals_.pdf	₹ 19,00,00,000/- ₹ 1,00,00,000/-

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

- The e-Auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".
- The successful bidder shall at the end of the auction pay 25% of the bid amount which shall be inclusive of the bid amount immediately on the sale being knocked down in his favour and the balance within 15 days from the date of sale confirmation. Payment is to be made by RTGS/NEFT to the account of Authorized officer, on or before 27-03-2019, on default in such payment the property shall be resold and the defaulting purchaser shall not have any claim whatsoever and the amount already paid shall be forfeited.
- Any statutory and other dues payable either accrued or arisen already shall be borne by the purchaser of the property.
- To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property/ies & to inspect & satisfy themselves. Property can be inspected from 10:30 am to 5:00pm after consultation with Authorised Officer.
- "In the event of failure of the successful bidder to tender 25% of the sale price then and there, the EMD deposited by him shall be forfeited to secured creditor and the bid accepted shall stand cancelled automatically"
- The intended bidders who have deposited the EMD and require assistance in creating Login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting bid, training on e-bidding process etc., may contact M/s. CLOSURE Help Line No. 040-23836405, Mr. Vikas - +91-8142000809. Help Line e-mail ID: info@bankauctions.in, Vikas@bankauctions.in and for any property related query may contact the Branch Head.
- As per the Income Tax Rule, TDS @ rate of 1% of Auction Price is payable by the successful auction purchaser.
(FOR DETAILED TERM AND CONDITIONS PLEASE REFER TO <https://bankauctions.in>)

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 9(1) OF THE SARFAESI ACT 2002

The borrower / guarantor are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with rule date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-auction failing which the property will be auctioned / sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date : 12-02-2019, Place : New Delhi

Authorised Officer, Corporation Bank

सिंडिकेटबैंक
Syndicate Bank
 (A GOVT. OF INDIA UNDERTAKING)
 HEAD OFFICE : MANIPAL - 576104

Gwalior Branch:
Moti Market Jayendra Ganj, Lashkar
Gwalior (M.P.) 474009

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Properties)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Syndicate bank under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice date mentioned below to the following borrowers/guarantors & / or property owner's / legal heirs calling upon them to repay the amount mentioned in the respective notices within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notices.

The under mentioned borrowers/guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantors & / or property owner's / legal heirs and the public in general that undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on them under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the security (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on the dates mentioned in respective columns. The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section 8 of Sec 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrowers/guarantors & / or property owner's / legal heirs in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Syndicate Bank for an amount and interest thereon costs etc.

Name of Account / Borrower/ Guarantor	Notice Amount	Description of Property
Borrowers : M/s Shree Sai Sales Corporation Partners - Allauddin Khan, Karan Kumar Golash Guarantor : Ravindra Kumar Golash	₹ 41,81,982/- + interest & other charges Notice Date 17/11/2018 Possession Dt. 11/02/2019	All that part and parcel of Municipal Corporation department house no. 50/239, Ward No. 50 situated at Rathakana Gali, Rai Singh Ka Bagh, Lashkar, Gwalior. Two Shops total admeasuring 19 Sq mtr. At ground floor and property residential house admeasuring 109.20 sq mtr on 1st floor and 2nd floor thereon owned by Mr. Allauddin Khan S/o Mr. Allabakh Khan. Boundaries of ground floor: North: property Muldirah Kakvani and others, South : House Mohd Khan there is a common passage in the ground floor, East: property of shyamlal, West: house of Harnarayan. Boundaries of first floor: North: Below way ratkhana Street, South : House Mohd Khan, East : Property of shyamlal, West : house of Harnarayan

Date : 15-02-2019, Place : Gwalior

Authorised Officer, Syndicate Bank

ANDHRA BANK
 (A Govt. of India Undertaking)

Zonal Office : 228, Second Floor,
Zone-1, M.P. Nagar, Bhopal

Appendix-IV-A (See proviso to rule 8(6)) Read with Rule 9 (1)

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Andhra Bank Secured Creditor the constructive (Symbolic) Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Andhra Bank Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 28/02/2019 between 3.00 to 4.00 p.m. for recovery of amount mentioned below plus interest till the date of realization and costs, charges and expenses due to the Andhra Bank Secured Creditor from below mentioned Borrower / Co-obligant. The EMD has to be deposited before 4.00 P.M on 27/02/2019

Name of Borrower & Co-obligant	Description of Property	Demand Notice Dt	Reserve Price
CHAWANI BRANCH: 18, MURALI MOHALLA, CHAWANI, MAIN ROAD, INDORE (MP) 452002 Tel No. 0731-2705623 EMD Deposit A/c No. 023411100003217 IFSC CODE ANDB000234, Branch Code : 0234			
COMMERCIAL PROPERTY :			
Borrower : M/s. Gopal Traders Prop. : Mr. Gopal Agarwal Factory Address : No. 473, Plot No. 95, Ward No. 09, Sadar Bazaar, Geeta Bhawan Road, Manpur, Dist. Indore Guarantor(s): 1. Mr. Pankaj Agrawal S/o Mr. Shyam Sunder Agrawal R/o - 132, Nayi Anaj Mandi, Indore MP- 452001 2. Mr. Rajesh Sharma S/o Mr. Sukhdev Sharma, R/o : 301, Sukhvihar, Usha Nagar Ext. Indore	All part and parcel of Commercial purpose free hold house/Land and Building Municipal No.473, Plot No.95, Ward No.09, Sadar Bazaar, Geeta Bhawan Road, Manpur, Dist. Indore Area 2030 Sq. feet (188.60 Sq.mtr.) belonging to Mr. Gopal Agrawal Boundaries: East: House of Basheer Mohd., West: House of Smt. Rajal Bai, North: House of Ramkishan Kumhar, South: Road	01-08-2018 15-10-2018 as on 31-12-2018	₹ 25.00 Lacs ₹ 2.50 Lacs
Borrower : M/s Soundary Gold Polish Proprietor : Mr. Vijay Mishra S/o Premnarayan Mishra, 47, Bada Sarafa, Jagdish Bhawan Indore (M.P.) Guarantor: Yash Tiwari S/o Rajmani Tiwari, 150 Dhanwantari Nagar Near Rajendra Nagar Indore- 452012	All part and parcel of Property consisting of Flat No. 505, Plot No.A-10, Sanskriti Royal Park, Rau Indore (M.P.) 452001 Area - 991 sq.ft. Boundaries: East: Passage, West: Road, North: Flat No.504, South: Plot No.A-9	01-08-2018 15-10-2018 as on 31-12-2018 ₹ 3226446/- + intt. other charges	₹ 23.00 Lacs ₹ 2.30 Lacs
Borrower : 1. M/s Neha Enterprises Proprietor: Mrs. Nirmala Sharma 2. Nirmala Sharma W/o Pradeep Sharma Add. of Both : 271, Pragati Nagar, Rajendra Nagar Indore (MP) Co-obligant/Guarantor: Pradeep Sharma 16/2, Bharat Marg, Naliya Bakhal Indore	Residential House No. 16/02, Bharat Marg, Naliya Bakhal, Indore (MP), admeasuring 650 sq.ft., admeasuring 650 sq.ft. Boundaries: East: House of Shankaral, West: House of Indorilal, North: Rasta, South: Municipal Lane	01-09-2018 14-11-2018 as on 31-12-2018 ₹ 2605031/- ₹ 1045594/- + intt. & charges	₹ 36.00 Lacs ₹ 3.60 Lacs
Borrower : Pradeep Kumar S/o Shri Vallabh Jhwar co-obligant / Guarantor : Mr. Shrawan Jhwar Flat No.501, Gokuldharm Society Rani Bagh, Khandwa Road Indore-452001	Flat No. 101, First Floor, Shanti Palace, Plot No. 212, Rani Bagh Main Road, Gram Limbodi Indore (MP), Area- 1335 Sq. ft., Boundaries:- East: Plot No. 213 & 214 West: Portion No.102 North:-portion No.106, South:- Colony Road	01-09-2018 14-11-2018 as on 31-12-2018 ₹ 3815064/- + intt. other charges	₹ 32.00 Lacs ₹ 3.20 Lacs
Borrower: M/s Kirti Aluminium Fabrication Proprietor- Mrs. Kirti Holkar W/o Rajesh Holkar, Near Ranjit Hanuman Mandir, 117, Usha Nagar Ext. Near Satsangh Bhawan, Indore Guarantor: (1) Mr. Dharmendra Patel S/o Rajaram Patel (2) Mrs. Urmila Patel W/o Dharmendra Patel (3) Rajesh Holkar S/o Chandrasen Holkar	Hypothecation of all kinds of stocks under trade, assignment of Book Debts & Residential Flat H. No. 383, Sec-B, Suryadev Nagar, Hawa Bangla Ke Pichhe, Indore MP-452012 Area-800 Sq.Feet. Boundaries: East: Colony Road, West: Plot No.382, North: Remaining part of same plot, South: Plot No. 384 Property owner: 1. Mr. Dharmendra Patel S/o Rajaram Patel (Guarantor) 2. Mrs. Urmila Patel W/o Dharmendra Patel (Guarantor)	10-10-2018 19-12-2018 as on 31-12-2018 ₹ 36,37,011/- + interest & other Charges thereon	₹ 47.00 Lacs ₹ 4.70 Lacs
Freeganj Branch : 22, Kamla Nehru Marg, Freeganj, Ujjain Tel. : 0734-2513032 EMD Deposit A/c No. 023411100003217, IFSC CODE : ANDB000234, Branch Code : 0234			
OPEN LAND			
Borrower: M/s M.K. Enterprises Prop. : Smt. Mohini Jaiswal Guarantor : Smt. Sugan Bai Kalota W/o Sardar Singh kalota	Land & Building- Belonging to Smt. Sugan Bai Kalota w/o Shri Sardar Singh Kalota at situated at SY No. 78/1, (Diverted land), PH No. 03, Village Jambudi Hapsi Tehsil & District Indore (M.P.) and bounded by East-Land of Shri Bheru Singh, West- Land of Shri Motiram, North- Land of Smt. Sodra Bai and others South- Land of Shri Chhogal	01-06-2018 08-08-2018 as on 31-12-2018 ₹ 21717672/- & intt thereon	₹ 1.67 Crore ₹ 17.00 Lacs
Borrower: M/s Shree Siddhivinayak Corporation Prop. : Mr. Roshan Raikwar, 7, Malti Grain Shop, Chiman Ganj Mandi, Ujjain Guarantor : Mr. Mangilal Chouhan S/o Tilak Chand Chouhan, 141, Gram Budhania, Teh. Hatod, Indore	Land & Building- Belonging to Shri Mangilal Chouhan S/o Tilak Chand Chouhan at situated at SY No.35 & 40/1 village-Budhania, Tehsil - Hatod & District- Indore Admeasuring : 1.47 hectare (14730 sq.mtr.) Boundaries : East- Agri Land of Shri Deo Singh, West- Land of Shri Lakhani Lal & others, North- Land of Ram chandra & Ram ratan, South- Land of Sharfuddin S/O A. Karim	01-06-2018 08-08-2018 as on 31-12-2018 ₹ 20148421/- & intt thereon	₹ 2.53 Crore ₹ 26.00 Lacs
36, BHADBHADA ROAD T T NAGAR, BHOPAL, M.P., 462063 Tel No. 0755 2554001 2760335 EMD Deposit A/c No. 152711100003767 IFSC CODE ANDB0001527, Branch Code : 1527			
COMMERCIAL PROPERTY			
Borrower : Shiv Shri Shradha Hospitality & Tourism Private Limited Shop No F1 First Floor 46 Ramlaxmi Parisar Malviya Nagar Bhopal-462003 Guarantors : (1) Mrs Sonika Dubey W/o Ajay Kumar Dubey H No 162 Rivera Township Near Mata Mandir Bhopal-462003 (2) Mr Haricharan Dubey Shop No F1 First Floor 46 Ramlaxmi Parisar Malviya Nagar Bhopal-462003 (3) Mr Jaideep Juneja, Shop No F1 First Floor 46 Ramlaxmi Parisar Malviya Nagar Bhopal-462003 Corporate Guaranteee : M/s Sonika Engineering & Construction Ltd, 46 Malviya Nagar Ramlaxmi Parisar 2nd Floor Flat No F-3 Bhopal-462003	Equitable mortgage of land & Building Situated at Khasra No 241/1/1 at village Chandukhedhi, Teh. & Distt Ujjain detailed as: 1. Land at Khasra No 241/1/1 at village Chandukhedhi, Tehsil & District Ujjain, Title No 5300 Dated 28/02/2013 in the Name of M/s Sonika Engineering and construction Ltd Admeasuring 0.40 Hectare Boundaries: East: Rest Agri land of Seller, West : Rest Agri Land of Seller, North :/o karan Singh S/o Motiram, South: Rest Agri land of Seller 2. Land at Khasra No 241/1/1 at village Chandukhedhi, Tehsil & District Ujjain, Title No 259(Mu) Dated 24/05/2013 in the Name of M/s Sonika Engineering and construction Ltd Admeasuring 0.40 Hectare Boundaries: East: Rest Agri land of Seller, West : Rest Agri Land of Seller, North :/o karan Singh Motiram, South: Rest Agri land of Seller 3. Land at Khasra No 241/1/1 at village Chandukhedhi, Tehsil & District Ujjain, Title No 391(Mu) Dated 17/06/2013 in the Name of M/s Sonika Engineering and construction Ltd Area- 0.40 Hectare Boundaries: East: Rest Agri land of Seller, West : Rest Agri Land of Seller, North :/o Buyer South: Rest Agri land of Seller, And First Charge on the fixed assets created out of bank finance.	01-06-2018 08-08-2018 as on 31-12-2018 ₹ 28388745 /- + intt. other charges	₹ 6.72 Crores ₹ 68.00 Lacs

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Andhra Bank Secured Creditor's website : www.antaesystems.com E-auction Portal: www.tenderwizard.com/ ANB OR 1. www.andhrabank.in 2. www.tenders.gov.in
 Note: This is also sale notice to borrower / Guarantor/ Mortgagees under Rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 duly informing to pay the liability before the date of sale failing which the property / properties will be sold."
 Date: 15.02.2019, Place: Bhopal

Authorised Officer

2-day workshop on gym business held

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

With a motive to train youngsters to make them self-reliant in gym business a two-day workshop was organised in the audio-visual hall TT Nagar stadium.

In the workshop as many as 48 youngsters from different districts participated. Here on Friday, it was the second day of workshop.

Director Sports and Youth Welfare S.L. Thoussen, while directing the trainee youngsters, said that keeping in view the good prospects in the field of fitness centers, the youth are being provided loans at the

small interest rate under the Chief Minister's Youth Enterprise scheme. The purpose of this will be to provide better employment opportunities to the youth through fitness centers, while adding other youths to fitness centers (gym) will help them to become self-reliant.

Thoussen gave necessary tips to the youngsters regarding 'fitness centers' and provided guidance to them. He assured the youth that all support will be provided to the fitness centers by the Sports and Youth Welfare Department.

On the first day of this two-day workshop, DSYW Consultant Nikhil Vaswani

provided training to the youth in detail in regard to gym management. He gave information about marketing, gym design, financial management and services. Besides, in the context of physical structure and workout, and Dietician Nidhi Pandey, Genius Thomas Mathew provided detailed training about the Diet Plan. Apart from this, Sagar Pednekar of Gold Gym Mumbai gave guidance on gym Industry and its innovative technology and advanced equipment. The workshop also resolved the doubts of trainees as they came up with various queries.

Financial literacy awareness prog for women organised

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

A Financial Literacy Awareness Programme for underprivileged women of Madhya Pradesh was organised by Fusion Microfinance financial institution. The programme was organized with an aim to make the women of State self-dependent.

The event was organized by Microfinance. With a great hand in empowering women, Fusion Microfinance helps the underprivileged women in the rural and mobile areas of India to learn financial literacy. They believe in women to be self-sufficient and provide them with opportunities to make enhance their abilities and being self dependent.

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They focus in reaching out to unbanked and providing financial services to women entrepreneurs belonging to the economically and socially deprived section of the society. "Our responsibilities are not restricted merely to financial support but also to acquaint the clients to manage their financials by disseminating Financial Literacy to them."

Alert security man foils bank heist in Keonjhar

PNS ■ KEONJHAR

A bank dacoity bid was foiled in the branch of Allahabad Bank in Barbil of the district on Friday by an alert and brave security guard. Sources said five unidentified men entered in to the Allahabad Bank branch on the main road of the Barbil town, neighbouring Jharkhand at around 10 am, when only the bank's Cashier and another staff and two to three customers were present.

Then the miscreants went directly to the cashier and asked him at gun point to hand over the locker key but when

the cashier protested they attacked him. However, security guard Bijaya Vishwakarma, who was standing at the entrance immediately rushed to the rescue of the Cashier and scuffled with the dacoits.

But the miscreants hit him with the gunstock and injured him. Later, they snatched cash and mobile phones from the customers and fled from the spot.

In the melee, they left behind a country made gun and some other articles. Getting information, the Barbil police rushed to the spot and are investigating into the incident.

Manav Adhikar gets Yuva Prerana Samman



PNS ■ BRAHMAMPUR

The Manav Adhikar Suraksha Manch received the "Yuva Prerana Samman-2019" at a programme held in Bhubaneswar on Thursday. Manch Convener Abani Kumar Gaya received the award. The Manch was honoured on the occasion of 150th year birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi for conducting continuous fights for

people's interest. Social scientist Prof Swadhinanda Patnaik inaugurated the programme.

Convener Manas Patnaik, noted environmentalist Prafulla Samantara, journalist Sameer Patnaik, Lohia Academy secretary Deba Prasad Ray, columnist Dr Bishwajit graced as guests. They held discussions on topics based on Gandhian philosophy titled "Soul of India-How much in villages, how much in cities" and "India of Dream- My responsibility".

Among others, Biya Chandra Bisoyi, Kishore Chandra Patro, Majoj Tari, Maguni Nahak, Ramesh Behera, Satyanarayan Rao, Sambasiva Rao, Sri Nivas and Nilachala Nanda were present.



National Student Union of India (NSUI) activists burn an effigy of Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan (left) and Muslim activists demonstrate against Pakistan as they pay tributes to the martyred CRPF jawan and condemn militant attack in Pulwama district of South Kashmir, in Bhopal on Friday



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Assembly pays homage to Pulwama martyrs

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The Budget Session of Uttarakhand Assembly on Friday was adjourned till Monday after the members paid homage to the CRPF personnel martyred in the Pulwama terror attack. The Budget which was to be tabled in the Assembly on the day would now be presented on Monday.

Paying emotional tributes to those who have been slain in the biggest terrorist attack of the recent time, the members also pledged to donate their one month's salary for the families of the deceased. The members observed a silence of two minutes as a mark of respect for the martyred soldiers.

In his address, the Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat said that whenever any crisis befalls the nation, the nation becomes united. Expressing his condolences to the families of the martyrs, the CM said that the nation is proud of its brave soldiers. He further said that the Indian armed forces are very strong and are capable of giving a befitting reply to the enemy at any point of time.

CM added that the youths of the country are brave, courageous and brimming with love for the nation. Rawat said that the State Government stands firmly with the families of the martyred soldiers and it has taken a policy decision to provide Government jobs to one of

Pulwama attack: U'khand loses two brave sons

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Uttarakhand has lost two of its brave sons in the suicide bomb attack on the CRPF convoy in which 43 soldiers were martyred on Thursday. According to the reports, one of the martyrs, Virendra Singh Rana, was a resident of Mohamandpur Budhia village of Khatima in Udham Singh Nagar district. A pall of gloom descended over the locality when the news of the death of Virendra was communicated to his family on Thursday night. Brother-in-law of the martyr, Ramkishan

said that the Virendra was the youngest of three sons of Diwan Singh. His elder brother Jairam Singh is a retired Border Security Force (BSF) personnel. The martyr is survived by his wife, a five-year-old daughter and a two-year-old son.

Ramkishan added that Virendra had left for Jammu on Tuesday after he completed a leave of 20 days.

The second martyr, Mohan Lal Raturi was a resident of Bankot village of Chinyalisaur of Uttarkashi district. He was the assistant sub-

inspector (ASI) in the 76th battalion of CRPF.

The family of Mohan Lal comprises his wife, three daughters and two sons who are at present living at Vidhya Vihar Colony, Kargi Chowk.

While expressing his heartfelt condolence to the families of the martyrs, the Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat has declared that one dependent of each of the martyrs would be given a job in the State Government. He also declared that a sum of ₹25 lakh each would be provided to the families of the martyrs.

the family members of the martyrs. He added that a majestic war memorial (Shaurya Sthal) would be built in the memory of the martyrs.

The Speaker Prem Chand Agarwal said that the whole country is with the grief-stricken families of the martyrs. He further said that apart from taking firm punitive action against the perpetrators of the ghastly Act, steps should be taken to bring back the misguided youths of Kashmir to the mainstream. They should be prevailed over to take books, pens and tools

in their hands instead of taking up guns, he said.

Earlier taking part in the discussion, the members of the Assembly paid tributes to the martyrs.

Cutting across the party lines, they demanded the armed forces of the country be given a free hand to deal with the terrorists and their supporters both within the country and outside. BJP MLA from Roorkee Pradip Batra declared that he would donate his salary of six months to the families of the martyrs.

Similarly, Jhabreda MLA

Deshraj Karanwal announced that he along with some of his companions would go to the Wagah border in Punjab to stage demonstration against Pakistan.

Vikasnagar MLA Munna Singh Chauhan said that the fact of a local youth having triggered the explosion which killed CRPF personnel has revealed the local support behind the terrorists.

He demanded the sleeper cells of the terror outfits in Rayagada, Ladda and Jimidipeta railway stations in Rayagada district, would be dedicated to public on

Passenger amenities opened at Sambalpur railway station

PNS ■ SAMBALPUR/BHUBANESWAR

Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Friday dedicated various passenger amenities at the Sambalpur railway station on Friday.

Pradhan dedicated the improved front façade and circulating area of Sambalpur station. He also dedicated escalators with ramp facility and a food plaza and a mechanized laundry facility at the station.

On the occasion, Pradhan also announced stoppage of 12871/12872 Howrah Titilagarh-Howrah Ispat Express at Badmal, 18425/18426 Puri-Durg-Puri Express at Muribahal and 18107/18107 Rourkela-Koraput-Rourkela Express at Barpali from February 14 on an experimental basis for a period of six months.

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Both Jimidipeta and Ladda stations are having two passenger platforms, each being separated with four lines.

Each FOB if of 36-metre length and 3-metre width and has come up at a cost of ₹1.12 crore.

While Rayagada railway station has been developed as a modern and Adarsh station, an additional FOB with ramp facility connecting all the three platforms has come at a cost of ₹2.44 crore. With this, the Rayagada station has become Divyangjan friendly. The FOB is of 3-meter width and 27.2-meter length.

INBRIEF

HEAVYWEIGHTS INTERESTED TO INVEST IN MP
Bhopal: Reputed companies like Alibaba and Amazon are interested to invest in Madhya Pradesh. State has industrial friendly atmosphere. This was said by the Minister for Urban Development and Housing during a meeting with a delegation of the British Deputy High Commission (BDHC), Mumbai. Singh mentioned that employment generation is the prime objective of the government. He stated that there are many sector in the state where we can work together. Madhya Pradesh is a heart of the country. There is a vast scope of work in Madhya Pradesh. He also told the delegation about the schemes being implemented in the urban bodies.

COLUMBIA VARSITY FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT OF WOMEN
Bhopal: Minister for Urban Development and Housing Jaivardhan Singh said that thought will be given to work with the Earth Institute of the Columbia University for the skill development of women dwelling in slums. Singh said this during a meeting with Radhika Aiyengar of the Columbia University. Singh further mentioned that a project should be prepared to make women of slums of Bhopal self-dependent. This project will be launched in other cities if it succeeds. Aiyengar said that the University will prepare a curriculum itself for the skill development and training will be imparted accordingly.

UNEMPLOYED YOUTH TO GET LOAN FACILITY
Bhopal: In yet another significant decision, the new government has removed the restrictions imposed in April 2017 on obtaining all types of vehicle loans in self-employment schemes. The decision will benefit the unemployed youth. This new decision has been taken in connection with the implementation of the Chief Minister Self-Employment Scheme, Mukhya Mantri Yuva Udyami Yojana and Mukhya Mantri Krishak Udyami Yojana through District Trade and Industry Centre. According to the decision, all types of loans in employment schemes for bus, mini bus, car, taxi car, three-wheeler, tractor, truck, freight vehicle, goods carrier vehicle, machine / equipment vehicle (J.C.B, porcelain, harvester) have been exempted from the ban imposed on April 27, 2017. The Directorate of Industries has issued an order in this connection. All Collectors and General Managers of all District Trade and Industry Centre have been informed about this.

73-YEAR-OLD WOMAN DONATES EYES TO SEWA SADAN
Bhopal: Eyes of late Hardasmal Krishnani (73 years) have been donated to Seva Sadan Eye Hospital by his son Dilip Krishnani. A resident of Sant Hirdaram Nagar, late Hardasmal Krishnani died on Thursday. With this donation two blind persons would now get eyesight. As many as 1,650 free cornea transplantations have so far been performed in Seva Sadan Eye Hospital. Trustee LC Janiyani paid homage to the departed soul and expressed gratitude to the family members for this donation.



Dr Anant Bhan speaking at a workshop on 'Basics of Research and its Methodology in the Light of Ethics' organized at Govt Homeopathic Medical College and Hospital, in Bhopal on Friday

4 arrested for stealing iron rods in Balangir

PNS ■ BALANGIR

A team of Balangir police comprising DSP KK Hariprasad, OIC Puintala Annanta Pradhan and others arrested four persons on the charge of stealing iron rods from a truck at Bairsar chowk under the Puintala police limits three weeks back.

The arrestees have been identified as Rajnit Karnna, Dibyajyoti Nayak, Krushna Mallick and Baikunthana Mallick. SDPO Srimant Barik informed this at a Press meet held here on Friday.

According to reports, a truck carrying 31 tonnes of iron rod, worth of ₹12.96 lakh, was on its way to Kesinga and Koraput

from Rourkela when 10 people stopped it at Bairsar chowk, blindfolded its driver and helper and locked them in a secluded place.

Thereafter, the took away all iron rods from the truck.

During investigation, police found that Ranjit Karna of Digi village under the Manumunda police station was selling the iron rods without valid papers. During interrogation, Karna revealed all the details. Accordingly three others have been arrested, said the DSP.

He informed all stolen iron rods, a mobile phone, a bike and a car have been seized from the arrested persons. Other persons involved in the stealing would be nabbed soon, said Barik.



Minister for Urban Development and Housing Jaivardhan Singh addresses 'Avsar' career fair organized by Ask Horizon at Ravindra Bhawan in Bhopal on Friday

Diplomatic offensive launched against Pak Govt calls all-party meet to discuss terror attack

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

After vowing to avenge the killing of 44 CRPF jawans at Pulwama in Jammu & Kashmir, India on Friday launched a major diplomatic offensive against Pakistan to mobilise international opinion in favour of a possible punitive action. India briefed envoys of 25 countries, including from P5 nations — US, China, Russia, the UK and France — on Islamabad's hand behind the attack.

Pakistan must take "immediate and verifiable action" against the JeM and that it must immediately stop any groups or individuals associated with terrorism operating from its territories, Gokhale told the envoy.

According to sources, Indian High Commissioner to Pakistan Ajay Bisaria has also been called to Delhi for consultations in the wake of the horrific attack.

Hours after vowing to isolate Pakistan diplomatically in the wake of the attack, the Government undertook the exercise of reaching out to the international community, most of which has univocally condemned the attack by the UN-proscribed Pakistan-based JeM terrorist outfit.

China expressed deep "shock" over the Pulwama terror attack carried out by a Jaish suicide bomber, but did not give

an assurance to India that it will back New Delhi's appeal to list the UN-proscribed Pakistan-based terror group's chief Masood Azhar as a global terrorist.

Apart from the envoys of the P5, Gokhale met the envoys of key countries in Europe and Asia such as Germany, South Korea, Japan, as well as Australia, they said.

"All the Heads of Missions were left in no doubt about the role played by Pakistan based and supported JeM in the terrorist attack and our demand that Pakistan ceases forthwith all support and financing to terrorist groups operating from areas under their control. The foreign secretary also highlighted the role played by Pakistan in using terrorism as an instrument of its state policy," a source said.

The MEA will continue to take all steps to expose the com-



Policemen patrol after clashes broke out between communities in Jammu AP

licity of Pakistan in the Pulwama terrorist attack and demand immediate and verifiable action against JeM and its leader Masood Azhar, the source added.

Countries from across the globe condemned the terror attack with nations such as the US, UK, Russia and France

asserting that they stand with India in this hour of grief.

Condemning the attack, Russian President Vladimir Putin said perpetrators and sponsors of the attack should be brought to book and reiterated his country's support for further strengthening counterterrorist cooperation with India.

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

An all-party meeting has been called by the Government on Saturday to discuss Thursday's terror attack against a convoy of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in Kashmir in which 40 soldiers were killed and many more are still battling for their lives.

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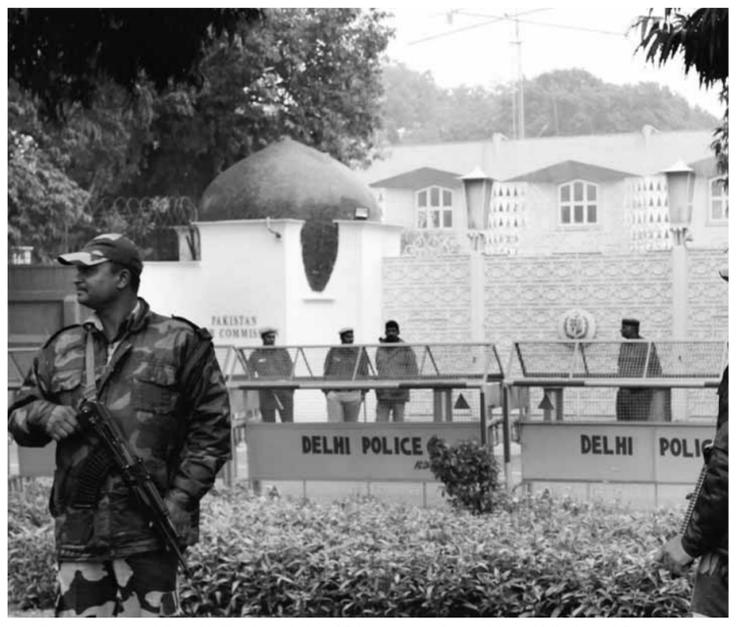
Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh who visited Kashmir on Friday to oversee the situation there would convene the meeting to brief political parties on the incident so that the nation speaks in one

voice on the issue, said Union Finance Minister Aurn Jaitley said after the meeting of Cabinet Committee on Security.

With Lok Sabha elections close by, the Government would like to take a bipartisan view on the issue and to have the backing of all the parties to whatever action it proposes to take following the terror attack in Kashmir.

All the parties are expected to attend the important meet called by the Government.

Shiv Sena, an ally in the NDA has sought calling of a Joint-session of the Parliament to discuss the Pulwama attack.



Security personnel keep vigil outside High Commission of Pakistan as security was tightened following anti-Pakistan protests in the Capital after the Pulwama terror attack in New Delhi Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer

Rahul extends support to Govt PAWAR TAKES JIBE AT MODI

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A day after the Pulwama attack, Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Friday said his party and the entire Opposition is fully supportive of the Government and the security forces.

No amount of hatred and anger can harm the love India is built on, Gandhi said at a Press conference along with former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and other Congress leaders, including Ghulam Nabi Azad and AK Antony.

"This is a terrible attack, this type of violence is disgusting. Terrorism tries to divide the nation, we can't be divided by any power. The entire opposition is with secu-

city forces and the Government," Gandhi said.

"Those who have done this should not feel that they can harm the country. It is a time of mourning and sadness," he added.

Singh said the nation can never compromise with terrorism.

"Terrorism is a scourge which we can never compromise..." the former Prime Minister said.

On Thursday, an explosives laden truck rammmed into a CRPF convoy in Pulwama outside Srinagar, killing 37 soldiers in one of the biggest terror attacks in recent years.

Meanwhile, Nationalist Congress Party chief Sharad Pawar on Friday said the Pulwama terror attack was an attack on the nation and there should be no attempts to politicise the issue. The former Union minister also took a swipe at Prime Minister

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Narendra Modi over some of the latter's statements after such attacks during the Congress-led UPA regime.

Speaking to reporters on home turf Baramati in Pune district, Pawar called Thursday's attack on the CRPF convoy in Jammu and Kashmir as an attack on the nation.

"I can remember, Prime Minister Modi, before coming to power, used to say in his election rallies that (then PM) Manmohan Singh's government had failed to teach Pakistan a lesson (after such attacks).

"He (Modi) used to say the Manmohan Singh government did not have ability to teach a lesson (to Pakistan). He also

used to remark that only those with a 56-inch chest could administer a tough lesson to Pakistan," Pawar said.

Modi, in his rallies, used to exhort people to replace the UPA government with that of the BJP so that Pakistan could be given a befitting reply for such terror attacks, Pawar told reporters.

"But everyone has seen what has happened now. But today I will not repeat that same demand which he (Modi) had made (at that time)," Pawar said. The kind of image that Modi created of himself in the run-up to the 2014 Lok Sabha polls had now become a "100 per cent failure", he said.

The hand of state players in Pakistan cannot be ruled out in the Pulwama attack looking at its magnitude and explosives used, Pawar said. Having such capabilities was not possible for common persons or outfits, he added.

Yoga reduces severity of RA symptoms

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Eight weeks of intensive yoga practice significantly decreases the severity of physical and psychological symptoms in patients with active rheumatoid arthritis (RA), a debilitating chronic autoimmune inflammatory disease, according to doctors from Delhi-based All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS).

patients in the test group, suggesting an immune-regulatory role of yoga practice in the treatment of RA.

"An intensive yoga regimen concurrent with routine drug therapy induced molecular remission and re-established immunological tolerance. In addition, it reduced the severity of depression by promoting neuroplasticity," explained lead investigator, Rima Dada, MD, Professor, Department of Anatomy, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) here. She noted that high disease activity and underlying depression are associated with increased disability, reduced quality of life, and minimized rates of clinical remission and treatment response. Other researchers included Dr Surabhi Gautam, Dr Madhuri Tolahunase and Dr Uma Kumar.

body intervention (MBI) randomized trial (with parallel active and control groups) to analyze the effects of practicing 120 minutes of yoga, five days a week for eight weeks on 72 patients with RA. Both the test and control groups were simultaneously undergoing routine drug therapies (DMARDs).

The findings showed significant improvement in systemic biomarkers of neuroplasticity, inflammation, immune-modulation, cellular health integrity, and aging in association with the positive clinical outcome of reduction in depression severity, disease activity, and disability quotient in RA patients following the intensive yoga based MBI. The study was supported by funding provided by the Department of Science & Technology, Union Ministry of Science & Technology. Existing research has eval-

uated the role of yoga as an effective intervention to assist the management of RA with respect to clinical symptoms, quality of life, psychosocial outcomes, and functional ability.

This study is one of the first to look at how yoga practice affects the systemic biomarkers of inflammation, cellular aging, and oxidative stress, especially in RA. "Our results provide evidence that yoga positively modifies the pathobiology of autoimmunity at cellular and molecular levels by targeting mind-body communications. Further research is needed for the exploration of possible mechanisms underlying the cumulative effect of yoga on multiple pathways at a cellular level," added Dr. Dada. "Yoga facilitates the mind's capacity to affect bodily function and symptoms mediated through a variety of downstream path-

ways and bring about natural immunological tolerance."

RA is a heterogeneous autoimmune disease that results from the interplay of genetic and environmental factors and causes extensive systemic inflammation, cartilage damage, and synovial hyperplasia that cause physical disability and psychiatric comorbidity. The co-existence of depression and RA in individuals poses a significant health-care burden on the patients, their caregivers, healthcare systems, and society as a whole.

Existing medical therapies have a limited scope and fail to cure the psychological component of the disease and have numerous side effects. Depression seems to decrease patients' compliance and adherence to medical treatment and results in worse health outcomes and increases disease severity.

SC to hear plea against 1993 Central law on land acquisition near disputed site in Ayodhya

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court Friday decided to hear a fresh plea challenging the constitutional validity of a 1993 Central law by which the government acquired 67.703 acres of land, including the disputed premises of Ram Janambhoomi-Babri Masjid, in Ayodhya.

A bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi tagged the matter with the main petition on title dispute pending before a constitution bench.

"List the matter before the bench already seized with the issue," the bench of Chief Justice Gogoi and Justice Sanjiv Khanna said. The plea, challenging leg-

islative competence of Parliament to acquire religious land, was filed a week after the Centre had moved the apex court seeking modification in its 2003 order and allow it to return to original owners the 67 acres "non-disputed" land around the disputed structure in Ayodhya.

The petition, filed by seven individuals, including two Lucknow-based lawyers claiming to be devotees of Ram Lalla, has contended that Parliament had no legislative competence to acquire land belonging to the state.

Moreover, it said, the state legislature has the exclusive power to make provisions relating to the management of affairs of religious institutions inside its territory.

ED attaches Vadra's assets worth ₹4.62 cr

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday said it has attached assets worth ₹4.62 crore of Sky Light Hospitality, a firm owned by Robert Vadra, Congress president Rahul Gandhi's brother-in-law, in connection with the Bikaner land scam case.

"The attached assets include movable assets amounting to ₹18,59,500 pertaining to four individuals and one immovable property situated at 268, Sukhdev Vihar in New Delhi to the extent of ₹4,43,36,550 owned by Robert Vadra's company Ms Sky Light Hospitality (P) Ltd (now LLP)," the agency said.

The ED had registered a criminal case in connection with the deal in 2015, taking cognisance of a clutch of FIRs and charge sheets filed by Rajasthan Police after the tehsildar of Bikaner complained about alleged forgery in the allotment of land in the area. The area is considered sensitive due to its proximity to the Indo-Pak border.

"In furtherance of sale/purchase, these impugned fraudulent lands were further sold by subsequent purchasers to individuals and companies and all these subsequent sellers of the impugned land generated a considerable amount of profit. The fraudulently generated profit by these entities is nothing but proceeds of crime as defined under PMLA," the ED said in a statement.

Sky Light Hospitality (P) Ltd had purchased 275 Bigha (69.55 Hectare) land fraudulently for ₹72 lakh and sold the same for ₹5.15 crores to Allegeny Finlease (P) Ltd and illegally generated profit of ₹4.43 Crores. Four other individuals had also generated profit of ₹18.59 lakhs in sale of fraudulent acquired land, the agency said.

On Tuesday, Vadra and his mother Maureen had appeared before the ED in Jaipur. Congress general secretary and Vadra's wife Priyanka Gandhi had accompanied them to the probe agency's office.

Last week, the ED had quizzed Vadra in Delhi for three days in connection with a money laundering probe against him for allegedly procuring assets abroad in an illegal manner.

All-India Flamingo census from next week

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

If you are a bird lover or/and avian expert, you have an opportunity to be the part of this first ever all-India Flamingo census to be carried out in two phases—first one on February 23-24, and then in April at several sites across 12 States including the national Capital and neighbouring Haryana.



Greater Flamingo



Lesser Flamingo

for a coordinated PAN-India flamingo count. We have in the past undertaken several studies including colour tagging, satellite tracking of Greater Flamingo and conservation actions in the past decades.

"Currently, we are monitoring both migratory birds population in some locations including the Mumbai seascapes," said the official adding that as this work is initiated through the citizens science, this also fulfil another activity of the NAP to promote migratory bird conservation initiatives through raising public awareness and local peoples' participation, including citizen science groups.

The Central Asian Flyway (CAF), one among the nine flyways in the world, encompasses overlapping migration routes over 30 countries for different waterbirds linking their northern most breeding grounds in Russia (Siberia) to

the southernmost non-breeding (wintering) grounds in the Maldives and the British Indian Ocean Territory.

The BNHS has short-listed major Flamingo congregation sites by referring available literature, past and present BNHS studies, Asian Waterbird Counts (AWC) and e-bird India database. Majority of these wetland sites are in Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan and Telangana. In Delhi, these birds are sighted at Najafgarh jheel area while in Haryana the hotspots are Sultanpur National Park and Dighal wetlands.

"The government institutions, Indian Bird Conservation Network (IBCN), ornithologists, researchers, academicians and nature lovers across India are being encouraged to visit any of the short-listed sites or any site of their choosing where Flamingos are seen," said the official.

Govt amends norms for setting up EVs charging stations

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

In a move to make it easy for people to switch to electric vehicles (EV) and to reduce dependence on fossil fuels, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has made amendments to the Model Building Byelaws (MBBL) 2016 and Urban Regional Development Plans Formulation and Implementation (URDPFI) guidelines 2014 making provisions for setting up EVs charging stations in residential and commercial buildings, bus terminals and service stations and multi-level parking lots.

The amendments include offering round-the-clock charging infrastructure facility to all electric vehicles in residential buildings, increasing electricity load for all buildings, setting up charging bays at 20% capacity of all vehicles and on-spot metering and payment services in both commercial and residential buildings.

If successful, this will make EVs more attractive and cost-effective to people - driving the way they have been changing till now. This will make easy for people to switch to EVs. The amendments in the guidelines have been circulated to all the State Governments and Union Territories with the request to amend their Building



Byelaws and Master Plan Regulations. Additionally, the building premise will have to have an additional power load, equivalent to the power required for all charging points (in a Public Charging System (PCS)) to be operated. There should be sufficient space for charging and entry/exit for vehicles. Any PCS installed at Public/Private areas or building premises of any category that caters to commercial mode of charging of EVs shall be deemed as a Public Charging Station and shall have to install the minimum requirements of chargers as specified in the guidelines.

The amendment allows one public charging system to be set up at every 25 kms on both sides of highways and inter-city corridors. Similarly, one fast charging station is to be set up at every 100 kms on both sides of highways and roads. In industrial parks or

Mumbai highway, Agra-Lucknow highway, Eastern and Western Peripheral Expressway, Delhi-Agra NH 2 and Hyderabad Outer Ring Road expressway. According to data, India's per capita emissions are still considered low at 1.9 tonnes (2013), but its total emissions are next only to China and the US and is likely to overtake those of the European Union by 2019. Delhi is on top as the biggest emitter at over 38 38 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent overall emissions, followed by Greater Mumbai at 22.7 million tonnes and Chennai at 22.1 million tonnes, Kolkata at 14.8 million tonnes, Bangalore at 19.8 million tonnes, Hyderabad at 13.7 million tonnes and Ahmedabad at 9 million tonnes were the other cities whose emissions for the year were calculated sector wise.

As per amendment, the tariff for supply of EVs will be determined by the competent authority and Central Electricity Authority will create a data base to this effect. According to the amendment, the government will create 'favourable ecosystems' in nine polluted cities having over 4 million populations. It will gradually be extended to cities that have population of one million-plus. It will also cover Mumbai-Pune corridor, Delhi-Jaipur expressway, Ahmedabad-Vadodra expressway, Delhi-Agra Yamuna expressway, Bengaluru-Mysore expressway, Bengaluru-Chennai, Surat-

estates, land for at least one point charging station is to be reserved within a grid of 10km x 10 km. The amendment also allows setting up a battery swapping station along the highways and intercity corridors.

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Hit Pakistan back hard

While the Government must retaliate, it must be pro-active and not reactive and use its strategic chips



Beyond all the condemnation and blood-curdling fury of the dastardly Pulwama attack, the worst offensive by terrorists in Jammu & Kashmir, and the candlelight vigils for the young martyrs, the only big takeaway is that we can no longer be seen as a soft state and notch up a timeline of *fidayeen* honours; we need to take demonstrable muscular action. So even if the world, US and Russia included, have condemned the attack and we have withdrawn our MFN status to Pakistan to choke it economically, there has to be a strong message to the Jaish-e-Mohammad. India must junk strategic delicacies and robustly insist its chief Masood Azhar be named a UN-designated terrorist, global action be taken against him and Pakistan be isolated diplomatically if it does not hand him over. The message should be that Jammu & Kashmir can no longer be milked politically as years of talks have yielded nothing and backdoor engagement has only meant that one or the other group and local politicians have wangled some relevance and power in the process. The only winner here has been the Pakistani deep state, which is using terror to maintain its hold over the strategic backyard, especially in relation to Afghanistan and China. And now that the Taliban, to whom Pakistan has provided safe havens all these years, is reclaiming its hold in Afghanistan following the US plans to pull out troops, it is chuckling *vis-a-vis* India. We have to be proactive, not reactive, considering the size of our economy and consequent relevance in South Asian geopolitics.

The attack is disturbing not only for the unprecedented scale of human devastation but for other reasons. Coming as it does after attempts on a series of defence establishments, it shows that our standard operating procedures are no good for protecting Army bases and the militants have somehow not only innovated but penetrated deep layers of our security systems with the ease of a sly fox. There has been talk of armoured vehicles for convoys but the proposal has hardly got off the ground. Second, though the Army and our intelligence claim to have penetrated local networks, they have not picked up the radicalised mutation of terrorist modules. What else could explain that though the security forces have smashed the Jaish and Lashkar camps and taken out their top commanders, the propaganda machine from across the border has managed to nurture and proselytize local teenagers into believing that *shahadat* for the liberation of Kashmir is greater than life itself. True, Jaish has been worried about its receding pockets of influence as November and December 2018 have been the deadliest months with 39 terrorists killed in Jammu and Kashmir. One of the major kills was of Lashkar-e-Toiba commander Naveed Jatt. The Army is in fact now focussing on terrorist leadership in the hubs of Shopian, Anantnag, Budgam, Kulgam and Srinagar. Significantly, credible local intelligence also came from the local population, who are tired and exhausted after losing family members and want to be stakeholders in their own lives. Without local cooperation, security forces could not have neutralised about 18 terrorists, including top commanders, in South Kashmir over four days! So Jaish was indirectly sending a message to the local Kashmiris as well by roping in one of them as a suicide bomber. Third, the tactics employed by the assailants, ramming in an explosive-laden vehicle into the intended target, were painfully similar to those of the ISIS in Syria and Afghanistan and seems Kashmir will be their new hunting ground for nihilistic attacks against the Indian state. Most importantly, any hitback, which will be expectedly brutal and punishing, can polarise society further and worse drive modern Kashmiris, some of whom have just begun the process of mainstreaming themselves economically and socially in our metro cities, back into ghettos of suspicion. If the communal riots in Jammu are any indication, then we have set back that process by decades. As for the government, which has mouthed "josh" far too many times, it is time to show one and end Pakistan's adventurism once and for all.

End of the runway

Production of Airbus A380 is coming to a close by 2021 and we should not forget this engineering marvel



In May 2007, Vijay Mallya and his Kingfisher Airlines were both still flying high. A year earlier, the flamboyant businessman and the then Member of Parliament had ordered five of Airbus' massive A380 superjumbo aircraft at the Paris Air Show and got the European manufacturer to fly in the aircraft into India to show off. In flights over Delhi and Mumbai, Mallya regaled the high and mighty of both cities and those, who were not lucky enough to enjoy a flight on-board, were mesmerised by the sheer sight of something so large, so massive even being able to take to the skies. The A380

defied, it would appear to someone on the street, the fundamental laws of physics. The huge plane could fly close to 900 people over 12,000 km and it was meant to revolutionise air travel across the world by not just providing extreme luxury but also propelling prices down for budget travel.

Twelve years on, Kingfisher Airlines collapsed in a heap, exacerbating India's bad loan crisis and Mallya is currently a fugitive in London fighting extradition. And Airbus just announced that they would deliver the last Airbus A380 in 2021. The Airbus A380, an aircraft that cost over \$25 billion to develop, could not even recoup its developmental costs. While Airbus basically prints money on every narrow body A320 aircraft it sells to low-cost airlines, the failure of the A380 will be a huge hit to its pride. Not least because the plane it was meant to replace, the Boeing 747, which celebrated the 50th anniversary of its first flight, will possibly outlive the Airbus A380 on the production line. A lot of things went wrong for the Airbus A380 starting with production delays and the fact that the plane entered an aviation market that was transforming rapidly thanks to low-cost short-range and long-haul travel. Extremely efficient aircraft such as the Boeing 787 and Airbus' own A350, that used new manufacturing technologies and engines, sipped fuel at ridiculously low rates. But analysing why the aircraft failed to be the sales success that Airbus executives thought it would be is a story for a different time. The fact is that the world is losing an engineering marvel from the production line. However, it is likely that this Leviathan of the skies will keep flying for at least another decade or two, and those who must experience this aircraft still have a few years left to do so. Residents of Delhi and Mumbai can still marvel at the sight of this plane filling their skies on a daily basis for a few more years.

Emperor in peril

The Royal Bengal Tiger is not only at the top of the food chain in the wild but constitutes a vital link in maintaining nature's rich diversity and ecosystems. Will it become extinct?



HIRANMAY KARLEKAR

A recent *PTI* report cites researchers as saying that rising sea levels, caused by climate change, could destroy the world's biggest mangrove forest — Sunderbans — spanning more than 10,000 square kilometres in India and Bangladesh, in the next 50 years. It quotes Sharif Mukul, an assistant professor at the Independent University, Bangladesh, as saying that analyses by researchers indicate that the Sunderban's tiger habitats would vanish by 2070. The area being perhaps the most important habitat of the majestic animal, the development has serious implications for the Royal Bengal Tiger's survival. The report further quotes Bill Lawrence, a professor at Australia's James Cook University, as stating that the animal, now "mainly confined to small areas of India and Bangladesh", is "facing a double whammy" — the increasing unavailability of the Sunderbans area for themselves and their prey as well as encroachment by industry, construction of roads and poaching.

All of this warrants concern on two counts — the future of the Royal Bengal Tiger as a species, the consequences of the extinction of tigers and the developments leading to both. As to the first, around 97 per cent of the world's tiger population perished in the last 100 years and, according to the latest statistics, only 3,890 tigers are left in the world. The developments leading to the extinction of tigers include the destruction of their forest habitats for human settlements, industry and infrastructure, the consequent increase in human-tiger conflict and the extensive use of tiger parts in Chinese medicines.

Encroachments on tiger habitats are liable to grow given the continuing increase in human population, the rising demands for housing settlements and industrial and agricultural products arising therefrom. The incidence of conflict between people and tigers is also set to rise as the decline in the availability of prey, who share tigers' shrinking habitats, compels the latter to target domesticated animals like cattle. Finally, there is no sign of any fall in the demand for tiger parts in Chinese medicines despite it being medically established that they have no medicinal value at all.

China has postponed the implementation of its decision to lift the ban on the use of tiger bones and rhino horns — from both animals bred in captivity — by hospitals, and domestic trade in antique tiger and rhino products, which would have given a cover of legitimacy to the sale of parts from poached animals. The decision, though most welcome, needs to be made permanent and Beijing has to further step up its efforts to stanch illegal trade in animal parts.

The fate of the Royal Bengal Tiger will be determined by the interplay of these factors and the measures taken to conserve and increase their number. Significant measures



have been taken towards the latter. The international ban on the trade in tigers, instituted in 1993, has vastly reduced the mass slaughter of the species by poaching and trade. Nevertheless, poaching and illegal trade continue not only to provide the manufacturers of traditional Chinese medicines but fuel a demand for tiger heads and skins as status symbols and decorative items.

At the national level, China has done much to increase its tiger population in the country's North-eastern region by recently establishing the Tiger and Leopard National Park — 1.6 times larger than Yellowstone National Park in the United States. India, home to 70 per cent of tigers in the world, launched Project Tiger in April 1973 when Indira Gandhi was Prime Minister. It aims at ensuring viable population of Royal Bengal Tigers in their natural habitats, protecting them from extinction and setting up reserves for the purpose. There are now 50 of the latter. In September, 2006, it set up the National Tiger Conservation Authority to extend statutory authority to Project Tiger to provide legal sanction to its directives, foster accountability on the part of the Centre and the States in the management of tiger reserves by providing a basis for MoUs among them, providing parliamentary over-

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sight and address the interest of local people in areas around tiger reserves.

In June, 2007, it constituted a multi-disciplinary Tiger and Other Endangered Species Crime Control Bureau (Wildlife Crime Control Bureau), to combat organised illegal trading in wildlife and their derivatives. In May, 2012, the Centre advised the States to each create, arm and deploy a Special Tiger Protection Force around the habitats of the big cats. A number of States, including Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Maharashtra, have already done so.

The results have been gratifying. The number of tigers has risen from 1,411 in 2006 to 1,706 in 2010 and 2,226 in 2014. The current census, which began in 2018, is expected to produce a higher figure. Yet complacency would be disastrous. Poaching, particularly in the form of poisoning, which causes prolonged and painful death, continues. Encroachments into tiger habitats continue. It would be illustrative to cite a few examples from Maharashtra that has a very poor record in this respect. Last year, it sanctioned the diversion of 467.5 hectares of forest land in Yavatmal district for a cement plant. Also, its recommendation has led to the clearance, in principle, of 87.98 hectares of land in Kondhali and Kalmeshwar ranges — barely

160 km from Yavatmal — to an explosives company in Chakdoh for manufacturing defence products. Worse, the land earmarked being reportedly in the tiger corridor between Bor and Melghat tiger reserves, the factory would prevent the movement of tigers between the two. Also, the proposal to widen, from meter to broad gauge, the 176-km Akola-Khandawa railway, a 39 kilometre stretch of which passes through the Melghat reserve, threatens to cause more accidents, wildlife mortality and fragmentation of habitat.

Much of what has been achieved in protecting the tiger would be lost if the trend continues. The results would be disastrous. The Royal Bengal Tiger is not only at the top of the food chain in the wild but constitutes a vital link in maintaining nature's rich diversity and ecosystems that sustain both nature and people. And it is not just the tiger. Over 3,000 species are becoming extinct every year. Indeed, the world is now in the midst of its sixth mass extinction of plants and animals in the last half-a-billion years, and the worst since the extinction of dinosaurs 65 million years ago. At this rate, as many as 30 to 50 per cent of all species would be moving toward extinction by the middle of this century.

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SOUNDBITE

The US calls on Pakistan to end immediately the support and safe haven provided to all terrorist groups operating on its soil.

White House Press Secretary —Sarah Sanders

We have given the full authority to security forces to decide the time, place and nature of any further operations to retaliate.

Prime Minister —Narendra Modi

The aim of terrorism is to divide the country and we are not going to be divided. We will support the Government in its actions.

Congress chief —Rahul Gandhi

He (Modi) had said the Congress did not have ability to teach a lesson (to Pakistan). Everyone has seen what happened.

NC chief —Sharad Pawar

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Exposing fake peddlers

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Comptroller revived" (February 15). Indeed, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India's (CAG) job is very tough considering the low strength of its employees and the amount of scrutiny it always faces. Since the auditing body has made some gross miscalculations in the past so as to deliver its report fast, it became all the more pressing for it to be impartial and accurate in its findings.

As far as Congress chief Rahul Gandhi's obsession with the Rafale deal is concerned, it is but yet another ploy to find faults with the Prime Minister and his Government. Now that the CAG has given clean chit to Modi and the BJP, Rahul Gandhi's criticism sounds hollow. Having said that, the Government should have reacted to all these false allegations smartly and not allowed it to snowball into a controversy. What a shame that a genuine need and demand of the Indian Air force has turned into a bizarre drama.

Bal Govind
Noida

Address systematic deficiencies to end terrorism

This refers to the report, "42 CRPF jawans martyred in *fidayeen* crash" (February 15). The dastardly attack on a Central Reserve Police Force convoy on the Srinagar-Jammu highway in Pulwama district is a cowardly attempt on the part of extremist forces to perpetrate terror on Indian soil from across the border. It is unfortunate that even after being admonished publicly and warned of surgical strikes against any form of outrageous aggression or violation of the ceasefire agreement, the Pakistani leadership has not mended its ways or differentiated itself from non-state actors. At the same time, the gruesome incident has once again brought to light the vulnerabilities in India's counter-terrorism policy.

In an attempt to radicalise the anaemic internal security mechanism, the National Counter-Terrorism Centre (NCTC) was envisaged by the Government in the aftermath of the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks. The NCTC, it was proposed, would have access to counter-terrorism intelligence generated by India's covert services as well as have authority over the National Security Guard and the National Intelligence Agency. Newly-created electronic databases would make up the NCTC's backbone, pro-



viding it with vast access to real-time information. It is time our lawmakers wriggle out of political quagmire and address the lack of institutional arrangement for the management of India's counter-terrorism response. While procurement and indigenous manufacturing of arms are welcome, it is imperative to remove system-wide deficiencies in skills and capabilities. The country can ill-afford repeated embarrassments and loss of precious lives at the hands of a few extremist forces.

Shreyans Jain
Delhi

Face the test

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Comptroller revived" (February 15). When it comes to public spending, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), like any

other internal auditor, earned the high reputation of being 'nosy'. This time, it seems, in the nation's interest, they closed their nose while preparing the report of the Rafale deal. Selective reading makes it clear that the Government wants to say that they have got another

the Government wants use the CAG's report — which claimed that NDA's Rafale deal was 2.86 per cent cheaper than the UPA's — to safeguard their political interests?

N Nagarajan
Via email

Payback time

Sir — It is heartening that the Supreme Court thinks that Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) chief Mayawati should return the 'hundreds of crores' of public money she spent on statues of herself and the BSP's party symbol to the exchequer.

The apex court should look into similar misuse of funds — there are numerous such instances — by both the Central as well as State Governments and hold them accountable. This will not only boost India's failing economy but also come to the aid of the thousands who still live below the poverty line in our country.

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FIRST COLUMN

How e-cigarettes can save lives

They are better than smoking the real thing as they can wean smokers from bad habits and reduce tobacco-related diseases



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Electronic cigarettes are recently developed products that have created intense controversy among the scientific and public health community. The uproar was expected considering the fact that e-cigarettes contain nicotine and their use resembles smoking. However, both these characteristics are crucial for the role of e-cigarettes in tobacco harm reduction. But what is tobacco harm reduction? It is a strategy to reduce harm from risky behaviours through the use of less harmful alternatives. It is an approach as we use in our every day lives. The use of seatbelts and helmets are typical cases of harm reduction — in this case the aim is to reduce risks of injury and death in accidents. And while the use of cars and motorcycles is essential (going to work and transferring goods), no one ever suggested that the use of cars for recreation, as when we go for a trip on weekends with our family, should be banned because of the risks associated with accidents.

The same concept applies to tobacco harm reduction, considering the difficulty in quitting smoking and the use of other harmful tobacco products. Tobacco harm reduction is based on the absence of combustion, which is a process that creates almost all of the toxins that a smoker inhales, resulting in high risk for disease and death. E-cigarettes have no combustion and do not contain tobacco. Available scientific evidence provides that e-cigarettes are by far less harmful than smoking. In fact, they fit perfectly to the definition of tobacco harm reduction.

But why is it hard for people to realise the potential of these products? The key answer to this lies in the demonisation of nicotine. That was understandable in a period when the only source for nicotine intake was the harmful tobacco cigarette. But the use of nicotine through a non-combustible less harmful source has been proven to be of little harm. In the US and the UK, health authorities have approved the long-term (even life-long) use of nicotine in the form of pharmaceutical nicotine replacement therapies as smoking and tobacco substitutes, acknowledging that there is no circumstance in which nicotine intake through a clean product would be more harmful than smoking. In that respect, tobacco harm reduction with the use of products such as e-cigarettes can offer tremendous opportunities.

For start, this is an intervention that costs nothing to tax payers and the Government. These products are self-funded by users, do not require expertise and organised smoking cessation clinics and are not subsidised by the healthcare system. In fact, trying to provide access through prescription would be disastrous; e-cigarettes are chosen based on the smokers' self-preference, making it impossible for any healthcare professional to understand which product would fit the needs and preferences of every smoker. Thus, in countries with limited availability and accessibility to organised smoking cessation clinics, e-cigarettes represent an amazing opportunity for smokers to quit. Additionally, these products represent a new business challenge. Local development and production of e-cigarettes can open up new business opportunities, develop a new flourishing industry while serving public health and creating products that fit better to the needs of the local community.

Of course, all products, including e-cigarettes, need to be regulated. This is not a complex task. The European Union has created a simplified and easy-to-comply regulation that has been implemented since 2016. While not perfect, it can form the basis for regulatory decisions in any country. According to the regulation, e-cigarettes are not medicinal products and they are clearly distinguished from combustible or other harmful tobacco products. The latter is a key factor — any framework should be based on a clear differentiation between tobacco cigarettes (or other harmful forms of tobacco) and e-cigarettes so that smokers have a clear understanding about the risk difference between products. Quality standards should be set, which should be reasonable and not make the products unnecessarily expensive. Marketing should be regulated so that only smokers and users of other harmful tobacco products are targeted. Finally, taxation should be avoided because of the role of these products as smoking substitutes; in that respect, any taxation would favour use of cheaper but very harmful tobacco products.

E-cigarettes have a strong potential for a positive public health impact. Such an impact has already been documented in countries where they have been available for years, such as the UK. As for India, where access to smoking cessation services is difficult and tobacco use has a deep cultural background, there is an even stronger potential to reduce tobacco-related disease and death. Banning e-cigarettes would be a perfect 'gift' for tobacco and would strongly (though unintentionally) protect tobacco cigarette sales.

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JUST CHECK OUT THE STATEMENTS MADE BY POLITICAL LEADERS. THEY ARE ACCUSING US OF COMMUNALISM, AND PLAYING WITH FIRE.

—JAMMU & KASHMIR GOVERNOR SATYA PAL MALIK

POINT COUNTERPOINT



THE GOVERNOR SHOULD STOP GIVING MEDIA INTERVIEWS AND TAKE CONTROL OF THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND.

—FORMER CHIEF MINISTER OMAR ABDULLAH

Rise to the *jihadi* challenge

The Pulwama terror attack is a rude call to the nation to accept the fact that militancy in Kashmir has been overtaken by radicals who now want absolute Talibanisation



ANIL GUPTA

The deadly suicide car bomb attack on a convoy of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) at Awantipora in Jammu & Kashmir's Pulwama district, which claimed the lives of more than 40 troopers and left many injured, is a rude call to the nation to smell the coffee and accept the fact that militancy in Kashmir has been overtaken by radical *jihadis*, who want the Talibanisation of Kashmir. The latest attack was the most severe of all and led to the highest number of 'deaths'. Kashmir witnessed the last such attack in 2001, when three terrorists belonging to the Jaish-e-Mohammed carried out an attack on the Jammu & Kashmir State Assembly complex in Srinagar using a Tata Sumo loaded with explosives that rammed into the main gate. Around 38 civilians and three suicide bombers were killed. The next spate of such car bomb attacks was witnessed in 2005 when between June and November, three attacks on different targets killed 23 civilian and security forces personnel. Car bomb attacks bear the signature of Taliban and Al Qaeda style of fighting, both of whom are radical *jihadi* terror groups.

The preferred mode of suicide attacks by terrorists in Kashmir was the attack on the security forces camps termed as "fidayeen hits" and ambushes close to the Line of Control (LoC) referred to as "BAT attack" till the killing of dreaded terrorist Burhan Wani. The reason was obvious. Terrorists and their *akas* in Pakistan were reluctant to cross the "threshold" fearing loss of popular public support. Till this period, Kashmir was being radicalised. The aftermath of Burhan Wani's killing indicated that the enemy had succeeded in radicalising the Kashmiri society. Large-scale public support to the terrorists, rise in stone-throwing attacks on security forces and senseless killings of Army men, policemen and civilians not receiving the type of condemnation they deserved were indicators enough to assess that *jihadis* had overtaken the reins of the ongoing movement in Kashmir. Subsequent statements made by Zakir Musa, one-time accomplice of Burhan Wani, and the present self-styled commander of Al Qaeda-affiliate terrorist organisation, Ansar Ghazwatul Hind, ridiculing the Hurriyat leadership and the so-called *azaadi* movement were clear and loud enough to be ignored but did lead to the present state.

Despite the reverses suffered by various *tanzeems* due to the successful intelligence based operations launched by the security forces, the resolve of the *jihadis* did not waver. Their attacks became more deadly, barbaric and daring. There was a clear divide in the Kashmiri society between the peace-seekers and pro-*jihad* radicals. While the peace-seekers provided intelligence to the security forces for launching surgical operations against the terrorists, the radicalised supporters of *jihadis* provided them shelter, food and cover from the security forces by resorting to stone-pelting on those involved in anti-terror operations. The *modus operandi* of the *jihadis* bore more and more semblance to the Islamic State (IS), Al Qaeda and Taliban style of operations.



The Kashmiri youth has been lured into *jihad* on the understanding that *azaadi*-related activism would lead them to "heaven." As veteran Kashmiri politician Muzaffar Hussain Beig said, "It is an IS-sponsored religious war in Kashmir. It is not a fight for political freedom or choice between India and Pakistan but between heaven and hell." It is the race to heaven that has brain-washed the Kashmiri youth and the likes of alleged car bomber, Aadil Ahmad *alias* Waqas Commando of Gundi Bagh, Pulwama. This also explains the fact as to how the Jaish has been able to carry out this dastardly attack despite the claim by security forces of virtually eliminating the JeM leadership in the Valley, including two close relatives of Jaish supremo Masood Azhar. A spurt of sniper attacks on the security forces camps also indicated the aggressive posture adopted by the *jihadis* but was soon neutralised by the Army through its counter-strategy.

Ironically, the mainstream political leadership of Kashmir, which has of late become pro-*jihadist*, is refusing to accept the obvious and continues to harp the same old story of a 'political problem' and 'misled innocent boys' who need to be dealt with sympathy rather than an iron hand. This attitude of theirs has only emboldened the *jihadis*. The latest attempt of to set up a communal and religious divide is evident from the politicking over the grant of divisional status to Ladakh by raising similar demands for Kargil and Muslim-majority districts south of Pir Panjal, mischievously referring to them as Chenab Valley and Panjal regions.

The Governor's administration will have to act firm and quick to douse the fire lit by these forces. It may well become the *alibi* for spreading the wings of *jihadis* to these hitherto peaceful areas. The timing of the attack

is also worth noting. It not only coincides with the renewed efforts of peace talks with the Taliban but also with the heat building up within India in view of the 2019 elections.

The security forces will have to remain alive to the growing *jihadist* challenge and act swiftly and firmly to counter their new strategy. It is important to note the claim made by JeM that Adil Ahmad was inspired to become a suicide bomber after the Taliban claimed "victory" due to the announcement by US President Trump to reduce the American boot strength in Afghanistan. Any decline in resolute and integrated response by the security forces in Kashmir may lead them to harbour such ideas of presumed "victory" and embolden the *jihadis* further.

Though it is too early to get involved with fact-finding, many inputs lead to believe that there has been "negligence." In an active conflict zone where *jihadis* are purportedly fighting for the fulfilment of divine will — *Ghazwa-e-Hind* — there is no scope for negligence. Despite the warning issued by the Jammu & Kashmir Police through their signal dated February 8, and circulation of a video captured from terrorists showing car bomb attack in Afghanistan, there are many questions to be answered about the sanitisation of the area and the efficacy of Road Opening Parties. There once again arises the need to review the higher command system of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs). The present system of deputing Indian Police Service (IPS) officers to occupy higher ranks has been found wanting on numerous occasions in the past as well. There is a strong case for higher command posts to be occupied by cadre officers who have gone through the rigours of ground-level functioning of their respective forces instead of general cadre IPS officers who lack combat experience.

Since JeM has claimed the attack, involvement of Pakistan is obvious. Another fact that is obvious and unambiguous is that in Pakistan, the reins of the Government are firmly in the hands of the notorious triad of Mullah-Military-Militants with the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and terrorists ruling the roost and calling the shots. The so-called peace gestures of their Prime Minister and the Army Chief are only a smoke-screen to their real intents. India should not fall prey to the trap laid by the triad in the form of opening the Kartarpur Corridor by using their puppet Imran Khan.

There is no doubt that Pakistan continues with its policy of state sponsorship of terrorism and abetting and aiding cross-border adventurism fully embedded with *jihadi* terror. The reduction of American boots will provide ISI the additional strength of the Taliban and other Afghan-specific *jihadist* terrorists to be employed against India. Pakistan has been temporarily able to tide over the economic crisis due to the hidden Chinese support and magnanimity of its Muslim friends. This has further emboldened the country to support *jihadis* and use them to implement their anti-India policy. How much effect the Government's decision to withdraw 'most favoured nation' status to Pakistan will have, only time will tell. Nevertheless, its immediate response will be of playing the 'victim hood' card and further generating anti-India hysteria. The Government of India will have to use its diplomatic strength and international good will to designate Pakistan as a "terror state." The nation needs to unite to counter the *jihadist* challenge.

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Democracy not real test in Catalonia trial

Even as elections loom large in Spain, the 'Catalan problem' will not go away. Neither will the 'Basque problem', which involves almost identical dilemmas on the other side of the country. There is no 'fair' solution, just endless unsatisfactory compromises



GWYNNE DYER

It's been a busy week in Spain. On Tuesday, twelve Catalan leaders of the attempted secession from Spain in 2017 went on trial in Madrid, charged with rebellion, sedition and misuse of public funds. And on Wednesday the Spanish Government fell when two small Catalan nationalist parties voted against its budget, essentially to punish it for not stopping the trial.

But Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez's Government couldn't have stopped the trial at this point: Spanish courts are independent. And the 'Catalan Twelve' are certainly guilty of something, although it isn't 'rebellion', which in Spanish law involves a violent uprising. They are guilty of cheating but there isn't any law against that. Sanchez's now defunct

Government would almost certainly not have brought such extreme charges against the Catalan would-be martyrs. (Oriol Junqueras, former Vice President of the separatist regional Government of Catalonia, faces a possible 25 years in prison.) But the charges were brought under the previous Right-wing Government of Mariano Rajoy and Sanchez couldn't just cancel them.

Sanchez's Socialist Party, which took power last June, depended on two small Catalan separatist parties for its majority. It has fallen because the Catalans felt he had done too little to prevent the trial of the 'Catalan twelve'. The trial will continue and the snap election that must now follow will be held in an atmosphere of super-heated nationalism. The separatists probably don't mind.

We are already being treated to a feast of nationalist rhetoric cloaked in the idiom of democratic rights over this trial. Former Catalan President Carles Puigdemont, who declared Catalonia's independence but chose to go into exile rather than face trial when the gambit failed, declared that the trial is "a stress test for the Spanish democracy."



As the trial began, Jordi Sanchez, one of the twelve, tweeted: "I am going in with my head held high, convinced that self-determination is not a crime." The trial is really about "the right to self-determination and the democratic principle," said defence lawyer Andreu van den Eyde. But all this talk of high principle is quite beside the point.

What actually happened in Catalonia in 2017 was that Catalan nationalists, unable to win a convincing majority for their project of independence, decided to skip the bit about a convincing majority. They did control the regional Government, so they declared a referendum on inde-

pendence in which only those in favour of separation would vote.

Such a referendum was illegal under the Spanish Constitution, which forbids secession, so the pro-Spanish parties would boycott the referendum. They would have to boycott it in order to stay within the law. Whereas all those who wanted independence — almost half the population — would defy the law and cast their votes.

That's exactly how it worked. Every opinion poll for years had shown that Catalonia was split right down the middle, with around 45 per cent for independence, 45 per cent against it and 10 per cent undecided. Just

speakers do back independence. How can you choose to disregard the views of the Spanish-speaking half of the region's current population in order to sneak your independence project through? By believing that they are not entitled to a view because they are not real Catalans. Of course, you never say it quite like this in public.

These views persist and the 'Catalan problem' will not go away. Neither will the 'Basque problem', which involves almost identical dilemmas on the other side of Spain. It's the classic problem facing long-established ethnic and linguistic groups that have become minorities, or just barely majorities, in their own lands. There is no 'fair' solution, just endless unsatisfactory compromises.

The new Spanish Government that emerges from the forthcoming snap election, whatever it is (nobody knows), won't be able to solve the problem either. The most it can do, if it's sensible, is to commute any prison sentences imposed on the 'Catalan Twelve' and deny them martyrdom.

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DRUG WAR: PROTECT THE INNOCENT

The war on drugs must be fought, but like most wars it causes most casualties among non-combatants. The strategic objective is not so much the capture of occasional kingpins, but minimising the harm they, and their products, do to their customers, whether by addiction or incarceration. The jailing of a notorious cocaine smuggler will not end the drug wars. We must fight them with more regard for the victims. (The Guardian editorial)

PULWAMA TERROR ATTACK



Communal violence in Jammu, Poonch

IANS ■ JAMMU

Shops, vehicles and other property belonging to a particular community came under attack in Poonch and Jammu, forcing authorities to clamp curfew in Jammu, during a shutdown to denounce a suicide bombing that killed 44 CRPF troopers in the Kashmir Valley.

Authorities first imposed curfew and sought the Army's help to restore order in the winter capital of Jammu & Kashmir where scores of youths protesting against the suicide attack torched some vehicles and smashed many more believed to be from the Valley.

Jammu District Magistrate Ramesh Kumar said curfew had been imposed in the entire Jammu city to maintain peace.

Police used tear smoke and batons to disperse the mobs. The curfew was imposed initially in Jammu's Gujjar Nagar, Talab Khatikan, Janipur, Bakshi Nagar, Chennai Heemat, Bus Stand and some other places in old city area and later extended to the entire city.

Violence also erupted in Poonch district, where too

shops and vehicles belonging to a particular community were attacked in Aala Peer area, forcing police to use tear smoke and batons.

"People are advised to maintain calm and not play into the hands of anti-social elements who want to exploit the situation for their nefarious objectives," a police officer said.

The Jammu Chamber of Commerce and Industry (JCCI), an influential body of traders and industrialists, had earlier called a shutdown in Jammu city against the terror strike in the Valley's Pulwama district on Thursday on a CRPF convoy.

Rakesh Gupta, President of JCCI, an influential body of local traders and industrialists, told IANS, "I appeal to the people belonging to different sections of the society to maintain the traditional harmony and brotherhood for which Jammu has been known ever since the fires of violence spread in the (Kashmir) Valley."

Meanwhile, Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh attended the wreath laying ceremony of the troopers at the Humhama Regimental Training Centre of the CRPF



A protester shouts slogans against Thursday's attack on a paramilitary convoy, in Jammu, on Friday

Rajnath among pallbearers

PTI ■ SRINAGAR

With the bugler playing the 'last post', Home Minister Rajnath Singh turned a pallbearer on Friday as the bodies of 44 paramilitary personnel killed in an audacious terror strike in South Kashmir's Pulwama district were sent on their last journey home.

Singh, accompanied by a high-level team comprising officials from the CRPF, NIA and Home Ministry, arrived here on Friday afternoon and drove straight to the adjacent CRPF campus where a wreath laying ceremony was held for the slain jawans.

As the bugler played the 'last post' and guard called for 'shok salami shastra' (reversing of arms in honour of fallen soldiers), a two-minute silence was observed after which the Union Home Minister gave a shoulder to the coffin of a jawan which was being taken to his native place in a special aircraft. The Home Minister, Governor Satya Pal Malik, Home Secretary Rajiv Gauba, CRPF Director General RR Bhatnagar, Jammu & Kashmir DGP Dilbag Singh besides others attended the wreath laying ceremony.



Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh, along with Director General of Jammu & Kashmir Police Dilbag Singh, shoulders a coffin of a slain CRPF jawan during a wreath-laying ceremony for the martyrs at the CRPF camp in Budgam on Friday

Aadhaar cards, force IDs help identify martyrs

New Delhi: Aadhaar cards, ID cards, leave applications and certain other articles were the only things left of most of the 44 CRPF personnel killed in the Pulwama terror attack that helped their colleagues identify them, officials said on Friday.

Officials said as the bodies of the troops were badly mutilated and charred due to the impact of the RDX-triggered blast, it became very difficult to ascertain their identities. Most of the slain jawans were either identified by their Aadhaar cards, force IDs, PAN cards or leave applications kept in their pockets and bags.



Security forces personnel stand guard near charred vehicles after a violent protest over the killing of CRPF personnel in the Pulwama terror attack, in Jammu, on Friday

ATTACK KILLS DREAMS OF SLAIN JAWANS

Patna/Bhagalpur: One was planning wedding of his daughter, the other eagerly awaiting arrival of his second child.

The dreams of Sanjay Kumar Sinha and Ratan Kumar Thakur went up in smoke in a trice. They were among the 44 CRPF jawans who lost their lives. Family and friends of Sinha received the earth-shattering news of his death with sorrow, anger and disbelief.

His father Mahendra Prasad is proud of his son but equally concerned about what would happen to his family. "He has two grown-up, unmarried daughters. While leaving for duty, he had said that on his next visit to the village he will finalise marriage of elder one. We are distraught," grief-stricken father said.

The atmosphere is sombre at Thakur's home in Bhagalpur. He has left behind a four-year-old son and a wife who is expecting their second child. "We were expecting a call from Ratan by the evening as he had told us he would speak to us after joining duty in Srinagar. Instead, we received a call from one of his superiors who broke to us the terrible news," Niranjan Thakur, the slain CRPF constable's father, said.

CRPF jawan's brother recalls last talk hours before attack

Nagpur: Rajesh Rajput spoke to his younger brother Sanjay, a CRPF jawan, on phone on Thursday morning. Little did he know that it would be their last conversation.

Sanjay Rajput (45) was among the 44 jawans of the Central Reserve Police Force killed when a terrorist rammed a bomb-laden vehicle into their bus in Pulwama on Thursday.

A pall of gloom descended over the CRPF Group Centre Colony here, where Sanjay's family lives, as the news came. Rajesh told PTI that his brother was attached to the CRPF's 213th battalion, based in Nagpur, for the last four years. He lived in the CRPF colony with his two sons Jai (13) and Shubham (11) and wife Sushma Rajput.

"He left Nagpur on February 11 for his new posting with the 115th battalion in Srinagar. I called him yesterday morning, around 9.30 am, when he told me he had left Jammu at 3.30 am to join his new posting," said Rajesh.



Family members mourn the death of CRPF jawan Kaushal Kumar Rawat, at his residence in Agra, on Friday

Families recall martyrs' passion, love for country

PTI ■ JAIPUR/DHOLPUR/KOTA

When Rohitash Lamba, Bhagirath Singh and Hemraj Meena left their homes in Rajasthan earlier this week with the promise that they would return to their families soon, few imagined that it would turn out to be their last visit.

Lamba, Singh and Meena were among the 44 CRPF personnel killed in a terrorist attack in Pulwama in Jammu & Kashmir on Thursday.

Their families on Friday recalled their passion and love for the country as they grieved the demise of their loved

ones. Barely two months ago, Lamba had expressed his joy on becoming a father on the social media. He rejoined duty on February 12 after spending several days with his family, including his two-month-old son. A pall of gloom descended at Govindpura Basadi village near Shahpura, around 65 km from Jaipur, as the news of Lamba's death reached.

Former Deputy Speaker of Rajasthan Assembly and former Shahpura legislator Rao Rajendra Singh met Lamba's family members on Friday and expressed his condolences.

He said that Lamba's wife fell unconscious on hearing the

tragic news and had to be hospitalised.

The family of 27-year-old Bhagirath Singh, a resident of Jaipur village in Dholpur district, was struggling to come to terms with the loss. On Friday, the entire village of Jaipur mourned the death of the young man.

"We never knew that he would leave us so early. He had promised his father and family to return soon two days ago but they had never imagined that it would be his last visit home," Jaipur sarpanch Kapur Chand Gurjar said.

He said Singh's mother had passed away when he was

a kid. His father Parshuram, a farmer, brought up his two sons alone. Singh joined CRPF four years ago, whereas his younger brother Balveer joined Uttar Pradesh Police.

Singh got married Ranjna four years ago and has three-year-old son Vinay and a year-and-a-half-old daughter Shivangi. Hemraj Meena's wife Madhu received a call from the CRPF camp in Jammu around 10 pm Thursday, informing her about his demise.

Soon after the news reached the area, villagers came out their homes and gathered outside Meena's home to pay their tributes.



Punish perpetrators: Bereaved daughter

Kalabari/Guwahati: "The perpetrators must be punished for killing my father, our jawans, even if it means carrying out surgical strikes across the border," demanded the daughter of CRPF Head Constable Maneswar Basumatari, who was martyred in Thursday's terror attack in Jammu & Kashmir.

Basumatari, the head constable CRPF 98 Battalion was among the 40 soldiers who were killed in the Pulwama attack. He is survived by his daughter, Didmaswari, wife, Sunmati, and son. "We want justice. Give a befitting reply to the cowards responsible for the Pulwama attack," said an inconsolable Didmaswari on Friday. Talking to reporters at the family's residence in Kalabari village in Assam's Baksa district, she also

demanding that the Government should look after the family now.

Basumatari had recently visited home, said the slain head constable's wife with tears running down her face. She was unable to talk further.

After the attack, there were rumours circulating on social media that three more soldiers from Assam had been killed in the attack. The CRPF jawans rumoured to have been killed in the blast took to Facebook on Friday to refute the rumours. One of the soldiers, Mizing Basumatari of Udalguri district said in a Facebook post, "This is fake news. I am doing fine and nothing has happened to me. Please don't share the fake post."

CRPF jawan, Pabitra Barman, a native of Bongaigaon, said, "Hi

friends...I am fully safe & sound. I'm deployed in other district of Kashmir, which is far away from Pulwama where the mischief happened. Jai Hind."

Family of the third CRPF jawan, Ananta Saiki of Nagaon district's Gorubandha, also stated that he was safe. His sister, Purnima, told reporters, "By God's grace, Ananta is safe. He called us today. He was on a bus which was ahead of the convoy of 78 vehicles, carrying 2,547 CRPF jawans, that was attacked."

Meanwhile, various organisations held protests across Assam. Protesters burnt effigies of Pakistan-based terror outfit Jaish-e-Mohammad, which claimed responsibility for the attack, and flags of the neighbouring country.

PTI

AMU suspends student from Kashmir over controversial post on Pulwama attack

Aligarh: The AMU on Friday suspended an undergraduate Student from Kashmir for allegedly lauding a terrorist outfit in a social media post after the terror strike in Pulwama in which 40 CRPF personnel were killed.

Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) spokesperson Omar Peerzada told PTI that the matter is being further probed and "strong deterrent action" will be taken once the investigation is complete. "AMU has zero tolerance for any such pernicious activity and anyone indulging in such an act will not be spared," Peerzada said.

Ajmer Sharif chief asks Govt to not allow Pak devotees to visit shrine

PTI ■ AJMER

Condemning the terror attack on a CRPF convoy in Jammu & Kashmir's Pulwama, Ajmer Sharif Dargah dewan Syed Zainul Abedin Ali Khan on Friday urged the government to not allow devotees from Pakistan to visit the shrine.

Ali Khan, the descendant of Sufi saint Hazrat Khwaja Moinuddin Hassan Chishti, paid tribute to the personnel killed in the attack.

He urged the Government to not allow 'jatha' or group of devotees from Pakistan to visit the famous shrine in Rajasthan's Ajmer during festivals, including Urs,

which commemorates the death anniversary of the Sufi saint.

Describing the attack as "non-Islamic," he said harming lives of innocent people by attacking them cowardly is against the fundamental principles of the religion.

Several devotees from Pakistan visit the Ajmer Sharif Dargah every year. On Thursday, an explosives laden truck rammed into a CRPF convoy in Pulwama outside Srinagar, killing 44 soldiers in one of the biggest terror attacks in recent years.

Pakistan-based terror group Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) has claimed responsibility for the attack.

As anger flares, Pune shop sells Pak flags with free lighters

Pune: As protests erupted in the city over the attack on CRPF convoy at Pulwama, a flag-seller here did a brisk business — in Pakistani flags. Murudkar Zendeale, a famous flag-seller, sold over 100 national flags of Pakistan on Friday and gave a lighter free with every flag.

Pakistani flags were burnt at many places in the city in the wake of the terror attack at Pulwama in Jammu & Kashmir Thursday in which at least 44 CRPF personnel were killed. People expressed anger about the neighbouring country, which is accused of harbouring Jaish-e-Mohammad, the terror outfit which has claimed the responsibility for the ghastly attack, by burning Pakistani flags.

PTI

Assam announces ₹20 lakh aid

Guwahati: Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal announced Rs 20 lakh to the family of Maneswar Basumatary, a CRPF soldier from the state, who was martyred in the terrorist attack in Jammu & Kashmir on Thursday. Condoling the death of Basumatary, Sonowal Friday said his sacrifice would be remembered by the whole nation.

PTI

Pulwama attack due to Intelligence failure: Mamata

Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Friday said the terror attack in J&K on a CRPF was due to "intelligence failure" and demanded that there be three-day nationwide mourning to show respect to the martyrs.

She questioned why the Centre was not declaring national mourning for the CRPF jawans and said "Will mourning take place only when political leaders die?" "I demand 72 hours mourning for the ultimate sacrifice of the soldiers. At least for national respect. Only one flag is not enough for it," she told reporters after returning from New Delhi.

Banerjee said that the Government as well as all the political parties should put a stop to all scheduled programme in view of the terror attack.

PTI



Police personnel deployed on Aligarh Muslim University campus in the view of protests after some students were booked on alleged sedition charges on Friday

Tripura to give ₹2 lakh aid

Agartala: Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb on Friday announced Rs 2-lakh compensation for each family. "People of Tripura and the State Government would remain behind the families of 45 martyred CRPF personnel," the Chief Minister told the media after announcing the compensation.

IANS

PULWAMA TERROR ATTACK

Thousands protest in Mumbai

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Thousands of Muslims from south Mumbai joined the wide-spread protests staged by several groups and political parties across the metropolis against Thursday's Pulwama terror attacks which left 44 CRPF personnel dead, even as the Maharashtra Government announced an ex-gratia of Rs 50 lakh each to the next of kin of two jawans from the state killed in the attack.

Muslims, carrying the Indian Tricolour, banners, placards and raising anti-Pakistan slogans, took out a massive procession along the busy Mohammed Ali Road in downtown south Mumbai.

The slogans like "Pakistan Murdabad, LeT Murdabad, Down with Masood Azhar and Hafiz Saeed" and "Jem Murdabad" rented the air, as



Protesters stamp over pictures of Jaish-e-Mohammad chief Masood Azhar during a protest in Mumbai on Friday

the Muslims staged protest marches in localities of Saifee Jubilee Street, Handiwala Mosque, Sunni Bilal Mosque. Most of these areas observed a spontaneous bandh.

In a related development, the BJP-led by Ram Kadam, Raj Purohit and others -staged protests against the Pakistani-sponsored terror strike in different parts of the metropolis.

The Maharashtra and Mumbai Congress units organised special condolence meetings at the state, city and district party headqua

"We are all one who mourned the death of live under and all are sons of BharatMata! We should not think of caste, a ligion or faith. We are the followers of Vasudhaiv Kutumbakam," Fadnavis said, while describing the Pulgama terror strikes as an "absolute cowardly and con-

Maha Govt announces ₹50L aid to martyrs' families

demnable act". Ruling Shiv Sena, MNS and the NCP organised similar protests and demonstrations at various parts of the city other parts of the state, while the MNS activists burnt the Pakistan flags in Mumbai and Thane.

The Bharat Diamond Bourse, Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council and Mumbai Diamond Merchants Association also held a joint condolence meeting for the martyred troopers at the BDB Complex in Bandra Kurla in north-central Mumbai.

The city also witnessed protests outside major suburban railway stations where lakh home-bound commuters raised slogans against Pakistan and the perpetrators behind the Pulgama attacks

Meanwhile, Maharashtra mourned the death of two Army jawans — identified as

Sanjay Rajput (45) and Nitin Rathod from Buldhana district in eastern Maharashtra — in the attacks.

While Sanjay Rajput is originally from Malkapur, Nitin Rathod belonged to Chorpangra village in Buldhana district.

Sanjay's brother Rajesh said that his brother is survived by wife Sushma Rajput and two sons Jai (13) and Shubham (11). Sanjay said his brother had left Nagpur on 11 February for his new posting with the 115th battalion in Srinagar. "I called him morning of the day of the incident, around 9.30 am, when he told me he had left Jammu at 3.30 am to join his new posting," Rajesh said..

Nitin (36) is survived by wife Vandana, who said has a new couple have two minor children — Jeevan (8) and Jivika (5).

Uddhav: Time to strike inside Pak

PNS ■ MUMBAI

Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray on Friday attributed the Pulwama attacks to the "intelligence failure" and said it was time to "strike inside Pakistan".

Talking to media persons, Uddhav said that those in charge of the intelligence machinery in the valley state should be removed.

"The issues of alliances, elections will be there. But Pakistan must not be allowed to go scot-free. It should be taught a befitting lesson," the Sena president said, while replying to a question about his meeting with Maharashtra chief minister Devendra Fadnavis on Thursday.

Maintaining that Thursday's terror attack should be condemned in the strongest possible terms, Uddhav said: "This is not just a terror attack. It has exposed the chinks in the country's intelligence system".

"You (the BJP-led Union government) conducted surgical strike in Pak-occupied Kashmir. Now the time has come to strike inside Pakistan. The entire country supports the government on this issue," the Sena president said.

"Instead of making tall claims, Pakistan needs to be taught a lesson once and for all. If intelligence inputs were not available, one wonders what do the people who are holding the reins were doing. They should be removed," Uddhav said.

AIADMK-BJP poll alliance gets going

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

The process of forming an electoral alliance between the AIADMK and the BJP for the upcoming Lok Sabha poll began in right earnest late Thursday evening. Union Minister for Railways Piyush Goyal who is in charge of the Lok Sabha election for Tamil Nadu reached Chennai late Thursday evening and drove down to the residence of late industrialist from south-west Tamil Nadu and had a discussion with the AIADMK representatives — P Thangamani (Power Minister) and SP Velumani (local administration minister).

This is the first official meeting between the AIADMK and the BJP though backroom discussions were on for quite some time about the poll alliance, according to sources in both the parties. "We do not see any reason why there should not be any alliance between the AIADMK and the BJP. A formal announcement about the alliance would be made soon," said Narayanan Thirupathi, spokesman of the BJP.

Another BJP leader told The Pioneer that discussions were on with leaders of the Pattali Makkal Katchi (PMK), the DMDK (led by film actor Vijayakanth) and Dr

Krishnasamy's Puthiya Tamilakam. "There is a possibility that Tamil Manila Congress led by GK Vasan too would join the AIADMK-BJP alliance though it may take some more time for an announcement," said the BJP leader.

Since Stalin is not enthusiastic in including the TMC in his front, Vasan is left with only two options, either to pitch his tent in the AIADMK-BJP front or to sail with TTV Dhinakaran's AMMK. But Anbazhagan, political commentator who is close confidante of Dhinakaran said Vasan would not join the BJP alliance and would join hands with the AMMK.

Goyal returned to New Delhi early Friday morning and is expected back in Chennai for further talks sometime next week. Meanwhile, the DMK -led front has started its campaign for the election buoyed by the opinion poll results by some of the leading private agencies which forecast a total sweep in Tamil Nadu by the DMK.

Though Stalin has not announced the constituents of the rainbow alliance, it is certain that the Congress, the Islamist parties, the Lefts, the VCK and the MDMK led by Vaiko would figure in the DMK-led front.

Swamy seeks Swaraj's intervention on behalf of Tamil refugees

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

Subramanian Swamy, MP and Senior BJP leader has sought the immediate intervention of Sushma Swaraj, Union Minister for External Affairs, to help the Sri Lankan refugees who are stranded in Tamil Nadu for the last four months because of non-availability of a ship to take them home.

In a letter addressed to Sushma Swaraj on Friday, Swamy said that during his last visit to Chennai, he was 'apprised by the Sri Lankan refugees that they have been

waiting for four months for a ship to be provided as promised to return to their home country, Sri Lanka."

"There appears to be some bureaucratic turf war on who can decide when to provide the ship required. Hope it will be possible for you to intervene assure that a ship is provided to take a batch of Sri Lankan Tamil refugees who have been waiting patiently for the last four months back to their homes," said Dr Swamy in the letter.

Though the Tamil chauvinist parties are in the forefront agitating for the rights of the Tamils in the island nation, Dr Swamy is

the first politician from Tamil Nadu to take up cudgels on behalf of the Tamils in Sri Lanka, pointed out Sri Lankan observers based in the State.

The Sri Lankan High Commissioner to India Austin Fernando, has been quoted as saying that there are 97,000 Sri Lankan refugees in India. The High Commissioner who was in Chennai recently along with a team of officials from Colombo to find out the first-hand details pertaining to Tamil refugees had made it clear that Sri Lanka needed the refugees and would take all steps to ensure their return to the home country .

2 disgruntled Cong MLAs meet Siddaramaiah

Bengaluru: Two out of the four disgruntled Congress MLAs, against whom a disqualification petition is pending with the assembly Speaker, Friday met party leader and former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah here and reportedly pledged loyalty to the party. "MLA Shri Nagendra and Shri Ramesh Jarkiholi met CLPleader Shri @siddaramaiah along with minister Shri Zameer Ahmed Khan," Karnataka Congress said in a tweet.

Though what transpired at the meeting was not known, party sources calling it a one-to-one meeting said, the legislators pledged their loyalty to the party and requested the CLP leader to withdraw the disqualification petition while narrating their grievances.

Siddaramaiah is said to have advised both Jarkiholi and Nagendra not to take any decision in haste until the Lok Sabha elections are over, according to the sources.

The CLP leader Thursday had said his petition seeking disqualification of four disgruntled party MLAs was pending with the Speaker, who is the competent authority to take action under the anti-defection law.

The former CM said his petition to Speaker has nothing to do with four MLAs attending Session since Wednesday, as he noted that the legislators have violated the whip in earlier instances. **PTI**

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TENDER NOTICE (through e-tendering)						
S. No.	Name of Work with its location	App. Cost of the work (in Rs.)	Tender Inviting Officer Address	Tender Document Fee (in Rs.)	Earnest Money to be deposited (in Rs.)	Date & Time for Closed of tender
1.	Comprehensive Annual Maintenance contract and Repair of DG sets installed over DLI Division. (For one year)	Rs. 3828394/- only	Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer/C, Northern Railway 3rd Floor, Annex-1, DRM office, New Delhi-110055	Rs. 5900/- only	Rs. 76570/- only	Tender uploaded date & time- 13.03.2019 up to 15.00 hrs.

Tender No. :- 558-Sig/16/M/Tender/AMC/036/2018-19 Dated : 14.02.2019 472/19

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Extract of Audited and Unaudited Standalone & Consolidated Results for the quarter and Nine Months Ended 31.12.2018

Sl. No.	PARTICULARS	Standalone						Consolidated					
		Quarter Ended			Nine Months Ended			Quarter Ended			Nine Months Ended		
		Dec-18	Sep-18	Dec-17	Dec-18	Dec-17	Dec-18	Sep-18	Dec-17	Dec-18	Dec-17		
1	Total Income from Operations	12842.42	10701.27	8847.56	33706.81	28525.74	17907.51	15054.81	13507.43	45964.56	41574.99		
2	Net Profit for the period (before tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	962.49	865.72	701.35	2903.63	2525.07	1064.95	974.45	1035.97	2966.57	2895.66		
3	Net profit for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or extraordinary item)	959.35	863.03	701.35	2898.15	2525.07	1061.81	971.76	1035.97	2961.09	2895.66		
4	Net Profit for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	613.52	565.66	455.79	1871.48	1648.70	683.45	640.15	683.65	1912.81	1901.17		
5	Total comprehensive income for the period	613.52	565.66	455.78	1871.47	1648.66	683.45	640.15	683.64	1912.8	1901.13		
6	Equity Share capital	1502.74	1502.74	1502.74	1502.74	1502.74	1502.74	1502.74	1502.74	1502.74	1502.74		
7	Earnings per share of Rs. 10/- each												
	a) Basic	4.08	3.76	3.04	12.45	10.98	4.55	4.26	4.56	12.73	12.66		
	b) Diluted	4.08	3.76	3.04	12.45	10.98	4.55	4.26	4.56	12.73	12.66		

NOTES :-

- The above standalone and consolidated financial statements of M/s CMI Limited ("the Company") have been prepared in accordance with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 (Ind-AS) prescribed under section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 and other recognized accounting practices and policies to the extent applicable.
- The above financial results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting on February 14, 2019
- The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing and other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the quarterly financial results are available on the stock exchange website(s), NSE-www.nseindia.com, BSE-www.bseindia.com and Company's website-www.cmilimited.in.
- Previous period figures have been regrouped / reclassified, wherever necessary.

For and on behalf of Board of Directors of CMI Limited
Sd/-
V.K. Gupta
Whole Time Director
DIN: 00995523

Place : New Delhi
Date: 14.02.2019

DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (NW) III

OVER HEAD TANK ASHOK VIHAR DELHI

PRESS NIT No. 71 (2018-19)

Item No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Date of release of tender in E-procurement solution	Last date/time receipt of tender through e-procurement
1	Providing laying 400 mm dia and 250 mm dia main peripheral sewer line in Block C-3 Keshav Puram in AC-17 Wazirpur Constituency under EE (NW)	Rs. 27,12,846/-	Tender ID No. 2019_DJB_168394_1 on 12.02.2019 at 03:24 PM	27.02.2019 Up to 3:00 PM

Further details in this regard can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER) Sd/-
Adv. No. J.S.V. 824/2018-19 Ex. Engineer (NW) III

DELHI JAL BOARD GOVT OF N.C.T OF DELHI

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (NORTH-I)

OVER HEAD TANK, MUKHERJI NAGAR, DELHI-110009.

NIT No. 67 Item No. I (North)-I (2018-19)

S. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money	Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution	Tender fee (Non refundable)	Last date/time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1	Replacement of old and damaged Sewer line in Gali Dabbevali, Gali Shastri, Gali Ration wall and Gali Gautam in Kairi Basti Malika Gani Ward No. 09 under EE (N)-I (Re-invited) E-Tendering ID:- 2019_DJB_168370_1	Rs. 25,55,040/-	51,100/-	12.02.2019 15.00 PM onward	500/-	Technical bid to be received on 27.02.2019 3.00 PM & opening of Financial bid after completion of technical bid & confirmation of EMD from Bank

Further details in the regard can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

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NEW DELHI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

ROAD-V DIVISION, CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPTT.
ROOM NO. 229, SBS PLACE, GOLE MARKET, NEW DELHI

Short e-Procurement Tender Notice

Name of Work: Repair and Maintenance of Infrastructure Assets in R-V Division during 2018-19.
Sub Head: Repair of boundary wall & M.S. gates in DIZ area in the jurisdiction of R-V Division.
Estimated cost: ₹7,53,400/-
Date of release of tender through e-procurement solution: 14.02.2019
Last date/time for receipt of tenders through e-procurement solution: 22.02.2019 upto 04:00 PM
Further details can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>
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Tender ID No. 2019_NDMC_168640_1 EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R-V)
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The Sr. Divisional Operations Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi invites E-Tender for the following work.

1. Name of work with its location	Round the clock Loading/Unloading and transportation of Loco Pilot and Guard Line Boxes from train to running room and vice-versa at Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station (HNZM) Station
2. Approx. cost of work	Rs. 40,46,955.75/- + GST as applicable for three years.
3. Earnest Money	Rs. 81,000/-
4. Date and Time of submission of tender bid and opening of tender.	15.00 hrs. on 11.03.2019
5. Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen.	www.ireps.gov.in

No. : Otpg-Line Box-03-2019 Date : 13.02.2019 464/19

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 dead on 09.02.2019 at 10:40 am from under Footover Bridge, Near Jhule Lal Mandir, Moti Nagar, Delhi . In this regard DD No.74-A, dated 09.02.2019 has been lodged at Police Station, Moti Nagar, Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:
Name: Unknown, Age: 60 Years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: White Jersey, Grey Pant and Socks in feet.
If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.
SHO
Police Station, Moti Nagar, Delhi
DP/8109/WD/19 Ph.: 011-25101150, 8750871125

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that a female namely **Istesham @ Amrin, D/o Khurshid Anwar, R/o RZB-236, Pipal Wali Gali, Nihal Vihar, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped since 24.12.2018 from the area of P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. In this regard a case vide DD No. 26-A, dated 26.12.2018, has been registered at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped female but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing/kidnapped female is as under:
Name: Istesham @ Amrin, Gender: Female, Age: 24 years, Height: 5', Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Wearing: Black colour Shirt, Black & White colour Pajami and Black colour Sandal in Feet.
If anyone has any information regarding this missing/kidnapped female, kindly inform SHO/ Nihal Vihar, Delhi.
E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax : 011-24368639
SHO P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi
Ph. No.: 011-25946700, 25946710
DP/1882/OD/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a male namely **Lok Pal, S/o: Bhajan Lal, R/o: Vill. Nagla Samba Po, Aliganj, Dist. ETHA (UP) has been missing since 17.01.2019 from AIIMS Hospital, New Delhi.** In this regard DD No. 34A, dated 20.01.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Hauz Khas, New Delhi. The description of missing male is as under:
Name: Lok Pal, Age: 27 Years, Height: 5'3", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Long, Wearing: Blue Shirt, Full Sleeve, Cream Sweater, Dark Cream pant and Mentally Disturb.
If anyone have any information about this missing male please inform P.S. Hauz Khas, Delhi.
Web: <http://cbi.nic.in>, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639
SHO Police Station, Hauz Khase, Delhi
Ph: 011-26867878, 26510077
DP/5254/SD/19

Aadhaar-PAN link must for tax filers: CBDT

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The CBDT has stressed that Aadhaar-PAN linking is "mandatory" for those filing an Income Tax Return (ITR) and this procedure has to be "completed" by March 31 this year.

"Constitutional validity of Aadhaar has been upheld by the Supreme Court of India in September, 2018. Consequently, in terms of Section 139AA of Income Tax Act, 1961 and order dated June 30, 2018 of the Central Board of Direct Taxes, Aadhaar-PAN linking is mandatory now which has to be completed till March 31, 2019 by PAN holders requiring filing of ITR," the CBDT said in an advisory Thursday.

The Supreme Court on February 6 had confirmed that linkage of PAN with Aadhaar is mandatory for filing of ITRs. This reiteration of the September order of the apex court came on an appeal filed by the Centre against a Delhi High Court order allowing two persons, to file their ITRs for 2018-19 without linking their Aadhaar and PAN numbers.

A bench comprising Justices A K Sikri and S Abdul Nazeer said the top court has already decided the matter and upheld the section 139AA of



the Income Tax Act.

The apex court on September 26 last year had declared the Centre's flagship Aadhaar scheme as constitutionally valid but struck down some of its provisions including its linking with bank accounts, mobile phones and school admissions.

Former CBDT Chairman Sushil Chandra, early this month at an event, had said that just 23 crore PAN card holders — over half of the total PAN card holders — have so far linked their cards with biometric ID Aadhaar.

He had said the I-T Department has so far issued 42 crore permanent account numbers (PAN), of which 23 crore have been linked with Aadhaar.

Chandra said that once

Aadhaar is linked with PAN and PAN is linked with bank account, the I-T department can find out spending pattern and other details of the assessee. Also since many agencies are linked with Aadhaar, it would be easier to gauge whether the benefits of welfare schemes are availed by eligible persons, he said.

Section 139 AA (2) of the Income Tax Act says that every person having PAN as on July 1, 2017, and eligible to obtain Aadhaar, must intimate his Aadhaar number to tax authorities.

While Aadhaar is issued by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) to a resident of India, PAN is a 10-digit alphanumeric number allotted by the IT Department to a person, firm or entity.

Arun Jaitley resumes charge as Fin Min

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Arun Jaitley on Friday resumed charge as the Finance Minister after a gap of over a month, which was the second break within a year that he had to take to undergo medical treatment.

The President of India, as advised by the Prime Minister, has directed to assign the portfolios of the Minister of Finance and Minister of Corporate Affairs to Arun Jaitley, an official statement said on Friday.

Jaitley tweeted on Friday: "Resumed work at the Ministry of Finance today (Friday). Thankful to Shri Piyush Goyal who discharged the responsibility at the MoF diligently & competently."

Jaitley, 66, who last week returned from the US after undergoing medical treatment, first attended the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) meeting that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had called to discuss the terror attack in south Kashmir's Pulwama district that killed around 40 CRPF personnel, and then came to North Block — the seat of the Finance Ministry.

Comm Min to notify WTO regarding revoking MFN status to Pakistan

India granted MFN status to Pak in 1996

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Commerce Ministry would soon notify to the World Trade Organization (WTO) its decision to revoke the most-favoured nation (MFN) status to Pakistan on security grounds, an official said Friday.

The decision would enable India to increase custom duties on goods imported from Pakistan. India imported goods worth \$488.5 million in 2017-18.

"Now, the Commerce Ministry will notify to the WTO to revoke the MFN status to Pakistan by invoking Article 21 of the WTO which is the security exception," the official said.

The Ministry would work on a list of goods imported from Pakistan over which India would increase the customs duties.

After the Pulwama terror attack on Thursday, India on Friday withdrew the MFN status to Pakistan. Following this, India can raise customs duties on goods being imported from Pakistan up to the bound level duty rates. Currently, India's

custom duties on goods to members of the WTO are below the bound level rates. The current customs duties imposed are called applied rates and the level at which one can increase is known as bound rates.

The main items which India imports include fresh fruits, cement, petroleum products, bulk minerals and ores and finished leather.

India granted the MFN status to Pakistan way back in 1996, but the neighbouring country had not yet reciprocated.

Total India-Pakistan trade has increased marginally to \$2.41 billion in 2017-18 as against \$2.27 billion in 2016-17. India imported goods worth \$488.5 million in 2017-18 and exported goods worth \$1.92 billion in that fiscal.

India mainly exports raw cotton, cotton yarn, chemicals, plastics, manmade yarn and dyes to Pakistan.

Trade experts said this decision would not have a major implication on bilateral trade between the countries as the value of trade is below \$3 billion annually.

They said that although Pakistan can drag India into the WTO's dispute settlement mechanism on the matter, their case would be weak as they have not yet granted the tag to India.

Business Corner



Prime Minister, Narendra Modi dedicated POWERGRID 765/400 KV Orat Sub-station & 765 KV Aligarh sub-station and associated lines today at a mega event held in Jhansi, as part of Transmission System for inter-regional strengthening scheme for Western Region (WR) and Northern Region (NR) (Part-B).



KVS Baba, CMD, Power System Operation Corporation (POSOCO) awarded as 'CEO with HR Orientation' by World HRD Congress for enhancing the HR Technology areas and best practices, at Mumbai. World HRD Congress brings together over 1870 professionals in attendance from over 133 countries.



Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Ram Vilas Paswan administers swachh Paktwada pledge to all officials and employees of the Ministry marking celebration of Swachh Paktwada from 16th to 28th February 2019



AN Verma, ED (HR), NTPC Limited, was conferred the prestigious Business Communication & HR Excellence Award at the 13th Global Communication Conclave of Public Relations Council of India (PRCI) at Jaipur on Friday. The award was presented by Sunil Arora, the Chief Election Commissioner of India in recognition of his immense contribution towards building brand NTPC

MICROSOFT HOLDS SUMMIT TO EMPOWER DISABLES WITH AI SOLUTIONS

New Delhi: Microsoft India hosted the second edition of its Accessibility Summit — Empowering for Inclusion on Friday in collaboration with The National Association of the Deaf and National Centre for Promotion of Employment of Disabled People (NCPED). The summit is a platform that brings together multiple stakeholders to spark a dialogue on inclusive technology, evangelize accessibility standards & highlight inclusive technology solutions, as well as assess policy's role in creating an accessible India. This includes people with disabilities, their support-system, developers of assistive technologies, policy makers, CSR professionals and service-providers.

RBI lifts cap on FPI investments in corporate bonds

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Friday withdrew the 20 per cent limit on investments by FPIs in corporate bonds of an entity with a view to encourage more foreign investments.

As part of the review of the FPI investment in corporate debt undertaken in April 2018, it was stipulated

that no FPI should have an exposure of more than 20 per cent of its corporate bond portfolio to a single corporate (including exposure to entities related to the corporate).

While the provision was aimed at incentivising FPIs to maintain a portfolio of assets, market feedback indicates that foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) have been constrained by this stipulation, the RBI said.

EXPORTS UP 3.74 PC IN JAN; TRADE DEFICIT NARROWS

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The country's exports grew 3.74 per cent to \$26.36 billion in January on account of growth in sectors such as gems & jewellery, pharmaceuticals and chemicals, according to data from the Commerce Ministry.

Imports almost remained flat at \$41 billion during the last month, narrowing the trade

deficit to \$14.73 billion.

The trade deficit stood at \$15.67 billion in January 2018.

Gold imports also grew 38.16 per cent to \$2.31 billion in January this year as against \$1.67 billion in the corresponding month of 2018.

During the April-January period of the current financial year, exports grew 9.52 per cent to \$271.8 billion.

PATNA SMART CITY LIMITED

(SPV formed by Government of Bihar & Patna Municipal Corporation)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (2nd CALL)

Short Notice Dated-13.02.2019

NIT No.- 04/MD/PSCL/2019

Development of Bakarganj Nala under Smart City Mission. Important dates for the RFP are as under.

Sl. No.	Activity	Timeline & Address
1	Online Sale/Download date of Tender documents	From 22.02.2019 (10:00 Hrs) Till 28.02.2019(14.00Hrs)(www.eproc.bihar.gov.in) (Under Patna Nagar Nigam)
2	Pre-bid Meeting date (Only two members per bidder are allowed).	24-02-2019 (15:00 Hrs.) (At Patna Municipal Commissioner's Office, Patna)
4	Last date for submission of Bids (online) and hard copy.	28-02-2019 Till 15.00 Hrs
5	Opening of Technical Bids	28-02-2019 At 16:00 Hrs
6	Date of opening of Commercial bids	To be informed later to technically qualified bidder.
7	Estimated Project Cost	Rs.15,71,44,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Crore Seventy One Lakhs Forty Four Thousand Only)
8	Cost of Bidding Document(Tender Fee)	Tender Fee Rs. 10,000 (Non Refundable) to be paid through online mode on https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON .
9	EMD	Rs.25,71,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Seventy One Thousand Only) (Refundable), in the form of Bank Guarantee (BG).

Instructions for Online Bid Submission

1. The RFP document containing the project profile, invitation for qualification and criteria for evaluation may be obtained from the website: www.eproc.bihar.gov.in (Under Patna Nagar Nigam) 2. For support related to e-tendering process, bidders may contact at following address "e-Procurement HELP DESK, First Floor, Plot No. - M/22, Road No.-25, Sri Krishna Nagar, Bank of India Compound, Patna-800001, Contact No: 0612-2523006; 7542028164". Vendor may visit www.eproc.bihar.gov.in. 3. PSCL will not be responsible, in case of any delay, due to any reason whatsoever, in receipt of Bid Documents by the Bidders. 4. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids or cancel/withdraw the Invitation for Bids (IFB) without assigning any reason whatsoever and in such case, no Bidder/ intending Bidder shall have any claim arising out of such action. 5. The bidder must have the Class II/III Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) and e-Tendering User-Id of the e-Procurement website before participating in the e-tendering process. The bidder may use their DSC if they already have the DSC. They can also take DSC from any of the authorized agencies. For user-id they have to get registered themselves on e-procurement website <https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON> and submit their bids online on the same. Offline bids shall not be entertained by the Tender Inviting Authority for the tenders published in e-procurement platform 6. The detail of the bidding process and summary of the scope of works for the project is included in the RFP document. 7. Any clarifications may be sought online through the tender site, through the contact details or during pre-bid meeting if any. Bidder should take into account the corrigendum if any published before submitting the bids online. Corrigendum/ Addendum, if any, will be published on the website itself. 8. In the unlikely event of the server for www.eproc.bihar.gov.in being down for more than two consecutive hours (in the period from midnight to closing time for receipt of tenders) on the last date of receiving of bid, the last date of the same shall be extended by concerned authority only to the next working day till the last receiving time stipulated in the original NIT. 9. No claim shall be entertained on account of disruption of internet service being used by bidders. Bidders are advised to upload their bids well in advance to avoid last hour's technical snags. 10. In exceptional circumstances, the competent authority, PSCL may solicit the Bidder's consent to an extension of the period of validity. 11. The bidders shall submit their eligibility and qualification details, Technical bid, Financial bid etc., in the online standard formats given for respective tenders in e-Procurement website (www.eproc.bihar.gov.in) at the respective stage only. The bidders shall upload the scanned copies of all the relevant certificates, documents etc., in support of their eligibility criteria / technical bids and other certificate / documents in the e-Procurement website. The bidder shall sign on the supporting statements, documents, certificates, uploaded by him, owning responsibility for their correctness / authenticity. 12. A bid processing fee (Non-Refundable) to be paid only through e-Payment modes i.e. Internet Payment Gateway (Master or Visa Card) / Internet Banking / NEFT or RTGS towards charges for online processing charges of e-procurement website.

Address: Patna Municipal Corporation, 2nd floor, Block-C, Mauryalok Complex, Budhamarg, Patna-800001, Tel: 0612-2200634 Email: patnasmartcity.psc@gmail.com Website www.pmc.bihar.gov.in

ई-निविदा के नियम, शर्त, अर्हता, विधिविधियाँ एवं ई-टेंडरिंग से संबंधित विशेष जानकारी के लिए वेबसाइट <http://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है तथा मुख्य नगर अभियंता, पटना नगर निगम, पटना के कार्यालय में संपर्क किया जा सकता है। **Managing Director,**
Patna Smart City Limited, Patna.

For queries & Clarifications, send E-mail to patnasmartcity.psc@gmail.com PR No. 17477(Ni.Ni.) 2018-19 अवधि धराब एवं नादक द्रव्य के संबंध में शिकायत टॉल फ्री नं. 18003456268 या 15545 पर करें

Orientbell Ltd launches campaign for bathrooms solutions

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Orient Bell Limited, a tile industry company, has launched a new marketing campaign, that breaks industry norms by addressing consumer needs. The new campaign, 'Chote bathrooms ke bade solutions' i.e. big solutions for small bathrooms promises Orientbell's expertise in making even small spaces look bigger by choosing the right colors of tiles & laying them in a recommended way.

Building on this universal truth, Orientbell and their tile experts will make even the smallest room, the bathroom, look bigger by helping choose the right color combination of tiles & recommending the best patterns to lay them. To avail the services, Consumers can visit an Orientbell showroom or give a missed call on 8750733333. With this brand campaign, Orientbell has taken a relatable yet humorous approach to a problem most homeowners live with.

'Let State Govts deal with HSRP issue'

New Delhi: The Central Government has recently amended the High Security Registration Plates (HSRPs) law and introduced the Motor Vehicles (New High Security Registration Plates) Order, 2018. As a result, HSRPs which are supplied under the strict watch and scrutiny of the State Governments through manufacturers selected by the State Government, would from the 1st of April be supplied through Motor Vehicle manufacturers and affixed by their dealers. Addressing the media, international road safety expert, chairman Raahat, Dr. Kamaljit Singh Soi said, "the move will lead to a massive increase in crimes as the forged number plates will be easier to acquire. So, such move must be scrapped forthwith because it a national security issue too. We must let the State Governments continue to deal with this."

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(SECTION 82 Cr.Pc.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused (1) Sajib @ Saizib (2) Md. Samir, S/o Kamil, R/o H.No.1810, Katra Shek Chand, Lal Quan, Delhi has committed (or are suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No.141/18 U/s 326/341/34 IPC, PS Hauz Qazi, Delhi, and it has been returned to warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused persons (1) Sajib @ Saizib (2) Md. Samir, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused (1) Sajib @ Saizib (2) Md. Samir, has absconded (or are concealing themselves to avoid the service of said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused (1) Sajib @ Saizib (2) Md. Samir, Under the FIR No. 141/18 U/s 326/341/34 IPC, PS Hauz Qazi, Delhi, are required to appear before the court on or before 25.03.2019.

By order
Sh. Dinesh Kumar,
MM-08, Central District,
Room No. 272, Tis Hazari Court,
Delhi

DP/6051/CD/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING LADY

General public is here by informed that one lady Namely: Saraswati (along with her son Name: Anubhav, Age: 1.5 years) W/o Munna Mandal, R/o H.No. 23, Pkt-5, Sec-A/6, Narela, Delhi Age: 23 Years, Height: 5'3", Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Wearing: Unknown, have been missing/kidnapped since 25.01.2019 from the area of P.S. Narela, Delhi.

In this regard a DD No. 023-A, Dated 28.01.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Narela, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this lady but no clue has come to light so far.

Any person having any information or clue about this lady kindly inform to the following.

SHO
P.S. Narela, Delhi
Ph. 011-27282350, 27285839
DP/45/ON/19

E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
Fax: 011-24368639
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED GIRL

General Public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo) namely Anjali D/o Pawan Kumar R/o A-21, Gali No.12, Badli, Extension, Delhi Aged-17½ Years has been reported missing/kidnapped since 27.01.2019 from the area of P.S. S.P. Badli, Delhi vide FIR No.51/19 Dated 28.01.2019 registered at Police Station S.P. Badli, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

Complexion: Fair, **Height:** 5'4", **Face:** Round, **Built:** Normal, **Clothing:** White Colour T-Shirt & Blue Colour Payjama with Black & Red Churni and Slippers in feet.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing/kidnapped girl, may inform SHO, S.P. Badli, Delhi at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in or website: <http://cbi.nic.in>

Sd/-
SHO, S.P. Badli, Delhi
DP/46/ON/19
Tel.: 011-27854757, 27854799

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one unknown male, Age 60 years, Height 6'1", Complexion Sallow, Wearing Pink colour shirt and black colour pant was admitted in Rajan Babu TB Hospital from the area PS Kotwali, Delhi during the treatment doctor declared him dead on 08.02.19. In this regard a DD No. 15-A dated 08.02.19 has been lodged at PS IP Estate, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned.

SHO
PS : Kotwali, Delhi
Ph.: 23912100, 23811927

DP/9669/N/19

End support to all terror groups: US to Pakistan

World leaders condemn Pulwama terror attack

Washington: In a stern message to Pakistan, the White House has asked Islamabad to "immediately end" its "support" to all terror groups and not to provide "safe haven" to them, as the US condemned the brutal Pulwama terror attack claimed the lives of at least 40 CRPF soldiers.

Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) has claimed responsibility for the terror attack in Jammu & Kashmir's Pulwama district on Thursday that left at least 40 CRPF soldiers dead and five others critically wounded.

"The United States calls on Pakistan to end immediately the support and safe haven provided to all terrorist groups operating in its soil, whose only goal is to sow chaos, violence, and terror in the region," White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders said in a late

night statement on Thursday. "This attack only strengthens our resolve to bolster counterterrorism cooperation and coordination between the United States and India," she said in a strongly-worded statement issued by the White House.

Sanders said the United States condemns in the strongest terms the heinous terrorist attack in Pulwama by a Pakistan-based terrorist



Washington/Moscow: Countries from across the globe, including the US, Russia, Australia, France, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, have condemned the brutal Pulwama terror attack carried out by Pakistan-based terror group Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) and extended support to India in the fight against terrorism.

At least 40 CRPF personnel were killed and many injured on Thursday in one of the deadliest terror attacks in Jammu & Kashmir when a Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) suicide bomber rammed a vehicle carrying over 100 kg of explosives into their bus in Pulwama district.

Earlier, the US State Department said in a statement that it was "resolutely committed" to working with the Indian Government to combat terrorism in all its forms. "The US condemns in the strongest terms the terrorist attack today on an Indian Central Reserve Police Force

convoy in the Indian state of Jammu & Kashmir," State Department Deputy Spokesperson Robert Palladino said. "The UN designated, Pakistan-based terrorist group Jaish-e-Mohammad has claimed responsibility for this heinous act. We call on all countries to uphold their responsibilities pursuant to UN Security Council resolutions to deny safe haven and support for terrorists," Palladino said.

Several US lawmakers also expressed solidarity with India in the wake of a dastardly terror attack and said the two countries stand united in condemning and defeating terror. The US specifically singled out Pakistan in its statement condemning the attack. In a stern message to Pakistan, the White House has asked Islamabad to "immediately end" its "support" to all terror groups and not to provide "safe haven" to them. "The US calls on Pakistan to end immediately the support and safe haven provided to all terrorist groups operating in its soil, whose only goal is to sow chaos, violence, and terror in the region," White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders said in a statement. "This attack only strengthens our resolve to bolster counterterrorism cooperation and coordination between the US and India," she said in the statement issued by the White House.

Oz political leaders also condemned the "heinous" terror attack. "We convey our deepest condolences to the families of the victims, and all those injured. Our thoughts are with my friend Prime Minister @narendramodi and the Indian people," Prime Minister Scott Morrison tweeted on Friday. Opposition leader Bill Shorten said it was an atrocious attack. "To the family and friends of the soldiers killed and injured — we send our deepest condolences, support, and hope for a timely recovery for the injured," he said in a statement. Saudi Arabia said it stood with India's fight against terrorism and extremism and denounced as "cowardly" the suicide attack. The strong condemnation came days ahead of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud's state visit to India next week for talks with the top Indian leadership. PTI

S. NO.	PARTICULARS	Amount Rs. In Lacs					
		Quarter ended		9 Months Ended		Year ended	
		Un-Audited	Audited	Un-Audited	Audited	Un-Audited	Audited
1	Income From Operations	2029.00	2541.70	3249.86	7173.00	8153.18	11159.45
	Net Sale Income from operations	2029.00	2541.70	3249.86	7173.00	8153.18	11159.45
2	Expenses						
	Change in inventories of Finished Goods and WIP	-45.00	82.20	-382.17	50.00	-321.42	85.75
	Operating Expenses*	1334.00	1480.06	1880.13	4149.00	4402.97	5816.79
	Employees Benefits Expenses	108.00	126.50	152.00	385.00	463.25	598.77
	Depreciation	292.00	292.58	284.59	877.00	853.77	1169.69
	Other Expenses**	37.00	62.69	62.12	156.00	1678.18	1875.02
3	Total Expenses	2068.00	2065.03	2561.67	7024.00	7076.75	9546.02
	Profit (loss) from operation before other income, finance cost and exceptional items (1-2)	(39.00)	(63.33)	(688.19)	149.00	1076.43	1613.43
4	Other Income	0.00	36.14	22.42	90.00	78.32	126.37
5	Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before, finance cost and exceptional items (3+4)	(39.00)	(27.19)	(710.61)	239.00	1154.75	1739.80
6	Finance Cost	11.00	225.73	422.54	491.00	1362.44	1793.48
7	Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after finance cost but before exceptional items (5-6)	(50.00)	198.54	288.07	48.00	(207.69)	(53.68)
8	Exceptional Items***	0.00	7121.00	0.00	7121.00	0.00	0.00
9	Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before Tax (7-8)	(50.00)	(6922.46)	288.07	(7073.00)	(207.69)	(53.68)
10	Provision for Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Current Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Deferred Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after Tax (9-10)	(50.00)	(6922.46)	288.07	(7073.00)	(207.69)	(53.68)
12	Extraordinary items: Provisions for w.o of Fec claim	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	61.77	61.77
13	Net profit (loss) for the period (11-12)	(50.00)	(6922.46)	288.07	(7073.00)	(207.69)	(53.68)
14	Paid up Equity Share Capital (face value of Rs. 10 - per share)	5787.29	5787.29	5787.29	5787.29	5787.29	5787.29
15	Reserves Excluding Revaluation Reserve						
16	Earning per Equity Share						
	i) Before extraordinary items						
	- Basic (Rs.)	-0.09	-11.96	0.50	-12.22	-0.36	-0.04
	- Diluted (Rs.)	-0.08	-11.37	0.50	-11.62	-0.36	-0.04
	ii) After extraordinary items						
	- Basic (Rs.)	-0.09	-11.96	0.50	-12.22	-0.47	-0.15
	- Diluted (Rs.)	-0.08	-11.37	0.50	-11.62	-0.47	-0.14

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

Principal Chief Engineer, Northern Railway, Head quarters office, Baroda House, New Delhi-110001, Publication in newspaper of E-Tender Notices for procurement of Small Track Machines, spare thereof and Spare parts for Track machines has been stopped by the office of Principal Chief Engineer, Northern Railway, Head quarters office. Firm's desires to participate in tenders for procurement of Small Track Machines, spares thereof and Spare parts for Track machines Northern Railway are requested to visit the website www.ireps.gov.in regularly after registering themselves on this portal and submit their e-bids on this portal only. **Notice No. 219-S/1/TMC/21/2018-19 Dated: 14.02.2019. 481/2019**

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APPENDIX-IV-A (See proviso to rule 8 (6))

Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 22/03/2019, for recovery of Rs. 44,55,437.51 (Rupees Forty Four Lakh Fifty Five Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Seven and Paise Fifty One Only) as on 31/01/2019 with future interest and charges with effect from 01/02/2019, due to the Secured Creditor from Sh. Ranbir Singh and Mrs. Chandar Mukhi and Mrs. Saroj Bansal. The reserve price will be Rs. 39,60,000.00 and the earnest money deposit will be Rs. 3,96,000.00

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Fat No. 303 third floor, built up on part of property No R2 1414 & 1414A, out of khasra No. 423 situated in at Gali No. 28, Tughlakabad Extension, New Delhi-110018 in the name of Shri Ranbir Singh and Smt. Chandar Mukhi

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provide in Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.syndicatebank.in

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Place: Nehru Place, Delhi

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TENDER NOTICE

SR. NO.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) in Rupees	WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT	NODAL OFFICER
1	WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, HARYANA, PANCHKULA	INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR SETTING UP SEMI AUTOMATED KITCHEN IN DISTRICT GURUGRAM INCLUDING FINANCIAL DETAILS.	CLOSING DATE 21.02.2019	NIL	wcdhry.gov.in	9416654430, ddi.wcd@gmail.com
2	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES, AMBALA	PROVIDING & FIXING OF DOORS & WINDOWS IN PLACE OF DAMAGED DOOR & WINDOW IN CANAL COLONY AMBALA + 12 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 25.02.2019	2.79 CRORE	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0171-2973270, xensylambala@gmail.com
3	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES, GOHANA	RE-CONSTRUCTION OF V.R. BRIDGES AT RD 3050, 8870, 10180, 14100, 12700, 15400 OF BHAWAR LINK DRAIN + 1 OTHER WORK	15.02.2019 22.02.2019	65.62 LACS	www.hid.gov.in	EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, GOHANA WS DIVN, GOHANA.
4	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES, M/GARH W/S MECH DIV NARNAUL	INSTALLATION SUPPLY AND COMMISSIONING OF 02 NO. 35 CS. VT AXIAL FLOW PUMP HAVING LIFT 23.02' AT PUMP HOUSE HD-1 OF HASSANPUR DISTY (FOR ADDITIONAL BAY). (RE-TENDER) + 2 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 25.02.2019	37.98 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01282-251353
5	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES, JAGADHRI	REHABILITATION OF RAKSHI NALLAH FROM RD 0 TO 90000.	14.02.2019 20.02.2019	1 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01732-237837, Xenwsjgd1@gmail.com
6	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES, ADAMPUR W/S DIV HISAR	LINING OF EXTENSION OF SUB BRANCH 'X' ON THE WATERCOURSE AT OUTLET RD 25000- TAIL KOHLI DITCH DISTY UNDER MPLADS + 2 OTHER WORKS	04.02.2019 25.02.2019	6.08 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01662-230030, xenawsdn@gmail.com
7	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING, GOHANA	TENDER NO. 121966- DNIT ESTIMATE FOR DE-SILTING OF SEWER LINES OF DIFFERENT SIZES IN GOHANA TOWN DISTT. SONEPAT FOR THE YEAR 2018-19	14.02.2019 20.02.2019	7.62 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	01263-258417, ee1gohana@gmail.com
8	PWD B&R, SIRSA	PROVIDING AND LAYING 20MM THICK PC/80MM IPB OF VARIOUS ROADS IN PD-1, SIRSA DISTT. ROADS ID 5698	11.02.2019 24.02.2019	99.10 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	01666-220530, pwd-eeepd1-sirsa@hry.nic.in
9	PWD B&R, HISAR	CONSTRUCTION OF GOVT. VETERINARY DISPENSARY AT VILLAGE SALEMGARH IN DISTRICT HISAR (CM ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 22337 DATED 25.06.2018) + 7 OTHER WORKS	15.02.2019 25.02.2019	330.78 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	01662-239887, pwd-eeepd3-hissar@hry.nic.in
10	PWD B&R, SIRSA	SPECIAL REPAIR PWD REST HOUSE WITH PROVIDING/ REPLACEMENT FURNITURE AND FURNISHING ITEMS ETC. IN PWD REST HOUSE AT SIRSA IN SIRSA DISTT. (RE-INVITE)	09.02.2019 17.02.2019	9.92 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	01666-220530, pwd-eeepd1-sirsa@hry.nic.in
11	PWD B&R, BHIWANI	SPECIAL REPAIR OF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER GARAGES, 4TH CLASE QUARTER AT BHIWANI IN BHIWANIDISTT.	13.02.2019 23.02.2019	19.62 LACS	https://pwbdr.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	01664-242436, pwd-eeepd-bhiwani@hry.nic.in
12	PWD B&R, BHIWANI	CONSTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT COLLEGE FOR WOMEN AT VILLAGE KAIRU IN BHIWANI DISTRICT (EXCLUDING EI WORKS)	14.02.2019 24.02.2019	1111.02 LACS	https://pwbdr.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	01664-242436, pwd-eeepd-bhiwani@hry.nic.in
13	PWD B&R, FATEHABAD	CONSTG. A ROAD FROM TOHANA (BHATIA NAGAR) TO VILLAGE DHAMKORA ALONG FATEHABAD DISTY. AT TOHANA IN FATEHABAD DISTT. KM. 0 TO 3.20 (C.M. ANNOUNCEMENT CODE NO. 23698 DATED 28.09.2018) + 1 OTHER WROK	13.02.2019 24.02.2019	420.15 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	01667-220120, pwd-eeepd-fatehabad@hry.nic.in
14	PWD B&R, NARAINGARH	CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ROAD FROM AMB WALA ROAD TO SHAMSHAN GHAT BILASPUR IN YAMUNA NAGAR DISTT. (CM ANNOUNCEMENT CODE - 23332)	15.02.2019 25.02.2019	145.22 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	01734-284035, pwd-eeepd-naraingarh@hry.nic.in
15	PWD B&R, HISAR	S/R TO PARK LIGHTS IN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT FATEHABAD.	15.02.2019 26.02.2019	1.05 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	01662-225651, pwd-eeepd-hissar@hry.nic.in
16	PWD B&R, NUH	PROVIDING BC ON PUNHANA KOT ROAD 0 TO 11.30 IN NUH DIST. (ROAD ID 1271) (RE-INVITED) + 2 OTHER WORK	14.02.2019 24.02.2019	420.60 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	01267-271237
17	PWD B&R, KAITHAL	SPECIAL REPAIR/ RENOVATION OF DISTT LIBRARY AT KAITHAL	CLOSING DATE 22.02.2019	21.66 LACS	https://pwbdr.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	01746222282, pwd-eeepd-kaithal@hry.nic.in
18	PWD B&R, FARIDABAD	CONSTRUCTION OF 5'-11 1/2" HIGH STAGGERED BOUNDARY WALL AND PROVIDING & FIXING CRESTINA WIRE FENCING OVER "Y" SHAPE ANGLE AT SITE OFFICE CUM REST HOUSE MOHNA IN FARIDABAD DISTT. [RE-INVITING]	12.02.2019 21.02.2019	9.50 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	0129-2888187, pwd-eeepd1-faridabad@hry.nic.in
19	PWD B&R, REWARI	IMPROVEMENT BY PROVIDING 4-LANNING ON NIZAMPUR NANGAL CHAUDHARY ROAD KM 0.90 TO 15.600 (MDR-128) IN MOHINDERGARH DISTRICT.	14.02.2019 24.02.2019	4566.80 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	01274-256936, pwd-serewari@hry.nic.in
20	PWD B&R, KARNAL	WIDENING AND STRENGTHENING WITH WBM + PC RD 0 TO 1170 ON HATHLANA APP. ROAD (ROAD ID-7269) IN KARNAL DISTRICT. + 1 OTHER WORK	14.02.2019 01.03.2019	120.62 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	01284-2251029, pwd-eeepd-karnal@hry.nic.in
21	PWD B&R, AMBALA	UPGRADATION PHC TO CHC AT BARARA DISTT. AMBALA (PDG. 200 KVA 11/0.433 KV SUB STATION). + 2 OTHER WORKS	15.02.2019 26.02.2019	34.35 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	0171-2630877, pwd-eeepd-ambala@hry.nic.in
22	PWD B&R, REWARI	CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS 2 NOS NEW ROAD IN PROVINCIAL DIVISION REWARI + 1 OTHER WORK	09.02.2019 18.02.2019	650.40 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	01274-253703, pwd-eeepd-rewari@hry.nic.in
23	PWD B&R, REWARI	PROVIDING 30 MM THICK BC ON 2 NOS ROADS ON PROV DIVISION PWD B&R REWARI	10.02.2019 19.02.2019	322.60 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	01274-253703, pwd-eeepd-rewari@hry.nic.in
24	PWD B&R, NARNAUL	CONSTRUCTION OF 12 NOS CLASS ROOM IN THE CAMPUS OF GOVT COLLEGE AT NARNAUL IN MOHINDERGARH DISTRICT (CM ANNOUNCEMENT CODE NO 20483 DATED 21.11.2017	CLOSING DATE 21.02.2019	2.82 CRORE	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	0182-251267, pwd-eeepd-narnaul@hry.nic.in
25	SKILL DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPT.	TOOLS & EQUIPMENTS TENDER FORM	07.02.2019 18.02.2019	4 LACS	gitiunchagaon.com TENDER NO TE/ME/2019/UNCHA/GAON/SPI-3	9811706230, unchagaongitiw@gmail.com
26	CONTROLLER PRINTING & STATIONERY DEPARTMENT HARYANA CHANDIGARH	PURCHASE OF DIGITAL COLOURED PRODUCTION MACHINE AND DIGITAL HIGH SPEED COPIER MACHINES	CLOSING DATE 05.03.2019	60 LACS	pandsharyana@gov.in	6239476892, basurajender1946@gmail.com
27	SPORTS DEPTT, PANIPAT	RFP FOR TURNKEY EVENT MANAGEMENT FOR BHARAT KESRI DANGAL ON DATED 21 MARCH TO 23 MARCH 2019 IN SHIVAJI STADIUM, PANIPAT + 2 OTHER WORKS	07.02.2019 22.02.2019	2.84 CRORE	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	DISTRICT SPORTS & YOUTH AFFAIR OFFICER
28	PANCHAYATI RAJ, YAMUNA NAGAR	CONSTRUCTION OF 2 NO GATE AT BABA BANDA SINGH BHADUR CHOWK VILLAGE SADHAURA BLOCK SADHAURA DISTT. YAMUNA NAGAR	14.02.2019 01.03.2019	9.75 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	01732-237833, prexeeng_ynr@hry.nic.in

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China again blocks India's bid to list JeM chief as global terrorist

Beijing: China on Friday expressed deep "shock" over the Pulwama terror attack carried out by a Jaish suicide bomber but did not give an assurance to India that it will back New Delhi's appeal to list the UN-proscribed Pakistan-based terror group's chief Masood Azhar as a global terrorist. At least 40 CRPF personnel were killed and many injured on Thursday in one of the deadliest terror attacks in Jammu and Kashmir when a Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) suicide bomber rammed a vehicle carrying over 100 kg of explosives into their bus in Pulwama district. "China has noted the reports of suicide terrorist attack. We are deeply shocked by this attack. We express deep condolences and sympathy to the injured and bereaved families," spokesman of the Chinese Foreign Ministry Geng Shuang told a media briefing here when asked about the incident. In a carefully worded response to a number of questions on the Pulwama incident, Geng said China condemned the incident as part of its overall stand on terrorism. "We firmly oppose and strongly condemn

all forms of terrorism. We hope relevant regional countries will cooperate to cope with the threat of terrorism and jointly uphold regional peace and stability," Geng said. Without directly referring to India's persistent demand to declare Azhar as a global terrorist, Geng said JeM has already been included in the sanctions list of the UN committee but he was not forthcoming on why China is opposed to extend the ban on the leader of the group. When asked about China's stand on the listing of Azhar as a global terrorist by the UN Security Council, he said: "As for the issue of listing, I could tell you that the 1267 Committee of Security Council has a clear stipulation on the listing and procedure of the terrorist organisations". "JeM has been included in the Security Council terrorism sanctions list. China will continue to handle the relevant sanctions issue in a constructive and responsible manner," Geng said in an apparent reference to External Affairs Ministry's appeal to all members of the UN Security Council to list Azhar as a global terrorist.

Trump to declare nat'l emergency to build border wall

Washington: US President Donald Trump will sign an executive order declaring a national emergency, which will empower him to fund the construction of a massive wall along the US-Mexico border to prevent illegal immigrants from entering the country and curb drug smuggling. The move would help Trump get \$5.6 billion for the construction of the wall that, he has asserted, is essential for national security. "President Trump will sign the Government funding bill, and as he has stated before, he will also take other executive action - including a national emergency - to ensure we stop the national security and humanitarian crisis at the border," White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders said in a statement. "The President is once again delivering on his promise to build the wall, protect the border, and secure our great country," she said. The White House statement came soon after Senate Majority leader Mitch McConnell made the move public. "I had an opportunity to speak with President Trump

New Brexit talks in Brussels next week

Brussels: Both Britain's Minister for Brexit Stephen Barclay and Opposition leader Jeremy Corbyn will visit Brussels next week for talks with EU negotiator Michel Barnier. "Mr Barnier's door is always open," an EU spokesman said, confirming that Barclay was expected to visit EU headquarters on Monday and Corbyn on Thursday. Prime Minister Theresa May is also expected in Brussels next week, but he visit has not been confirmed. Britain is due to leave the EU on March 29, but Prime Minister Theresa May is struggling to persuade parliament to back a divorce deal. EU leaders fear severe economic disruption if London leaves the bloc without a follow on agreement providing for a transition period to negotiate a trade deal. Corbyn has suggested Labour MPs would rescue the withdrawal plan if EU leaders promise to allow Britain to remain in the EU customs union. May and many of her Conservative MPs reject that idea, but Barnier and EU Council President Donald Tusk have described it as "interesting". AFP



Dragun fires as Lacazette sees red

Stanislav puts BATE ahead just before the break as Arsenal never threaten an equaliser; Chelsea, Napoli and Inter secure away win



A game which saw Alexandre Lacazette sent off for elbowing Aleksandar Filipovic with five minutes remaining. Stanislav Dragun put BATE ahead just before the break in Barysaw and Arsenal never threatened an equaliser, with Lacazette's late dismissal also ruling him out of next week's second leg in London.

Unai Emery's side have now won just two of their last nine away matches — last weekend's victory over the Premier League's bottom club Huddersfield and an FA Cup win against third-tier Blackpool.

Elsewhere, Napoli began life without record goalscorer Marek Hamsik with a 3-1 win in a fiery atmosphere at FC Zurich.

Lorenzo Insigne, who has replaced Hamsik as captain after the Slovakian's move to China, scored the opening goal, with Jose Callejon and Piotr Zielinski also on target.

Celtic's European adventures appear to be over for another season after being outclassed 2-0 by Valencia at Parkhead.

Denis Cheryshev and Ruben Sobrino got the goals as the Spaniards extended their recent unbeaten run to six matches.

Inter Milan claimed a 1-0 win at Rapid Vienna despite Mauro Icardi snubbing the trip after being stripped of the captaincy over a contract row, with Lautaro Martinez scoring the winner from the penalty spot.

Wissam Ben Yedder's 22nd-minute strike helped record five-time winners Sevilla take a large step towards the last 16 with a 1-0 victory over Lazio in Rome, while Benfica backed up their 10-0 weekend thumping of Nacional by winning 2-1 at Galatasaray.

Salzburg, semi-finalists last season, lost 2-1 at Club Brugge, while 10-man Sporting Lisbon were beaten 1-0 by Villarreal in the Portuguese capital.

Argentina, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay to present joint 2030 World Cup bid

AFP ■ SANTIAGO

Argentina, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay are to submit a joint bid to host the 2030 World Cup, Chile's President Sebastian Pinera announced on Thursday.

Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay had already submitted a joint bid to host the centenary edition of football's most prestigious tournament, but Pinera said on Twitter that those countries' presidents had agreed to Chile's participation in the "joint candidacy".

Argentina and Uruguay originally announced their intention to submit a joint bid in 2017 before Paraguay joined the coalition

later that year.

Pinera said he had been touting his idea to the presidents of Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay for several months.

Uruguay hosted and won the inaugural World Cup in 1930, Chile was the venue in 1962 and Argentina emulated its neighbor's achievement by lifting the trophy on home soil in 1978.

The South American bid faces competition from Morocco and potentially several other joint bids, including one from Britain and Ireland and another by an eastern European confederation of Greece, Serbia, Bulgaria and Romania.



Valverde extends Barcelona stay

AFP ■ BARCELONA

Spanish champions Barcelona on Friday announced that they have extended the contract of coach Ernesto Valverde for another season with the option of one more.

Valverde, who took over at the Camp Nou in 2017 after joining from Athletic Bilbao, won the league and cup double last season.

FC Barcelona and Ernesto Valverde, the first team coach, have reached an agreement to extend the contract between the two parties for another season (2019/20) with the option for one more (2020/21), the club said in a statement.

Valverde's previous contract would have expired at the end of this season.

He came within a whisker of leading Barca to an undefeated 2017/2018 season when only a defeat late in the season at Levante prevented the team from making history.

Barca's run of scoring in 37 consecutive matches in the league came to an end last Sunday with a goalless draw away to Athletic Bilbao.

Earlier on Thursday Diego Simeone extended his contract as coach of Atletico Madrid until 2022.

Simeone has been in charge of Atletico since 2011 and has turned them into one of the most feared teams in Europe.

Under him, they won the Europa League last season and La Liga in 2014, as well as twice reaching the final of the Champions League.



AFP ■ LONDON

Chelsea claimed a 2-1 victory at Malmö in the Europa League last-32 first leg on Thursday to ease some of the pressure on beleaguered coach Maurizio Sarri, while Arsenal suffered a shock loss to BATE Borisov.

Visitors Chelsea desperately needed a response after back-to-back humiliating away losses, with last Sunday's 6-0 thrashing by Manchester City following a 4-0 reverse at Bournemouth.

Ross Barkley took advantage of a defensive lapse by the home team to put Chelsea ahead on the half-hour mark, with Olivier Giroud adding a 58th-minute second before Malmö's late goal gave them a glimmer of hope ahead of next week's return match at Stamford Bridge.

Chelsea face Manchester United in the FA Cup on Monday, before facing City again in the League Cup final on

February 24.

"I am happy because we played with confidence and it wasn't really very easy after the last match (the defeat by City)," Sarri told BT Sport.

"I think I am always confident but sometimes we had the wrong approach with matches so we need to be careful in every match."

Sarri named a strong team, although he did leave Gonzalo Higuain and Eden Hazard on the bench.

Chelsea found themselves up against a spirited Malmö outfit in the first half, roared on by a vociferous home crowd, but kept the Swedes at arm's length before Barkley grabbed their first away goal of 2019.

Pedro swung over a cross which Lasse Nielsen should have headed away, but the defender failed with his attempted volleyed clearance and Barkley was on hand to control and stab into the net.

Uwe Rosler's Malmö piled on the pressure at the end of the half, but

UNAI EMERY'S SIDE HAVE NOW WON JUST TWO OF THEIR LAST NINE AWAY MATCHES - LAST WEEKEND'S VICTORY OVER THE PREMIER LEAGUE'S BOTTOM CLUB HUDDERSFIELD AND AN FA CUP WIN AGAINST THIRD-TIER BLACKPOOL



Barkley twice produced crucial headers at the other end to keep Chelsea in front. But the Premier League giants took total control of the tie in the 58th minute with a wonderful counter-attack.

Barkley led the charge before picking out Willian, and the Brazilian powered to the byline before cutting the ball back for Giroud to flick in a cool back-heeled finish.

The French striker has now scored five goals in six Europa League games this season, despite only netting once in 23 matches in domestic competitions.

But Malmö did grab the goal their efforts deserved in the 80th minute, as Anders Christiansen slotted past Chelsea goalkeeper Kepa Arrizabalaga.

ARSENAL BEATEN IN BELARUS

Arsenal face an uphill battle to progress after a 1-0 defeat by BATE in



SONIA, LOVLINA ADVANCE TO QUARTERS

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Former world Silver-medallist Sonia Lather (57kg) was among the three Indian women boxers who advanced to the quarterfinals but the men were off to a disappointing start at the 70th Strandja Memorial Tournament in Sofia, Bulgaria.

World championships Bronze-medallist Lovlina Borgohain (69kg) and Pwila Basumatari (64kg) also made the quarters of the prestigious European event on Thursday night.

Lather, who is also a two-time Asian Silver-medallist, defeated Serbia's Jelena Zekic 5-0. She has squared off against American Yarisel Ramirez in the quarters.

Borgohain, a Gold-medal-

STRANDJA MEMORIAL

list from the Indian Open last year, got the better of Australian Jessica Messina.

Basumatari endured a stiffer challenge in Bulgarian Melis Yonuzova before prevailing 3-2. She has Croatia's Marija Malencia coming up in the quarterfinals.

However, there was disappointment for the country's men with former Commonwealth Games Silver-medallist Mandeep Jangra (69kg) and rookie Harsh Lakra (81kg) bowing out following opening round losses.

Jangra lost 0-5 to Ukraine's Viktor Petrov, while Lakra was beaten by Azerbaijan's Rauf Rahimov.

India's best ever medal haul at the competition stands at 11, which was fetched last year. More than 300 boxers from over 40 nations are competing in the ongoing edition.

Halep enters Qatar final

AFP ■ DOHA

World number three Simona Halep and three-time Grand Slam champion Angelique Kerber came through tough tests on Thursday to reach the Qatar Open semi-finals.

Also through are Elina Svitolina and Elise Mertens, providing some comfort for tournament organisers who have somehow ended up with three of the world's top 10 in the last four, despite a high number of prominent withdrawals.

Halep won in straight sets but needed two tie-breaks — 7-6 (7/1), 7-6 (8/6) — to edge past Germany's Julia Goerges, despite racing to a 4-0 lead in the first set.

However, the match turned out to be anything but routine for the Romanian who was forced to save two set points and break Goerges' serve in the 10th game to stay in the second set.

"I am very happy, honestly," said Halep.

"It's been a really tough match and it is always tough to play against her."

The Romanian will play Svitolina, ranked seventh in the world, in the last four on Friday.

Halep has lost her three last matches against the Ukrainian, failing to win a single set in those matches, stretching back to 2017.

Svitolina was the first player through to the semi-finals, beating Czech qualifier Karolina Muchova by contrast in easy fashion 6-4, 6-2.

"I found a way to have to beat her,"



said Svitolina. "I was very happy I could do it in two sets."

She was followed on court by Kerber, the world number six, who won 1-6, 6-2, 7-6 (7/4) in a tough and feisty encounter against another Czech,

Barbora Strycova, who was given a time violation in the final set.

The German not only battled back from being a set down, she was also a break down in the second and third sets before winning through.

It will be Kerber's first semi-final since she won at Wimbledon last year. She will play Belgium's Mertens, the world number 21, in the last four, who beat Kiki Bertens of the Netherlands 6-4, 6-3.

SPAIN TO FACE CROATIA

Rafael Nadal's Spain will host defending champions Croatia in the Davis Cup finals with the 17-time major winner set to be the only member of the sport's big four taking part in the controversially rebooted tournament.

Nadal, a Davis Cup champion in 2004, 2008, 2009 and 2011, will likely face Marin Cilic, Croatia's top player who won both his singles in the 2018 Davis Cup final victory over France.

Russia, the two-time champions, make up Group B.

Ten-time champions France, 2010 winners Serbia and Japan contest Group A while 2016 victors Argentina, Germany and Chile are in Group C.

Group D sees Belgium and Colombia pooled with 28-time champions Australia while Britain, who have been champions on 10 occasions, Kazakhstan and Netherlands make up Group E.

Group F sees record 32-time winners United States clash with Italy and Canada.

NISHIKORI EASES INTO ROTTERDAM LAST 8

AFP ■ ROTTERDAM

Japan's Kei Nishikori carved out a comfortable 6-1, 6-4 win over Latvian Ernests Gulbis on Thursday to power into the Rotterdam Open quarter-finals.

Asia's top player, the world number seven, needed an hour and a quarter to advance as he booked a third victory against former French Open semi-finalist Gulbis, who was a lucky loser at the Ahoy Arena.

Nishikori will on Friday meet Hungarian Marton Fucsovics, who defeated Nikoloz Basilashvili of Georgia 7-6 (7/1), 6-1, for a place in the semi-finals.

Nishikori, who won his 12th ATP title in Brisbane earlier this year, earned his 10th victory of the season against a single loss — when he retired in the Australian Open last eight against Novak Djokovic.

"This was so much better than my first match," Nishikori said. "I was returning well and putting him under pressure."

"The second set was tight for a while but I was not worried even after he got the break back. "I was able to play good tennis today, I'm very happy with my level."

Earlier, Jo-Wilfried Tsonga won a lengthy opening set and then accelerated past Dutchman Tallon Griekspoor for a quarter-final place.

The Frenchman's 7-6 (7/5), 6-1 victory was a match of two parts, with the labourious first set taking 53 minutes while the second lasted just 23.

Tsonga, the 2017 champion in Rotterdam, will keep up his bid for a second straight trophy after winning Montpellier at the weekend as he continues his comeback from a seven-month absence last season due to knee surgery



and recovery.

The 33-year-old also looks set for another ranking rise from world number 140 as his comeback progress intensifies.

Tsonga next faces fifth-seeded Russian Daniil Medvedev who defeated Spanish veteran Fernando Verdasco for the second time in three meetings, posting a 6-2, 7-5 win.

Medvedev, a Rotterdam quarter-finalist on his 2018 debut, has carried the momentum he gained from his fourth career title last weekend in Sofia.

The 23-year-old improved to 13-2 on the season.

Bosnian-Damir Dzumhur followed up on his second-round upset of third seed Stefanos Tsitsipas, advancing past Kazakh Mikhail Kukushkin 6-4, 7-6 (7/3).

PTI ■ GUWAHATI

PV Sindhu and Saina Nehwal won their respective semifinals in contrasting fashion to set up a mouth-watering women's singles summit showdown at the 83rd Yonex-Sunrise Senior National Championship on Saturday.

In a repeat of last edition's title clash at Nagpur, the two stalwarts will look to outdo each other and write another chapter in their on-field rivalry.

While Sindhu overcame a challenge from Assam's promising 19-year-old Ashmita Chaliha 21-10, 22-20 in the first semifinal, Saina got the better of Nagpur qualifier Vaishnavi Bhale, who was part of India's Uber Cup squad last year, 21-15, 21-14 to storm into the finals.

Saina had the last laugh against Sindhu in the last two encounters at the Nagpur Nationals in 2017 and the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games Gold-medal match last year.

While Saina has won the title in 2006, 2007 and 2018, Sindhu clinched the trophy twice, in 2011 and 2013.

Sindhu, Saina & summit clash



"It will be just another match and I don't think it will help me for All England, I will just look to focus and give my best," Sindhu said about the final.

In men's singles, Lakshya Sen,

who is Asian junior champion and a Bronze medallist at the World Junior Championship, secured his second final with a 21-15, 21-16 win over former winner and 2014 Commonwealth Games champion



Parupalli Kashyap in the second semifinal.

The 17-year-old Sen, from Uttarakhand, had lost the finals of the 81st edition against Sourabh Verma and he would look to settle

the scores when he faces the 26-year-old from Dhar in the finals on Saturday.

Two-time former champion Sourabh sealed his final spot after beating Mumbai's Kaushal Dharmamer 21-14, 21-17 in 44 minutes.

Earlier in the day, former champions Saina, Kashyap and Sourabh advanced to the semifinals with contrasting wins.

The three-time former champion Saina hardly broke a sweat to get the better of former India No 1 Neha Pandit of Mumbai 21-10, 21-10 in a lop-sided quarter-final contest.

Kashyap, a 2012 winner, prevailed 21-18, 21-16 over Bodhit Joshi, who had reached the finals of Iceland International last year.

Former world No 30 Verma, who had clinched Super 100 titles at Russia Open and Dutch Open last year, eked out a hard-fought 21-11,

21-23, 21-18 triumph over B Sai Praneeth.

In the other semi-final matches of the day, Rohan Kapoor and Kuhoo Garg lived up to their reputation as the top seeds in mixed doubles. The world No 46 pair needed only 32 minutes to dispatch Vignesh Devlekar and Harika V 21-15, 21-16 to enter the final.

They will take on the unseeded combine of Manu Attri and Maneesha K, who continued their rampage with a fine 21-18, 21-17 win over Shlok Ramchandran and Mithula UK.

In women's doubles, top seeds Meghana Jakkampudi and Poorvisha S Ram continued their quest for the title with a strong 21-13, 21-16 victory over Kuhoo Garg and Anoushka Parikh. They will take on the unseeded Shikha Gautam and Ashwini Bhat K in the summit clash after the latter edged Aparna Balan and Sruthi KP 21-19, 24-22.

Men's doubles second seeds Pranaav Jerry Chopra and Chirag Shetty beat Arun George and Sanyam Shukla 21-17, 21-18 to secure a place in the final.

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HUGE FAN
OF TEZAAB:
SHILPA SHETTY

—P14



Friendship is blessing

We may get many people in life but, a true friend can do wonders in our life, says Team Viva



We have been blessed with a very precious gift, my friends: the gift of talking. The gift of language. The gift of being able to express our feelings, emotions, ideas or plans into something called words. But, alas, as with every gift, overusing it may lead to unexpected results.

Speaking and listening in a balanced way are imperative in our world. The noise of useless words that many of us are throwing away in an attempt to get a grip on someone else's attention, creates a thick fog that makes it really difficult to actually understand each other. Ironically, the more we talk, the less we're able to communicate.

You probably talk too much. And there is a good reason for that. Science says that humans, being social animals, are programmed to use communication as a vital tool to survive and thrive.

The next step is to determine why you talk so much. One reason may be that you're trying to impress your conversation partner, especially if you aren't all that confident on the inside. Some people babble out of nerves, attempting to self-soothe while chattering. Still others have never been taught the fine art of asking the right questions that will draw the other person out, and then staying quiet while they answer.

So obvious, yet so underused. Under the impulse of "taking the stage," of speaking before the other one could make his moves, we often open our mouth without really knowing what we're going to say. Sometimes we improvise and it may turn out right. But most of the time, we're just

shouting randomly about a topic, without any quality contribution to the conversation. The result: no one really listens to us.

Take a deep breath before you respond, no matter how "urgent" the answer may look. Think for a while. Keep in mind the thought that you really have has many options, not just one. Ponder and your answer will not only be well thought out but people will be more apt to listen.

Again, the "need for speed" of our current world often forces us to simplify our interactions, to the point where they become useless. Based on just a few words, or a few sentences, we often create a perspective on some thing or some person, which may simply be inaccurate because we didn't take the time to actually listen.

Really listening means not only giving to the other the time to finish his speech, but also the exercise of "borrowing" his perspective. Listening means to actually see things from their point of view.

Experts honestly believe that the reason why so many of us are under so much stress is that we haven't yet learned how to quiet our minds and embrace silence. We haven't yet learned to appreciate and see the value and the wisdom that comes from being quiet.

Learn to talk less, say more. When you use your words, use them because they will brighten someone's day and because they will teach people something valuable. Don't just use words for the sake of using them. Use them because you have something to say.

When you speak less, you do more. It's obvious. Your focus switches from talking



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to doing. While talking and expressing your feelings is important, 'doing' is equally important.

Write more as it is still a form of expressing yourself, but it has a few perks. If you write, you're more accountable. Written words last more than spoken words. Also, you will clear your mind without the help of somebody else. Writing in a journal or blogging and when you're writing, something very interesting will happen: you will be forced to "listen" to yourself. You will be exposed to your own thoughts and emotions. You will get to know yourself better. Or, to be more precise, you will start to discover who you are.

Most people go through life wishing to be listened to more. So by listening rather than talking, you are giving something valuable to the person who's speaking. Especially if you really are taking in what that person is saying and not thinking about something else. The speaker will appreciate that gift and you will have created a bond. He or she will feel understood and validated. It's a powerful relationship-building tool, and an especially powerful sales tool.

If you don't share a piece of information today, you can always share it tomorrow. Conversely, if you do share a piece of information today, you can never take it back again.

How many times have you revealed something and then later wished that you hadn't? Or expressed a thought you might better have kept to yourself? We've all had these experiences one time or another. The less you say, the smaller the chances you'll share information and later wish you

hadn't.

Who do you listen to more closely-- someone who never shuts up, or someone who only speaks once in a while? As with anything else, the law of supply and demand holds true: If you constantly share your opinions, no one will seek them out. If you only say what you're thinking on occasion, or only make a point one time instead of over and over, your words are likely to have more weight.

To be clear, it is not suggesting that you always keep your opinions to yourself. The people around you need to know what you're thinking, doubly so if you're in a leadership role. But if you spend more time listening than you do speaking, so that the people you're speaking to feel understood and bonded with you, when you do speak your mind, they'll be listening much more closely.

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Silence is a greatly underestimated source of power. In silence, we can hear not only what is being said, but also what is not being said. In silence, it can be easier to reach the truth.

SHORT CIRCUITS



TAAPSEE PANNU

Indian homemakers have been strong torch bearers for bringing about progressive changes in their family lives and the society at large. I strongly believe that it is imperative to celebrate this progressive thinking amongst women that has kept them motivated to break barriers and pursue passions.



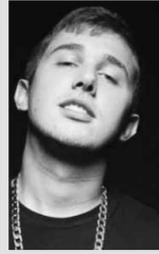
SHILPA SHETTY KUNDRRA

I love watching Madhuri (Dixit) ji. I've been a big fan of her since *Tezaab*. Shamita (sister) and I had bought the film's cassette and watched *Ek Do Teen* dance over and over to learn the steps. I always felt that if I became an actor and people remembered me as a dancer like her, it would be a great compliment.



MANOJ BAJPAYEE

One needs to have thick skin to survive in the film industry. During my initial time, I went for a film's premiere where the media saw me and said that he is not important to be clicked. I didn't let vanity affect me. I thought that when my films will be successful, people will come back to click my photographs.



MARSHMELLO

India is special to me. This is my third time in the country and I love it even more each time I come back. I wanted to make this trip even more special and give my fans here their own anthem. It was great to work with (composer) Pritam over the last few months and give the MelloGang my new release, *Biba*.



BEN AFFLECK

I tried to direct a version of it (*Batman*) and worked with a really good screenwriter, but just couldn't come up with a version, I couldn't crack it. Hence, I thought it was time to let someone else take a shot at it. They got some really good people now, so I'm excited. I guess, I am not Batman.

IMMERSIVE 50 MINUTES

There is an insatiable desire in every jewellery designer to better his/her last piece. A similar kind of zeal runs through Smriti Sangal's veins while working to create the most intricate design. Each time she picks up her iron stand, heating it up in a furnace, she fashions yet another beautiful piece of Meenakari earring.

As the workshop commenced at the Jaypore store, Sangal, founder of Culture Chauraha was ready with her array of tools and equipment to help art connoisseurs learn about the Persian craft. It began with choosing the right kind of shape one wants to give to their earrings. It's then cut on a copper sheet, flattened by a hammer and nail, pierced through a drill machine, moving on to cleansing the black coat and turning it into a shiny pink. The base coat is prepared through white crystal powder before starting its painting with powdered glass colours.

When Sangal started learning it from her mother, Ritu Sangal, who is a master of this art since the last 33 years, she felt the need to make it accessible for more people. "I saw that people were fascinated and were eager to learn about the entire process of jewellery making. Even if they don't join the extensive course, they could come to these workshops and learn the basics. This would also in turn make them connect more to the art," she says. She calls the melting of glass crystal colours as "surreal."

Her three-hour workshops that also recently took place in Bengaluru teach two basic techniques of enameling — sgraffito (decoration done by scratching through a surface before firing) and paint-on. They are aimed at creating an enamelled jeweller who is able to "notice and appreciate the effort and time it takes to produce one piece of jewellery."

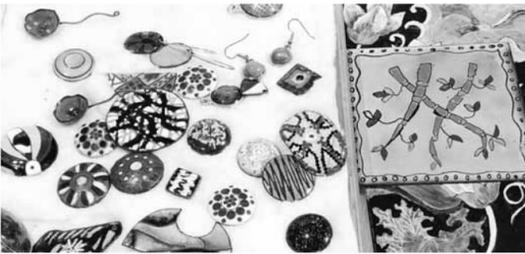
Sangal lists a number of processes that go through in the making of one piece of Meenakari jewellery. She says, "People through these workshops could notice the technicalities as well. For instance, how much temperature is it fired at, what kind of colours are being used, how the shape is given, what are the do's and don'ts, etc."

Well, the motive of Culture Chauraha was in itself to create a space for people and teaching them mural painting, enameling, paper crafts, fine-art sketching, drawing, porcelain painting, woodcut printing, and helping kids to prepare for art colleges. She says that this was also founded "to make people go back to their art space that ends after school when a busy hectic schedule hits life and



A SURREAL CRAFT

Artist SMRITI SANGAL draws her inspiration from all things vintage including her mother's 33-year-old practice of Meenakari and ancient cultural extravaganzas, says CHAHAK MITTAL



you find yourself away from such a therapeutic practice."

Why *Chauraha*? Well, she says that it was inspired from the central place of the city where people from all corners of the town came together in olden days and

had a cultural extravaganza, doing a number of activities.

Among an array of her hand-made earrings and designer jewellery are an infusion of colours — green, yellow and shades of red — amalgamated with contemporary



architecture and traditional Persian flower motifs. There are shapes like diamonds, hearts, butterflies, circles, and even pyramids.

She ends with telling us that even though the teaching has been a slow journey but "it has

had been picking up very well. At the end of the workshop, what matters is that people are very happy with what they have created. As a mentor, you feel blissful that you made them learn something new."

STUDIO CHAT 30 MINUTES



'Home is where family is'

Actress SOAIRSE RONAN says it took her about a year to get into the skin of the character in *Lady Bird*. By TEAM VIVA

Creating the character of *Lady Bird* was a time consuming one. How did you prepare for the same?

Lady Bird had intricate characteristics, creating that or becoming her needed time so as to ace the perfection. I was in New York for another project and our director Greta Gerwig gave us both the opportunity to work on the character and its emotions. We used to plan and meet for a few weeks where we were just hanging out with each other and we would go down the sweet memory lane of our teenage days and how that time flew so fast. Teenage is all about the moments we wished we had, decisions we regret, not having the experience to navigate and so much more, all of this discussion with Greta really helped me to know *Lady Bird* and be that character. It is not easy to bring in the complexity of this character on screen but Greta was of great help to make me achieve it. This whole process was quite interesting and inspiring. It took about a year for me to get in the role before shoot schedule started.

How much do you relate to the character of *Lady Bird*?

The character and I share a lot of similarities. I am very assertive and outspoken like the lady bird. Infact, I admire her. It's not very often that we find a teenager with stern principles. A person can have flaws and not be perfect, and still be really special and have something to offer. Everyone is dealing with their own stuff, they have their own issues, and their sadness. Even if you don't see that directly, it doesn't mean it's not there or it doesn't exist for someone. My character is content with herself and things around her doesn't really matter. So, it is an empowering thing in a way.

The movie has a lot of themes and things to explore. What do you think is the heart of this film?

In this movie, the heart of it is the relationship of lady bird with her mother where it is quite evident that the two of them are close and really love each other but there is just something off or not working right between them. Some incidents in life take you to the rough road and that's what they have been going through in this film. That infact is so relatable for any teenager, as there has always been some turbulence between the guardian and the teenager because of that generation gap and understanding it which gets difficult. But this doesn't really mean that you abandon each other and move on. That's even shown in the movie that no matter the fights or arguments, the bond between the mother and the daughter is beyond breakable.



You have been nominated for the second time for Oscars?

I feel obliged to be nominated once again and also have a better understanding about it now, as during my first one, I was a kid. It really makes huge impact with the second nomination but both of them were equally fantastic. With every film there is a different equation and every film gives you a different experience which makes each and every work we do as important and as appreciative as it could be. With this one, I really think it is completely a group effort. With Timothee Chalamet, Laurie Metcalf too being nominated, it's a full house.

So, it is a great job done by the whole cast and crew. Also, it is a really great feeling to see Greta nominated as she is the fifth women director to be nominated in Oscars.

We heard that you used to visit open houses? Is that true?

Yes, I have had some great memories about the same. I used to visit open houses with my parents just for fun as that time we really couldn't afford those houses. We used to live in a 1970s designed bungalow and whenever we would get a wind of new house on the market in the vicinity, we would go visit them. We would have the attitude that we might just buy it, thinking what if we can, one day? This is actually one such part of my real life that really connected with my character in the *Lady Bird* as she sees her home and on the other hand, a beautiful house marking it as success ratio which most of us do. But like the saying goes... Home is where the family is. (Watch *Lady Bird* only on Sony PIX.)

CHALLENGE TO THE GULLY BOY



The kids from forthcoming film *Mere Pyare Prime Minister* have challenged actor Ranveer Singh with their *Gully Boy* rap.

As seen in the trailer of *Mere Pyare Prime Minister*, the children who went to Prime Minister's office to request him to make more toilets in the slums are not just fierce in reel life but also in real life.

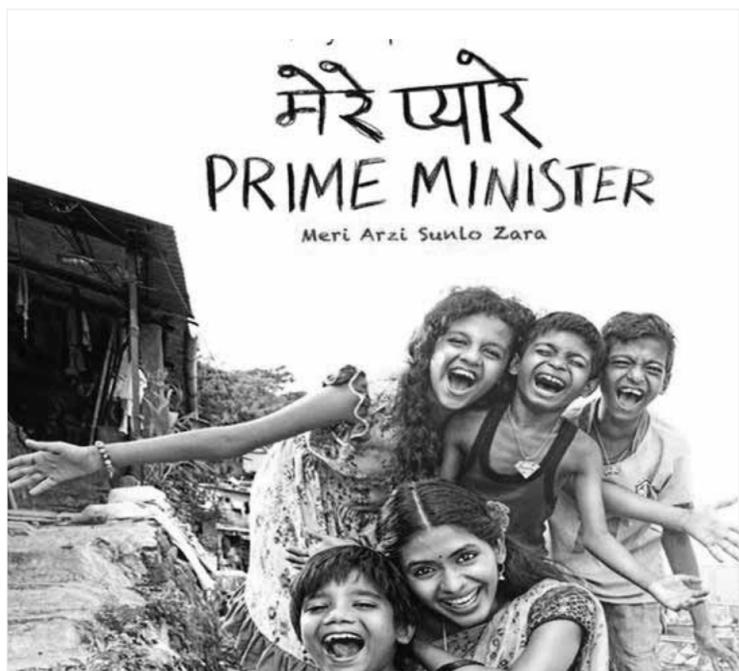
Kanhu from the film named Krishna took to his social media posting a video wherein along with his companions, he challenged actor Ranveer Singh with rapping in a unique way. He posted the video and wrote, "Hui Hai Gandhi Baat Meri Gully Mein. Kya Tu Dega Mera Sath Meri Gully Mein? #RanveerKoChallenge."

The kids could completely relate to the *Gully Boy* Ranveer so they made a rap challenge for him, asking if he will help them.

The film shows the real-life problems faced by people who reside in the slums. The makers of the film decided to launch the trailer on Vasant Panchmi as it marks the beginning of the Holi season and is cited to be the harbinger of spring.

Presented by Jayantilal Gada, Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra and P.S.Bharathi, the film also stars Anjali Patil, Om Kanojiya, Makarand Deshpande, Rasika Agashe, Sonia Albizuri, Nachiket Purnapatre and Atul Kulkarni.

(The film releases on March 15.)



RAZZLE-DAZZLE 30 MINUTES

LIGHTS WILL GUIDE YOU HOME

Retro-inspired candlesticks, ring-like fixtures, asymmetrically-armed finishing or jewellery-like chandeliers are brought under one roof at the India Design Fair. By lensman PANKAJ KUMAR



OPULENCE 10 MINUTES



Metallica

Designer K RAJESH combines a historic aura with contemporary interiors at ITC Maurya

It was a range of experimentation and analysis of various media like glass, wood and other metals that went before finalising copper to create the artwork that gave the interiors of ITC Maurya a new luxurious touch.

Designer-artist and founder of East Craft Designs, K Rajesh finally chose copper as he believes that it brings "a sense of richness" without looking gaudy or loud.

The project, that began in March 2018, finally got into shape recently. Rajesh shares that the idea behind *Prive* was to have an entrance that looks elegant and graceful with a touch of luxury and also

portrays Delhi's rich architecture. "The hotel uses a signature 'East meets West' style of Mauryan diplomacy that combines a historic aura with contemporary interiors," he said. He revealed that the team decided to recreate the iconic Rashtrapati Bhawan's architecture designed by Lutyen. The design was inspired by Edwardian Baroque of the colonial British era.

The team accounted for four sculptors. The entire mural is made in ceramic. It was given a shape through sand-casting technique. Well, the entire artwork that weighs 350 kgs, was indeed a challenge, including installing the artwork on the wall.

◆ Roma is a beautiful film. How did you not go crazy planning every detail?

I did go crazy (laughs). Even the crew had gone crazy. Nobody knew what was there in the screenplay. I wrote a very precise script but no one had it. We shot the film in a chronological order so that the crew could learn it day-by-day about the film's story.

◆ So the actress who played Cleo had no idea what was going to happen? Not to give spoilers for anyone but that scene is so heartbreaking.

No, she didn't know. Without ruining it for anyone, she doesn't know how to swim.

◆ The movie is stunning and moving at the same time but at the crux of it, it's such a traditional story. What made you want to do this?

Everything comes out of my memory of Libo. She is one of the women who raised me. I decided to shoot at the places where it happened. I made people dress in the same way how they used to dress. The same cars were kept which used to be in our streets. Every extra looks like

DIALOGUE 20 MINUTES

An unknown script

Roma's story is a reflection of director ALFONSO CUARÓN's childhood memories. By TEAM VIVA



the neighbours. If the places didn't exist anymore, we recreated them.

◆ The lead character, Yalitza Aparicio apparently didn't even think she was going to audition for this role. Is that true? Is she an actor?

No, she had just finished her school to become a teacher. She was not really interested. Her sister made her

do it' (laughs).
◆ How personal is this project to you?

I had the story in my mind for a very long time but in 2006, I seriously considered doing it and I am happy that I did. I don't think I had the tools at that point. I am not just talking about the technical aspect but also the emotional sensibility to do it. But it is very personal. In a way, 90 per cent of the scenes come out of my memory.

◆ Considering Mexico city doesn't look the same anymore, how difficult was it to recreate that period?

It was very difficult. That's our testament to Eugenio Caballero, our production designer. It was a real challenge. The important thing was to make the memory work. We had references and photographs but more than anything it is the memory that

brings all the details like the little cracks in the walls, the objects that were used. The challenge for Eugenio was to bring real occasions back to period. We shot in most of the original places and transforming some of them. Mexico is a big city but it also has a third world which has no urban setup. For one scene, we had to produce around five blocks of the city, where Eugenio Caballero had reproduced the same kind of avenue, wedding dress shop, cinema, and even pharmacy. Everything was identical.

◆ Why did you choose to do it in black and white?

It was a part of the DNA of the film. When I decided to make the film, I didn't want a nostalgic black and white. I didn't want a period film.

We shot 65 mm in digital so it was in black and white that could not have been done at that time. It's a very pristine grainless black and white. It's a very contemporary photography to look into the past. (Oscars will air on February 25 at 6.30 am on Star Movies and Star Movies Select HD.)

PANT SET FOR WC BERTH

Young wicket keeper pips experienced Karthik in ODI squad for Aus clash, Rahul returns for home series



PTI ■ MUMBAI

Young Rishabh Pant took a giant stride towards realising his World Cup dream, pipping veteran Dinesh Karthik in the 15-member ODI squad for the Australia series while KL Rahul all but clinched the reserve opener's slot for the mega event by earning a recall.

While the selectors announced two different teams for the first two and last three ODIs, the side that is expected to travel to England will be the one for the last three games of the series. The engagement with Australia starts February 24 with the first T20 International in Visakhapatnam, while the World Cup is scheduled from May 30.

Rahul returned to the side after he was controversially called back midway through the tour of Australia following his and all-rounder Hardik Pandya's loose talk on women in a TV show.

Regular captain Virat Kohli and pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah are also back in the squad for the entire Australia series after a break and even vice-captain Rohit Sharma will not be resting.

The committee headed by MSK



Prasad also announced the T20 squad for the two-match series, in which rookie Punjab leg-spinner Mayank Markande made the cut and Kuldeep Yadav was rested.

However, all eyes were on the ODI squad which is supposed to be a mirror image of the team that will be travelling to England.

One of the biggest calls was regarding the second wicketkeeper-

reserve batsman's slot. Karthik seems to have missed the bus to a much younger Pant, who is considered to be the future of Indian cricket and heir apparent to Mahendra Singh Dhoni behind the stumps.

Karthik was criticised for his on-field decision-making during the last final T20 International against New Zealand in Hamilton. The Tamil Nadu veteran refused a single when

Krunal Pandya was on a rampage at the other end.

Karthik later justified the call by saying that he was confident of pulling off a six which didn't happen as India lost by four runs.

Pant, on the other hand, is yet to get a significant knock in ODIs but his big-hitting prowess has made him a potential match-winner in big-ticket events like the World Cup.

Shortlisted 18 players & will rotate them: Prasad on WC plans

PTI ■ MUMBAI

National selection committee chairman MSK Prasad on Friday said that 18 cricketers have been shortlisted for the upcoming ODI World Cup and the BCCI is in talks with their respective IPL franchises to manage their workload ahead of the mega-event in England.

There have been discussions that India's World Cup hopefuls' workload management should be monitored during the IPL, starting March 23, so that they remain fresh during the May 30-July 14 extravaganza.

"We have shortlisted 18 players and we will rotate them during the World Cup. As far as workload management is concerned, it is yet to be worked out. There are discussions happening on that front and we will let you know," Prasad said after selecting various squads for the home series against Australia.

Whether the franchises will agree to rest top India players on their roster after paying millions to have them has been a subject



of debate.

When acting secretary Amitabh Choudhary was asked this question, he admitted that the franchises have diverse views on the matter.

"If your question suggests that the franchises will be wary of resting players, it is an issue we will deal with considering it's a World Cup year. There have been views from franchises and I am not going into specifics," he said.

He also urged the franchises to keep the national interest in mind.

"And also considering the fact that all the franchises are Indian franchises, the interest of the country, of doing well at the highest international level, is paramount," Choudhary said.

"That we have included him (Pant) considering many factors. He is a left-hander and we needed to discuss with the team management, which we have already done," Prasad said after the meeting.

"Virat was also a part of the meeting. We will try and figure out the best possible batting position, because being a left-hander, there is an advantage of playing left-right combination, we are discussing all that," Prasad added.

Prasad also dropped elaborate hints that Pant, who is expected to bat in the top-order, was always in the reckoning for the Australia series.

"Definitely. Prior to this series, we had two series in New Zealand and Australia and that's where

Karthik was chosen because Rishabh played four Test matches.

"So we wanted him to get a good break. He had a 20-day break, then he played couple of ODIs against England lions where he did well, then we send him to T20 matches. We want to give him a few games before taking a final call," said the former India stumper, informing that 30-member probables list will be released by March 25.

Karthik's chances of making it to the World Cup are even more slim after Rahul made the cut on the back of his 89 and 81 for India A against England Lions.

Punjab seamer Siddharth Kaul seems to have joined the race for the fourth pacer's slot at the business end of the preparation cycle.

"Siddharth Kaul is doing well and is now a part of the mix," Prasad said.

Kaul made it to the first two ODIs from which Bhuvneshwar Kumar has been rested but more importantly, there are no left-arm seamers in the line-up.

Khaleel Ahmed, who was a disappointment in New Zealand, has been dropped and with Jaydev Unadkat not considered for selection, it is unlikely that the scenario will change prior to the World Cup unless there are some ground-breaking performances in the IPL.

"Khaleel has been playing for the last two series and we seen him and we would like to see Siddharth Kaul also," said Prasad.

Vijay Shankar's decent run with the bat in New Zealand was "changed the dynamics of the squad".

With two leg-spinners Kuldeep Yadav and Yuzvendra Chahal being automatic selections, there are no finger spinners in the squad. Kedar Jadhav is expected to chip in with a few overs of off-break.

Quizzed on the oft-repeated aspect of workload management, BCCI acting secretary Amitabh Choudhary said the IPL franchises are being spoken to on the matter.

THE SQUADS

1st and 2nd ODI: Virat Kohli (Capt), Rohit Sharma (VC), Shikhar Dhawan, Ambati Rayudu, Kedar Jadhav, Mahendra Singh Dhoni (WK), Hardik Pandya, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohamed Shami, Yuzvendra Chahal, Kuldeep Yadav, Vijay Shankar, Rishabh Pant, Siddharth Kaul, KL Rahul

Last three ODIs: Virat Kohli (Capt), Rohit Sharma (vc), Shikhar Dhawan, Ambati Rayudu, Kedar Jadhav, Mahendra Singh Dhoni (WK), Hardik Pandya, Jasprit Bumrah, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Yuzvendra Chahal, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohammed Shami, Vijay Shankar, KL Rahul, Rishabh Pant

T20I series: Virat (Capt), Rohit (VC), KL Rahul, Shikhar Dhawan, Rishabh Pant, Dinesh Karthik, Mahendra Singh Dhoni (WK), Hardik Pandya, Krunal Pandya, Vijay Shankar, Yuzvendra Chahal, Jasprit Bumrah, Umesh Yadav, Siddharth Kaul, Mayank Markande.

Hanuma smashes hat-trick of hundreds



PTI ■ NAGPUR

Hanuma Vihari scripted history by becoming the first player to score a hat-trick of hundreds in the Irani Cup, helping Rest of India rally and set Vidarbha a tricky 280-run target at VCA stadium on Friday.

Enjoying a good run of

form, the 25-year-old Vihari created the record with a single down the ground on the fourth day, his second century of the match and third straight in Irani Cup.

The India player had scored 183 for Rest of India during last year's Irani Cup match against Vidarbha, who recently retained the Ranji

MOST 100s IN IRANI TROPHY					
Batsman	M	Runs	AVG	HS	100
Dilip Vengsarkar (Mumbai/ROI)	9	779	59.92	151	4
Gundappa Viswanath (Karnataka/ROI)	9	1001	77.00	200*	4
Hanuma Vihari (Rest of India)	2	477	238.50	183	3
Abhinav Mukund (Rest of India)	4	596	74.50	161	3
Sunil Gavaskar (Mumbai/ROI)	12	733	40.72	156*	3
Wasim Jaffer (Mumbai/ROI/Vidarbha)	12	1294	64.70	286	3

Faisal Features

Trophy with another exemplary showing.

Besides Vihari's 180, India's Test vice-captain Ajinkya Rahane made 87 and Shreyas Iyer raced to a 52-ball 61, helping Rest of India to declare their second innings at 374 for three, a day after conceding a big first-innings lead.

Needing 280 for an outright win, Ranji champions Vidarbha were 37 for one at close of play, still 243 runs shy of the target with nine wickets in hand.

While Akshay Karnewar's gutsy century on the third day

powered Vidarbha to a 95-run first-innings lead, Rest of India rode on a third-wicket partnership of 229 runs between Vihari and Rahane to grab the initiative on the penultimate day.

After Rahane's dismissal, Iyer took the attack to Vidarbha as Rest of India looked for quick runs before the declaration.

Vihari struck 19 fours and four sixes during his 300-ball knock, while Iyer smashed five boundaries and four sixes. During his stay in the middle, senior pro Rahane found the fence six times and cleared it once.

Ind 'A' secure innings victory

PTI ■ MYSURU

Young leg-spinner Mayank Markande scalped five wickets to steer India 'A' to a series-clinching innings and 68-run win over England Lions in the second and final unofficial Test on Friday.

Markande (5 for 31) spun a web around the visitors to bowl them out for 180 in the second innings on the third day of the four-day match. England was following on.

Resuming at 24 for no loss and faced with the daunting task of handling the Indian spinners on a turning wicket, the Lions' batsmen came a cropper with only Ben Duckett (50) and Lewis Gregory (44) showing some fight.

Besides Markande, Jalaj Saxena (2/40) claimed two wickets.

The 21-year old Markande, who performed creditably for Mumbai Indians in the IPL last year, troubled most of the England batsmen with his guile.

The talented Ollie Pope was



Markande's first victim, trapped leg-before.

He then removed Steve Mullaney, Dominic Bess and Zak Chappell in quick succession as the Lions capitulated.

Running out of partners, Gregory went on the offensive and hit six fours and a six during his 49-ball knock before becoming the last wicket to fall, handing India 'A' victory with a day to spare.

Pace bowlers Varun Aaron (1/39), Navdeep Saini (1/25) and left-arm spinner Shahbaz Nadeem (1/25) picked up a wicket each.

Pujara, Mary nominated for Indian Sports Honours

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Test cricket run machine Cheteshwar Pujara, Olympic medallists Mary Kom and P V Sindhu figured among a host of star sportspersons nominated for the second edition of Indian Sports Honours which will be awarded on Saturday.

Pujara, his national team-mates Rohit Sharma and Jasprit Bumrah were nominated for the Sportsman of the Year (Team Sport) award, along with Indian football captain Sunil Chhetri.

The Sportswoman of the Year (Team Sport) award will be chosen from among Indian women's cricket team members Smriti Mandhana, Mithali Raj and Harmanpreet Kaur, and national hockey side goalkeeper Savita Punia.

Star javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra, badminton player Kidambi Srikanth, top wrestler Bajrang Punia, rising shooter Saurabh Choudhary and ace cueist Pankaj Advani were the candidates for the individual category of Sportsman of the Year award. Along with shuttler Sindhu and boxer Mary Kom, others nominated for the Sportswoman of the Year (Individual Sports) were wrestler Vinesh Phogat, sprinter Hima Das and heptathlete Swarna Barman.

The awards in 17 categories, including one Life Time Achievement Honour, will be conferred on Saturday.



SL fumble in 304 run chase

AFP ■ DURBAN

South Africa took three Sri Lankan wickets in three overs to finish in a strong position on the third day of the first Test on Friday.

Sri Lanka, needing 304 to win, were 83 for three at the close, 221 runs short of their target.

The tourists started their chase promisingly in Durban, with captain Dimuth Karunaratne and Lahiru Thirimanne putting on 42 for the first wicket but both openers were out in the space of five balls, to be followed shortly afterwards by Kusal Mendis.

Thirimanne fell for 21 to a sharp catch at second slip by South African captain Faf du Plessis when he edged an extravagant drive against Kagiso Rabada.

Karunaratne was out for 20 in the next over, leg before wicket to Vernon Philander for the second time in the match. As in the first innings it was a tight decision which Karunaratne reviewed.



Replays showed it was "umpire's call" with the ball flicking the bails.

Duanne Olivier replaced Philander and struck with his fifth ball when Kusal Mendis flashed at a short ball and was caught behind for nought.

Oshada Fernando and Kusal Perera, both showing a willingness to go for their shots, saw Sri Lanka through to an early close when bad light stopped play.

The flurry of wickets negated

Sri Lanka's achievement in taking the last five South African wickets for eight runs.

Left-arm spinner Lasith Embuldeniya, 22, playing in his first Test, took five for 66 as South Africa were bowled out for 259 in their second innings.

IMPRESSIVE DEBUT

South Africa were on course to set the tourists a more challenging target when they reached

251 for five, with captain Du Plessis and Philander looking solid in a sixth wicket partnership of 60.

But Embuldeniya, who bowled with impressive control, took Philander's wicket to start a collapse in which the last five wickets fell for eight runs.

Left-arm swing bowler Vishwa Fernando dismissed Du Plessis for 90 three overs later and the rest of the batting crumbled.

Fernando took four for 71 to follow up a career-best four for 62 in the first innings.

Du Plessis played a solid innings, facing 182 balls and hitting 11 fours before he padded up to a ball from Fernando which swung in and trapped him palpably in front of his stumps.

Du Plessis and Quinton de Kock (55) put on 96 for the fifth wicket with De Kock in sparkling form in a 62-ball innings before he went back on his stumps to Embuldeniya and was leg before to a ball which spun in to the left-hander and kept low.

Coach Raman keen on improving Smriti's 'patience'

PTI ■ MUMBAI

India women's team opener Smriti Mandhana, who is in blazing form, said on Friday that the team's coach W V Raman has set her targets to bat for a specific number of overs to develop her patience at the crease.

"He (Raman) has been telling me to play 30 overs in ODIs as he knows that if I bat till 30 overs, I will continue to bat. And in 20 over games he has been telling me to bat for 13 overs," the 22-year-old Mandhana said.

"He's giving me targets to bat a certain number of balls, because strike rate and those kinds of things never concern me, the only problem is the patience aspect. He is helping with that and giving me targets to bat through these many balls and that many overs and that is being great," said the left-handed batswoman.

Mandhana, asked specifically whether the team is too dependent on her, replied that the perception is not correct.

"No, I don't think so. We have got a lot of match-winners in our team. It is just that sometimes someone goes through a lean patch and you need to



cover up for your teammate. And sometimes that would be the case, if I am not going, the middle order will look after me (help me).

"So you can't say that they (other batswomen) are too dependent, but I think the main responsibility as a bat-

ter is to win matches and dependence never comes (in the way)," she stressed.

During last year's women's T20 tri-series, Mandhana had said that she was throwing her wicket away after setting herself in.

Eleven months later, she feels that she is being able to improve 10 per cent on this aspect, but the next aim is to carry on batting till the end of the innings.

"Somewhat, yes, may be 10 per cent I have improved on that. From 50 to 60s, I have gone to 70s. But I'm still leaving 20-30 runs when we are chasing. I think it will be good if I come back not out. Hopefully I can do that against England in the (upcoming) ODI and the T20 series," she said.

"I'm really excited (for the England series) and we are playing the ICC Championships and we need six points to be up there. Hopefully we will all stick together and win the ODI series (against England). I hope that I can win more matches for India," Mandhana remarked.

The ODI series against England starts Friday next and all the three matches in the 50-over rubber will be played at the Wankhede Stadium.