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Pak kept in FATF grey terror list

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The international terror financing watchdog Financial Action Task Force (FATF) on Friday condemned the Pulwama terror attack that martyred 44 CRPF jawans and decided to continue the 'Grey' listing of Pakistan for its failure to stop funding of terrorist groups such as Jaish-e-Mohammad, Lashkar-e-Tayyiba and Jamat-ul-Dawa.

The Paris headquartered FATF observed that Pakistan is not properly understanding the risks of terror financing and there are many deficiencies in maintaining proper actions to curb terror financing.

In a statement, the FATF said Pakistan should continue to work on implementing its action plan to address its strategic deficiencies, including by adequately demonstrating its proper understanding of the terror financing risks posed by the terrorist groups and conducting supervision on a risk-sensitive basis.

"The FATF notes with grave concern and condemns the terrorist attack last week that killed at least 44 Indian security forces in Pulwama," it said after the week-long FATF plenary held in Paris.

"Pakistan has revised its terror financing risk assessment. However, it does not demonstrate a proper understanding of the TF risks posed by Daesh (ISIS), Al-Qaida, JuD, FIF (Falah-e-Insaniyat Foundation), LeT, JeM (Jaish-e-Mohammad), HQN (Haqqani Network) and persons affiliated with the Taliban," the statement said.

Given the limited progress on action plan items due in January 2019, the FATF urged Pakistan to swiftly complete its action plan, particularly those with timelines of May 2019. An Indian official, who attended the FATF plenary, explained that placement in compliance document means putting the country in 'Grey' list and it will be reviewed again in June 2019. In June 2018, Pakistan was



FATF president Marshall Billingslea presents the outcomes from FATF Week to the media

placed in the 'Grey' list and given a 27-point action plan by the FATF. This plan was reviewed as the last Plenary in October 2018 and for the second time in this week-long meeting. The decision has been taken after several rounds of deliberations during the plenary where India submitted new information about Pakistan-based terrorist groups, including Jaish-e-Mohammad, responsible for the Pulwama attack.

The FATF continuing Pakistan with the 'Grey' listing means downgrading of the country by multilateral lenders like IMF, World Bank, ADB, EU and also a reduction in risk rating by Moody's, S&P and Fitch, a security official said. Pakistan was nominated for a detailed review of its "serious deficiencies" in countering terror financing in February 2018. This nomination was supported by the US, the United Kingdom, France, Germany and India, the official said.

At the end of this plenary, the FATF has observed that several deficiencies remain in Pakistan's legal regime in dealing with terror financing. Since June 2018, Pakistan has made a high-level political commitment (statement by its Minister of Finance) to work with and address its strategic

counter-terrorist financing-related deficiencies.

At the start of its deliberations, all FATF members observed a minute of silence for the 44 CRPF jawans who were martyred. The President of FATF expressed sincere condolences to the people and the Government of India. The FATF currently has 35 members and two regional organisations — European Commission and Gulf Cooperation Council.

The FATF also said Pakistan should continue to work on implementing its action plan to address its strategic deficiencies, including by adequately demonstrating its proper understanding of the terror financing risks posed by the terrorist groups and conducting supervision on a risk-sensitive basis, demonstrating

that remedial actions and sanctions are applied in cases of Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Combating Financing of Terrorism (CFT) violations and that these actions have an effect on financial institutions.

Pakistan should demonstrate that competent authorities are cooperating and taking action to identify and take enforcement action against illegal money or value transfer services (MVTs), demonstrating that authorities are identifying cash couriers and enforcing controls on illicit movement of currency and understanding the risk of cash couriers being used for TF, improving inter-agency coordination including between provincial and federal authorities on combating TF risks besides others.

UNSC names JeM for Pulwama, China belittles resolution

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The UN Security Council (UNSC) statement on Pulwama attack was delayed nearly by one week due to China's opposition. The condemnation by the UN's most powerful 15-nation body named the Pakistan-based terrorist group Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM).

A day after it emerged that China, an ally of Pakistan, did not want a reference to JeM in the UNSC statement which strongly condemned the Pulwama terror attack, Beijing has tried to downplay the resolution and said the mention of the Pakistan-based terror group does not represent a judgement and was only in "general terms."

The UN condemnation came a day after Pakistan's Permanent Representative to the UN Maleeha Lodhi met top UN leaders, including with Secretary-General Antonio Guterres to brief them about the escalating tensions in the region in the wake of the Pulwama attack but her efforts did not bear any fruit. Even after UNSC con-



demned the Pulwama strike as "terrorism" China continued to oppose any mention of terrorism in the statement, said a person familiar with the diplomatic parleys on the issue at the UN headquarters.

China, a permanent member of the UN Security Council, has over the years used its veto power to scuttle a move by India at the UN to put Jaish-e-Mohammed founder Masood Azhar on a global terror list.

The UNSC comprising 15 permanent and non-permanent members, including China on Thursday condemned in the "strongest terms" the "heinous and cowardly" terror attack perpetrated by Pakistan-based terror group Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), in a show of solidarity and support to India.

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'We will develop new map of development'

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Chief Minister Kamal Nath has said that for the better future of the state, we will develop a new map of development. There will be assured efforts to provide jobs to the youth along with agricultural development in this. He said that in 57 days, while the new government has waived the loan of farmers to empower the agriculture sector, we are launching the Mukhya Mantri Yuva Swabhiman Yojana for the unemployed youth.

Nath was distributing certificates of 100-days employment to young beneficiaries under the country's first Mukhya Mantri Yuva Swabhiman Yojana at Motilal Nehru Stadium on Friday. On this occasion, in charge of Bhopal district and Cooperatives and General Administration Minister Govind Singh, Mayor Alok Sharma was present.

Nath said that the biggest challenge before us is to make extensive reforms in the agriculture sector. The foundation of our economy is farming. If we cannot give farmers a fair price for their produce, then we cannot improve our economy. If farmers do not have purchasing power then it will have an adverse impact on our other business activities and the



Chief Minister Kamal Nath presents certificates to youth beneficiaries of Mukhyamantri Yuva Swabhiman Yojna at Motilal Nehru police stadium in Bhopal on Friday

development of the state will be disrupted. We are going to start the loan waiver from today to empower farmers.

Nath said that the new government has started well planned efforts to fulfill promises made in the manifesto. After loan waiver, we are starting the 'Yuva Swabhiman Yojana' from today.

The government has increased pension Rs from 300 to Rs 600. We assure the citizens of the state that we will fulfill our promises in the manifesto

in the next five years. We will not let them down.

Public Relations and Law-Legal Affairs Minister PC Sharma said that the Chief Minister Nath has fulfilled 26 promises in 52 days soon after taking charge. Yuva Swabhiman Yojana is the first scheme in the whole country which has been introduced to give jobs to the unemployed. No youth of the state should remain unemployed is the only commitment of the government. He said that the Chief Minister

took part in a round table conference with industrialists recently, started air services to boost investment in Madhya Pradesh. His steps will take the state towards development speedily.

Urban Development and Housing Minister Jaivardhan Singh said that apart from empowering the unemployed, the country's first Mukhya Mantri Yuva Swabhiman Yojana will prove to be a milestone by providing them financial support in 100 days.

Anupriya threatens to divorce cavalier BJP, meets Priyanka

Shah reaches out to Rajbhar

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Apna Dal (Sonelal), a key BJP ally in UP, has convened a meeting of its leaders on February 28 to take call on continuing alliance with the BJP for the Lok Sabha polls.

Union Minister of State for Health Anupriya Patel, along with her husband and party MLC Ashish Patel, met Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and her colleague Jyotriditya Scindia in New Delhi on Thursday and had a long talk to explore the possibility of a pre-poll tie-up.

The NDA ally had contested and won two seats in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections in UP. It has a support base in the OBC Kurmi community in



districts around Allahabad, Mirzapur, Sonbhadra and Varanasi. The Apna Dal (S) contested the 2017 Assembly polls and won nine seats.

"Some differences cropped up and we gave them time to answer our questions by February 20. But they did not have any answers. So it appears that the BJP is not interested in listening to our complaints," Anupriya said.

"Now Apna Dal is independent to take its own decision. We have called a party meeting and whatever will be decided in the meeting, you will be informed," she said, clarifying that there was no conflict with the BJP over seat-sharing.

Meanwhile, in an effort to keep the flock together, BJP chief Amit Shah reached out to another NDA ally from UP, Om Prakash Rajbhar. Rajbhar's Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party has influence in eastern UP districts bordering Bihar.

The smaller NDA allies have upped the ante after the BJP in the last two months conceded a considerable space to its partners in Bihar and Maharashtra for stitching a larger coalition for the general elections.

Sources in the BJP said that the aggressive posturing by Apna Dal (S) could be because Anupriya wants more seats in the Lok Sabha elections. The Apna Dal (S) president's husband Ashish Patel denied any conflict with the BJP on seat-sharing.

"We honestly want PM Modi to get re-elected. But for that, the State BJP has to change its attitude," he said.

CM hands over paper of loan waiver worth ₹134 cr

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Chief Minister Kamal Nath while inaugurating the Jai Kisan Fasal Wrin Maafi Yojana in Namli of Ratlam district handed over documents of loan waiver worth ₹134 crore to over 40,000 farmers. Nath said that the loan of 50 lakh farmers of the state will be waived off under the scheme. He further stated that we have set a target to make the farmers economically strong and the government will make every possible effort in this direction. Besides, Nath mentioned that the new government is in favour of day to day and weekly development and will not leave it to years. We are moving ahead with the same policy, he added.

The Chief Minister said that we had promised that the loans of the farmers will be waived off and the promise has been fulfilled within the stipulated time. The new government has accomplished a unique task by waiving off the loans of the farmers in



Chief Minister Kamal Nath giving away certificates of Jai Kisan Farm Loan Waiver Scheme to the farmers at village Namali in Ratlam district on Friday

such a big number. Kamal Nath stated that how to develop the agriculture

sector in a planned manner is a big challenge before us and the Government believes that the state cannot be developed till we make the farmers happy and prosperous.

The Chief Minister further mentioned that besides making the farmers economically strong, we also set a goal to give employment to unemployed youth in large number in the state.

He said that we will eradicate the unemployment by fetching massive industrial investment in the state. Nath said that the new government does not believe in announcements, it believes in work. We have decided that we will not defer any work for years; we will lay a new foundation of daily and weekly development so that people should feel change and the state could be developed rapidly.

While inaugurating the Jai Kisan Fasal Wrin Maafi Yojana, Nath handed over a certificate of loan waiver worth Rs 1.95 lakh to Babulal

Bhairulal Rathore of Namli village. Rathore became the first beneficiary of the scheme in the state. Loans worth over Rs 134 crore of more than 40,000 farmers were waived off in the programme.

The Chief Minister distributed certificates of loan waiver as a token to few farmers during the programme.

The Chief Minister laid foundation of 30 construction works worth Rs 197 crore of various departments during his Ratlam's visit. He said that no compromise will be tolerated in development.

Minister for Farmers Welfare and Agriculture Development Sachin Yadav said that today the Chief Minister is accomplishing his promise made to the farmers for waiving loan upto Rs 2 lakh. He mentioned that a process of depositing amount in the bank accounts of the farmers has already begun. The farmers have been empowered with self-verification facility under the scheme.

Extinct Fernandina species theory turns turtle

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Conservationists are thrilled at the discovery of a species of giant tortoise — believed to have been extinct for more than 100 years — from the remote volcanic island of Galapagos in Ecuador.

In celebration of this historic discovery, the Turtle Conservancy and the Global Wildlife Conservation are pledging a \$1,00,000 to further conservation efforts of the Fernandina Giant Tortoise. Fernandina Giant Tortoise last sighted in 1906. The rediscovery has raised hopes to breeding the species which is listed by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) as "critically endangered and possibly extinct."

Forrest Galante, biologist and host of Animal Planet's "Extinct or Alive", who had stumbled upon the adult female tortoise, said it to be around 100 years old.

Galante's team, including Galapagos national park ranger, Jeffery Malaga and the director of the Galapagos Conservancy, Washington Tapia, crossed a three-mile stretch of hardened lava flow to arrive at an area identified the previous day as potential habitat that could support a population of Fernandina tortoise, according to a statement here by Animal Planet's, an American cable channel owned by Discovery Inc and devoted to series and documentaries about wild animals and domestic pets.

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Simhastha Mahakumbh Exhibition on

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Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya is organising an exhibition 'Simhastha Mahakumbh Exhibition' at Veethi Sankul indoor exhibition building on Saturday. The exhibition will be inaugurated by Deepika Pokharna, Director, Union Ministry of Culture as special guest at Veethi Sankul indoor exhibition building on Saturday at 3.30 pm. The present photo exhibition is a result of the documentation made by the museum in 2016 at Simhastha Maha Kumbh, Ujjain. This exhibition tries to provide union of man, soul and nature and a dip in the confluence of pilgrims in mahakumbh.

Exhibit of rare herbs continued on the 4th day of a national workshop for tribal healers organized by Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya.

Total 80 tribal healers from all over India participated in an engaging discussion on

'Solution and Preservation of Tribal Medicinal Plants'. In the discussions between the healers (vaidy), interesting information was shared by all the healers regarding the use of herbs in various diseases of different areas.

After the discussion, the healers started treatment for the public, where people are getting proper treatment by showing pulse. Madan Shyam, who came from Amarkantak in Madhya Pradesh, treated the old to old bone disease patients. There were huge crowds on the stalls of healers from Arunachal Pradesh, Gujarat and Maharashtra. People have been shown standing for treatment to diagnose their incurable diseases in queue.

This opportunity has come after 2012 when such a large number of tribal healers have assembled in IGRMS, Bhopal. The main attraction was Nadi Vaidyas who came from Jharkhand and Maharashtra. This programme will last till 8pm on Saturday.

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Speaker of the Madhya Pradesh Assembly NP Prajapati interacts with employees of the State Assembly Secretariat during an informal meeting at the Central Hall of the Assembly in Bhopal on Friday

'Final list reported increase of 6.95 per cent of voters'

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With the revisions of voters list the final list was reported with an increase of 6.95 per cent of voters in the state, said Additional Chief Electoral Officer Sandeep Yadav while speaking with media persons.

The number of voters in earlier Lok Sabha elections 48121301 has reached to 51467980.

The increase in male voters has increased by 5.89 per cent and female voters has increased by 7.99 per cent.

The striking fact which

was shared by Adl CEO Yadav was the increase in third gender voters which was increased by 32.74 per cent.

The gender ratio been improved from 902 to 919 from the last Lok Sabha elections.

In the process of revision 30.50 lakh were received under different categories for adding, removing, minor amendments and address change.

The highest number of voters are in Indore parliamentary constituency at 23,17,191 while the lowest number are in Chhindwara a 15,05,267.

Grand Model exhibition 'Srijan' organised

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The Grand Model exhibition 'Srijan' 2019 was organised at Patel Group of Institutions. The exhibition was held here on Friday.

The students of Pharmacy department of Patel Group of Institutions organised the model exhibition. More than 20 working models were presented.

Sanjay Kumar Jain, former General Manager of Ranbaxy Pharmaceuticals, was present as a jury. Jain had a look at all the models and understood the working system of the students made by the students, for some models such as the pedestrian stick, which has the specialty of the stick that alerted through the stick and through vibration when any obstacles are encountered while walking.

Besides, a GPRS tracking device has also been installed in this rod, through which the cane and its owner's locks are available for their families. The use of this stick practically is praiseworthy. In addition, sewage water Purifiers models, which can purify the waste water from the industry and use it in various works, it was stated that many other models were presented, in which new innovations made by the students were exhibited, which were appreciated.

The grand exhibition was inaugurated with the auspicious hands of the chief guest and executive director of the company Dinesh Patel. Patel, while applauding the efforts made by the students, said that these projects created by the students are admirable, the same students gave credit for this success to the head and faculty of the college.

University Advisor Gyanendra Singh, Registrar N. K Tiwari, Director of Pharmacy College Prof. C.J. Verma, Dean Pharmacy Dr. Shailesh Jain and all the teachers appreciated the students for their meaningful efforts and wished their bright future.

MP players bag 1st rank at Asian Sailing Federation Youth Cup

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Exhibiting an impressive performance at the Asian Sailing Federation Youth Cup, the players of Madhya Pradesh Water Sports Academy bagged second and third positions.

It is to be noted that the championship was organised from February 12 to 17 in Hong Kong.

The winners met the Director Sports and Youth Welfare S. L. Thoussen here on Friday. He congratulated the winners.

Sports Director Thoussen encouraged the players for their best performance.

While representing the

Indian team in the Asian Sailing Federation Youth Cup, Academy's player Rammilan Yadav won the second position in the boys' laser 4.7 event and Academy player Uma Chauhan won the third place in the event.

Rhetika Dangi finished at seventh position. Academy participants Jaideep Thakur and Shradha Verma also participated in the competition.

Five of the seven players in the Indian team were from the Academy.

It is worth mentioning that the coach of the Academy, Arjun Avardi, Chief Coach, L. Yoga and Assistant Trainer

Anil Sharma are training the players.

Meanwhile, in the 9th Junior National Hockey Championship played in Aurangabad, Maharashtra, the players of Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy performed brilliantly, defeating Manipur Hockey 5-0 points and had a one-sided victory.

In the league match played at Pool B, Academy player Ali Haider started the winning team in the third minute by scoring the first field goal.

In the 9th minute, jersey number 9 Ali Akhtar scored the field goal and went ahead to the team 2-0.



Deputy Director and Centre Director of Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) Kevin Nash, at a symposium during 4th National Law Institute and University (NLIU) Justice RK Tanhka Memorial International Moot Court Competition at NLIU in Bhopal on Friday

2-day International Level Conference Anusandhan 2019 concluded

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The two day International Level Conference Anusandhan 2019 concluded here on Friday. The conference was organised at the Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM).

On the second day of the programme was inaugurated by Shri Maharaj Muthu. Shri Maharaj Muthu is the member of the Rome Forum. He interacted with the audience.

He emphasized the usefulness of forests in achieving development goals in the next fifteen years of 169 goals of sustainable development. According to him, forests can not only prevent climate change, but it is a means of livelihood for 1.6 billion people of the world. Due to these, natural calamities such as floods, landslides and droughts can be stopped.

While addressing the concluding ceremony of the programme, Pankaj Shrivastav, the founder of the organization said that in his note that we

need to link the concepts of sustainable development with economic activity. Elaborating further, he said, "If we do not wake up in time, then we will be moving forward towards anthropogenic destruction."

While interacting with the students he told the Indian Institute of Forest Management, PGDSM course in the beginning of next session.

Therefore, there is a need for continuous effort in this regard. In the concluding ceremony Mr. BMS Rathore ji appreciated the contribution of this organization in this field. Programme organizer Professor Jayashree Dubey thanked all guests for making the programme successful.

It is to be noted that the theme of this programme was 'A multi-faceted approach towards sustainable development: government, educationists, corporations, the role of civil society and citizens'. As many as 125 participants from 18 States of the country took part in this programme.

Behar Hai Maut: Play on cancer suffering patient staged

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

A Hindi play 'Behar Hai Maut' based on the story of people suffering with cancer was staged in city leaving the audience mesmerized. The play was performed here on Friday at Madhya Pradesh State Tribal Museum. It was performed under Abhinayan series.

The play was directed by Prabhakar Trivedi. This drama was based on a middle class family, in which family head Narendra Mohan is suffering from a terminal disease like cancer.

Due to his disease the whole family faces many problems. Cancer patient Narendra Mohan used to pray for each moment that he should die, but he could not die. That is why family members gradually leave him alone.

Therefore, Narendra Mohan's younger daughter files an appeal in the court 'Meri Maut', but the appeal is dismissed. But, how Narendra fights for himself, his self respect was the rest of the story. In the play, the character of Narendra Mohan has been played by Satyam Arkh. Satyam Arkh filled the audience with his acting skills. The end of the drama produces many questions, such as how it should behave with a person suffering from an incurable illness like cancer? What should be done to reduce its pain? Is choosing death right?

In this play the beauty of life's struggle and death was presented wonderfully. In this drama how should we behave with others, this inspiration is given in this dramatic presentation. The play was a message to the society and was performed in impactful manner before the audience.

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Science centre inaugurates 'Design Contest'

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Regional Science Centre, Bhopal has Inaugurated 'Design Contest on Grass Root Technology & Local Innovation' at the Centre on Friday.

Today the event was inaugurated through the hands of Tasneem Habib, Chief Scientist, MP Council of Science & Technology, Project Coordinator, Regional Science Centre, Bhopal was prominently present in the occasion. Tasneem Habib in his inaugural speech, appreciated the efforts of Regional Science Centre, for organising this type of programme for fostering Innovation and in inculcating scientific temper amongst the

TOMORROW THE WINNERS OF THIS EVENT WILL BE FELICITATED BY THE CHIEF GUESTS

students Krishnedu Choudhury Project Coordinator, shared his view on the importance of innovation in his inaugural speech. Total 39 innovative projects on different broad themes like Smart Technology for Physically Disabled Person, Computer Vision, Ground Water; Soil, Smart

Transportation System, Energy efficient technology for farming etc. were displayed and judged today by the specialist from different prestigious institutions of Bhopal. Tomorrow the winners of this event will be felicitated by the chief guests.

For the valedictory function of this event on February 23 at 12 noon, Navin Chandra, Director General, MP Council of Science & Technology, Bhopal has kindly consented to be the chief guest and Moinak Banerjee, Scientist - G, Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology, Kerala will be the guest of honour for the event and will take an interactive session on theme Genomics and its Applications in Information Age at 11 am onwards.

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Workshop on ECBC implementation held



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A daylong workshop on implementation of Energy Conservation Building Code (ECBC) was held by Madhya Pradesh URJA Vikas Nigam at Lake View Ashoka Hotel; for implementing 'Madhya Pradesh Energy Conservation Building Code' developed by Madhya Pradesh URJA Vikas Nigam notification is ready for issuance.

In the workshop urban administration, CPWD, Police Housing, PWD, Housing Board, EPCO, MPERC, RGPV, MANIT and Architects-Consultants were present.

Professor Rajan Rawal of CEPT University Ahmedabad said that no additional cost is incurred in the construction of buildings based on ECBC and till the whole life of the building which is around 50-70 years saving on power consumption would be done.

BEE Certified expert Jitendra Vyas explained relation of maintaining ecological balance by saving energy in buildings and every one could participate in energy safety of the country.

Deskmukh said that along with other efficiencies in the construction of the building energy conservation would

become an important part of the building constructions.

The workshop was presided by Commissioner of Madhya Pradesh Housing Board Caralyn Khongwar Deshmukh and Director of T & CP Rahul Jain and Secretary of MERC Shailendra Saxena were special guest on the occasion.

Several programmes and events as initiative on awareness of energy conservation are organized by Madhya Pradesh URJA Vikas Nigam. The next programme would be organised in the state capital for banking sector on March 5 and 6, 2019.

Free Urology camp concludes

Bhopal: The 94th Free Urology camp was concluded in Sewa Sadan Eye Hospital today. As many as 161 patients of various urinary disorder have been operated in the camp. Breakup of various surgeries like- Urologists have performed 33 surgeries of Prostate enlargement, 12 surgeries of stone in urethra, 15 surgeries of Gal Bladder stone, 3 surgeries of stone in Bladder, 8 surgeries of Hydrocele, 68 surgery of Hernia, 7 surgeries of Cystoscopy, 7 surgeries of URS, 5 surgeries of DVIU and 3 other surgeries of different diseases of Urinary disorders.

Dr. Brandon Pomroy performed 55 surgeries, 59 surgeries by Dr Temmy Neblok Beirne and 47 surgeries by Dr Narendra Khare. Anesthetist Dr Pratibha Khare, Dr Radha Sukhani (USA) and Dr Deepak Jain of Bhopal has given their dedicated services. Radiologists Dr Deepak Jhangiani and Dr Teekam Gyanchandani performed sonographic investigations. Responsibility of Pre and Post Operative fitness was looked after by physicians Dr Naresh Himthani, Dr Abhishek Gyanchandani, Dr CP Dewani and Dr Sudhir Lokwani. The camp was sponsored by Dubai based Philanthropist Anju and Gul Chandiramani, Sona Gulrajani Mumbai, Nisha Thani of Barbados, Pishu Mirani from Hongkong, Kumar, Chandler, Prem, Dinesh, Roshan, Pawan and Shailesh Kewaramani of Mumbai and Jeev Sewa Sansthan Sant Nagar. Managing Trustee of SSEH LC Janiyani and Secretary of Jeev Sewa Sansthan Mahesh Dayaramani have expressed gratitude to the philanthropists. SR

Man held for promising fake Govt job

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Jehangirabad police have nabbed a fraudster who duped a Vidisha based girl to the tune of ₹1.5 lakh in the name of facilitating Government job; accused was nabbed on Thursday.

Police said that the victim Anjana Vishwakarma was duped by Syed Mohammad Athar in the name of facilitating job in PWD but even after providing money she was not provided with job.

The victim in her complaint stated that she was assured by the accused that he could facilitate a job in PWD and after which she provided ₹1.5 lakh in three parts of ₹50000 each but later when she asked for appointment letter accused refused.

After the preliminary investigation police registered a case under section 420 of the IPC and nabbed the accused.

Police have started investigation regarding other frauds committed by the accused with other victims in the past and duped them in the name of facilitating job.

Meanwhile, a 62-year-old woman was duped to the tune of ₹5000 after miscreant shopped online using her bank account details; case has been registered by crime branch and started further investigation. Police said that the victim Mamta Prashar received three messages of online shopping worth ₹5000.

The victim informed her son Sanju who lodged a complaint with the crime branch stating that her mother received a message which got saved in the contacts without saving and later she received three messages of shopping. Based on the complaint the police have registered a case of fraud and started further investigation.

After the preliminary investigation police registered a case under section 420 of the IPC and nabbed the accused. Police have started investigation regarding other frauds committed by the accused with other victims in the past and duped them in the name of facilitating job

SOUTH EASTERN COALFIELDS LIMITED
"A MINI RATNA COMPANY"
E-TENDER NOTICE
NIT No: SECL/JK/GM(O)/18-19/eT/ 73, Date 22.02.2019, Tender ID: 2019_SECL_131319_1, Location of work: Meera Incline, KG Sub Area, Jamuna Kotma Area, Estimated Cost: 9,09,614/- (Without GST), Description of Work: Cleaning muck, malma and slurry from main dip panel in PG-3 UK (B) seam at Meera Incline, KG Sub Area, Jamuna Kotma Area. Date & Time for Submission of bid: 23.02.2019 at 05:00 PM to 11.03.2019 at 05:00 PM, Date & Time for Opening of bid: 12.03.2019 at 05:00 PM. GM(Oper./Jamuna-Kotma Area)
Note: For details and submission of bid please visit website www.eprocure.gov.in and e-procurement portal of CLIL https://coalindiatenders.nic.in and www.secl.gov.in. In case of any Misprinting/Error, details as per website document will be considered as final.
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E-TENDER NOTICE
1.NIT No: SECL/GM/JOH/Survey/eTender/18-19/99, date 13.02.2019, Tender ID: 2019_SECL_130934_1, Location of work: Piparia UG Mine, Estimated Cost: 43,39,587 Description of Work: Roof bolting by approved portable hydraulic roof bolting machine suitable with wet drilling arrangement to drill 1.50 mtr long hole in roof with 27mm dia drill bit for anchoring 20/22mm dia roof bolts with resin capsules and fitting of bearing plates and w-strap (as and when required) and tightening of nuts in 67L East Section at Piparia UG Mine, Umariya Sub area of Johilia Area. Start date & time for submission of bid: 15.02.2019 at 10AM, End date & time for submission of bid: 26.02.2019 at 05PM, Date & time for opening of bid: 28.02.2019 at 11AM. ASO, Johilia Area
2.NIT No: SECL/SGP/ISO(M)/e-Tender/35/18-19/419, date 11.02.2019, Tender ID: 2019_SECL_130744_1, Location of work: Damini UG Mine, Sohagpur Area, Estimated Cost: 26,53,196 Description of Work: Shifting of electrical equipments and auxiliary fans, erection of temporary stoppings. Construction of UG stations and shifting of face pumps in development panels of VI bottom seam at Damini UG Mine of Sohagpur Area period- 365 days. Start date & time for submission of bid: 22.02.2019 at 10AM, End date & time for submission of bid: 06.03.2019 at 05PM, Date & time for opening of bid: 08.03.2019 at 11AM. SO(Mining), Sohagpur Area
3.NIT No: SECL/SGP/ISO(M)/e-Tender/35/18-19/420, date 11.02.2019, Tender ID: 2019_SECL_130747_1, Location of work: Damini UG Mine, Sohagpur Area, Estimated Cost: 13,13,251 Description of Work: Transportation/shifting of flexible cable, LHD tyre, transmission, LHD axle, PVC cable, transformer and Busbar from surface to underground and underground to surface at Damini UG Mine of Sohagpur Area. period- 365 days. Start date & time for submission of bid: 22.02.2019 at 10AM, End date & time for submission of bid: 06.03.2019 at 05PM, Date & time for opening of bid: 08.03.2019 at 11AM. SO(Mining), Sohagpur Area
4.NIT No: SECL/SGP/ISO(M)/e-Tender/35/18-19/421, date 11.02.2019, Tender ID: 2019_SECL_130787_1, Location of work: Bangwar UG Mine, Sohagpur Area, Estimated Cost: 11,81,700 Description of Work: Installation/Shifting of Face pump and transportation of safety materials in UG working district at Bangwar UG Mine of Sohagpur Area. period- 120 days. Start date & time for submission of bid: 22.02.2019 at 10AM, End date & time for submission of bid: 06.03.2019 at 05PM, Date & time for opening of bid: 08.03.2019 at 11AM. SO(Mining), Sohagpur Area
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3 arrested for selling stolen bikes

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The crime branch police of Bhopal have nabbed three miscreants from Kamla Park while they were trying to sell bike obtained fraudulently and recovered bike and two cars from their possession in the evening on Thursday.

Police said that acting on a tip off two miscreants were nabbed near Kamla Park who were trying to sell KTM bike and when they were asked regarding documentation the failed to provided details and confessed stealing of cars by booking cars on Zoomcar Application.

The two were identified as Yash Saluja (21) of Katara Hills and Nitesh Goswami (26) of Vijay Nagar Indore. The two confessed stealing of cars along with third accomplice Mohit Sharma (19) of Kharogone.

Yash is unemployed; Nitesh works with private firm while Mohit is an engineering student.

The three confessed stealing a Verna and Creta car which were recovered in the investigation while the bike which was recovered from the possession do not have registration number and no documents regarding the bike was provided by the accused which would be investigated.

The Verna car was booked in Nagpur through the app while Creta was booked from Habibganj area.

Police said that the three have stolen more than half a dozen vehicles from different parts of the state. Among the other stolen vehicles Marut Brezza, two Verna, Toyota Fortuner, Freestyle Fodare their which would be searched based on the locations provided by the accused.

Police suspect that the accused are involved in crimes for long and huge nexus is working in the stealing of different vehicles.

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Indore dist Panchayat to be first to connect 312 gram panchayats

VIKAS TYAGI ■ INDORE

Indore district Panchayat will be the first Jila panchayat of Madhya Pradesh which will be directly connected to all the 312 gram panchayats of Indore district through optical fiber cables.

The optical fibre cables are spread by BSNL which will provide high speed internet connectivity to the user.

Indore district panchayat CEO Neha Meena told The Pioneer that now the Indore district panchayat CEO will directly have a video conferencing with all the village panchayats Sarpanch sachiv and the villagers and can hear to the problems of villagers directly on the video chatting, besides these at a time around 4 panchayats can be inter-connected and video conferencing can be done with all the four panchayats simultaneously.

The Jansunvai which is conducted at the gram panchayat level will be directly monitored at the district panchayat headquarter and also the complainant villager can directly see and talk to the CEO on video conference.

Like all other government offices the gram panchayats should be open from 10.30 am to 5.30 am which will be directly monitored by the zila panchayat headquarter.

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Till date, 109 gram panchayats of Indore district panchayat area including all the tehsils of Indore district have been connected by optical fiber network internet system and recently as a trial run Indore district panchayat CEO Neha Meena had a conversation with the villagers of Zhalariam gram panchayat area in presence of sarpanch and sachiv of gram panchayat and discussed with them about the pension schemes of beneficiaries, release of death certificates and pending cases in the gram panchayats. CEO Indore district Panchayat Neha Meena told that till the end of this month all the 312 gram Panchayats will be connected to the optical fiber internet service and video conferencing will be functional.

Loading van with liquor worth ₹4.62 lakh recovered

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Einthkhedi police have seized a loading van transporting liquor illegally and recovered 1620 liters of liquor worth ₹4.62 lakh and van worth 3.5 lakh at Dobra Jod in the night on Thursday.

Acting on a tip off, police rushed to the spot and after stopping the van bearing registration number MP39G2932 tried to flag it down but the driver accelerated and tried to escape but he was chased and detained and seized the van.

Police said that when the driver was searched he was found missing and when the container was checked liquor bottles were found. The absconding of the driver and recovery of liquor suggests that the liquor was illegally transported.

The loading of the vehicle and scheduled delivery of the

liquor could not be ascertained as the driver is still absconding and would be revealed after the driver is nabbed.

The circumstantial evidences suggest that nexus is working behind the illegal transport as the huge quantity of liquor was transported which was around ₹4.62 lakh.

Based on the registration number the van driver and accused would be nabbed. The police have started to search for the accused.

The police have registered a case under section 34 (B) of the Excise Act and have started further investigation.

Police have recovered 180 boxes of liquor bottles from the van. The police recovered 155 boxes of country made liquor and 25 boxes of liquor. The liquor was transported from Islam Nagar bypass to Mubarakpur. Further investigation has been started.

THE CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCES SUGGEST THAT NEXUS IS WORKING BEHIND THE ILLEGAL TRANSPORT AS THE HUGE QUANTITY OF LIQUOR WAS TRANSPORTED WHICH WAS AROUND ₹4.62 LAKH

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Birsinghpur, dtd 20.02.2019
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M.P. POWER GENERATING CO. LTD. Invites Electronic tenders from manufacturer/reputed supplier /contractor, for the supply/works of following items for SGTGS, MPPGCL Birsinghpur.
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1 2019_MPPGCL_1082_1 Tender for Construction of 03 number rooms with amenities for in-motion weigh bridge at new track hopper at SGTGS Birsinghpur. 13,13/- Lakhs 1,000/- 32,900/- 22.03.2019 27.03.2019
2 2019_MPPGCL_1080_1 Tender for Additional rooms and modification of S&T building for engine escape line near New trackhopper at existing SGTGS Birsinghpur. 16,80/- Lakhs 1,000/- 42,000/- 23.03.2019 29.03.2019
3 2019_MPPGCL_5886_1 Annual contract for providing assistance in day to day routine/breakdown maintenance of Electrical Equipments and HT and LT motors AND CABLE LAYING of EMD of PH-I at SGTGS Birsinghpur (As per tender schedule) 55,22/- Lakhs 2,000/- 1,38,100/- 22.03.2019 27.03.2019
4 2019_MPPGCL_17359_1 Hiring of one no 5052 seater bus, Model 2019 or Ex Showroom make Tata/Ashok Leyland only for school bus duty Bus No. 1 at SGTGS, MPPGCL, Birsinghpur. 33,81/- Lakhs 1,000/- 84,600/- 23.03.2019 29.03.2019
5 2019_MPPGCL_8279_1 Annual work contract for daily cleaning of boiler house VFD room & its associated area of 1x500MMV of unit no. 5 of S.E.(OPN)-III at SGTGS, MPPGCL, Birsinghpur. 14,56/- Lakhs 1,000/- 36,500/- 01.04.2019 04.04.2019
6 2019_MPPGCL_8281_1 Annual work contract for providing assistance in operation of Hydrogen plant at SGTGS, MPPGCL, Birsinghpur. 11,18/- Lakhs 1,000/- 28,000/- 03.04.2019 08.04.2019
These tenders are being invited through e-tendering system. For viewing detailed E-NIT, downloading tender documents and participating in Electronic Tender, for any clarifications and/or due date extensions or corrigendum, please visit the website www.mptenders.gov.in regularly. Any clarifications and/or due date extensions or corrigendum shall be issued on the website www.mptenders.gov.in only.
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(नेहा गुप्ता)
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Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.
Corporate Office: 201, Raheja Point-1, Near Shamrao Vitthal Bank, Nehru Road, Vakola Santacruz (E), Mumbai-400055.
Mandideep Branch: 1st Floor, Plot No. - 203/B, Indra Nagar, Above DCB Bank, Mandideep, Tehsil-Goharganj, Dist-Raisen 462046 (MP). Contact: 9111131122 (Formerly known as DHFL Vyasa Housing Finance Ltd.)
PROPERTY FOR SALE UNDER PROVISIONS OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002 THROUGH PRIVATE TREATY
Whereas the Authorised Officer, Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) has taken the Possession u/s 13(4) of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (The SARFAESI Act, 2002) of the property ("the Secured Asset") given below The Authorised Officer has received offer of Sale from some interested party against the above mentioned Secured Asset under the SARFAESI Act for recovery of the Secured Debt. Now, the Authorised Officer is hereby giving the Notice to Sale of the above said property through Private Treaty in terms of rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. The Details of the Account are as follows:

Loan App.No./Branch	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrowers	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Reserve Price (RP)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Total Outstanding Loan Amount as on date 22.02.2019	Description of the Secured Asset
(App. No. 00051444/ Mandideep Branch)	Vijay Kumar Manjhi (Borrower) & Girish Kumar Manjhi (Co-Borrower)	12.05.2017 & ₹ 6,40,737/-	₹ 2,60,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh sixty Thousand only)	₹ 26,000/- (Rs Twenty six Thousand Only)	₹ 8,40,549/- (Rs Eight Lakh forty Thousand five hundred forty nine Only)	All that part & parcel of the property Bearing, Singlex No. 32, Royal Gulab City, Behind Espata College, 220 Ft Ring Road Village Mugaliyakt, Bhopal, (MP)-462010. Boundaries: East : Colony Road, West : Plot No. 65, North : Plot No. 33, South : Plot No. 31

The Authorised officer will hold auction for sale of the Secured Asset on 'As is where is Basis', 'As is what is basis' and 'Whatever is there is basis'. AHFL is not responsible for any liabilities whatsoever pending upon the said property. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to accept or reject the offer without assigning any reason whatsoever and sale will be subject to confirmation by Secured Creditor. On the acceptance of offer of proposed buyer, he/she is required to deposit 25% of accepted price inclusive adjustment of Earnest Money Balance immediately and the balance amount shall be paid by the purchaser within 15 (fifteen) days from date of acceptance of Offer by the Secured Creditor. The proposed buyer is to note that in case of failure of payment of balance amount by him/her within the time specified, the amount already deposited shall stand forfeited and property will be resold accordingly. This is 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002 is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the above described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" and to the amount due to Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd., in full before the date of sale, auction is liable to be stopped.
The Date of Auction is fixed for 11.03.2019
Place : Mandideep
Date : 23/02/2019
(Authorised Officer)
For Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

PM receives Seoul Peace Prize



Prime Minister Narendra Modi receives the Seoul Peace Prize, at the award ceremony in Seoul on Friday

which is flagship programme of his government to accomplish the twin objectives of effective abatement of pollution, conservation and rejuvenation of River Ganga.

Modi is the 14th recipient of the award and the past laureates included former UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and renowned international relief organizations

Time for global community to unite, act to smash terror networks: Modi

PTI ■ SEOUL

Making a veiled attack on Pakistan's continued support to cross-border terrorism, Prime Minister Narendra Modi Friday said the time has come for the global community to "unite and act" to completely eradicate terror networks and their financing supply channels.

Asserting that India has suffered the pain of cross-border terrorism for over 40 years, Modi said the country's endeavour towards peaceful developments has only too often been derailed by this menace.

like Doctors Without Borders and Oxfam. The Seoul Peace Prize was established in 1990 to commemorate the success of the 24th Olympic Games held in Seoul.

EC asks Delhi Police to investigate 'fake news'

NRI VOTING RIGHTS
PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Election Commission (EC) filed a complaint with the Delhi Police on Friday, asking it to track down those spreading "fake news" that NRIs can cast their vote online in the Lok Sabha elections due in April-May. Asking police to investigate the matter, the EC said its logo was used on social media to "mislead" people.

The EC said the "fake news" was violative of IPC Section 505 dealing with rumour-mongering and attempts to spread alarm among people. On Thursday, an EC spokesperson had said no such facility has been extended to NRIs. "If it happens, it needs amendment to the Representation of the People Act. No such amendment has taken place," the spokesperson had said.

As of now, overseas Indians have to register as voter, come to India, go to their constituency with the original passport issued to them when they had gone abroad and cast vote.

According to the Ministry of External Affairs, there are about 3.10 crore NRIs living in different countries. An expert committee of the EC had said no to e-voting for NRIs but had approved proxy voting.

A bill to extend proxy voting rights to NRIs was passed in the Lok Sabha recently, but is pending in the Rajya Sabha. It is set to lapse on the dissolution of the present Lok Sabha on June 3.

Govt amends building by-law for fire safety

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

Taking lessons from recent Karol Bagh fire incident in which 17 people lost their lives, Delhi Government in its inter-department meeting approved ten amendments in building by-laws-2016 for enhancing fire safety under which special directives have been given regarding the use of rooftop, basements, passages and exit routes for curtailing the spread fire in public buildings.

From now onwards, all existing and future guest houses must install carbon monoxide smoke alarms, fire doors on each floor and remove all kinds of combustible materials from passages, exit routes and rooftops. Chairing the meeting, Delhi Home minister Satyendar Jain said, "We have to strictly ensure that no one dies of fire mishaps in the city". Our government will follow a policy of zero tolerance against those playing with the lives of people.

As per the new laws, no kitchen will be allowed on rooftops or basements and no cooking activity of any kind will be permitted on rooftop or basement. It was also decided that storage of inflammable material will not be allowed on the rooftops. "No temporary roofing over the roof or terrace using FRP or any inflammable material will be allowed. Inflammable materials of construction will not be used in passage, corridors or staircases like wooden paneling, foam paneling, carpet etc. Gas Bank, if any

'Owner, Director or Partner will submit three signed hard copies along with one softcopy in PDF format of all the floor plans indicating the floor-wise use while submitting the application to the Fire Department for NOC'

will be installed conforming to the standards prescribed in the National Building Code (NBC)," quoted Delhi government's official statement. With new laws, fire No Objection Certificate (NoC) for Guest-house will not be issued to those buildings, which have more than four floors (excluding basement and still floor). "Owner, Director or Partner will submit three signed hard copies along with one softcopy in PDF format of all the floor plans indicating the floor-wise use while submitting the application to the Fire Department for NOC," Government said in a statement. It may recalled that, On February 12, a deadly fire broke out in the early morning at Hotel Arpit Palace Karol Bagh, leading to the death of 17 people and injuring three others. During the initial investigation, it was found that many of the building regulations were not followed which could have reduced the impact of the horrendous incident.

The Delhi government further decided to amend the existing Delhi Building Bye Laws 2016 to prevent the recurrence of such ghastly fire incidents.

INBRIEF

5 DAYS SPECIALLY DESIGNED TRAINING HELD

Bhopal: For enhancing the communication and presentation skills and to enhance the professional efficiency of defence personnel, CRISP conducted 5 days specially designed training programme on Communication and Presentation Skills for the administration staff of Indian Coast Guard, Indian Navy, Overseas Hazira and INS Shivaji, Lonavla. Participants from all over India attended the training programme at Bhopal. The basic objective of the programme was to help the admin staff to enhance their communication skills and to successfully manage stress, team conflict management to improve the personal & professional lifestyle. The training included expert sessions on stress & conflict management, transactional analysis, effective communication skills, motivation and some unique topics such as effective communication through singing bowls. CRISP is continuously offering need based training and development interventions to improve the performance and efficiency of defence personnel. The training programme concluded here today.

SURPRISE INSPECTION OF 24 PUBLIC TRANSPORT BUSES

Bhopal: Transport Minister Govind Singh Rajput conducted a surprise inspection of 24 public transport buses including school buses in Bhopal this morning. He apprised himself with the safety standards being followed by the drivers in the buses. Rajput took action against 11 bus operators found guilty of operating against fixed standards. He told the bus operators that if they do not follow the prescribed standards, their permit will be cancelled. The licenses of reckless drivers will also be cancelled. The Transport Minister told the people during the inspection that the state government is making continuous efforts to provide safe public transport to the citizens. For this, instructions have been given to launch continuous checking campaign in the state. He said that the fitness of the drivers will also be considered and they will be given training for driving under the new rules. Also, dress code is being implemented for drivers, so that they can be easily identified.

MIN DEDICATES FIRST VIROLOGY LAB

Bhopal: Minister for Medical Education Vijay Laxmi Sadho will dedicate the first Virology Lab of the state and Multi level Parking at Hamidia Hospital of Bhopal at 11 am on February 23. Keeping in view the increase in number of swine flu cases in the country, the lab has started functioning informally from the last month. The multi level parking will facilitate parking to 201 four wheelers and 215 two wheel automobiles.

STEP TO HELP KIN OF MARTYRS

Bhopal: Director Sainik Welfare Brigadier RS Nautiyal has appealed the donors to help the families of the Army / Central Armed Police Forces, who laid down their lives in the terrorist attack in Pulwama (Jammu and Kashmir). He has told the donors to donate as per their will in the "CM Kargil Relief Fund, account no. 10078152948, State Bank of India, Vallabh Bhawan Branch, IFSC Code SBIN0001056". Brigadier Nautiyal said that donors who wish to donate through bank draft or cheque, they can hand over the cheque/bank draft with the bank account mentioned to the concerned Collector/SDM or thehsidar in the district or tehsil.

PTI ■ SEOUL

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred the prestigious Seoul Peace Prize for 2018 on Friday for his contribution to international cooperation and fostering global economic growth.

The award was presented to him by the Seoul Peace Prize Foundation at a grand ceremony here. A short film on the life and achievements of Prime Minister Modi was also screened at the event.

Modi expressed his gratitude for the prestigious honour

and said, "this award belongs not to me personally, but to the people of India."

"The success that India has achieved in the last five years is due to aspirations, inspiration and efforts of the people of India. On their behalf, I accept the award and express my gratitude," he said.

He said he was honoured that the award is being conferred on him in the year that India celebrates the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. He dedicated the USD 200,000 prize money to 'Namami Gange Programme',

Two terrorists killed in Baramulla encounter

PTI ■ SRINAGAR

Two militants were killed in an encounter with security forces in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district on Friday, police said.

Security forces launched a cordon and search operation in Warpora area of Sopore, in north Kashmir, acting on specific information about the presence of militants there, police said.

The militants fired at the search party, leading to a gunfight. Two militants have been killed, a police official said, adding the operation was going on. The identity of the militants was yet to be ascertained.

Shops, food joints in Gujarat cities can now operate 24 hours

PTI ■ GANDHINAGAR

The Gujarat Assembly Friday cleared a Bill that allows shops and food joints in urban areas to operate 24 hours and also those situated on national highways, inside bus stations and hospital premises.

The Gujarat Shops and Establishment (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Bill of 2019 was passed with a majority vote in the Assembly.

The Bill was opposed by the Congress, but it was eventually approved given the BJP's comfortable majority in the House.

The move will increase business and create more employment opportunities, the Government told the Assembly.

Top cop inaugurates 'Digital Police Public Library'



STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With motive to strengthen community policing, Delhi Police Commissioner Amulya Patnaik on Friday inaugurated 'Digital-Police Public Library' at Police Station Jamia Nagar complex. Speaking on the occasion, CP emphasized on the need of such community policing initiatives to bridge the gap between the police and the public and also to wean away local youth from anti-social activities and to provide them an opportunity to excel in various fields.

He further highlighted that this library will be available for both girls and boys of the area for achieving academic excellence.

He also lauded the efforts of the South-East District & 'Shikhar Organisation for Social Development' for developing such a useful community policing asset.

He appreciated the fact that this was the first such initiative in the country and possibly the world. He also stressed upon the need for more such projects to bring about a better police-public connection to reflect

how small initiatives can lead to big change in the areas.

"The library which is brain child of CP aims at getting across to the school and college going children and to showcase a caring face of the police among the upcoming generation and to help them in their studies as well as to prepare them for various competitive exams," said Anil Mittal, Additional Public Relation Officer (APRO), Delhi Police.

"This library was opened by the South-East District in association with a NGO 'Shikhar Organisation for social development'. In the past seven years, more than

50,000 children residing in the vicinity of Jamia Nagar have benefited from this community outreach programme. Police staff along with the representatives of the NGO Shikhar, have made sincere efforts to keep this library operational and updated," said APRO. "The newly inaugurated digital library comprises a state of the art SMART class room and 10 fully upgraded digital workstations where-in students can have access to digital content including web based resources, multimedia and online documentation," the APRO added.

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PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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Extinct Fernandina species theory turns...

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Having positively identified tortoise scat in the field, the team led by Galante successfully located an active bedding site before finding the animal nearby. The tortoise was found sheltering from the equatorial sun, buried deep under a pile of brush.

A team of international turtle biologists at the Turtle Conservancy studied photos and video of the tortoise and confirmed it is likely to be Chelonoidis phantasticus.

"Since only one other specimen of this species has ever been found (a deceased male collected in 1906), we have never seen a female of the species," said Anders Rhodin of the Turtle Conservancy and IUCN specialist group.

The female tortoise is in good health but underweight, unsurprising considering the sparse vegetation in the area she lived in on the volcano. She has been taken to the Fausto Llerena Tortoise Breeding Center, a national park facility in Isla Santa Cruz.

"This facility will ensure

her ongoing survival, a healthy diet and perhaps, if sperm retention has occurred, fertile eggs and offspring. The hope is that her discovery will prompt new searches and ongoing funding for the location of a suitable mate with the ultimate goal of re-releasing many healthy animals back onto the island.

The breeding center has successfully bred and re-released 4000 Galapagos tortoises since its inception," said the statement.

"As a biologist and someone who has dedicated my life to the pursuit of animals believed extinct, this is by far my greatest scientific accomplishment and proudest moment," said Galante.

Susanna Dinnage, Global President of Animal Planet said, "We are moved and excited about this historic news. As the rate of animal extinction is widely debated, it gives us great hope that some species are surviving against the odds and that at Animal Planet we can do our bit to celebrate and support them".

Pak at sea as India withdraws MFN

RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

Removal of Pakistan from the Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status is not a knee-jerk reaction post-Pulwama terror attack but a well-calibrated and calculated tactical decision aimed at squeezing Pakistan not only economically but also to increase its dependence on third country ports for import of consumer items like fruits, vegetables and wheat flour besides medicines and raw materials for the textile industry among others which in turn will lead to cost escalation in the Pakistani market.

Dependence on ports of other countries will lead to cost escalation of consumer items especially daily consumer goods like vegetables and grains leading to scarcity and subsequently unrest. Before, the removal of Pakistan from the MFN status, the goods were sent from India via land ports and transport cost was negligible with a nominal tax by Islamabad on imports from India, making such products cheaper for the Pakistanis.

Due to MFN, Pakistani exports to India were duty free but now India has slapped a duty of 200 per cent, dissuading the importers here from picking up the goods. This will also

adversely hit the Pakistani exporters negatively as they will be deprived of a sizeable consumer base here.

While India had unilaterally extended the MFN status treating Pakistan as a SAARC member, Islamabad had not reciprocated.

Assessments here suggest, the imports will be limited to the supplies for the companies owned by Pakistan army amid soaring prices and the general people will be bound to suffer due to unavailability of daily need consumables.

When unrest will increase on the issue of scarcity of the consumer items, the Pakistan-based insurgent groups and the miffed locals may start hitting the logistics chain for such imports, sources here said. As much as 85 per cent of the medicine market in Pakistan was dependent on Indian exports and the textile industry was dependent cent per cent on raw material imports from India. After the removal from the MFN list, goods will be exported to Iran and then re-exported to Pakistan and in the process the items will be costlier.

Counter-terrorism expert Dr Rituraj Mate said, "UAE ports may not be viable due to

high tariff for sending consignments to Gwadar port. The tariffs at ports of UAE are higher as they have been in existence for significant period. This will lead to dependence of Pakistan on the Chabahar port of Iran which being new has a lower tariff base. Same is the case for Gwadar."

With a sizeable investment in development of Chabahar port, India will gain by getting tariffs on the goods exported to Pakistan. Once this trade course takes shape, the Chinese, who own the Gwadar port will also ultimately benefit by handling such cargo from the Iranian port.

With an increasing cargo receipts by the Gwadar port, the Baloch groups may also demand royalty on such imports for exploiting the port infrastructure. In such a situation, Al Qaeda affiliates JeM and LeT will also start targeting the logistics chain as their funding will be hit amid a negative economic environment.

Increased trade via Chabahar-Gwadar ports will create a win-win situation for both India and China to the detriment of Pakistan, sources said. In the backdrop of economic measures against terror sponsor Pakistan, Indian con-

sumers have turned dead against Pakistan. If this mindset, especially in the aftermath of Pulwama suicide on February 14, continues, the sentiment will subsequently turn against all such countries that support Pakistan financially or carry on business relations with it.

Given the continuous backing both in terms of funding and military hardware by US to Pakistan besides inaction against even sanctioned terrorists like LeT chief Hafiz Sayeed and his deputy Abdul Rahman Makki and others, the anti-US sentiment is also likely hit American companies as well. Anti-US waves are expected in the Indian consumer market as there is an increasing feeling that US is not doing anything to check Pakistan's propensity for using terror proxies like LeT and JeM against India. To top it all, US has significantly funded Pakistan in the name of so called war against terror, a part of the resources might have been generated from export to the Indian market.

"It will be unfortunate if the Indian consumers turn their back to American products. Taking corrective measures beforehand will only be a wiser step," Dr Mate added.

UNSC names JeM for Pulwama, China belittles...

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However, the US assiduously worked as "pen holder" making various adjustments to get the approval by all other members of the Council, sources said here.

Sharing details of diplomatic wrangling on the matter, the sources said the UNSC statement on Pulwama was to be issued on the evening of February 15 but China repeatedly sought extension of timing.

China requested extension till Feb 18 when 14 member countries were ready to issue it on February 15 itself," they said, adding China broke "silence" procedure two times suggesting multiple amendments aiming to "derail" the effort.

"However, notwithstanding hectic Chinese and Pakistani efforts, the UNSC agreed to issue the first statement in its history regarding an attack on Indian troops in Jammu and Kashmir," the sources said.

India has mounted diplomatic pressure to isolate

Pakistan in the international community for its support to terror groups and cross border terrorism. Official sources said the UNSC statement contained specific language proposed by India through its partner countries including naming of JeM, and calling for bringing the perpetrators of the crime to justice.

In the statement, the UNSC also reaffirmed that terrorism in all its forms and manifestations constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security and underlined the need to hold perpetrators, organisers, financiers and sponsors of these reprehensible acts of terrorism accountable and bring them to justice.

The UNSC also urged all States, in accordance with their obligations under international law and relevant Security Council resolutions, to cooperate actively with India and all other relevant authorities to bring perpetrators of the Pulwama attack to justice.

Pakistan's Permanent representative at the UN Maleeha

Lodhi even met the President of Security Council but her efforts did not bear any fruit, they said.

Asked about the statement highlighting the role of JeM claiming the responsibility of the Pulwama attack, China's Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang told reporters that Beijing was closely following the developments related to the terror incident.

"The UN Security Council issued a Press statement that mentioned that a particular organisation but only in general terms. It does not represent a judgment on the attack," Geng said.

He also said, "China also noted that the Pakistani Government showed readiness to cooperate with India on the investigation and that it is also ready to resolve differences with India through dialogue. China hopes all parties will work to find the truth about this attack. We hope Pakistan and India will engage in dialogue to jointly safeguard regional peace and stability," he said.

₹25L ganja seized from water tanker in R'gada

RAYAGADA: Police on Friday busted an inter-State ganja smuggling racket and arrested four persons in this connection after intercepting a water tanker near Patilbandha Chhacker under the Padmapur police station in the district.

Police also seized around 433 kg ganja worth ₹25 lakh from the water tanker. The cops also seized two motorcycles, four mobile phones and ₹23,000 cash from the possession of the accused.

The arrestees were identified as Kasi Murgan (32) of Koonichapet village of Puducheri, and Jangaralu Pangeji (37) of Nuagada village, Langi Majhi (31) of Nandra village and P Perumal (57) of Anjipeta village of Rayagada district. Acting on a tipoff, police conducted a raid and intercepted the vehicle, in which the contraband items were being transported to Tamil Nadu. PNS

PM receives Seoul Peace Prize

PTI ■ SEOUL

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred the prestigious Seoul Peace Prize for 2018 on Friday for his contribution to international cooperation and fostering global economic growth.

The award was presented to him by the Seoul Peace Prize Foundation at a grand ceremony here. A short film on the life and achievements of Prime Minister Modi was also screened at the event.

Modi expressed his gratitude for the prestigious honour and said, "this award belongs not to me personally, but to the people of India."

"The success that India has achieved in the last five years is due to aspirations, inspiration and efforts of the people of India. On their behalf, I accept the award and express my gratitude," he said.

He said he was honoured that the award is being conferred on him in the year that India celebrates the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. He dedicated the USD 200,000 prize money to



Prime Minister Narendra Modi receives the Seoul Peace Prize, at the award ceremony in Seoul on Friday

'Namami Gange Programme', which is flagship programme of his government to accomplish the twin objectives of effective abatement of pollution, conservation and rejuvenation of River Ganga.

Modi is the 14th recipient of the award and the past laureates included former UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and renowned international relief organizations

like Doctors Without Borders and Oxfam.

The Seoul Peace Prize was established in 1990 to commemorate the success of the 24th Olympic Games held in Seoul. The award was established to crystallise Korean people's yearning for peace on the Korean peninsula and in the rest of the world.

Speaking at the event, Prime Minister Modi expressed concern over the growing men-

ace of terrorism and recalled that a few weeks before the Seoul Olympics in 1988, an organisation called Al-Qaeda was formed.

"Today, radicalisation and terrorism have become global and are the biggest threats to world peace and security," he said. He said that like Korea, India has also suffered the pain of cross-border strife. "Our endeavour towards peaceful developments has only too often been derailed by cross-border terrorism. While India has been the victim of cross-border terrorism for over 40 years, all nations today face this grave threat which respects no borders," he said in an apparent reference to Pakistan.

"The time has come for all those who believe in humanity to join hands, to completely eradicate terrorist networks, and their financing supply channels and counter-terrorist ideology and propaganda. Only by doing so, can we replace hate with harmony, destruction with development, and transform the landscape of violence and vendetta into a postcard of peace," he added.

Time for global community to unite, act to smash terror networks: Modi

PTI ■ SEOUL

Making a veiled attack on Pakistan's continued support to cross-border terrorism, Prime Minister Narendra Modi Friday said the time has come for the global community to "unite and act" to completely eradicate terror networks and their financing supply channels.

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Modi, who is in Seoul on a two-day visit to South Korea, expressed his gratitude for the host country's support to India after the attack by a suicide bomber of Pakistan-based terrorist outfit Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) that killed 40 CRPF soldiers in Jammu and Kashmir's Pulwama district on February 14.

Addressing the media after his talks with President Moon

Jae-in, Modi said that the time has come when the world, going beyond talks, should "unite and act" against terrorism. Later, speaking at an event after receiving the prestigious Seoul Peace Prize for 2018,

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Besides seeking review of the judgement, they have also sought hearing of the plea in an open court.

The top court will also hear the petition filed by AAP's Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh through advocate Dheeraj Singh seeking review of the December 14 verdict.

On December 14, 2018, the apex court had dismissed various pleas challenging the deal between India and France for procurement of 36 Rafale jets saying there was no occasion to



"really doubt the decision making process" warranting setting aside of the contract.

It had rejected the pleas seeking lodging of an FIR and the court-monitored probe alleging irregularities in the Rs 58,000 crore deal, in which both the countries have entered into an inter-governmental agreement (IGA).

A bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi had dealt with "three broad areas of concern" raised in the petitions — the decision-making process, pricing and the choice of Indian offset partners (IOP) — and said there was no reason for intervention by the court on the "sensitive issue" of purchase of 36 jets.

It had said the Indian Air Force (IAF) needs advanced fighter jets as the country cannot afford to be "unprepared" or "under prepared" in a situation where adversaries have acquired fourth and fifth generation fighter aircraft, "of

which, we have none".

The apex court had said Thursday that it would consider hearing pleas seeking review of its December 14 verdict. It had considered the submission of Bhusan that his review plea and a separate application, seeking perjury prosecution of some government officials for "misleading" the court be listed urgently.

"We believe there are four petitions in the matter. One by Union of India... Some petitions (having defects) are lying with the registry," the bench said.

"The combination (of the judges) of bench will have to be changed. It is very difficult. We will do something for it," the bench had said.

The December verdict was delivered by the bench comprising the CJI and Justices S K Kaul and K M Joseph.

The two Justices are currently part of different bench combinations.

Vadra appears before ED for 5th time

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Robert Vadra, brother-in-law of Congress President Rahul Gandhi, Friday appeared before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for the fifth time in connection with a money-laundering case related to purchase of alleged illegal assets abroad, officials said.

Vadra reached the agency's office at Jamnagar House in central Delhi shortly before 11 am, they said.

He has been grilled in this case four times in the past, the last being February 20.

Officials said the agency is confronting Vadra with documents and statements of other accused being investigated in the case and his statement is being recorded section 50 (powers of authorities regarding summons, production of documents and to give evidence) of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

During the last session, the businessman had told the investigating officer (IO) of the case that he was not well and hence, the recording of his statement was discontinued, the officials had said.

Vadra's appearance before the ED is related to a criminal complaint related to allegations of money laundering to purchase assets abroad, in an alleged illegal manner.

He has been questioned by the ED sleuths in this case for about 26 hours over four days of deposition earlier this month.

He has been asked by a Delhi court to cooperate in the probe being conducted by the central probe agency.

The ED case against Vadra relates to allegations of money laundering in the purchase of a London-based property, located at 12, Bryanston Square and worth 1.9 million pounds, which is allegedly owned by the businessman in a "benami" way. The agency had told the court that it had received information about various new properties in London that belonged to Vadra. These include two houses — one worth 5 million pounds and

the other valued at 4 million pounds -- six flats and other assets.

Vadra has denied the allegation of possessing illegal foreign assets and termed it a political witch-hunt against him. He has said he is being "hounded and harassed" to subvert political ends.

His first appearance before the ED earlier this month acquired political overtones after his wife Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, recently appointed

Congress general secretary in-charge of eastern Uttar Pradesh, accompanied him to the investigating agency's office and picked him up after questioning another time.

Vadra had also deposed before the ED twice in Jaipur in connection with another money-laundering case related to an alleged land scam in Bikaner. His mother Maureen too was questioned by the agency once during the same deposition.



Businessman Robert Vadra arrives at the Enforcement Directorate office for questioning in connection with a money laundering case in New Delhi on Friday

'EU stands firm beside India in fighting terrorism'

PTI ■ KOLKATA

The European Union (EU) has affirmed that it is strongly beside India on combating terrorism and there were no differences between them on the issue, it's envoy said here on Friday.

Kozlowski said India and the EU would strengthen cooperation in combating terrorism

Referring to the February 14 terror attack by the Jaish-e-Mohammed at Pulwama that left 40 CRPF jawans dead, EU Ambassador Tomasz Kozlowski said its members had strongly condemned the incident and "as a partner of India, we reaffirm our solidarity".

He said the EU stood by India in fighting terrorism and against any terror act regardless of the motivation.

Kozlowski told reporters that the Jaish-e-Mohammed had been listed by the EU as a terror outfit along with Lashkar-e-Tayyeba and several others.

"EU has an autonomous terrorist list. We have our own procedures independent of the UN," he said.

The UN Security Council had on Thursday condemned in the "strongest terms" the "heinous and cowardly" terror attack perpetrated by Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammed in Pulwama.

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Assam hooch tragedy death toll rises to 25

PIANS ■ GUWAHATI

At least 25 persons, including 15 women, have died and over 40 others have taken ill after consuming spurious liquor at a tea garden in Assam's Golaghat district, the police said on Friday.

The incident took place on Thursday night at the Salmora tea estate in Golaghat, 300 km from here.

"The death toll so far is 25, which includes 15 women and 10 men. While 18 people died at the Golaghat Civil Hospital, the rest breathed their last at the Jorhat Medical College and Hospital," said Rathin Bordoloi, Joint Director of Health, Golaghat district.

He said the people were brought to the hospitals with complaints of severe vomiting and chest pain. "We tried our best, but it was too late," he said.

"A total of 55 people have been referred to the Jorhat Medical College and Hospital for treatment. Seven of them have died while 48 others were still undergoing treatment," said the doctors at the Jorhat hospital.

The locals said several peo-

ple consumed liquor in the tea estate on Thursday night after procuring the stock from a particular seller.

Several of them took ill immediately and many were not even taken to the hospital.

They also complained about a nexus between the police and the illegal liquor sellers. Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal condemned the incident and sent a team to the district to take stock of the situation.

State Excise Minister Parimal Shuklabaidya has ordered a probe into the matter. "The State Government has suspended two excise officials after holding them responsible for the tragedy. We have also asked a four-member team, led by Additional Commissioner of Excise Department Sanjib Medhi, to probe the incident," said Shuklabaidya, adding that the probe committee has been asked to submit its report to the government within three days.

"Based on the inquiry report, stern measures will be taken across the state to plug the loopholes," Shuklabaidya said.

Stop cricket with Pak: Giriraj, it would be a mistake to do so: Tejashwi

PTI ■ NAWADA/PATNA

Union Minister Giriraj Singh on Friday said India should not play cricket matches with Pakistan in the aftermath of the Pulwama terror attack which killed 40 CRPF personnel.

He advocated halting all types of exchanges with the neighbouring country, including sports, culture and trade. RJD's

Tejashwi Yadav, the leader of opposition in the Bihar assembly, however, said the dastardliness of the attack notwithstanding, scrapping of sporting ties and cultural exchanges would prove to be futile.

"There should be no cricket with Pakistan. We engage in no sports events with the country till it continues to aid and abet terror. Even families do not dine with each other when they

have a feud. So let us have no links with Pakistan, sporting, cultural or economic," Singh, a BJP hardliner, said in his Lok Sabha constituency of Nawada.

He also lauded Union minister Nitin Gadkari, who holds the Water Resources portfolio, for deciding to stop the flow of India's share of water to Pakistan from rivers under the Indus Waters Treaty. Demands have arisen for boycotting

Pakistan in international sports events, especially the cricket world cup scheduled to begin in May this year.

Sections of Bollywood have also expressed outrage. The All India Cine Workers Association has sought a total ban on Pakistani actors and artists, and cancellation of their work visas, while actor Ajay Devgn had decided that his latest flick Total Dhamaal

will not be released in the neighbouring nation.

When asked about the growing clamour for discontinuance of such exchanges, Tejashwi Yadav said in Patna, "This should not happen. It is not going to achieve anything."

"The Pulwama terror attack deserves condemnation in the strongest possible words and the government must take whatever steps it deems proper on the

security front. But sports and culture must not be dragged into these issues," he said.

The younger son of RJD chief Lalu Prasad, who fancied a career in cricket before take a plunge into politics three years ago, said, "Players embody sportsman spirit. And hence sports persons must be allowed to engage in their activity and bring happiness to the people."



Foreign delegates arrive at the airport for a visit to Sangam during Kumbh festival in Prayagraj on Friday

We are Indians, caste and religion does not exist for us: CRPF officer

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

We in CRPF identify ourselves as Indians...Caste and religion does not exist," the world's largest paramilitary force said through its chief spokesman's Twitter handle on Friday.

Peved at a news report in a magazine that gave the caste break-up of the 44 personnel killed in the Pulwama attack, CRPF's chief spokesman and Deputy Inspector General (DIG) M Dhinakaran tweeted, "We in CRPF identify ourselves as Indians. Not more, not less. This pathetic divisiveness of caste, colour, and religion does-

n't exist in our blood."

He also tagged the news report saying it "should strictly refrain from insulting all the martyrs as they are not statistics for your demeaning and meaningless write-up".

The force had earlier issued advisories cautioning people against "fake pictures" being circulated online of body parts of the slain men and bogus messages being shared in the backdrop of harassment of Kashmiri students in various places in the country after the terror attack.

The over 3 lakh personnel force is the country's lead force for internal security duties.

Starve terror funding

While the UNSC has named JeM in its resolution, it should follow up by curtailing funds to Pakistan-based terror outfits



UN Security Council

Given that China has always obliged its puppet state of Pakistan in the past and blocked any anti-terror resolution against groups that use the territory of India's western neighbour to launch a constant stream of small attacks on our country, it was telling that even it was forced into approving the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) resolution. With trade talks with the United States stalled and China's economy feeling the heat due to the Trump Administration's talks on that front, China finally gave up its blatant hypocrisy and approved this resolution. One must not

forget that despite China's covert support for Islamist terrorists in Pakistan, that country has been brutalising its Islamic minority in its north-west region. The Uighurs in particular have been incarcerated in mass camps, which according to scant reports from that region, are akin to Nazi Germany's concentration camps. Unfortunately, JeM chief, Masood Azhar, while able to indoctrinate youths into killing themselves, does not quite comprehend the concept of irony of being protected by a country whose policy towards his Muslim brethren, whom he claims to be fighting for, is so frighteningly barbaric.

But even if China condemns the attack on Indian paramilitary forces, albeit indirectly through a UNSC resolution, it will not change Pakistan's behaviour. As long as funds continue to flow into Pakistan from Saudi Arabia, China and even Western powers, which are desperate for peace in Afghanistan, can do little. The Pakistani meddling has left its western neighbour poverty-stricken and under-developed yet flush with weapons. The US and the European Union through their central banks must do more to block the routes of terror fundings. The United States Treasury Department, for example, claims jurisdiction whenever the US dollar is used in bribes or terror and following the 9/11 attacks has done a lot to clean out the global banking system of terror funding and money laundering. Yet, much more needs to be done to clean up the system. In India as well, despite digitisation and the impact of demonetisation, money-laundering continues to grease the wheels of the terrorist machine in Kashmir. It is likely that the authorities are aware of how the system works, often through seemingly legitimate businesses. They have to crack down on these.

While cutting the money machine will not completely stop terrorism in the Valley, it can dramatically aid the situation because indoctrination only goes so far. Without money, terror activities also dry up. This is similar to the methods used by the Israelis in combating terror. While the Government has acted against wanton sources of foreign money coming into India, which earlier had little or no accountability, it has dawdled in cracking down on those who fund Kashmiri separatists. And this has to stop now.

Erring Governor

The BJP has failed in fulfilling its Constitutional duties by not acting against Tathagata Roy's anti-Kashmiri remarks



It has almost become routine now for the nation to expect directives from the Supreme Court on what should have been an easy enough executive function of the State, to protect the rights of its citizens, majority or minority. So though the Home Ministry issued a directive to secure Kashmiris following the hitbacks of rage and hate post-Pulwama, the failure of implementing it was evident from a series of attacks and slurs on Kashmiri students and traders across the country. One that led to a PIL and the top court telling the government how it is done. It directed chief secretaries and DGPs of 11 States, where the hate-mongering was severe, to take "prompt" action to prevent incidents of threat, assault and social boycott of Kashmiris and specifically assigned police officers, who were earlier appointed as nodal officers to deal with incidents of mob lynching, to look after affected Kashmiris.

The question is whether the current NDA government could not have done this on its own? The question also is if the government, seeking a second term in general elections just weeks away, doesn't want to be seen as *sabka saath*? Or does it want to pander to the majoritarian discourse and play up the hyper-nationalist narrative following the biggest terrorist attack in the Valley? Everybody is angry about this gross brutality but to ostracise an entire community of people just because it had been blighted by some indoctrinated militants is to simplify the problem to suit a certain narrative than deal with the complexities of it. Clearly, the government of the day has not helped douse inflamed passions or emotions by playing down the extent of hate crimes, even by way of an appeal by one of the Ministers. What is inexcusable is its staunch refusal to upbraid the Meghalaya Governor Tathagata Roy, who has been fanning hatred by calling for a boycott of Kashmiri goods and people on his social media handle, implicitly turning Indians *versus* Indians though he believes Kashmiris are not worth being called that. Neither has the top leadership of the BJP asked him to issue an apology or delete his tweet, except distancing itself from his remarks. Strangely, there is no talk of recalling the Governor for acting contrary to his Constitutional duties. And while President Ram Nath Kovind is bound to act on the advice of his Council of Ministers, fact is there is no statement or action by his office to condemn the fissiparous comments. For a chair that was once held by luminaries, at least there could have been a moral censure, displeasure or conscience call. That he is allowed to make in keeping with the spirit of the Constitution. By allowing the Meghalaya Governor to go scot free despite his abusive statements, he too would be seen as failing in executing his constitutional duties. Roy's comments clearly fall within the ambit of the legal principle of "compelling reasons" to initiate action against him for going against the spirit embedded in our Preamble and clearly violating the principles of liberty, equality, fraternity and justice. Can we afford to alienate Kashmiris further when counter-insurgency should be matched by a counter-social engagement? Evacuating them from other Indian states, where they have gone to better their lives away from militancy through education and jobs, is like pouring cold water on mainstreaming efforts. By failing to act against Roy, the government seems to be giving a tacit approval to sick polarisation attempts simply because they can cause an emotional wave during the elections. The BJP may want to keep him as a party member but he sure should not be Governor anymore.

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Tough terms of friendship

Given Saudi Arabia's own priorities and strategic roadmap imperatives, Pakistan will remain a preferred ally as long as it does not harm Saudi interests directly



BHOPINDER SINGH

Saudi Crown Prince Mohammad-bin Salman (MBS) is touring the three most important capitals beyond Washington, DC, in his post-Khashoggi phase. The Western capitals were ultimately not amused by MBS' ingrained feudal instincts in carrying out the rash internal purge, *l'affaire* Khashoggi and other unwarranted military interventions, after the initial hoopla surrounding the ostensible modernisation drive by the "real power behind the throne." His initially feted socio-economic promises of "Vision 2030" and steps to liberalise and reform the society were soon undone by reports of increased human rights violations and clumsy interventions in Syria, Yemen and Qatar as also a purported kidnapping of the Lebanese Prime Minister!

However, the crude and brutal assassination of Saudi dissenter Jamal Khashoggi, attributed directly to the recklessness of the young Prince himself, was the last straw for the Western nations in condemning MBS openly. His style of management by intimidation, coercion and "buying out" became obvious as indeed his deep-rooted insecurities and ambition that saw him systematically "neutralise" all opposition.

Recent international opprobrium has led to heightened insecurities and the Saudis have, therefore, made a deliberate outreach towards the alternative global platform of the East as they hope to enhance their economic and geo-political stability with two of their top three export markets, namely China, the biggest, and India, the third biggest revenue generator. However, his pit-stop at Islamabad was, perhaps, the most significant for it addressed the perennial and foremost fear in the minds of the Saudi Royal family — regime change.

Historically, Saudi Arabia's closest Muslim ally, Pakistan has been the trusted go-to nation for managing all internal and external threats to the vulnerable House of Saud. The role of the Pakistan Army's Special Services Group (SSG) in overcoming the seizure of the Grand Mosque at Mecca in 1979 typified both the sort of domestic challenges that beset the rule of the Saud family as indeed the faith reposed on Pakistani soldiers.

In the 1970s and 1980s, up to 20,000 Pakistani soldiers were said to be deployed within Saudi Arabia to protect its sensitive spots. With the sixth largest military in the world, reasonable combat-exposure and even nuclear capabilities on Pakistan's side, the Saudi-Pakistan relationship became more symbiotic, logical and mutually-gratifying.

Custodianship of the two holiest mosques and as the ready "investor" in all domestic urgencies of Pakistan led a former Pakistani Ambassador to Saudi Arabia



to famously state that the security of Saudi Arabia was a "personal matter." It is often claimed that the Saudis had even secretly funded the Pakistani nuclear programme as it allowed them the plausible option of deniability as also ensured the requisite protection *via* Pakistan in the face of growing threats from its sectarian-nemesis, Iran and also states like Saddam's Iraq and Israel.

The Saudi funding of the Pakistan-controlled Afghan *mujahideen* in the 1980s and 1990s is a matter of recorded fact. Today, a leaner Pakistani contingent in the form of "advisors," trainers and even combat soldiers, ensures the continuity of this crucial comfort-factor for both nations. Deteriorating relationship with the US and parallel growing proximity of both nations with the alternate power centre of China is yet another matter of strategic option and convergence.

The influence that the Saudis can wield on the Pakistani state and also its powerful military was in full display when the Saudi brokered release and exit for the

deposed Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif in the 1999 military coup by the then Pakistani General, Pervez Musharraf.

Later, the Saudis were able to rope in the just-retired Pakistani Chief of Army, General Raheel Sharif, to head the controversial 41-nation Islamic Military Counter Terrorism Alliance (IMCTA), based out of Riyadh — without General Raheel Sharif completing the mandatory two-year "cool-off" period required before accepting any international assignment.

There was a minor bump in the relationship with Pakistan shying away from committing its military forces in Saudi Arabia's misguided war in Yemen, owing to sectarian implications within the tinderbox of Pakistan itself. Soon, security desperation for the Saudis and the dire economic desperation for Pakistanis ensured that the two nations perpetuate and strengthen the umbilical cord of *quid pro quo*.

Expectedly, Pakistan pulled out all stops to roll out the red carpet for MBS and he did not disappoint his hosts with a slew

of \$20 billion investments for cash-strapped Pakistanis. More pertinently, the loaded statement, suggesting the dissuasion of "politicising the UN listing regime," when India was in the midst of making international efforts to name and shame Jaish-e-Mohammad's Masood Azhar, did not go unnoticed in New Delhi. Maturity, gravitas and nuanced diplomacy is not a known MBS strength, and particularly at this moment of vulnerability for himself, he would be driven by the urge to buy out Pakistani guarantees for securing the Kingdom's worst nightmare — regime change.

No other country of the 41 nation IMCTA grouping has either the quantity or quality of readily-deployable military or is as deeply indebted to Saudi Arabia for its own economic survival (2.5 million Pakistani work in Saudi Arabia) as the Pakistanis — affording a win-win solution for both by deepening ties. Imran Khan's charm offensives elicited a candid and spontaneous, "Consider me Pakistan's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia," from MBS.

Therefore, given Saudi Arabia's own priorities and

strategic roadmap imperatives, Pakistan will remain a preferred ally that will always benefit from a deliberate overlook for any of its misdemeanours as long as they do not harm Saudi Arabian interests directly.

India shares common ground with Saudi Arabia on religious extremism (finally) and on organisations like the Islamic State (IS) or Al Qaeda — though a similar aversion and clamp-down on the subcontinental extremist bodies like the Jaish-e-Mohammad or even the Pakistan-sponsored Taliban, may not be as forthcoming.

On the contrary, equity with the likes of the Afghan Taliban may actually give Saudi Arabia counter-leverage against the US in its battle of wits. Diminishing the Pakistani establishment, especially its military, would be perceived to be extremely counter-productive to Saudi interests, as it risks portents of regime-change in Saudi Arabia — a nightmare that Pakistan willy-nilly guarantees against.

(The writer is former Lt Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Puducherry)

SOUNDBITE

To forfeit the cricket match would not just cost two points: It would be worse than surrender since it would be defeat without a fight.



Congress leader —Shashi Tharoor

The mention of JeM in UNSC statement was only in general terms and does not represent a judgement.



China's Foreign Ministry spokesman —Geng Shuang

Technology can be a great enabler in the endeavour to enhance quality of life and dignity, particularly of those who reside in villages.



President —Ram Nath Kovind

We are not preparing for war, you (India) are issuing threats...We are not preparing to initiate but planning to defend and retaliate which is our right.



Pakistan Army spokesman —Maj Gen Asif Ghafoor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Human emotions

Sir — Jealousy is a special form of emotional anxiety that occurs due to the lack of a sense of security in relation to the one who is loved. It is an emotion that has the components of both anger and fear and is most common among children. There is a subtle difference between 'envy' and 'jealousy'. In the case of the former, the need for a loved one is not essential. It is a desire for things that belong to the competitor. Jealousy arises apprehending loss of affection. Apprehension of losing it leads to an attitude of resentment. A child feels insecure and never wishes to lose that person's affection.

Jubel D'Cruz
Mumbai

Be accommodative

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "No gods in Tamil Nadu" (February 22). Though it was alleged that the Pattali Makkal Katchi (PMK) was in discussions with the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) to contest the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections together, it is a blessing in disguise

for the latter that the former is not a part of the alliance now. It's understandable that most cadres in the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) are against its unholy alliance with the PMK and the BJP. Having conceded 10 Lok Sabha seats to the Congress, DMK president MK Stalin should now be pro-active and show deserving generosity in

accommodating the party's other alliance partners without exhibiting a big brother attitude towards them.

Stalin has his task cut out and he should use all his wit to stitch a coherent and winning team that would work in tandem if he wants his alliance to defeat his rivals in the hustings.

Shalini Gerald
Chennai

Friends with the devil

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "A modern-day Faust" (February 22). We all know how Imran Khan became the Prime Minister of Pakistan. Without visible help from its Army, it would not have been an easy ride for him. Khan's demand for proof from India for Pakistan's involvement in the

Imran Khan: A puppet of Pakistan Army

This refers to the editorial, "A modern-day Faust" (February 21). Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan has demanded that India must furnish proof about his country's involvement in the Pulwama terror attack. But already, enough material has been provided to Islamabad in relation to the Mumbai terror attack and other such incidents thereafter that prove beyond doubt the involvement of terror outfits on its soil. Most times, Islamabad has outrightly rejected evidence and if at all someone was booked, the Government deliberately built a weak case which could not stand in the court.

The world knows that Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) has openly claimed responsibility for the Pulwama terror attack which claimed the lives of over 40 jawans. What more proof does Khan want? JeM is a Pakistan-based terror organisation headed by Masood Azhar, which has its headquarters at Bahawalpur. In the past, too, JeM has targeted many Army posts and strategic locations in India, including the Pathankot airbase. Pakistan Army's sponsorship of anti-India



terror groups, too, is well-known. Khan's anti-India attitude and sympathy for the terrorist groups is also not hidden. The Inter-Services Intelligence and the Pakistani Army wanted Khan to become the Prime Minister. Being sure of him becoming a puppet in their hands, they manipulated things for Khan. He is a puppet and a caged parrot of the Army and speaks what he is being tutored.

MC Joshi
Lucknow

Pulwama terror attack despite Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) claiming responsibility for the same is nothing but a joke. India has provided sufficient proof in the past but nothing moved even then.

So Khan's credibility is doubtful. Yes, we should not expect anything positive from him for he has decided to sleep with the devil like the JeM. Khan is walking on thin ice and will pay a huge price for siding with the JeM and other terrorists outfits.

Bal Govind
Noida

Predictable line

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "A modern-day Faust" (February 22). Breaking his silence after the Pulwama attack, Pakistan Prime Minister's statements were only shocking. It's ironical that Pakistan needs more proof. It is amusing that the Pakistan Government, which is unable to control terror activities on its soil, is now talking about retaliation.

Shubham
Via email

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FIRST COLUMN

War beyond borders

India is not the only country facing terrorism. It has to, therefore, ensure a global alliance to break the backbone of terror and its illicit funding



SHIVAJI SARKAR

The Pulwama terror attack that claimed the lives of 40 Indian soldiers has caused remorse and frenzy across the country to take revenge. There has been a cry to teach Pakistan a lesson. Many have even advocated for a war. Indians are hurt but howsoever one may wish, the solution is not easy. India has military preparedness but war will be expensive, and this not just in monetary terms. The sub-continent is passing through severe uncertainty as its neighbours — Afghanistan and China — change tack every now and then. This, combined with the changing situation in Afghanistan, where the US is in a hurry to withdraw its troops, and the Taliban's muscle-flexing, have made matters worse. Russia and Iran are not shy of striking a deal with the Taliban. All of this apart, big money plays a crucial role. It is not just the nation states that are pouring funds. In fact, they, including the US, are having trouble arranging for it. India is just next to a troubled Western Asia sired by the Islamic State (IS).

The IS war is being fought not for a "holy cause of jihad." Terror is a complex mix of arms-drug peddlers, cyber frauds, human traffickers and other hegemonists. School girls from Europe to West Asia are used in the sex trade. This generates illicit funds. Will the Taliban take control of Afghanistan, where India has invested huge sums of money, as also in diplomacy, with the US' withdrawal? It may be seen as yet another American failure after its loss in Vietnam, Somalia, Iraq and Syria. Since 2001, after spending billions, the US controls not even half of Afghanistan. Afghan soldiers and civilian casualties are heavy. Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the UAE are working out the face-saver for the US' withdrawal. They are also pressurising Pakistan to help as also providing financial aid to boost its forex reserves that are as low as \$ 6 billion. Saudi Arabia has given \$32 billion aid to Islamabad.

Conflict is rising in northern borders of Pakistan. Even Iran lost 28 soldiers in a blast on its borders with Pakistan on February 12. Frenzy is ripe there too. The country vowed retribution. The sub-continent is on a tinder box but war is too complex an affair. Astute diplomacy is needed to save India's economic assistance and friends in Afghanistan and Iran. The Taliban's resurgence is a problem for Islamabad. It fears losing its might to it. Moreover, tribal regions on Pakistan's borders are on ferment with sub-nationalism. Slight change in equilibrium would cause major problems for India and other states. The Pakistani Government is not in full control. The diplomatic question is: Who do you fight? Pakistan? Or in case of a war, Taliban, Jaish-e-Mohammad and other riff-raff elements? The situation today is more complex than in 1971, when Bangladesh was created despite radicalisation even at that time. There are many non-state actors.

Today, it's not an issue of an Islamic bomb on India. It is managing within the country and outside in multi-dimensions and directions. An aggressive diplomacy, lobbying, negotiations and operations need huge investment as also manpower. Conflict with Pakistan cost three per cent of India's GDP, according to Indian think-tank, Strategic Foresight Group, in 2004. India lost 3,843 soldiers in 1971 and captured 93,000 soldiers. Almost a million people in India were refugees. It had bled the economy then. The post-1971 war costs were higher. It had caused over 13 per cent inflation and severe unrest. The imposition of internal emergency was another fall-out. The proxy war since 1990 has claimed more casualties and economic cost — be it in Kashmir, the Kargil conflict of 1999, the Parliament attack in 2001, the 2008 Mumbai attack or the subsequent several other blasts and raids. Military and civilian casualties are more than it was in full-fledged wars in 1965 and 1971.

It is estimated that since December 2001, every year, almost \$600 million is spent to protect the western border. Pakistan's spending is estimated to be a little less but it is higher in percentage terms for its GDP and geographical area. The Federation of Indian Chambers for Commerce and Industry estimated a huge business cost to the ongoing Indo-Pak conflict and trade volume is small. In other words, denying MFN status to Pakistan would have little economic impact.

So what does Pakistan gain? A conflict with India has seen huge economic gains in assistance from West Asia, the US and the West. The US, despite the World Trade Tower attack, considered Pakistan a strategic ally and gave Musharraf enormous aid. Even the current President Donald Trump is doing it today. India-baiting is survival technique for the artificial state. For us, apart from financial and political cost, there is human misery. Certain powers want the rogue state to survive as they have business, territorial and other interests. India has to chart out a course. A war may not be easy but breaking the tentacles of those who lead to war is a necessity. What have we done post-Pulwama? India has to re-strategise and ensure global alliance to break the backbone of terror and its illicit funding.

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POINT COUNTERPOINT

INDIA HAS DECIDED TO FULLY UTILISE ITS SHARE OF UNUSED WATER FROM RIVERS RAVI, BEAS AND SUTLEJ THAT HAS BEEN FLOWING INTO PAKISTAN.

—UNION MINISTER
NITIN GADKARI



THE GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO PACKAGE HIGH OCTANE JINGOISM TO SUBTERFUGE NATIONAL SECURITY FAILURES.

—CONGRESS SPOKESPERSON
MANISH TEWARI

Dravidian pride at stake

With the Congress and the BJP stitching alliances with DMK and AIADMK respectively, some interesting action awaits Tamil Nadu with both regional parties having to battle contradictions



KUMAR CHELLAPPAN

Well, Tamil Nadu is ready for the quinquennial Lok Sabha election which may take place in the month of April. With the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) and the Congress announcing the formalisation of their alliance to fight the Lok Sabha election together, the line-up in the State is ready. The *mahagathabandhan* in the Dravidian land would be led by MK Stalin with the Congress, the Left, the Marumalarchi Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (MDMK), the Viduthala Chiruthaigal Katchi (VCK) and the Islamist parties riding piggyback on the shoulders of the DMK. Meanwhile, the ruling All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) has announced the mega alliance that features the Vanniyar-dominated Pattali Makkal Katchi (PMK) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). The AIADMK is in talks with the Desiya Murpokku Dravida Kazhagam (DMDK), led by former film star Vijayakanth and the Tamil Maanila Congress of GK Vasan, son of former Congress strongman, GK Moopnar.

Since all constituents in the DMK-led front are themselves struggling to stay afloat, they would be happy with whatever the DMK throws at them. The VCK, a fringe outfit led by Thol Thirumavalavan, has been out in the political wilderness since 2009. It has no representation in the Tamil Nadu Assembly since 2011 and its leaders have been losing successively since 2009. The communists are also facing uncertainty in the State after they failed to win at least a single seat either in the Lok Sabha or in the Assembly since 2014. But they claim that they are the ones who determine the future of Tamil Nadu.

Till the AIADMK succeeded in making deals with the PMK and the BJP, by allocating seven and five seats to them respectively, it was widely believed that the DMK was in for a big win in the Lok Sabha election. The AIADMK has been fretting and floundering since the passing away of party supremo, J Jayalalitha, in December 2016. The group led by Sasikala (former aide of Jayalalitha), popularly known as the 'Mannargudi Mafia', had walked away with one faction of the party while the official faction led by Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami looked vulnerable, fragile and weak. While Sasikala had to surrender to the Parappana Agrahara Central Prison in Bengaluru in February 2017, following a Supreme Court order which quashed the Karnataka High Court's verdict that had acquitted Jayalalitha, Ilavarasi and VN Sudhakaran in the disproportionate asset case, TTV Dinakaran, Sasikala's nephew, emerged as the *de facto* leader of the AIADMK, much to the anguish of the cadre.

But within months, the Mannargudi clan was eased out of the AIADMK and Chief Minister Palaniswami slowly but steadily started taking control of the party and the Government. Though he is yet to emerge as a charismatic leader who could match the prowess of Amma (as Jayalalitha is addressed by the cadre), Palaniswami has proved that he is not a pushover. As he completed two years in office on February 17, the small-time politician from the Edappadi village in Salem has tightened his grip over the party and Government apparatus.

Since day one of his swearing in as the Chief Minister, Palaniswami was under attack by Stalin, the Leader of the Opposition. The Income Tax and



Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) raids on the offices and residences of Health Minister C Vijaya Baskar and his department heads, the *guthka* scam, which led to CBI raids in the houses of top police officers in the State and the vigilance probe into the civil contracts given by the AIADMK Government to a cartel of contractors, successively added to the worries of the Chief Minister. Stalin had been claiming that the Government would not last for more than a month.

The DMK chief's agony can be understood. The party has been out of the corridors of power in Chennai since 2011 and out of the Delhi power circle since 2013. It is a struggle for survival for him and his party. The 2014 Lok Sabha election saw a political tsunami with Jayalalitha devastating the DMK in all 39 constituencies in Tamil Nadu. Interestingly, the Congress and the DMK fought the election separately with the latter forfeiting its security deposits in all constituencies except Kanyakumari, where the party finished second to the BJP. The DMK is facing a series of disadvantages from within as well as outside. The major issue hanging like a sword of Damocles over Stalin's head is his own elder brother, MK Alagiri. Though Alagiri has been expelled from the DMK following the machinations of Stalin, the Madurai-based son of late M Karunanidhi is a force to reckon with in many pockets of Tamil Nadu. The media in the State has never been a fan of the blunt-talking Alagiri. If one has to know the influence wielded by Alagiri, all one has to do is to check the results of the 2001 Assembly election, which the DMK was widely believed to have won easily. Alagiri is a veteran expert in tilting the scales of electoral battles. Dayanidhi Maran and Kalanithi Maran, the grand nephews of late Karunanidhi, are running from court to court to derail the trial in the illegal telephone exchange case in which the brothers are the prime accused.

Then there are inherent problems. The DMK itself is a secessionist party as Stalin had declared in March 2018 that the idea of a separate Dravidian nation was still alive in the constitution of the party.

The presence of the Congress in the DMK camp itself is a contradiction because the latter is for the immediate release of all the seven assassins undergoing life imprisonment in the 1991 assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. The other constituents in the DMK front have made it known that they would fight for the release of the seven assassins, leaving the Congress flabbergasted.

The AIADMK front, too, has contradictions and weaknesses. The PMK is in the forefront, fighting for exempting Tamil Nadu from NEET. M Thambi Durai of the AIADMK, who is the deputy speaker of the Lok Sabha, was against any kind of alliance with the BJP, which he describes as a communal party. Anwarh Raajhaa, the Muslim face of the AIADMK, has declared that he would fight against the triple *talaq* Bill till his last breath. It may sound interesting but the truth remains that Anbumani Ramadoss, the chief ministerial candidate of the PMK, had submitted a massive memorandum to Governor Banwarilal Purohit, listing nearly 30 corruption charges against the AIADMK Government. But the PMK and the AIADMK are strong alliance partners now.

Then there are issues like education. Tamil Nadu is the only State in the country which does not have a single Navodaya Vidyalaya, a public school concept introduced by the Rajiv Gandhi Government in 1986. Reason? Dravidian parties are against teaching of Hindi and Sanskrit in schools. What has happened is that students in Tamil Nadu have fallen behind in the standard of education because the State-level school syllabus is poor, compared to the quality of education in other standards. The children of Tamil chauvinist politicians learn Hindi and English in high-end schools. The non-teaching of Hindi in the State has created a sense of alienation in the minds of the people.

The split in the party and the absence of a powerful leader like Jayalalitha has made the AIADMK vulnerable. TTV Dinakaran hopes that the Thevar community would vote for him, which would further weaken the AIADMK. But Palaniswami, who

hails from the Vellala Gounder community, is confident that his brethren in south and south-west Tamil Nadu would stand with him because he is the first Chief Minister from this community. The inclusion of PMK was also not without reason. The Vanniyaers are an influential lot in the districts — ranging from Tiruvallur to Kanchipuram, Velloor to Tiruvannamalai and from Viluppuram to Cuddalore. Though the PMK and the DMDK failed to win at least a single seat in the 2016 Assembly election, results show that they retained their vote percentage in the State, which fluctuates between five per cent to six per cent. The caste factor plays an important role in Tamil Nadu despite claims made by the Dravidians that theirs is a casteless society. The AIADMK was staging a 'coup' when it signed the deal with the PMK.

The DMK front looks formidable on paper, like the Brazilian team for the 2018 World Cup Football Championship. Stalin reminds one of Neymar, a paper tiger. The DMK president is a pale shadow of his late father Karunanidhi. Add to this the Periarists and Dravidian intelligentsia of Chennai, which has spread the 'news' that the DMK front would win all the 39 seats from the State. They also spread the news that the BJP high command was threatening the AIADMK for 20 seats. The allocation of five seats by the AIADMK, which was accepted by the BJP, demolishes a part of the falsehood spread by media and intelligentsia.

It is true that the AIADMK has failed in countering the propaganda by Dravidians. But by Tuesday, when the AIADMK-BJP-PMK alliance was announced, it had become clear that the DMK would not have a smooth sailing in the bout. The AIADMK looked like a party which would be outplayed by the DMK with a tennis score (40-0). But not any more. There is some interesting action in store as the AIADMK, the DMK and Dinakaran take to the field. To add to the glamour, there is Kamal Haasan, who thinks he is the greatest of all politicians. Let the game begin!

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Revisiting the Iranian revolution

Had the post-modernists bothered to look beneath the meta-narratives of 20th century revolutions, they would not have come up with a naïve account

written by the late professor of politics Sephr Zabih. Writing just three years after the revolution, Zabih said that the revolution was driven by a wide coalition of anti-Shah forces, which included democrats, liberals, secular-nationalists, communists, socialists and "Islamists." According to Zabih, after the Shah dictatorship collapsed in January 1979, there was a "power grab" among various groups that worked in unison during the revolution.

However, some historians continued to explain the revolution as "Islamic." While dealing with the immediate pre-revolution scenario, however, even they agree that multiple forces, advocating a diverse range of ideologies, were involved during the upheaval. They agree upon the point that Iran's senior religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini was the most widely accepted figure of authority during the revolution — even by those who hold the claim that the clergy hijacked the revolution.

But foreign affairs expert Robin Wright in her book *The Last Great Revolution* wrote that even though many secular, liberal and even some Leftist forces agreed to accept

Khomeini as the revolution's central figure, they did so to keep the movement intact and, more so, because they believed Khomeini did not have any overt political ambitions.

Just before leaving for Tehran from Paris (where he had been in exile) Khomeini told the French daily, *Le Monde*, that it was not his intent to make religious leaders run the Government. What's more, as Bowden notes in his 2006 book, *Guests of the Ayatollah*, on his return to Iran after the Shah's fall, the Ayatollah retired to his home in Qom after agreeing to form an interim set-up of "secular technocrats" led by the anti-Shah "liberal-democrat" Mehdi Bazargan.

According to Wright, just a year after the revolution, Khomeini decreed that no cleric was allowed to run in Iran's first post-revolution elections in 1980, even though he had already declared Iran to be an Islamic republic. A centre-right liberal, Syed Banisadar, won the election, attracting 75.6 per cent of the popular vote.

The candidate of the Islamic Republican Party, which was pushing for an entirely theocratic set-up, bagged just 3.35 per cent. But by 1981,

Khomeini was being hassled by the clerics to dismiss Banisadar "because he was acting against the clergy." In June 1981, after realising that he had lost Khomeini's backing, Banisadar managed to escape abroad.

Political scientist John Limbert, in his book, *Iran: At War With History*, wrote that Iran was ravaged by violence between various groups that had taken part in the revolution. After Banisadar's escape, the nationalist and liberal groups were systematically eliminated by pro-Khomeini Islamic militias. The Leftist outfits picked up arms to push back the influence of the clerics. But after ordering a purge in Iran's universities, which had been hotbeds of Leftist student agitation during the revolution, the emerging Islamic regime went all out against the Leftists. By December 1983, the pro-Khomeini Islamic Republican Party had managed to grab absolute power and turn Iran into a theocracy. The irony of it all is that many clerics were some of the last to join the movement against the Shah.

One important commentator of the revolution who called it Islamic was the famous post-modernist

French philosopher Michel Foucault. But in the book, *Foucault and the Iran Revolution*, Jennet Afary and KB Anderson wrote that, in his "post-modernist" pursuit of challenging the idea of "materialistic" rationale, Foucault fell for "the seductions of militant Islam." They wrote that in his search for "political spirituality", he ended up romanticising an idea which was totalitarian in nature.

It was Foucault's romanticised reading of the Iranian revolution which made most post-modernists claim that Iran's revolution was "unique" in the context of 20th century revolutions because it was religious in character. But since post-modernism often gets caught up in attacking grand narratives as an end product alone, it often fails to investigate the more complex historicity of events and forces which are present beneath the meta-narratives.

For example, to Foucault, in an era of communist revolutions, the Iranian revolution was unique because it was driven by "political spirituality." This was a naïve account. The Iranian Revolution actually unfolded like most 20th-century revolutions did — different

forces holding differing (even opposing) ideologies coming together to uproot a common enemy and then competing with each other in a grab for power. Had the post-modernists bothered to look beneath the meta-narratives of 20th century revolutions, they would not have ignored the following facts: The October 1917 "Bolshevik/communist revolution" in Russia was the outcome of a more broad-based revolution in February 1917 in which revolutionary and democratic groups of various shades of left Russian nationalists and urban middle-class groups collaborated to overthrow the Tsar.

The "hard-left" group (the Bolsheviks) led by Marxist ideologue Vladimir Lenin, grabbed power in late 1917 through a *coup d'état*. Lenin wasn't even present during the February revolution. He returned to Russia from exile in Switzerland in April 1917.

The 1949 Communist revolution in China emerged during a tussle between Mao Tse Tung's communists and Chinese nationalists. Both had collaborated to oust the occupying Japanese forces during World War II. But in the post-War conflict for

power between the two, the communists managed to grab power.

The "Islamist" Muslim Brotherhood collaborated with secular Egyptian nationalists during the 1952 uprising in Egypt which overthrew the Egyptian monarchy. In the post-1952 tussle between the two, the nationalists managed to oust the Brotherhood from the equation.

The 1959 Cuban revolution was a nationalist uprising. It wasn't until two years later, in 1961, that Fidel Castro — after consolidating his power — declared that his was a communist regime. During the 1979 Nicaraguan revolution, the communist 'Sandinistas' were overtly supported by that country's Catholic priests.

The post-modernists in their haste to declare the Iranian Revolution unique not only ignored the uniform patterns of 20th-century revolutions, but they also missed the 'political spirituality' present in the Nicaraguan revolution and the 1952 Egyptian uprising. What's more, to challenge the whole idea of the meta-narrative, they eventually created their own meta-narrative, by declaring the revolution in Iran as 'Islamic.' (Courtesy: The Dawn)



NADEEM PARACHA

Eleventh February, 2019, marked the 40th anniversary of the Iranian Revolution, which is also remembered as an "Islamic revolution" by some historians. But was it? Not according to celebrated American journalist and author Mark Bowden. In a November 18, 2009 piece for the *Wall Street Journal*, Bowden wrote that "the movement which ousted the Shah dictatorship was primarily a nationalist one." He added that many of those, who took part in the commotion, "were not motivated by the desire to establish a theocracy, but a desire to cast off authoritarianism."

Bowden is not the only prominent writer to hold this view. This assessment first emerged in 1982 in the book, *Iran Since the Revolution*,

Despite ban, Pak epicentre of terrorism

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Notwithstanding denial, Pakistan continues to be the epicentre of terrorism with as many as 69 outlawed outfits many of which continue with their activities despite the ban. Half of India's total 41 banned terrorist groups are either based in Pakistan or their leadership are based in the neighbouring country or the organisations are sponsored by Pakistan government-military combine.

Pakistan's National Counter Terrorism Authority (NCTA) has so far declared 69 terrorist organisations as banned, most of which are active despite the proscription. Pakistan has especially turned a blind eye to major terrorist groups such as the Hizb-ul-Mujahideen, the Harkat-ul-Mujahideen and the Al Badr operating in Jammu & Kashmir, sources said.

Amid the escalating pressure on Pakistan from the international community over

Jaish-e-Mohammad's role in Pulwama attack, Islamabad on Thursday banned the 2008 Mumbai attack mastermind Hafiz Saeed-led Jamat-ud-Dawa (JuD) and its charity wing Falah-e-Insaniat Foundation. Apparently, this was a ploy to seek grey-listing by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF). As many as 40 CRPF men were killed in the suicide bombing on a paramilitary convoy by the JeM on February 14.

The JuD's network includes 300 seminaries and schools, hospitals, a publishing house and ambulance service. The two groups have about 50,000 volunteers and hundreds of other paid workers who recruit gullible youth for terrorism in the garb of charity, sources said.

According to the NCTA, a sizeable number of the organisations, declared as outlawed by Pakistan, are based in Balochistan, Gilgit-Baltistan and the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA). They

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have been banned to quell any movement against suppression by the Pakistan military, sources said.

According to inputs with the Union Home Ministry, almost half of India's total 41 banned terrorist groups are either based in Pakistan or their leadership are based in the neighbouring country or the organisations are sponsored by the government-military

complex in Islamabad.

The Pakistan-sponsored groups include the Jaish-e-Mohammed, Lashkar-e-Tayyeba, Hizb-Ul-Mujahideen, Harkat-Ul-Mujahideen, Al Badr, Dukhtar-e-Millat, Babbar Khalsa International, Khalistan Commando Force and International Sikh Youth Federation.

The NCTA started declaring organisations as proscribed

in 2001, by banning Lashkar-e-Jhangvi (LeJ). The LeJ is based in Pakistan with limited operations in Afghanistan.

The Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (Afghanistan), Balochistan Republican Army, Balochistan Liberation Front, Lashkar-e-Balochistan, Balochistan Liberation United Front, Tanzeem Naujawana-e-Ahle Sunnat, Gilgit, Anjuman-e-Imania Gilgit Baltistan and Muslim Students Organization (MSO) Gilgit are among the banned organisations, as per the NCTA documents.

Others in the NCTA list are the Abdullah Azam Brigades (Lebanon, Syria and Arabian Peninsula), East Turkmenistan Islamic Movement (Turkey, Afghanistan), Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (Uzbekistan) and Islamic Jihad Union (Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, Germany).

Two groups — the Ghulaman-e-Sahaba and the Maymar Trust — have been under the scanner of the Pakistan government while

another, Al-Akhtar Trust, has been declared a proscribed organisation under a UN Security Council resolution.

The Hafiz Saeed-led JuD is a front organization for the Lashkar-e-Tayyeba (LeT) which is responsible for carrying out the Mumbai attack that killed 166 people.

It was declared as a foreign terrorist organisation by the US in June 2014.

Even though JeM, responsible for the Pulwama terror attack, and LeT, responsible for the terrorist groups — Masood Azhar and Hafiz Saeed respectively — are roaming freely in Pakistan and are patronised by the Pakistan government as well as military. Azhar is undergoing treatment for renal failure at the army base hospital in Bahawalpur. The Pakistan Government has re-branded Hafiz Saeed as a democrat by fielding him in the last general elections.

Rahul attacks Modi over Pulwama attack, dubs him 'prime time minister'

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In a scathing attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Friday said the "prime time minister" continued shooting for a film till even three hours after news of the Pulwama terror strike came in.

There was an ocean of pain in the country's hearts and in the homes of martyrs and he was smiling and doing a photo shoot in the waters, Rahul said on Twitter with #PhotoShootSarkar.

Adding to the controversy surrounding PM Modi's whereabouts after the Pulwama attack, Rahul tweeted four photographs of the Prime Minister in Jim Corbett Park.

Accompanying the photographs, Rahul wrote, "Even three hours after the martyrdom of 40 soldiers in Pulwama,

'prime time minister' was shooting for a film."

"There was a sea of grief in the hearts of Indians and homes of the soldiers, and he was smiling in his photoshoot at a lake," Rahul tweeted in Hindi.

Rahul went on to say, "A river of mourning in the hearts of the nation and the homes of the martyrs and he [PM Modi] was laughing and getting a photo shoot done next to a river."

This was a reference to photos that show the prime minister in a motorboat in the Jim Corbett national park.

Congress chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala, addressing a Press conference, also claimed that the Prime Minister continued to "have tea and samosas at seven o'clock in a PWD guest house when every single Indian household didn't eat food (that day)".

PM photo shoot: BJP slams Cong's claim

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

While asserting that "lies" need not to be responded to, the BJP on Friday dismissed Congress president Rahul Gandhi's claim that Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended a photo shoot allegedly hours after the Pulwama attack on February 14 as "fake news" and maintained that photographs displayed by the Opposition party were clicked in the morning ahead of the terror strikes.

"Rahul Ji, India is tired of your fake news. Stop sharing photos from that morning to shamelessly mislead the nation. Maybe you knew in advance of the attack but people of India got to know in the evening. Try a better stunt next time, where sacrifice of soldiers isn't involved," the BJP tweeted.

The BJP hit back after the Congress president called Modi "prime time minister" and said he continued shooting for a film in Uttarakhand even three hours after news of the Pulwama terror strike came in.

He also attached photographs of Modi attending the photo-shoot and taking a boat ride. BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra dismissed as lies the Congress's claim that Prime Minister was "completely oblivious" to the terror strike or "insensitive" as he "continued" with his prior engagements

after the attack, and asserted that such lies need not be responded to.

Patra also attacked West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and some other opposition leaders, claiming that they have spoken on the same lines as Pakistan has by questioning the timing of the attack. The neighbouring country has tried to link the attack with the upcoming Lok Sabha polls in India, he said, accusing the Trinamool Congress president of making similar comments.

He referred to the UN Security Council's strong condemnation of the terror attack and naming of Pakistan-based terror outfit Jaish-e-Mohammed by the global body to underscore the Modi Government's efforts to isolate Pakistan.

"On the one hand all countries are standing with India... Humanity is standing with us, some political parties for their petty politics are not standing with the country," Patra said, attacking the Congress.

Condemning media reports that had done a caste-wise analysis of the 40 CRPF personnel who were killed in the attack, Patra alleged that the Congress was behind it. "What kind of articles the Congress is getting printed," he asked, saying that Pakistan sees "casteism" and "Hindu-Muslim" issues as "faultlines" to weaken India.

Centre decides to keep in abeyance powers of arrest given to Assam Rifles

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre decided on Friday to keep in abeyance the special powers given to the Assam Rifles to arrest anyone and search a place without warrant in northeastern States of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Nagaland and Mizoram, officials said. The Home Ministry will now revisit the issue with the concerned state governments, which apparently opposed the move to give sweeping powers to the paramilitary force.

It has been decided that the enabling notifications issued on February 19, giving powers to Assam Rifles be kept in abeyance and the entire matter be revisited in consultation with the state governments concerned, a Home Ministry official said.

While giving the powers to the Assam Rifles, a Home Ministry notification had said, "An officer of the rank corresponding to that of the lowest rank of members of the Assam Rifles" has been given these powers under the Code of Criminal Procedure. Assam Rifles personnel will exercise these powers and discharge their duties "under sub-section (1) of section 41, sections 47, 48, 49, 51, 53, 54, 149, 150, 151 and 152 of the CrPC within the local limits of the area comprised within the border districts of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Nagaland and Mizoram," the notification had said.

Officials said on Friday that powers under CrPC were available to the Assam Rifles under the Assam Rifles Act, 1941. However, after coming into operation of the new Assam Rifles Act 2006, the issue of re-conferring these powers has remained under consideration since then.

Recently, the issue has acquired urgency for effective enforcement of Free Movement Regime on the Indo-Myanmar border (on the 16 km belt on either side).

KIND ATTENTION RAIL PASSENGERS - The 14021/14022 to be known as "SAINIK EXPRESS"

It is to inform all the passengers that the Train Number 14021/14022 Delhi Sarai Rohilla-Sikar Express has been named as "SAINIK EXPRESS".

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Tender Notice No. PAU/SPO/GA/2019/7150 Dated: 21-02-2019

The Department of Store Purchase Organisation, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana invites online e-tenders for the following:

Sr. No.	Item	Quantity
1.	Purchase of PTO Torque Sensor with Data Logger	1 No.
2.	Purchase of Briquetting Plant (Briquetting Machine & accessories) and Chipper -cum-grinder & accessories for paddy straw and mixed crop residues.	1 No.

Closing date and time: 13-03-2019 up to 11:00 AM

For details log on to : www.eproc.punjab.gov.in and www.pau.edu.

Note: Any corrigendum(s) to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above websites only.

Accounts Officer, Store Purchase Ludhiana Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana

DPR/22FEB19/C-4921 Dt. 22-02-2019

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of female **Age:** Approx 25-30 years, **Complexion:** Fair, **Height:** 5', **ID Mark:** A tattoo mark "RS" on right hand, was wearing White & Grey Colour T-Shirt-Blue Jeans Pant-Mahroon colour Sweater and White colour Rexin Sleeper in feet, was found near Platform Mangolpuri Railway Station, Phase-I, Industrial Area, Mangolpuri, Delhi at 07:48 A.M. In this regard a **FIR No. 179/19 u/s 302 IPC, dated 19.02.2019, has been lodged at P.S. Raj Park, Delhi.**

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

SHO
P.S. Raj Park, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27910070, 27910071

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Twitter Head of Public Policy to appear before Parl panel

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Twitter Chief Executive Officer Jack Dorsey will not appear before the Parliamentary panel on IT on February 25, and instead the company is sending its Head of Public Policy Colin Crowell. The Parliamentary panel on Information Technology had summoned Twitter head Jack Dorsey to appear before it on February 25, and had refused to meet "junior officials" of the microblogging site during its meeting on February 11.

The meeting had been called against the backdrop of growing concerns about safeguarding citizens' data privacy and the possibility of social media platforms being used to interfere in the upcoming elections. After this meeting, the panel is expected to summon top executives of Facebook and WhatsApp on March 5 to discuss similar issues.

Sources in the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), however, said efforts were still on to have Dorsey attend the meeting. On February 11, the committee had refused to meet junior officials from Twitter's India office who were present at the meeting venue. During the meeting with Twitter, the panel wants to examine issues such as data privacy. It is also seeking to better understand the

company's business structure, including whether it is a technology company or a media house.

The panel passed an unanimous resolution that the micro-blogging website's CEO should make himself available to show the company's seriousness in safeguarding rights of Indian citizens online, they added.

As per the resolution, the panel would hear only the Twitter CEO or senior member of its global team "who has decision making authority regarding Twitter's operations in India," one of the sources had said, according to news agency Press Trust of India.

Even as it faces heat over allegations of political bias in the country, Twitter has maintained that it is committed to remain unbiased and that its product as well as policies is never based on political ideology.

The Government has been taking a strong view of misuse of social media platforms and is also proposing to amend IT rules to curb fake news and increase accountability of such apps.

Over the last few weeks, Facebook, Twitter and Google have promised to infuse more transparency into political advertisements on their platform, and announced a slew of measures as part of their election integrity efforts.

On Thursday, Twitter said it has

formed an internal, cross-functional group to lead "electoral integrity work" in India that will proactively support partner escalations, and identify potential threats from malicious actors.

Now file complaint with DoT against offensive messages received on WhatsApp

New Delhi: People can now file a complaint with the Department of Telecom (DoT) against offensive messages received on WhatsApp. The victim just needs to furnish a screenshot of the message along with the mobile number and e-mail to ccaddn-dot@nic.in.

"If anyone is receiving abusive/offensive/death threats/vulgar whatsapp messages, please send screen shots of the message along with the mobile numbers at ccaddn-dot@nic.in. We will take it up with the telecom operators and police heads for necessary action," DoT Controller Communications Ashish Joshi tweeted.

The move comes following many public figures, including journalists, complaining of receiving abusive and threatening messages.

DELHI JAL BOARD (GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI) OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (NE) III G.T. ROAD SHAHDARA, DELHI-110032 E-mail: eeneiii.ee@gmail.com Ph. No. 22596645						
NIT No. 70/2018-19						
S. No.	Name of Work	Amount put to tender Rs.	Tender/ Fees (in Rs.)	EMD (in Rs.)	Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution	Last date/time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1.	P.L Di and GI Water line in Janta Colony J.C between Idgah Road & Drain No-1 in AC-67 NE-III Tender I.D.No.2019_DJB_169066_1	25,34,220/-	500/-	51000/-	18.02.19	08.03.19

Further details in this regard can be seen at <http://delhi.govtprocurement.gov.in> ISSUED BY P.R.O (WATER) Sd/- EX. ENGINEER (NE)-III

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform public in general that Kotak Mahindra bank ltd has organized an auction in below mention respect of Vehicles.

VEHICLES FOR SALE

- 1) TATA LPS 4923 REG. NO. RJ32GB5981-YOM 2016
- 2) TATA LPS 4923 REG. NO. RJ32GB5982-YOM 2016

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CONTACT : AVINASH SAURABH KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LTD. CONTACT NO. 9643805296

Whereas the Complainant have filed an Application Under Sec. 12 of the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act (Copies of which may be collected from this office on any working day during office hours).

And whereas, notices issued to you on the last available address have returned to this Court unserved.

And whereas, advocate Ms. V. Ghode, for the Applicant has filed an application in this Court praying that you be served by Substituted service by publication.

And whereas, this Court is satisfied that this is a fit case for ordering such a service.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given to you U/Order V Rule 20(A) of C.P.C to appear this Court either in person or by a pleader duly instructed, if any on 26th day of March, 2019 at 10.00 a.m to answer the claim and further you are hereby directed to file your reply on that day.

Take further, notice that in default of your appearance on the day and time aforementioned, the matter will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this 20th day of February 2019.

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GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI, IRRIGATION AND FLOOD CONTROL DEPARTMENT, EXECUTIVE ENGINEER CD-III, L M BUND OFFICE COMPLEX, SHASTRI NAGAR, DELHI-110031

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The Executive Engineer, Civil Division No. 111, I&FC, Delhi invites on behalf of the President of India, online tender for the following works,

1. NIT NO: EE/CD-III/NIT/64/2018-19 HOA: 4217 Development of Unauthorized Colonies

Name of work:- Construction of Road & SW Drain at Durga Park, Durga Mohalla Dullapura East Delhi, AC-56 Kondli (Regd. No. 1445).

Estimated Cost: Rs. 57,53,501/- Earnest Money: Rs. 1,15,070/- Period of completion: 180 Days; Last date & time of submission of tender: upto 3:00 p.m on 02.03.2019.

(Tender ID 2019 IFC 169329_1), 1. NIT No: EE/CD-III/NIT/65/2018-19 HOA: MLALAD FUND

Name of work:- Providing and fixing of Iron gates for Mandawali A-Block, West Vinod Nagar. J-Block East Vinod Nagar, Mahmmedi Masjid, C-Block Mandawali in AC-57 Patparganj Assembly Constituency.

Estimated Cost: Rs. 28,72,540/- Earnest Money: Rs. 57,451/- Period of completion: 150 Days; Last date & time of submission of tender: upto 3:00 p.m on 02.03.2019.

(Tender ID 2019 IFC 169335_1). Other details can be seen at website <http://delhigovt.nic.in/tender>

Executive Engineer, CD-III DIP/Shabdarth/3027/18-19

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Name of the work: Upkeeping of Railway Yard inside Harbour area (From ATBK-II level crossing to Cargo Berth

Didi blames BJP again for 'allowing' Pulwama

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ HOOGHLY

Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee once again blamed the Narendra Modi Government for allowing the Pulwama attack to take place and attacked the BJP for trying to divide the electorate by spreading hatred.

The Chief Minister who was speaking at a mass gathering at Tarakeswar in Hooghly district on Friday accused the Centre of neglecting the security issue that allowed the terrorists to launch one of the most dreaded attacks on the Indian security forces in the history of free India.

Wondering as to "what the Government was doing before the attack" and "why they did not take adequate measures" despite having prior reports Banerjee said "they were all doing politics and nothing else over the issue."

Accusing the BJP and the RSS of fomenting communal tension in Bengal by spreading rumors Banerjee said, "I will do everything for the people but I will never allow riots to take place in our State," adding, how a band of half-literate people were feigning as champions of Hindu religion in the garb of saffron clothes.

"They have no sense of the Hindu ethos, no knowledge of the true Hindu scriptures. They



only know how to fan riots by spreading rumors. But I will not allow them to do so in Bengal," she said complaining how the agents of the RSS and BJP were spreading rumor of child-lifters in parts of Bengal.

"As the Chief Minister I have specific information that they have let loose burqa-clad people in the market to pass off as child-lifters. Then they are spreading rumors about these child-lifters so as to incite people and create a communal disharmony," Banerjee said referring to the recent spate of mass thrashing of alleged child-lifters in parts of Bengal.

Attacking the BJP Government for creating a mass hysteria to turn the public attention from its failed promises

Banerjee asked, "What happened to the promise that you (Modi) made to the people of bringing back black money from abroad and depositing Rs 15 lakh in each account."

The Hindu ethos was against violence she said asking people to remain alert against hate-rumors. "Even I am a Hindu. Even we have seen pujas in our houses since we were children but our parents never taught to hate other religions," she said asking "who are these people to dictate food habits among others."

Even the "monks of Ramakrishna Mission and Bharat Sevashram Sangha wear saffron attire but they never attack others' religions because they like true Hindus believe in the unity of religions," she said.

In the eight years of TMC rule "not a single temple, mosque or church was touched in Bengal," she said reminding how her government helped in renovating temples in the State, unlike the BJP which was pre-occupied with religious divide.

Accusing the Centre of playing political game with partiality State-funded health schemes like Ayushman Bharat Banerjee said, "We don't need Centre's dole... Ayushman Bharat letters which come with pictures (of political parties) will not run in Bengal," reminding half of the central health scheme was funded by the State Government.

Women on top in Mamata's health scheme

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

In a revolutionary first step that could go a distance in restoring women's pride in the Indian family system, Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Friday unfolded a family health scheme that would primarily revolve around the main woman of the family.

In what she called a card issued in the name of the "woman head of the family" the newly devised smart health card would take care of health expenses of up to Rs 5 lakh in a given family. The card issued to the woman would take care not only of her marital family but also of her biological parents, she said.

"This is a great step forward towards women's empowerment," Banerjee said, adding the person who would be issued the card would be considered as the head of the family and "it would not only take care of her marital family but also of her parents as often such parents become helpless in their old age."

Listing how her Government's achievements have been acknowledged internationally Banerjee said the earlier Kanyashree plan had won UN awards. On social welfare she said how "about 8 crore people of the State get Rs 2 per kg rice" and her Government had waived the taxes on farm land.

Post-Pulwama attack: Kashmiri scribe beaten up in Pune, 3 held

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In a second unsavoury incident of backlash after last week's Pulwama terror attack, a journalist from Kashmir was beaten up by some unknown persons in Pune, even as three Yuv Sena office bearers were arrested by the local police at Yavatmal in eastern Maharashtra on Friday in connection with Wednesday's assault on five Kashmiri students.

Zibran Nazeer, a copy editor working with a national English newspaper published from Pune, was roughed up by some unidentified persons. The Pune police have not yet identified the culprits behind the incident.

The Yavatmal police, meanwhile, arrested three Yuv Sena office bearers, including the one Ajinkya Motke, for allegedly beating up four Kashmiri students in Waghapur Road area of the eastern Maharashtra town.

On its part, the Shiv Sena has expelled from the party the Yuva Sena's office-bearers involved in the assault incident. In tweets put out on Friday, Yuva Sena president Aditya Thackeray said, "There was an unfortunate incident yesterday in Yavatmal, with some students of Jammu & Kashmir. The @ShivSena had issued a press note yesterday itself which hasn't been printed today, may be to further sensationalise the issue or defame us, while ignoring our disciplinary action"

"As of last evening, the Party has sacked those involved in the act. J&K is a part of India and no Indian, or for that matter, nobody should face the brunt of anger that is towards terrorism. We understand the angst but it must be against terror, not innocent people," Aditya added.

In all five Kashmiri students — identified as Umar Nazeer Ganai, Umar Rashid Dar, Tajimullah Ali, Owais Mushtaq and Amir Mulad — humiliated, beaten up and forced by Yuv Sena activists to raise slogans like "Vande Mataram", "Hindustan zindabad" and "Bharatmata ki Jai" at Yavatmal on Wednesday night.

The victim students were from Dayabhai Patel College of Physical Education. The Yuv Sena activists accosted them near their rented homes in Waghapur Road area of the town and physically harassed them as a mark of "protest" against the Pulwama terror strike in which 44 CRPF jawans were killed. Two of the jawans from the neighbouring Buldhana district were among those killed in the Pulwama attack.

A clip of video footage shot by the Yuv Sena activists themselves went viral on social media on Thursday. The footage showed a local Yuv Sena leader beating the Kashmiri students and asking them questions like to from where they were, as to why they had come to Yavatmal and whether were they linked with terrorists. "What is your name? Why have you come here? You should not come here... What connection do you have with the terrorists there?... You relatives are killing our jawans there. Why have you come here? How many students are here like you in Yavatmal?"

The replies from a student like "I have to come to study here... I am the son of a doctor. I have not been to Kashmir for the last one and a half years... There are 15 to 20 Kashmiri students in Yavatmal (the Yuv Sena leader tells the student: Tell them not to be here)," would not satisfy the Yuv Sena leader who continued to beat him and other students up.

All roads in Chennai lead to Vijayakanth



KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

DMK president MK Stalin meets DMDK chief Vijayakanth at his residence in Chennai on Friday PTI

Vijayakanth, convalescing at his house in Chennai suburb has become the most sought after person in Tamil Nadu politics. MK Stalin, president of the DMK and Tamil film's all time great Rajinikanth called on the ailing actor at his residence on Friday as political alliance formation in the State for the Lok Sabha election reached a feverish pitch.

Vijayakanth, founder of the DMDK has not opened his mind to the media. But news trickling out of his Virugambakkam residence through emissaries of the AIADMK, the DMK and the BJP who met him to court him to their fronts said that the actor is adamant that he should get at least seven seats and a Rajya Sabha seat from the AIADMK. This is what the AIADMK allocated to the PMK on Tuesday to ensure the Vanniyan dominated party stays with the front led by the ruling dispensation in Tamil Nadu.

Stalin who called on

Vijayakanth told reporters that there was no politics in his visit to the actor's residence. "We are good friends for the last 35 years and imy visit was to enquire about the health of Vijayakanth," said Stalin after the meet.

As usual grapevines in Chennai worked overtime and came out with stories claiming that Rajinikanth's visit was an emissary of the BJP and he had requested Vijayakanth to join the AIADMK-led front.

"There is not a drop of politics in my visit to Vijayakanth's house," said Rajinikanth. Sources close to the DMDK first family (which include Premalatha Vijayakanth and her brother T S Sudhhes) said that the actor has demanded seven Lok Sabha seats and would not settle for anything less. "He may come round and join the front which pays him the pound of flesh he demands. This could be Lok Sabha seats or in kind" said the source.

Priyanka rejects proposal to replace Babbar

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Congress general secretary in charge of UP east, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, has rejected a proposal to replace UPCC chief Raj Babbar, saying he will continue till the Lok Sabha polls are over.

Sources in the party said that Priyanka also shot down a proposal for appointing another party chief to oversee east UP.

At a meeting convened to discuss Lok Sabha elections at Congress War Room at 15, Gurudwara Rakabganj Road in New Delhi on Thursday, Priyanka along with Congress general secretary in charge of UP west, Jyotiraditya Scindia, and UP Congress chief Raj Babbar sat down to thrash out strategies for the upcoming polls.

After hectic deliberations, the meeting ended around Thursday midnight.

The discussion also veered around a possible replacement of Babbar, but it was set aside as little time was left for the general elections.

The idea of having two state chiefs for Uttar Pradesh was also brushed aside.

The sources said that Congress workers, during their discussions with Priyanka, had appreciated Babbar's role as an influential campaigner but were critical of his ability to manage the organisation.

UP ATS arrests 2 suspected JeM ultras in Deoband

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Two suspects with alleged links with terror outfit Jaish-e-Mohammad were arrested from Deoband, in Saharanpur in a swoop by an Anti-Terrorist Squad led by IG Aseem Arun in the intervening night of Thursday-Friday. Posing as students without taking admission anywhere, the duo were staying in Deoband and were engaged in recruiting new faces for their organisation.

Chats linked to jihad, videos, pictures linked with JeM and two 30 calibre pistols and 30 cartridges were also recovered from their possession.

DGP OP Singh told the media in Lucknow on Friday that the UP ATS had arrested Shah Nawaz Ahmad Teli of Kulgam district and Aquib Ahmad Malik from Pulwama district of Jammu and Kashmir and they were aged between 20 and 25 years.

Singh said the Jammu and Kashmir Police was being contacted to get more inputs about the arrested duo. He also said that information about their period of stay in Deoband was also being collected.

"The ATS got a tip-off about the two from an alert student after which a probe was initiated. IG (ATLS) Aseem Arun reached Saharanpur to verify the credentials of the youths, who posed as students. After days of surveillance, both were arrested."

Asked whether the two were involved in the recent Pulwama terror attack, the DGP said, "It is difficult to tell whether they came here before the terror attack or after that. A probe is on to ascertain that."

"Both are being grilled about their arrival in the state from Kashmir, how many other members are involved, was anyone recruited by them for JeM, where did the funding come from, what was its quantum and what was their target after recruitment," the DGP said.

Modi, Shah to criss-cross UP in next few days



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PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Realising that Uttar Pradesh is crucial for the party, senior leaders of Bharatiya Janata Party, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and party president Amit Shah, will criss-cross the state in the next few days, holding rallies and launching the ambitious PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme.

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Four days later, on February 28, the Prime Minister will interact with youths of Uttar Pradesh through video conferencing from New Delhi and on March 3, Modi will address a public meeting in Amethi, the parliamentary constituency of Congress president Rahul Gandhi.

On the other hand, Amit Shah will be visiting UP twice this month — on Saturday and on February 26. On Saturday morning, Shah will attend a function of Co-operative Bank in Lucknow and later visit Gorakhpur the same evening. On February 26, Shah is scheduled to visit Ghazipur.

In Gorakhpur, Shah will inaugurate the national convention of Kisan Morcha while in Ghazipur, the BJP president will attend Kamal Jyoti programme.

Meanwhile, Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh will also be visiting his parliamentary constituency Lucknow for two days from Sunday. He will inaugurate many development projects and address a BJP workers' meet of Awadh region. He will leave for New Delhi on Monday evening.

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that a girl (depicted in the photo), **Name:** Meghna Karnail D/o: Upender Karnail R/o: 2063, Gali No. 5, Kashmiri colony, Jain Nagar, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 13.02.2019 from the area of P.S. Begumpur, Delhi. In this regard a case vide DD No. 02-A dated 14.02.2019 has been lodged at Police Station Begumpur, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

MEGHNA KARNAIL
Age: 18 Years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Fair, Wearing: Navy blue colour Top with Jacket, Blue color jeans.

Any person is having any information/Clue about this missing/kidnapped girl, may inform SHO, Begumpur, Delhi at E-mail Id — cic@cbi.gov.in or Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>

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Rohini Distt., Delhi
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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Okafor John Chinedu** S/o Okafor Christiano R/o H.No. 197-D, Arjun Nagar, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **F.I.R. No. 1284/2015 u/s 419/467/471 IPC** at P.S. Mehrauli, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon that the said **Okafor John Chinedu** could not be found and where it has been shown to my satisfaction that the accused **Okafor John Chinedu** has absconded (or is concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Okafor John Chinedu** is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before **29.03.2019**

By Order
Sh. Vaibhav Mehta
Metropolitan Magistrate Judge-05 (South)
Room No. 210, Saket Court, New Delhi
DP/5277/SD/19 (Court Notice)

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a female (depicted in the photo), **Name:** Sarita Pradhan W/o Mahender Pradhan R/o A-77, 2nd Floor, Hari Nagar, Delhi has been missing since 02.02.2019 from her residence. In this regard a case vide DD No. 15A dated 08.02.2019 has been lodged at PS Hari Nagar, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

SARITA PRADHAN Age: 44 Years, Height: 4'10", Complexion: Fair, Built: Normal, Face: Oval, Wearing: Black colour suit & salwar and cream colour hawai chappal in feet.

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing female, may inform SHO, Hari Nagar, Delhi at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in or website: <http://cbi.nic.in>

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Congress president Rahul Gandhi being presented with a memento at Lord Venkateswara temple in Tirumala on Friday PTI

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice
The Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/Coaching, Northern Railway, Delhi division, New Delhi invites e-tender for the following work:

Sl. No.	Name of work with its location	Particulars
1	Commercial Advertisement Rights through permissible media at Railway Stations (Station Advertising Zones) over Delhi Division for a period of five years.	As per NIT on ireps.gov.in.
2	Date of Tender Opening	18.03.2019 upto 11:00 hrs.
3	Approximate cost of work	As per NIT on ireps.gov.in.
4	Cost of Tender document including 18% GST	As per NIT on ireps.gov.in.
5	Earnest Money Deposit	As per NIT on ireps.gov.in.
6	Website particulars where complete details of tender document can be seen	https://ireps.gov.in/

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Dear Sir,
ABRIDGED DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SEC.13 (2) OF SARFAESI ACT

In respect of loans availed from our MCB: Netaji Subhash Place Branch (Bic: 9197) by you, which have become NPA with balance outstanding of Rs. 1,93,05,174.65 (Rupees One Crore Ninety Three Lakhs Five Thousand One Hundred Seventy Four Paise Sixty Five Only) is due along with interest from 01.01.2019 and costs etc. We have already issued detailed demand notice dated 03.01.2019 under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act with Registered post with acknowledgment due to you, which have been returned undelivered with following remarks that insufficient address and returned to sender.

We have indicated our intention of taking possession of Securities owned by 1. Mr. Ram Kumar Panwar 2. Mr. Sandeep Panwar, as per Section 13(4) of the Act in case of your failure to pay the amount mentioned above within 60 days.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES

1) Agricultural Land situated at Khevat No. 127/112, Khatoni No. 164, Rect. No. 09, Kila No. 15/1(2/5-7), Rect. No. 10, Kila No. 11/1(2/4-18), totalling to 5 Kanals 12.5 Marlas Situated at Mauja Jasana, Tehsil Tigaon, Dist. Faridabad	East: Road North: Vacant Plot South: Vacant Plot	West: Other's Property South: Vacant Plot
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Your are advised (1) to collect the original notice from our Office for more and complete details: 2) to pay the balance outstanding amount with interest and costs etc. within 60 days from the date of notice referred to above to avoid further action under the SARFAESI Act.

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Date: 21.02.2019
Authorised Officer (Syndicate Bank)

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR (MEDICAL SERVICES) NEW DELHI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

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TENDER ID No. 2019_NDMC_169485_1	
Sub	: Procurement of Dental Materials for Medical Services Department, NDMC.
Estimated Cost	: Rs. 16,35,111/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Thirty Five Thousand One Hundred Eleven Only)+ GST
Date of release of tender through e-procurement solution	: 21.02.2019
Date of Pre-Bid Meeting of tender through e-procurement solution	: 27.02.2019 at 2.30 PM (pre-bid meeting is to be held in the chamber of Director (MS).)
Date of uploading the minutes of pre-bid meeting of tender through e-procurement solution	: 01.03.2019
Last date/time for receipt of tenders through e-procurement solution	: 12.03.2019 at 2.30 PM
Date of opening of the tender on e-procurement solution	: 12.03.2019 at 3.00 PM
Further details and any Corrigendum can be seen at e-tendering system Government of NCT of Delhi https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in	
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Banks plan ₹500-cr fund to Jet Airways: PNB chief

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A consortium of banks is considering an interim funding of ₹500 crore for debt-laden Jet Airways but a final decision is yet to be taken, Punjab National Bank Managing Director Sunil Mehta said on Friday.

PNB is part of the lenders' consortium, led by State Bank of India (SBI), that has extended loans to the airline.

The full service carrier is looking to raise funds and restructure its debt.

Regarding Jet Airways, Mehta said the consortium is looking at the entire process and something is being worked out.

"Of course, (the) consortium is in favour (of interim funding). It is a going concern and we would like to preserve its (airline's) value," he said.

About interim funding for the carrier, Mehta said, "it is too premature to tell you about that plan" and the bankers are already working on it.

The SBI has taken a lead on it, and let the entire plan be



worked out, he said, adding that it would be too early to announce the timings.

"₹500 crore that you are talking about is the interim funding but banks are looking at the long term resolution of the issues for which the plan is already in place for discussions," he noted.

He was responding to a query about the banks' extending interim funding to Jet Airways.



In line with the Central Government's initiative towards Skill India Mission, State-owned Navratna PSU NBCC organised a programme on Wednesday at IPTO (Pragati Maidan), for awarding certificates to more than 200 construction workers who have been equipped with a new set of skills in tune with changing face of the country's construction sector. On completion of the Recognition to Prior Learning programme under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) in collaboration with CSDCI and CIL, the certificates were awarded by senior officials of NBCC, CSDCI and CIL

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- (1) **36/G.M./AO/SM-G.JAL/18-19**, Strengthening of Gangajal (Running Operation of G.Jal Zonal UGRs in Sec. 31, 20 and 71) Noida. **Cost - Rs. 39.63 Lac**
 - (2) **48/DGM/AO/SM-G.JAL/18-19**, M/o G.Jal (Annual repair motor, transformer and other electrical works on Zonal UGR 5, 8, 12, 19 and 20) Noida. **Cost - Rs. 41.80 Lac**
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Waste to wonder park in Delhi opens for all

Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the 'Wonders of World Park', constructed by the South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) at Sarai Kale Khan

Delhi's latest tourist attraction, comprising the replicas of the Taj Mahal, the Great Pyramid of Giza, Eiffel Tower, Leaning Tower of Pisa, Christ the Redeemer statue of Rio de Janeiro, Rome's Colosseum and Statue of Liberty is now opened to the public.

Lauding the efforts of the South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC), the Union Home Minister said that the development of this park will provide a boost to the 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan'. He said that it is time to move forward towards waste to wealth. "The SDMC has not only utilised waste piled up at landfill sites but has contributed substantially in containing air pollution," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, Anil Bajjal said that this park is itself a wonder. He appreciated the development of waste to



wonder park and underlined the need for putting in place a proper mechanism of maintenance.

A senior SDMC official said that the seven replicas are made of 150 tonnes of scraps of automobile parts and other metal waste like fans, rods, iron sheets, nut-bolts, bicycle and bike parts and age-old appliances. "The replicas have been fabricated artistically and the park has been commissioned in six months," he said.

To avoid the rush of visitors, the civic body has decided to charge ₹50 for adults and ₹25 for children

(3-12 years) as an entry fee. However, senior citizens and children of corporation-run schools will not be charged any amount.

In order to light the park, the SDMC has installed solar trees and rooftop panels that will generate 50 KW powers. The surplus power will be sold to the power distribution companies to earn revenue, the official said.

Highlighting the steps taken to manage solid waste, SDMC Commissioner, Dr Puneet Kumar Goel said that the SDMC will achieve 100 per cent target of waste processing in the next year.

Business Corner



The Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation has honoured Praveen Pathak, Chief General Manager (Mkt. Promotion & Export) & Corporate IT HoD, BrahMos Aerospace, with a state order signed by the Ministry of Defence (MoD) for his invaluable contribution in strengthening defence cooperation between India and Russia



UD Choubey, Director General, SCOPE delivered special address at the 10th Empower Solar program and 4th Solar Urja Puraskar 2019 held on Friday. UD Choubey said that non-conventional energy is key to developing economy. Talking about the challenges in solar energy sector, Choubey said that land is the biggest issue particularly in rural areas and awareness should be created by joining hands to promote solar energy sector. DG, SCOPE further added that R&D is another aspect that needs attention to cut imports of solar panels



Punjab National Bank MD and CEO Sunil Mehta has been awarded "Top Rankers Excellence Award for Entrepreneurial Path-breaker" at 20th National Management Summit organised by Top Rankers Management Consultants. The award was given by VSK Sood, President, Top Rankers Management Club and Sandeep Marwah, President AAFI



Suresh Prabhu, Union Minister of Civil Aviation inaugurated and laid the Foundation Stone for the various infrastructure development projects for Eight AAI Airports through Video Link on Friday. These Airports include Trivandrum, Calicut Airport in Kerala; Mangaluru Airport in Karnataka; Madurai Airport in Tamil Nadu; Rupsi Airport in Assam; Jaipur Airport in Rajasthan, Amritsar Airport in Punjab, Imphal Airport in Manipur

TIME HAS COME TO SET UP INDEPENDENT DEBT MANAGEMENT OFFICE: NITI AAYOG

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Niti Aayog vice chairman Rajiv Kumar on Friday made a strong case for setting up of an independent debt management office outside the purview of Reserve Bank of India, saying it was "an idea whose time has come".

The idea of a Public Debt Management Agency (PDMA) was proposed by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley in his February 2015 Budget speech, though it has not yet been implemented.

"...It is important for this particular office to be separate, because then you can pay

much more attention on public debt management. That will help the government in bring down cost of its debt," Kumar said at an event organised by Niti Aayog here.

At present, the government debt, including market borrowing, is managed by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

The Government has to decide how to segregate different functions of the RBI, Kumar said adding that government been very courageous to give the central bank the statutory authority for the inflation targeting.

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Be it known to all that M/s Retract Infra Builders Private Limited (CIN: U72902UP2018PTC102686), having its registered address at C-316, Ankur Vihar, DLF, Loni Ghaziabad UP 201102 entered in an Agreement to sell with us and pay us only the part payment of Rs. 3,88,85,000/- (Rupees Three Crore Eighty Eight Lacs Eighty Five Thousand only) against the total sale consideration, despite our demand notice having sent to them through registered post. The said Company had undertaken and agreed in the agreement that the timely payment of the sale consideration and allied charges was the pre-condition and essence of the said Agreement; and that in the event of breach thereof, we shall be entitled to cancel the sale and forfeit the entire amount paid by the said Company. Thus, the said Company committed the breach of terms of payment, which were not only material terms but were the very pre-condition and essence of the Agreement. Under the circumstances, we were constrained to cancel/terminate the said Agreement to Sell and forfeit the amount paid by the said Company. Consequently, the said Company is left with no right or interest in the said property, and we are free to deal with the same in any manner. We have already communicated the said Company through our email dated 10.01.2019 sent on their email id (sukhinder7890@gmail.com) available on the master data of the said Company on the website of <http://www.mca.gov.in>; and also sent them registered letter dated 10.01.2019 in this regard. We have also pasted a dated 12.02.2019 to this effect on the premises of the said Company's registered office address available on the website of <http://www.mca.gov.in>. We have also intimated the Registrar of Companies in this regards. Cur India Private Limited K 28, Green Park Extension, New Delhi-110019

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पत्रांक-1248/98एम(11)/ई-निविदा/बुल्लुट/2019 दिनांक-15.02.2019
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सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि इस कार्यालय के बुद्धिपत्र संख्या 845/98एम(11)/ई-निविदा/बुल्लुट/2019 दिनांक 02.02.2019 द्वारा ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट निविदा सूचना के अनुसार सुर्जी-आवर मार्ग (अन्व-जिला मार्ग) कैनेज 0.000 से 15.430 तक में चौकीकरण एवं सुदृढीकरण के कार्य की निविदा दिनांक 15.02.19 से 21.02.2019 (दोपहर 12.00 बजे) तक अपलोड कर दिनांक 21.02.2019 (अपराह्न 03.30 बजे) को ही ऑन लाईन खोली जानी थी। अपरिहार्य कारण वश अब निविदा दिनांक 21.02.2019 से 26.02.2019 (दोपहर 12.00 बजे) तक अपलोड कर दिनांक 26.02.2019 (दोपहर 03.30 बजे) को ही खोली जायेगी। अन्य शर्तें पूर्ववत् रहेंगी।
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The rupee on Friday gained 10 paise to close at 71.14 against the US dollar on heavy foreign capital inflows after growing expectations that the Federal Reserve would keep interest rate on hold this year.

A strengthening dollar ahead of the US-China trade talks and surging crude oil prices, however, restricted the rupee gains. Foreign portfolio investors pumped in a huge ₹6,311.01 crore into capital markets Friday, provisional exchange data showed.

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TENDER NOTICE

SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT / EMD IN RS	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./ AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	HVPNL	REPAIR & STOPPAGE OF OIL LEAKAGE FROM 10/16 MVA, 132/11KV, T-5 T/F AT 220KV S/STN ROHTAK	CLOSING 26.02.2019	1.68 LACS	www.hvnpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.org
2	HVPNL	REPAIR & MTC OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING AT 220KV S/STN HVPNL ROHTAK	CLOSING 26.02.2019	1.60 LACS	www.hvnpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.org
3	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ROHTAK	LETTING OUT ADVERTISEMENT RIGHTS ON UNIPOLES 22 DOUBLE SIDE + 1 OTHER WORK	21.02.2019 06.03.2019	NIL	www.mcrohakt.har yanae procurement.t.gov.in	Exec Eng
4	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE SAMPLA	CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD FROM KHARKHODA ROAD TO BY-PASS IN FRONT OF SHARWATI VIDYA MANDIR SCHOOL IN M.C.SAMPLA(REVENUE ROAD) + 1 OTHER WORK	CLOSING 27.02.2019	275.49 LACS	www.etenders.hry.nic.in	Mun. Eng.
5	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE KATHAL	REPAIR OF ALL PARKS IN SECTOR 19 IN WARD NO.10 + 2 OTHER WORKS	21.02.2019 28.02.2019	30 LACS	https://mckathal.har yanae procurement.ent.gov.in	9416188848 mckathal@gmail.com
6	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION YAMUNA NAGAR- JAGADHRI	PROVIDING AND FIXING OFF(1) 9 METER MINI HIGH MAST LIGHT(LED) IN PARK NO. 07, NEAR COMMUNITY CENTRE SECTOR 17, JUDA JAGADHRI + 9 OTHER WORKS	21.02.2019 28.02.2019	21.30 LACS	https://mcyvnr.har yanae procurement.gov.in	Assistant Eng
7	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION YAMUNA NAGAR- JAGADHRI	IMPROVEMENT OF STREET LIGHT WIRING IN WARD NO 8 TO 14	21.02.2019 01.03.2019	46 LACS	https://mcyvnr.har yanae procurement.gov.in	Assistant Eng
8	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION GURUGRAM	CONSTRUCTION OF (RCC SHED GAZBO, WATER BODY & INTERLOCKING TIELS) COMMUNITY CENTER, WARD NO.1, ZONE-I, ZONE-II, JAHAJGARH + 1 OTHER WORK	20.02.2019 13.03.2019	1.53 CRORE	https://mcrurgaon.har yanae procurement.gov.in	ee2@mccg.gov
9	THE BALLABGARH COOP. MILK PRODUCERS UNION	HIRING OF VAN FOR MILK ROUTE + 1 OTHER WORK	25.02.2019 14.03.2019	70000	https://har yanae procurement.gov.in	0-129-2242376 vitablb@gmail.com
10	HSAMB HISAR	WIDENING & STRENGTHENING OF LINK ROAD FROM SISAI TO KAJAL KHERA (ID-1482) + 5 OTHER WORKS	20.02.2019 05.03.2019	6.81 CRORE	https://har yanae procurement.gov.in	9896031645 xensamb.hisar@gmail.com
11	HSAMB BHIWANI	CONSTRUCTION OF LINK ROAD FROM VILL. TIGRANA PHIRNI TO GUJRANI WATER PUMP IN BAWANI KHERA CONSTY. DISTT. BHIWANI (I.D.H.9297)	CLOSING 05.03.2019	42.56 LACS	https://har yanae procurement.gov.in	xenshibwani.hsamb@gmail.com
12	HSAMB FARIDABAD	WIDENING & STRENGTHENING OF LINK ROAD FROM VILLAGE HATHIN TO MANPUR (ROAD ID-4598)	22.02.2019 06.03.2019	86.78 LACS	https://hsamb.har yanae procurement.gov.in	9971730975 xenfaridabad.hsamb2019@gmail.com
13	HSAMB PANCHKULA	PROVIDING & FIXING OF CROCKERY CABINET IN C&D TYPE HOUSES IN SEC-14	CLOSING 01.03.2019	10.81 LACS	https://har yanae procurement.gov.in	xenpanchkula.hsamb@gmail.com
14	THE SIRSA DISTT.COOP MILK SIRSA	PURCHASE OF LAB CHEMICALS, GLASS WARES, CULTURE MEDIA, FILTER PAPER AND DIASTIX (BAYER MAKE), MBR TABLET (BDH MAKE)	22.02.2019 14.03.2019	20000	http://vitaindia.har yanae procurement.t.gov.in	01666-2245059 vitasr@gmail.com
15	HARYANA FOREST DEVE.CORP. LTD	FELLING AND CONVERSION OF TREES AND TRANSPORTATION STACKING IN DEPOT IN KALAWALI RANGE + 1 OTHER WORK	20.02.2019 28.02.2019	50 LACS	https://har yanae procurement.gov.in	01666-243020 gm.sirsa@hfdc.gov.in

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanae procurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, MEGHA MEHTA, W/O SHRI ROHIT MEHTA, D/O LATE SHRI PAWAN KUMAR SINGHL PERMANENT ADDRESS 6B/1, 1ST FLOOR, OLD RAJENDRA NAGAR CENTRAL DELHI, DELHI-110060; HAVE CHANGED MY OLD NAME TONI SINGHI TO MEGHA MEHTA. VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED 22nd FEBRUARY 2019. TONI SINGHI WAS MY NICK NAME AT THE TIME OF BIRTH.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The public at large is hereby informed that Mr. Ajay Tyagi S/o Late Shri Ratan Prakash Tyagi R/o Flat No. 1001, C-4, Olive Court, Sector-5, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad-201012 (UP) was the allottee of Unit No. SEN-04, measuring 337.98 sq.ft., on the Second Floor of Tower No. N/A in "Joy Street" Sector-66, Gurgaon, Haryana, a project of M/s Advance India Projects Ltd. (Company). The said Mr. Ajay Tyagi expired on 8th June 2017 leaving behind Mrs. Sheetal Tyagi (wife) and Master Rijul Tyagi (Minor Son) as his legal heirs. All the legal heirs have requested the company to transfer the above unit in the name of Mrs. Sheetal Tyagi (wife of Late Mr. Ajay Tyagi), after the demise of Mr. Ajay Tyagi. Any person having any objection to this may please contact the company office, details as under, within 15 days of issue of this Public Notice, after which no claim shall be entertained or accepted by the company. For

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Trump, Kim to have one-on-one meet

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un will meet one-on-one and spend substantial amount of time together next week when the two leaders meet in Hanoi, Vietnam, the White House said on Thursday.

Trump and Kim are meeting for their second summit on February 27 and 28. The first one was on June 12 in Singapore, which was part of the president's effort to improve his country's relationship with North Korea and ultimately have a denuclearised state.

"There will be opportunities for the two leaders to see one another one-on-one, to share a meal and indeed for expanded meetings of their respective delegations in laying out the objectives (which) is ultimately about denuclearisation of North Korea," a senior administration official told reporters during a conference call.

"That is what was agreed



File Photo

already between the two sides and that is the overriding goal that President Trump is seeking to achieve with this summit," the official said, who spoke with reporters on condition of anonymity.

This is an important step towards that ultimate goal, the official noted.

"After breaking the ice with Kim in some aspects in June, Trump is also looking to talk in depth about the kind of future that

North Korea could enjoy if it follows through on its commitment to the final and full of denuclearisation," the official said.

Trump would be accompanied by his Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, and several of his top aides for the second summit meeting with the North Korean leader. Hundreds of reporters are travelling to Hanoi to cover the much-anticipated summit.

N Korea has asked for help on food shortages: UN

AP ■ UNITED NATION

The United Nations says North Korea's Government has asked for help from international humanitarian groups to combat food shortages.

UN Spokesman Stephane Dujarric said Thursday that food production figures provided by North Korea show "there is a food gap of about 1.4 million tons expected for 2019, and that's crops including rice, wheat, potato and soybeans."

Dujarric says the UN has "expressed and will continue to express our concern about the deteriorating food security situation" in North Korea.

He says the UN "at various levels" is consulting with the North Korean Government "to further understand the impact of food security on the most vulnerable people, in order to take early action to address the humanitarian needs."

ISIS jihadi girl's family plead for her baby's UK entry

PTI ■ LONDON

The family of a UK girl of Bangladeshi descent, who fled to join Islamic State (ISIS) in 2015, has appealed to the Government to allow her new born baby to be rescued from the Syrian refugee camp and raised in Britain.

Sister of Shamima Begum, Renu, has written to UK home secretary Sajid Javid urging for his assistance and also informed him of the family's plan to help her 19-year-old sister mount a legal challenge against his decision to revoke her British citizenship. "We were pleased to learn from your comments in the Commons that you recognise my nephew, Shamima's son, as a British citizen," Renu Begum said in a letter to the UK Home Secretary.

"As a family, we ask now how we can assist you in bringing my nephew home to us. In all of this debacle, he is the one true innocent and should not lose the privilege of being raised in the safety of this country," it notes.

US aid to Venezuela a pretext for military action, says Russia

AFP ■ MOSCOW

Russia on Friday accused the United States of using aid deliveries to Venezuela as a ploy to carry out military action against President Nicolas Maduro's Government.

"A dangerous provocation, instigated and led by Washington, is planned for February 23," foreign ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said, pointing to efforts by opposition leader Juan Guaido to pick up US aid being stockpiled on the Colombian border.

Guaido's plans to try to bring the aid across the border are aimed at provoking clashes, she said, to provide "a convenient pretext for conducting military action".

Russia is a key supporter of Maduro's government and has repeatedly accused Washington of trying to carry out a coup in Venezuela.

On Thursday, Guaido set out in a convoy to collect US-supplied food and medicine

stockpiled in Colombia, vowing to bring in the aid by Saturday.

Maduro has closed the border with Brazil to prevent the entry of aid and the military has beefed up security at the Colombian border.

Zakharova alleged that the US had moved special forces and military equipment "closer to Venezuelan territory" and was considering large-scale weapons purchases to arm the opposition.

Noting that it had been five years since the Ukrainian revolution that ousted a Russian-backed leader — which Moscow has accused the US of orchestrating — Zakharova said Washington was preparing for more regime change in Venezuela.

GLOBE TROTTER

EARTHQUAKE WITH 7.5 MAGNITUDE HITS ECUADOR
Quito: An earthquake with a magnitude of 7.5 hit Ecuador Friday but there were no immediate reports of casualties or major damage. The quake struck before dawn in Ecuador's eastern Amazon region 17 kilometers (10 miles) from the town of Montalvo near the border with Peru, the US Geological Survey said.

SWEDEN GETS 4.5 YEARS FOR ROYAL JEWELS HEIST
Copenhagen: A 22-year-old Swede was sentenced Friday to four and a half years in prison after he was convicted of stealing 17th-century Swedish royal treasures estimated to be worth 65 million kronor (USD 7 million) from a cathedral last year. The Eskilstuna District Court said Johan Nicklas Backstrom stole two crowns and an orb used at the funerals of King Karl IX and Queen Kristina. The jewels, dating from 1611, had been on display in Strangnas Cathedral, west of Stockholm.

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General public is hereby informed that a girl (depicted in the photo) namely : **Moni Mishra** D/o : **Sh. Maheshwar Mishra**, R/o **H.No. D-263, J.J. Colony, Madipur, New Delhi**, Age : **17 Years**, has been reported missing/kidnapped since 18.12.2017 vide FIR No. 694/17 u/s 363 IPC dated 18.12.2017 registered at Police Station Punjabi

Bagh, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-
Complexion : Wheatish, **Height** : 4'3", **Face** : Round, **Physique/Build** : Normal, **Hair** : Black & Long, **Clothing** : White Colour Top, Black Colour Pant and Chappal. Any person is having any information/clue about this missing/kidnapped girl, may inform SHO, Punjabi bagh, Delhi at E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in, website : <http://cbi.nic.in> Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax : 011-24368639
SHO DP/8117/WD/19.
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PRESS NOTICE

Request for Proposal (RFP) is invited from Consultant/Joint Venture/Multidisciplinary Consortia, Government Organization, Public Sector undertaking, Government Educational Institute and I&FC Empanelled agencies, for Project Management Consultancy (PMC) for the work to rejuvenate drain in holistic manners by using ecologically sensitive sustainable technique like creation of stationary and floating wetlands and in-situ aeration & installation of ozonizer in drains which can reduce BOD load, improve dissolved oxygen levels, reduce bad odour and harmful gas emission from the drains. Further to develop the vacant land by landscaping, developing it for recreation activities such as cycling track, jogging track, illumination of dark spots of drain by installation of street lighting automated with solar energy/wind energy wherever feasible and Installation of solar panels for generation of solar energy where ever feasible in respect of drains falls under the jurisdiction of Civil Division VIII, I&FC Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi. The bid is to be submitted off line upto 03.00 PM on 02.03.2019 in the office of Executive Engineer-CD VIII, I&FC Department, Govt. of Delhi, Sector-15 Rohini, Delhi-110085.
RFP Document and other details can be download from the web site
<https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in/nicgcp/app> or web site of Irrigation & Flood Control Department, Govt of Delhi
http://delhi.gov.in/wps/wcm/connect/doit_irrigation/Irrigation+and+ Flood+Control/Home
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, CD-VIII
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May warned of new Brexit revolt

PTI ■ LONDON

British Prime Minister Theresa May on Friday warned of a new revolt brewing within her otherwise loyal group of party Parliamentarians over fears that a chaotic no-deal Brexit is not being ruled out in time for the March 29 deadline for Britain's exit from the European Union (EU).

The Brexit Delivery Group, which comprises both pro and anti-Brexit Conservative Party MPs,

has warned that they are preparing to back alternatives if May's reworked withdrawal agreement cannot command a House of Commons majority.

Co-chairs Andrew Percy and Simon Hart said their group wants the Government to take no-deal off the table or they would consider voting against the Government and in favour of an amendment to give Brexit and prevent a no-deal situation if there is no agreement with the EU by the middle of March.

BIHAR SHARIF SMART CITY LIMITED
Short Notice Inviting e- Tender (Re-Tender)
(<http://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON>) Re-Tender No.: BSSCL 9/2018-19
Chief Executive Officer, Bihar Sharif Smart City Limited, Bihar
Sharif invites online Bids on twostage system for the following works:

NIT Reference No.	Name of Project/ Work(s)	Estimate Amount (Rs.)	Bid Security / (Earnest Money) (Rs.)	Cost of Document/ Tender Fee (Rs.)	Period of Completion
Tender No: 9/2018-19	Request for proposal for construction of Five Storey (G+4) ICC Building in Bihar Sharif under Smart City Mission	5,09,00,000 /- (Rs. Five Crores Nine Lakh only)	10,18,000 /- (Rs. Ten Lakh Eighteen Thousand only)	10,000/- (Rs. Ten Thousand Only)	15 Months

1. Important data of RFB is as mentioned below:

Name of Project/Work(s)	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding		Last Date & Time for on-line Submission of Bids	Date & Time of opening of tender	
	From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
Request for proposal for construction of Five Storey (G+4) ICC Building in Bihar Sharif under Smart City Mission	09.03.19 1100 hrs	23.03.19 1700 hrs	25.03.19 1700 hrs	26.03.19 1500 hrs	To be intimated later

2.A Pre-Bid meeting is as mentioned below:

Request for proposal for construction of Five Storey (G+4) ICC Building in Bihar Sharif under Smart City Mission
Date: 06.03.19; Time: 1100 hrs.
Place: **1st Floor, Administrative Building, Bihar Sharif Municipal Corporation Nalanda, Bihar**

- For additional details such as estimated cost, important date, detailed information, qualification and eligibility criteria, visit website <http://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in> for downloading of RFB
- For participating in the above e-tender, the bidders shall have to get them registered with <http://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in> and get user ID, password, Class 3, digital signatures Certificate (DSC) is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering process. For any clarification/ difficulty/ regarding e-tendering process bidders can contact helpdesk on the phone numbers mentioned in the Website.
- The bidders should keep checking the website for any **addenda/corrigenda** and the bidder should incorporate the same in their bid documents. No addenda/corrigenda shall be published in the newspaper.
- RFP document can also be downloaded from link given below (but bid can only be processed)

NIT Reference No.	RFP Document download Link
Tender No: 9/2018-19	https://nagarseva.bihar.gov.in/biharsharif/cache/SHOW_DOCS/RFP_ICCC Building.pdf

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E-TENDER NOTICE
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Superintending Engineer (MM), Uttarakhand Power Corporation Ltd., V.C.V. Gabar Singh Urja Bhawan, Dehradun invites e-tender from Government approved reputed manufacturer/accredited representative, who are registered in GST/Income Tax Department having experience, for supply of following TnP material in Govt department/public sector under taking organization. Last date of online request of tender document/ submission/opening date of tender and the detail of material are as given below :-

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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 19.02.2019 at Bank of Baroda, Asaf Ali Road, Kamla Market, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved in MAMC Mortuary for 72 hours.**

In this regard DD No. 73A, dated 19.02.2019 has been lodged at Police Station, Kamla Market, Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

Name: Unknown, Age: 62 Years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Medium, Wearing: White Shirt, Lining Coat and Black Pant.

If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

SHO
Police Station, Kamla Market, Delhi
DP/6075/CD/19 Ph.: 011-23230623, 23233743

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male **Age : 55 years, Height : 5'6", Complexion : Sallow, wearing white & blue colour T-shirt and grey colour pant, was found dead on 09.02.2019 on footpath, near Yamuna Pusta, Kashmere Gate, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 42-A dated 09.02.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi.**

Any person having any information or clue about this deceased may kindly inform to the following:-

SHO : P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi
Tel. No. 011-23968730
DP/9689N/19

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that this person **Name: Unknown S/o: Unknown R/o: Unknown Age: about 35 years, Sex: Male, Height: 5'7", Complexion: Wheatish, Identification: A Tattoo mark "Heart" on Right Hand, Wearing: White dots Shirt, Black Paint, Mahroon jacket, has been found dead at Near Y-Block, 901 Bus Stand, Shiv Mandir, Mangolpuri, Delhi on dated 17.02.2019 at 09:51 A.M.**

In this regard a DD No. 56-A, dated 17-02-2019 has been lodged at P.S. Mangolpuri, Delhi.

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

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

SHO
P.S. Mangolpuri, Delhi
DP/1965/OD/19 Ph.: 011-27922186, 7065036121

Appeal for Identification



General public is hereby informed that one male dead body **Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: 40 Years, Height: 5'7", Complexion: Shallow, Sex: Male, Wearing: Blue Colour Jacket, Brown Pant was found dead on 15.02.2019. Place of Recovery: Found dead at Katha Kunj Near Hanuman Mandir, Kashmere Gate, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 10-A, has been lodged at PS Kashmere Gate, Delhi on 15.02.2019. Any clue come to notice please inform undersigned.**

SHO
PS. Kashmere Gate, Delhi
DP/9688N/19 Ph.: 011-23967889, 23968730

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that a boy namely **Somveer, S/o Babu Ram, R/O C-35/36, Sec-5, DSII/DC Bawana, Delhi.** The boy has been missing since 07/10/2018 from the area of P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi.

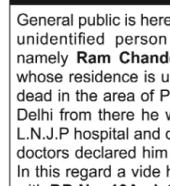
In this regard DD No. 27-A, dated 07/10/2018 has been lodged at P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing boy but no clue has come to light so far.

The description of the missing boy is as under:
Name: Somveer, Age: 25 Years, Height: 5'7", Complexion: Fair, Face: Normal, Wearing: Grey Colour Shirt, Blue Jeans and Red Chappal in Feet.

If anyone has any information regarding this missing boy, kindly inform SHO/P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi.

Email: cic@cbi.gov.in, Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
Ph. : 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax: 011-24368639
SHO
P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi
DP/2533/RD/19 Ph. No. 011-27822206, 08750870322

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person 40 years of age namely **Ram Chander, S/o Bhoore Lal** whose residence is unknown, was found dead in the area of PS. Kashmere Gate, Delhi from there he was admitted in the L.N.J.P hospital and during the treatment doctors declared him dead, on 14.02.19. In this regard a vide has been registered with DD No: 10A, dated 14.02.19 at P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to identify the deceased person but no clue has come to light so far.

The description of the UIDB is as under:
Sex: Male, Age: 40 years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: Naked.

If anyone has any information about his relatives, kindly inform the SHO/ Kashmere Gate, Delhi.

SHO
P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi
Ph.: 011- 23968730, 23967889
DP/9691N/19

London clubs reach last 16

Arsenal overcome first leg deficit to see off BATE Borisov 3-0(1); Chelsea beat Malmo in similar fashion

AFF ■ LONDON

Arsenal and Chelsea reached the last 16 of the Europa League on Thursday after the Gunners comfortably saw off BATE Borisov 3-0 and Maurizio Sarri's troubled side relieved some of the pressure on him with the same scoreline against mediocre Malmo.

After falling 1-0 in Belarus, Arsenal was level on aggregate after just three minutes when Zakhar Volkov sliced Aubameyang's low cross past Denis Scherbitski in his own goal.

Unai Emery's side deservedly went through thanks to two thumping headers from Shkodran Mustafi and Sokratis either side of the break which put them into Friday's draw.

Ahead 2-1 from the first leg in Sweden, Chelsea had to wait until 10 minutes after the break for the first sign of excitement, Olivier Giroud tapping in the decisive goal of a humdrum encounter at Stamford Bridge.

Ross Barkley made sure of the win with a super free-kick in the 74th minute, just after Malmo's Rasmus Bengtsson was sent off for his second bookable offence, before 18-year-old Hudson-Odoi made the most of a rare start by crashing home the third.

Carlo Ancelotti's Napoli breezed to a 2-0 win over FC Zurich that saw them win 5-1 on aggregate, while Inter Milan went through 5-0 after sweeping four goals past Rapid Vienna without reply at the San Siro.

RENNES MAKE HISTORY

French side Rennes are into the last 16 of a major European tournament for the first time after winning possibly the most entertaining tie of the round 6-4 on aggregate following a barnstorming 3-1 win at Real Betis.

Goals from Ramy Bensebaini and Adrien Hunou fired Rennes into a two-goal lead within the opening half-hour but the tie was put back in the balance when Giovanni Lo Celso pulled one back four minutes before half-time.

With Betis pushing to equalise and go through on away goals, M'Baye Niang finished off an injury time break to see the mid-table Ligue 1 side through.

RB Salzburg, Dinamo Zagreb and Zenit Saint Petersburg all overturned



first-leg deficits, with Austrians Salzburg hammering Club Brugge 4-0 to go through 5-2 and Croatian champions Dinamo 4-2 winners on aggregate after a storming 3-0 victory over Viktoria Plzen.

Zenit overcame Fenerbahce 3-1 in Russia, Magomed Ozdov and Sardar Azmoun giving the hosts an aggregate lead before Mehmet Topal put the Turks ahead on away goals just before the break.

Pablo Fornals snuck Villarreal past Sporting Lisbon with a fine curling strike that gave the La Liga side a 1-1 draw on the night and a 2-1 win overall, while Benfica eased past Galatasaray 2-1 after a goalless draw in Portugal.

Krasnodar shocked Bundesliga outfit Bayer Leverkusen with a 1-1 draw that saw them through on away goals. Eintracht Frankfurt saved



Sokratis Papastathopoulos, left, celebrates with Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang after scoring AP

"We wanted this result but also we wanted to play for our supporters here. We did our best to come back (in the tie) and the team worked very well."

— Unai Emery (Arsenal manager)

"The boys really played well today. We worked hard throughout the game. The goal that came at the end was definitely a bonus for the way that we played."

— Callum Hudson Odoi (Chelsea winger)

Germany's blushes by sweeping past Shakhtar Donetsk with a pulsating 4-1 win that gave them side a 6-3 aggregate victory.

Scotland's participation in Europe ended after 10-man Celtic fell 1-0 at Valencia, already 2-0 up from the first leg in Glasgow and winners in Spain thanks to Kevin Gameiro's 70th-minute strike.

FIFA hands Chelsea transfer ban

LONDON: Premier League club Chelsea have been banned from signing new players in the next two transfer windows as punishment for breaking rules on registering under-age players, FIFA said on Friday.

It means the club — who immediately said they would appeal the decision — will be unable to make signings until the end of January next year.

"The disciplinary committee sanctioned Chelsea with a ban on registering new players at both national and international level for the next two complete and consecutive registration periods," FIFA said in a statement. In addition, Chelsea were fined 600,000 Swiss francs (\$600,000, 530,000 euros) and given a period of 90 days to regularise the situation of the minor players concerned.

The ban does not prevent players being released by the club and it does not apply to Chelsea's women's and futsal teams.

Chelsea have been given three days to appeal against FIFA's decision, which could prove highly damaging, for example preventing the club from signing a replacement for Eden Hazard if the star player leaves the club. AFP

Arsenal face Rennes in last 16

AFF ■ PARIS

Arsenal will face French side Rennes in the last 16 of the Europa League, while Chelsea were paired with Dynamo Kiev in Friday's draw.

Both Premier League clubs will be at home in the first leg on Thursday, March 7, with the return matches scheduled for March 14.

Arsenal's draw means that their veteran goalkeeper Petr Cech will return to face the club he represented for two seasons before joining Chelsea in 2004.

The Brittany club finished fifth in Ligue 1 last season and are currently in mid-table, but have impressed since the 38-year-old Julien Stephan was appointed as coach in December.

Arsenal manager Unai Emery — who won the Europa League three years running as coach of Sevilla — is familiar with Rennes from his two seasons in charge of Paris Saint-Germain.

London rivals Chelsea, the other Premier League club still in the competition, might also view winning the Europa League as their most likely route into next season's Champions League.

After beating Swedish side Malmo, they might find the going tougher against Ukrainian giants Dynamo.

The clubs met in the group stage of the Champions League in 2015-16,

drawing 0-0 in Kiev before Chelsea won 2-1 at Stamford Bridge.

Elsewhere, Sevilla, who have won the trophy five times including twice in its former guise as the UEFA Cup, will face Slavia Prague.

Widely-fancied Napoli will take on the Austrian champions Salzburg, who reached the semi-finals last season.

Former European Cup finalists and UEFA Cup winners Eintracht Frankfurt were drawn against Inter Milan, who won the UEFA Cup three times in the 1990s.

Benfica face Dinamo Zagreb, while Valencia's reward for knocking out Celtic is a tie against FC Krasnodar of Russia.

That is one of two ties between Russian and Spanish sides, with Zenit Saint Petersburg drawn against Villarreal.

The final of this season's Europa League will be played in Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan, on May 29.



Low expectations is great place to start from: Vihari

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Hanuma Vihari has been punching above his weight ever since he made his India debut and that's why he is ready to deal with "low expectations" in a bid to change the popular perception of not being good enough for the T20 format in the upcoming IPL.

Vihari is back in the IPL, which starts March 23, with the Delhi Capitals after going unsold at the auction for three years primarily due to an unimpressive strike rate of sub 100.

"I think because of the slow strike-rate of the past, people won't have expectations from me, which can be a great thing. I take it positively, because now I have a chance to prove them all wrong," Vihari said.

The Delhi Capitals have a star-studded top order with Shikhar Dhawan, Prithvi Shaw, skipper Shreyas Iyer and the indomitable Rishabh Pant in the ranks.

Vihari knows it will be a fight to get into the playing XI but he is ready to don the role of a finisher the same way he agreed to open in unfamiliar conditions in Melbourne.

"Honestly, given that I am playing the IPL after a three-year gap, I am ready to go out there and bat anywhere the management asks me to, whether it's at the top of the order, or in the role of a finisher.

"On my part, I am really in a great mental space and a great position as far as my game is concerned. I am really well-prepared for everything right now," the 25-year-old Andhra batsman said.

He was a part of Sunrisers Hyderabad in 2013 but a lot has changed since then. He has scored loads of runs for India A and also struck a fifty against England on his Test debut.

"I am excited, and fully ready for the season ahead with Delhi Capitals. Mainly because in these three years, I have developed so much as a player.

"I am much more confident of performing now. Also, we have a great mix of Indian and foreign players. I am really looking forward to playing under Shreyas and Ricky's (Ricky Ponting) leadership," Vihari said.

Vihari feels his India stint will make a difference as it has upped his confidence so necessary in a slam-bang tournament. "It gives me a huge boost for sure. I think things have worked out quite timely for me. The IPL opportunity could not have come to me at a better time."

He is most comfortable in the middle order but won't mind facing the red cherry at the start of an innings if asked to do so on once again.

"Yes, I will do whatever is needed for the team. These are situations you face as a sportsman, and you have got to learn to accept it. I don't want to be tagged as the guy who is not a team man," Vihari said with conviction.



Short working on his spin to enhance selection chances

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

Dashing Australian batsman D'Arcy Short is working on his left-arm spin bowling with former India tweaker Sridharan Sriram to enhance selection in the team for the limited over series starting with the first T20I in Vizag on Sunday.

"I did a lot of work with him (Sriram) in the A tour in August and September. That was good then and I've done a bit of work with him yesterday and today, just refining things and getting a little bit better," he was quoted as saying by cricket.Com.Au.

"If I can give two or three overs or even four or five in one-day cricket then it's always going to help my selection in the end and hopefully it goes in my favour," added Short, who is in the 15-man squad as cover for Shaun Marsh.

The 28-year-old has claimed 10 wickets in 15 games for Hobart



his best I think he offers a lot to the team along with his batting."

Australia will play second T20I on February 27 at Bangalore, before competing in the five-ODI series next month.

Hurricanes this season besides amassing 637 runs at 53.08 and a strike rate of 140.61.

Sriram said Short can offer a lot to the team with his spin bowling.

"We've seen in the Big Bash, he's bowled a lot more than the previous years which I think is a very good sign for our cricket team going forward," he said.

"He's come a long way. One of the main things we talked about was aligning his technique and then consistency of length.

"If he can do that and spin the ball both ways, which he does, when he's bowling at

Kishan powers Jharkhand's triumph

PTI ■ MULAPADU

Skipper Ishan Kishan blasted a 55-ball 100 (8X4, 7X6) to power Jharkhand to a facile nine-wicket win over Jammu and Kashmir in a Group 'A' match on Friday.

In other matches, Delhi routed Manipur by 10 wickets while Andhra Pradesh thrashed Nagaland by 179 runs to notch up four points.

Sent into bat by Jharkhand, J&K made 168 for 9 in 20 overs with Jatinder Singh making the top-score of 47 while Rahul Shukla took five wickets.

The talented Kishan took the J&K attack by the scruff of the neck, hammering boundaries and sixers at will. He lashed shots to all parts of the ground, taking the team home in the 17th over, for its second straight win.

Meanwhile, Delhi bounced back after losing to Jharkhand on Thursday, by racing to the target of 119 in just 11.4 overs after Manipur was restricted to 113 for 6 in 20 overs.

Ricky Bhui hammered a 42-ball 108 to power Andhra to 244 for 4 in the quota of 20 overs before Nagaland was shot out for 65 in 13.1 overs.



KARNATAKA HAMMER BENGAL CUTTACK: Young Rohan Kadam struck an unbeaten 81 as Karnataka cantered to a nine-wicket win over Bengal to register their second successive Group D win.

The 24-year-old, who made his debut against Assam on Thursday, smashed two sixes and 10 fours during his 55-ball knock as Karnataka chased down the modest target of 132 in 15.5 overs.

Giving him company was wicket-keeper-batsman BR Sharath, who got out after completing his 50 off 37 balls. The duo laid down a solid opening partnership of 117 runs in 14.3 overs for Karnataka.

Opting to bat, Bengal batsmen faltered to be bundled out for 131 inside 19.4 overs with opener Shreevats Goswami top-scoring with a 29-ball 40 (6x4s, 1x6).

Earlier at the same venue, Chhattisgarh toyed Arunachal Pradesh attack to notch up a massive 215 for three en route to a 96-run win for their back-to-back victories.

Rishabh Tiwary top-scored for Chhattisgarh with a 52-ball 81, while Amandeep Khare was at his explosive best in a 23-ball unbeaten 61.

In reply Arunachal Pradesh were restricted to 118 for eight. Vishal Kushwah starred with the ball for Chhattisgarh with fine figures of 4 for 16.

MUMBAI ROMP PUNJAB

PTI ■ INDORE

Led by pacer Dhawal Kulkarni, Mumbai defended a modest 156-run target as they defeated Punjab by 35 runs in their Group C match, registering their second successive win.

In another Group C game, Test specialist Cheteshwar Pujara, who had hit an unbeaten 100 in 61 balls against Railways, continued his good form as he scored 68 to help Saurashtra defeat Madhya Pradesh by 6 wickets.

This was Saurashtra's first win in the tournament. On Thursday, Mumbai had kicked-off their campaign on a winning note, thrashing minnows Sikkim by a staggering 154 runs.

Asked to bat first, Punjab bowlers led by Baltej Singh (3-30) and left-arm seamer Barinder Sran (3-34) dished out a clinical performance as they bundled out a formidable Mumbai for a modest 155 in their 20 overs Friday.

Surya Kumar Yadav was Mumbai's top-scorer as he hit a quick-fire 80 in just 49 balls and stitched a crucial 126-run stand for the third wicket with in-form Shreyas Iyer (46).



After Iyer's dismissal, 'crisis man' Siddhesh Lad went for a duck and then Mumbai lost wickets in a heap and eventually folded up for 155.

Unheralded 18-year-old Punjab opener Prabhsimran Singh, who has been picked by Mumbai Indians, gave Punjab a scare with a blazing 54 in just 20 balls, an innings studded with six boundaries and four sixes.

But he lacked support from other end. All other Punjab batsmen, including Yuvraj Singh, had an off-day in office as their innings folded up at 120.

Kulkarni (4-22) was ably supported by Shubham Ranjane (2-14), while Shams Mulani, Shardul Thakur picked a wicket each.

'Would hate to give two points to Pak'

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar on Friday said he would "hate" to see India concede two points to Pakistan by not playing them in the upcoming World Cup as such a move would only help the arch-rivals in the mega-event.

Tendulkar endorsed Sunil Gavaskar's view that India would be better off beating Pakistan in the World Cup than forfeiting the June 16 tie in the wake of the Pulwama terror attack.

"India has always come up trumps against Pakistan in the World Cup. Time to beat them once again. Would personally hate to give them two points and help them in the tournament," said Tendulkar.

"Having said that, for me India always comes first, so whatever my country decides, I will back that decision with all my heart," the legendary batsman added.

While the likes of Harbhajan Singh and Yuzvendra Chahal have called for complete cricketing boycott of Pakistan, Gavaskar on Thursday said India will be the loser if they decide to not play against Pakistan on June 16.



Sachin Tendulkar tweet from his official Twitter handle @sachin_rt

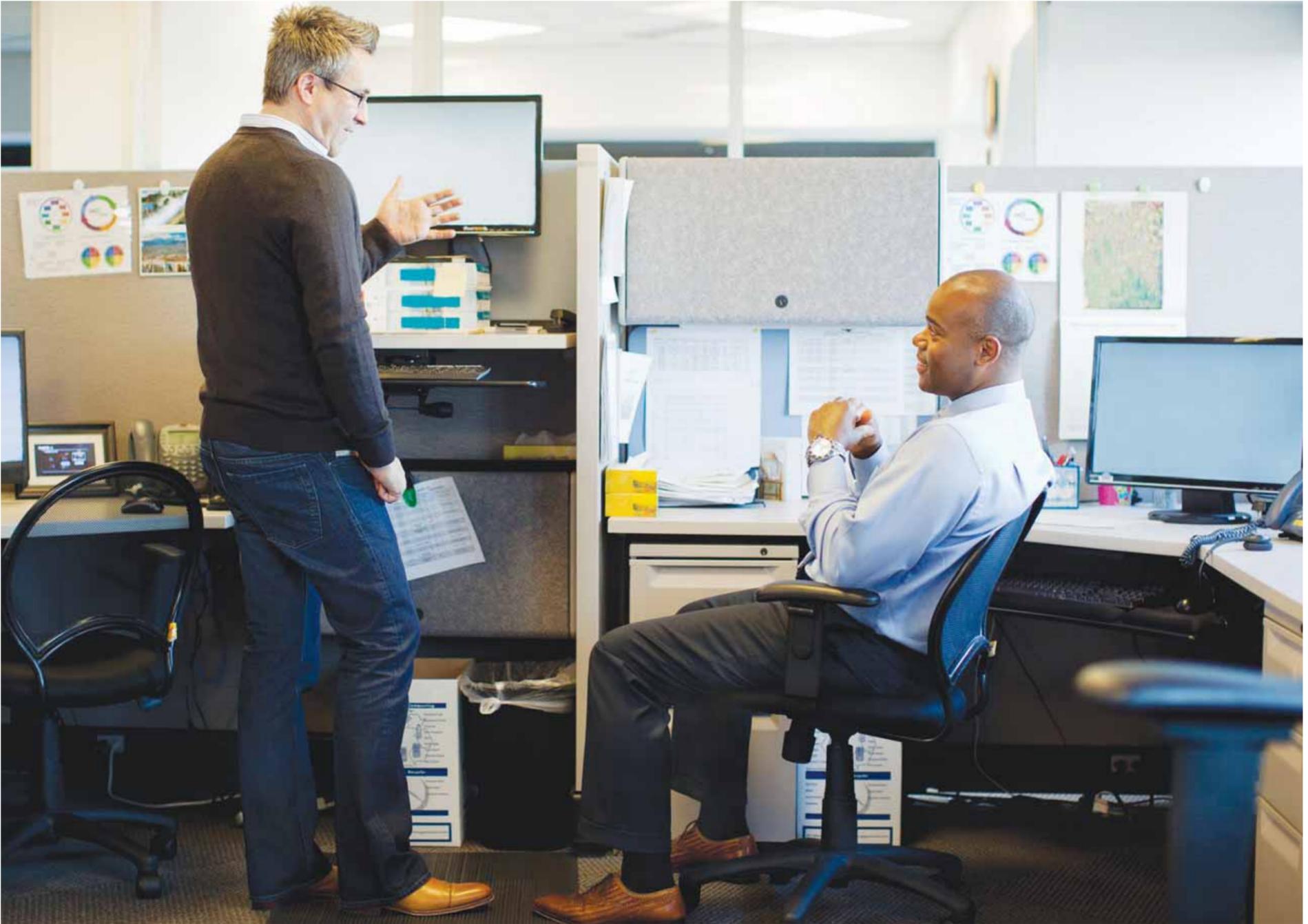
"Who wins if India decide against playing Pakistan in the World Cup? And I am not even talking about the semis and the finals. Who wins? Pakistan win because they get two points," Gavaskar had told 'India Today'.

"India have so far beaten Pakistan every time in a World Cup, so we are actually conceding two points when by beating Pakistan, we could make sure that they don't advance in the competition," he had said.

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INNINGS OF LIFE:
MANISHA

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MAINTAIN OFFICE DECORUM

Our confidence and capability definitely matters when it comes to our professional life but, in order to grow rapidly, maintaining office decorum is highly required, says Team Viva

Rules are made to maintain decorum at work place and it is expected that employees behave in a manner consistent with the company's mission and goals.

By establishing standards for business conduct, company executives set expectations about acceptable behavior.

A positive attitude toward maintaining high standards for work ethics usually creates a productive environment in which people take pride in the work, and customers, suppliers and partners want to conduct business.

By demanding that all employees value each other's opinions, treat customers with dignity and recognize cultural diversity, companies ensure that employees show respect in the workplace.

If employees have negative attitude toward other employees because they come from a different culture, productivity tends to decrease.

By promoting activities that help teams work together better, such as workshops with team-building exercises designed to improve communication, solve problems and make decisions efficiently, companies help their employees improve productivity.

Employees who demonstrate a positive attitude toward their job typically respect company rules and follow the company's dress code, obey safety procedures, adhere to ethical standards and exercise self-discipline at all times. Company policies regarding work ethics typically require employees to consider how their behavior would look if reported in the news. If an employee would be uncomfortable being judged poorly by the public for his actions, he should not take

an action that would condemn him. Immoral and unethical behavior causes distractions that reduce productivity and disrupts the work environment for everyone.

By arriving on time and leaving at the scheduled time, effective employees usually produce the work they were hired to complete. Repeated unexplained absences or missed appointments reduce productivity, which tends to affect the rest of the organization. By displaying a positive attitude toward work, employees get work done in timely manner and ensure customer satisfaction. Organizations that deal with misconduct in a consistent manner and prevent retaliation against employees who report bad behavior ensure high ethical standards that lead to employee trust, respect and productivity.

The good reputation that an association maintains within its key communities is an immeasurable asset that executives naturally want to protect. Winter notes that a strong reputation is, in many ways, a natural outcome of a strong commitment to ethics at all organizational levels. Executives generally recognize that employees can either enhance or diminish that reputation through their daily decisions and interactions. They may not fully appreciate how an ethics program can give employees the tools to enhance that reputation.

Importantly for association executives, the relationships described above are even stronger among employees in transitioning organizations - those that have undergone a merger, acquisition, or restructuring within the last two years. The findings suggest that organizations and employees may



draw the greatest benefits of ethics programs when times are toughest. However, this also means that the foundations for an ethics program need to be laid in good economic times when, ironically, some of the most valuable benefits of these programs may be least apparent.

Sets of formal and informal standards of conduct that people use to guide their behavior at work. These standards are partly based on core values such as honesty, respect, and trust, but they also can be learned directly from the actions of others. For example, what people see their organizational leaders, managers, and coworkers do on the job can influence their own views of what is acceptable or unacceptable behavior.

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The values and employment principles guide our relationship with the Government, community and each other but what do these mean in practice?

Ethical behaviour means always taking the high road when making decisions. For managers it also means leading when managing yourself and your staff.

Employee awareness of how to make ethical decisions is part of good workplace practice. Adherence to ethical standards based on the public sector values and the Code of Conduct reduces the level of organisational risk and increases performance.

The values and principles help people determine how things ought to be done. They guide work practices, interactions and behaviour within an organisation. They are the foundation on which an organisation operates and apply across all levels of the organisation - from the Secretary or Chief Executive to frontline employees.

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Managers play a major role in determining whether employees embrace a company's values. If managers and top leaders don't model ethical behavior or enforce rules in

a fair manner, employees lose trust. Studies also show that people are more likely to override their own ethical concerns if their manager doesn't share those concerns.

Ethics is about behavior. In the face of dilemma, it is about doing the right thing. Ethical managerial leaders and their people take the "right" and "good" path when they come to the ethical choice points.

The purpose of this article is to steer your thinking and action toward creating and sustaining an ethical workplace culture. Managerial leaders and their people are invited to explore how values, actions, and behavioral standards can help steer organizational behavior.

A well-used axiom in organizational behavior thought asserts that values ultimately drive our behavior. In a nutshell, values exert influence over our attitudes, and attitudes influence our behavior. Values are integral to attitude formation and to how we respond to people and situations. Extensive literature exists dealing with how values relate to effective managerial leadership.

A review of this body of work leaves us with the clear picture that values are a key component of effective managerial leadership.

Behavioral standards and codes of ethical conduct can help steer ethical behavior by offering a cue or written rule to remind personnel of the right thing to do - an "outside in" process for ethical behavior management. These standards and codes trigger peoples' internalized values, thus gaining strength through firm yet fairly administered consequences



MANISHA KOIRALA

I was about to lose my life and now I see everything with gratitude. Whatever time I'm alive, I'm going to live well. I am going to give my best, make the most of my life and share the joy with all pitfalls and bumps. Earlier I lived in an unaware phase. This is definitely my second inning to not only my work but my life as well.



AMIT TRIVEDI

An upcoming artiste can face a number of challenges and, having been on this journey myself, I can fully attest to how impactful the right platform and the right mentors can be for an artiste at the onset of his or her music career. My message is to 'Do what moves you' and keep chasing your dream.



PALLAVI SHARDA

Being versatile has always been my interest. Early on in my Hindi film career, people wanted to pigeonhole me into an understandable, manageable, quantifiable thing. But I am very pleased that I stuck to my convictions, took risky decisions and did not get caught up in the archetype of the Bollywood heroine.



SUSHANT SINGH

How do we ban the already banned? Please wake up and look around, the film industry has not been working with Pakistani artistes since the Uri attack. Post attack (in 2016), producers and the Federation (Federation of Western India Cine Employees) had banned Pakistani artistes.

MILO VENTIMIGLIA

There are things that people live through, so to be able to have a forum to discuss it and speak about it honestly, I'm incredibly proud of Mandy (Moore) for just being who she is, an inspiring woman. To let someone know that they're not alone in a feeling, I think that's a great thing to do.

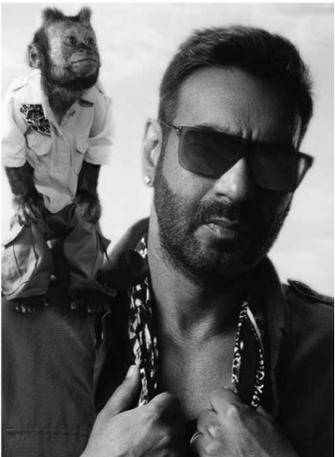


SHORT CIRCUITS

ENCOUNTER 50 MINUTES

The smart hatter

Actor AJAY DEVGN dabbles in comedy with his latest film, *Total Dhamaal*, but is equally at ease in other genres, says SAIMI SATTAR



Ajay Devgn has found quite the spot. While the rest of the cast of *Total Dhamaal* is cooped up inside a hall in a hotel, he has a small set-up just outside, open to the sky, which is certainly pleasant given the weather. "Oh, that's because I smoke," he says with a laugh and one can't help but notice a pack of cigarettes lying prominently on the table. As is wont, I try to put on the recorder on my phone for the interview while Ajay narrates that he was born in Delhi but does not know much of it, even as I keep fiddling with the device waiting for it to switch on. When I confess that it has frozen, Ajay asks me if he can help and tries to, but clearly the app has a mind of its own and won't succumb even to the charms of a celebrity actor who has more than a hundred films to boot. Casting it aside, I decide to go the old fashioned way and jot down what he says.

Ajay explains that the film is called an adventure comedy as there is hardly a moment where the cast is in a situation which cannot be classified as an escapade. "Except for one court scene with Anil Kapoor and Madhuri Dixit, the entire cast is either mid-air or in water or in trouble. It has an *Indiana Jones* like feel," says the actor who rode astride two bikes into collective national conscience with *Phool Aur Kaante* in 1991 for which he got the best Filmfare Male Debut Award.

However, it is Ajay's funny bone that has given him huge career hits and is on display in the third installment of the *Dhamaal* franchise. "The content in comedies is what makes you laugh. That depth has been there in the *Golmaal* series. Making people laugh is not easy in general. Add to it the fact that you can't tickle them twice with the same joke, the humour loses punch. So the content has to be fresh. Then as performers, after the gag has been written, it is also essential to understand how much to stretch the joke, the appropriate amount of energy needed to perform it and also an understanding of when and how it can nosedive if not executed well. Some jokes need a poker face and others need a lot of action," says the actor who in the initial years of his career was known for his intense and action roles. However, Ajay made a transition and can dabble in different genres with seemingly equal ease. "If you aren't classified, that is the best place to be in as an actor. If I did one genre all the time, that is what is likely to happen. I keep on reinventing myself which keeps me going. In fact, I would say I do not understand a genre. What I understand are the characters and I play them. Guddu in *Total Dhamaal* doesn't know the genre. He knows what he has to do and does it," says the actor.



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The seamless switch between his avid interest in world cinema. However, Ajay points out, "I do like to watch world cinema but you need to be in the mood to do so. If you are viewing it with someone, they need to identify with that kind of films. Plus, even when watching it alone, you need to be in a certain frame of mind. However, when you go out with friends or family, it is more likely that you would opt for something which is a comedy or is light-hearted."

Talking about why formula or big stars are no longer a guarantee of success as was obvious from the flops that most of the major stars had to face last year, he says, "Actors now need to know that they can no longer fool the audience. Earlier, it was possible to work around with the same formula but it is not happening any longer. Charisma won't work until the content is good. Besides, the audience, which is more educated and exposed to different experiences now, is more discerning and is constantly evolving." That's what he misses for two milestone performances of his career. "If I did something like *Zakhm* (1998) today or for that matter *Raincoat* (2004), the audience would have been more receptive and appreciated me better. Both the films got a lot of critical appreciation and were praised but the box office collections did not really match up. Today, they would have got the money too," he says.

For somewhere who has traversed a wide arc of creativity, filling out different characters, he has his keen eyes on the script as well as his instincts to invest each role with originality. "I played a gangster in *Company* and then repeated it again in *Once Upon A Time in Mumbai* but no one can say that the characters were similar," says the intelligent actor.

Ajay is starring next in *De De Pyaar De*, which is scheduled to release tentatively around May this year. Also on the cards is Neeraj Pandey's *Chanakya* where he embodies the role of the political thinker, economist and royal advisor. Another historical that he is producing and starring in is *Tanaji - The Unsung Warrior*. "My reason for taking up *Tanaji* is primarily because I liked the script. He was a great historical figure and sacrificed a lot but many people in Maharashtra and most outside have not heard of him. This makes our effort to bring his story to the big screen worthy," says he. However, many historical have invited the ire of self-appointed censors of history. So does he fear controversies? Reasons Ajay, "The problem with our country is that it is really diverse and one group or the other might find something offensive. The final say should be that of the court if there is any difference of opinion and people should just go with the verdict."

A connected citizen, Ajay has taken a clear stand on issues. When #MeToo rocked the Hindi film industry last year, he wrote on his Twitter handle, "I'm disturbed by all the happenings with regards to #MeToo. My company and I believe in providing women with utmost respect and safety. If anyone has wronged even a single woman, neither ADF (Ajay Devgn Films) nor I will stand for it." And he makes no bones about it even now and says, "We respect women. We always believed in this. If two people are involved and it is consensual we are no one to judge them. But it should not be forced."

On another issue, that of nepotism that keeps on making a buzz in the industry time and again, Ajay says, "It is not as if other people do not get chances. They do. If you are connected you do get an initial shot at it but then you have to prove yourself. Ultimately it depends on whether the audience likes you or not." Incidentally his daughter Nyssa is not interested in films at all and he says that she does not have an aptitude for the medium. "She is studying in Singapore," he says.

Recently, Ajay and his actor wife Kajol promoted a Unilever campaign called StartLittleGood to spread awareness about proper recycling of plastic. "I've been aware of global warming. I have been obsessed with being environmentally conscious at home. I am that person who is teased constantly by his sisters for putting off lights and fans when not in use," he says.

Clearly, he does like to dabble in a whole lot of things with equal ease.

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STUDIO CHAT 30 MINUTES

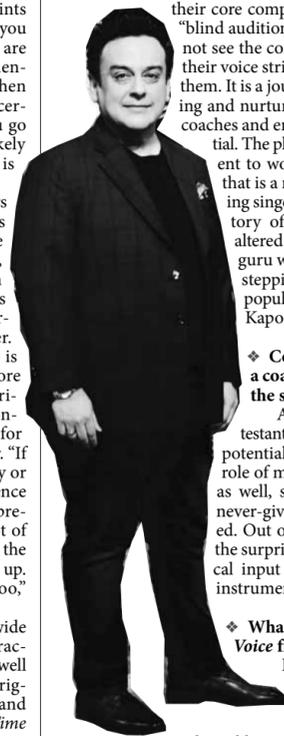
Hear my name

Singer ADNAN SAMI believes that the concept of blind auditions is the proof that *The Voice* is solely based on creating a space for talent and skill.

By TEAM VIVA

♦ What made you take up *The Voice*?

This music competition show transcends all barriers of physical appearance, background, religion and gender, to provide a platform for the budding singing talent solely based on their core competence. The entire concept of the "blind auditions" is very innovative where we do not see the contestant and just hear them and if their voice strikes a chord, we turn our chairs for them. It is a journey of finding raw talent, polishing and nurturing it through the mentorship by coaches and enabling them to reach their potential. The platform gives an opportunity for talent to work with their dream coaches and that is a massive opportunity for any aspiring singer. For the first time ever in the history of the show, the format has been altered to introduce the concept of a super guru with the one and only A R Rahman stepping into the shoes. I am joined by popular singers Harshdeep Kaur, Kanika Kapoor and Armaan Malik as coaches.



♦ Could you elaborate on your role as a coach and what you plan to bring to the show?

As a coach, I will nurture the contestants and help them in unleashing their potential as a singer. I will not only play the role of music coach but will be a life coach as well, sharing my own experiences and never-give-up stories to keep them motivated. Out of all the coaches, I think I will be the surprise package and bring a lot of musical input to the show, right from playing instruments to giving technical comments.

♦ What do you think differentiates *The Voice* from other reality singing shows?

I mentioned the blind auditions before. I also like that there are no judges but only coaches who provide contestants with the technical know-how and skills for them to grow.

♦ How challenging is it to judge a reality show? How excited or nervous have you been?

I am very excited to be a coach on this show that airs on StarPlus as the talent pool is remarkable and amazing. I am a guiding force on the show, providing feedback and perspectives to the contestants based on my own experiences and facilitate them to take their musical prowess a step ahead.

♦ How does it feel to share space with the maestro A R Rahman?

It is always a pleasure to work with A R Rahman and for the first time I will be seeing him from the lens of a superguru. He will be seen sharing valuable feedback and perspectives which are truly inspiring. His insights about the entire process of creating music and his personal life changing stories are remarkable.

♦ How is your rapport with the other coaches on the show?

We get along really well and it reflects on the show. There is a great variety of different types of musicians who bring something distinct with them. Each coach has come from a different school of music, had prolific musical experiences and achieved immense success. So there is a one-stop shop of expertise.

♦ What kind of voice on the show will stand out and catch your attention?

I am not in search of any specific voice. A voice which influences and touches my heart will earn a chair. Everything else can be taught if the quality of the voice is great.



Fabricated over a span of nine months, artist Vibhor Sogani's installation at Kishangarh, Rajasthan titled *Through the Depths* represents the process of extraction of raw stone from the depths of the earth and its subsequent refinement into an aesthetic symbol. It is an ode to passion, endeavour and intent. Standing 12-feet tall on an elevated stone, it is crafted in 316-grade stainless, mirror-finished steel.

CONVERSATION 40 MINUTES

A wide arc

Actor VIJAY VARMA tells CHAHAK MITTAL that just as humans try to steal others' experiences and recreate them in their own lives, an actor's versatility comes from the various shoes he steps into

It was probably Zoya Akhtar's "insightful eye" with which she observed actor Vijay Varma's versatility and acting skills and welcomed him on board the cast of *Gully Boy*. The character of Moeen has become a favourite with just a handful of scenes and has been also receiving immense appreciation for his role as Ranveer Singh's friend and conscience-keeper.

The actor believes that when he was given the dialogues to prepare, the audition went well and he indeed did "a fairly well job." However, the most special part,

he says, was Zoya's eye for detail and content that mattered. "It's great to work with a director like her. She respects hard work and has a heart for quality. It's important to have such directors around," says he.

Vijay has played characters that were completely different in films like *Chittagong*, *Monsoon Shootout* and *Pink* previously. Preparing for his role in *Gully Boy* was another challenge, he says. "It needed a lot of internal and mental work to understand and fit into the world that the filmmakers wanted to portray in

the film. From being a garage mechanic, drug peddler, and even a thief amidst the dark, Moeen had a lot of personalities rather than just one. He knew his punishment was justified. He used kids for labour but gave them a roof over their heads. He was a good friend too. So, there was a great deal of emotional work," says Vijay and goes on to add that picking up the language and accent also had to be worked upon. "I spoke to a lot of local slum people in order to understand and catch their terminology and bring out that worn out



feeling in my character." Seminal roles sometimes also shape actors as people and change their outlook on life. Vijay tells us what this role had taught him. He says, "You do get a better insight in certain segments and geography, about which you might have never

thought before. It makes you delve deeper into things unfamiliar to you. As humans, we are always trying to find inspiration from other people, moments and places. We try to steal experiences from others' lives and try to recreate them in our own. Similarly, an actor also

lives many lives and tries to imitate some of them in reality — the ones which they find worth recreating or living for."

While talking about *Gully Boy* as a film, he feels that it is important to create and show films with such themes. He says that it is "captivating" and "immersive" in the sense that it shows reality and connects with common people. "It's about their dreams and struggles. It's also important to acknowledge street artists like these since they never receive recognition and applause for their amazing talent. They are despised even by their own families. It's not considered as an art," says he.

For Vijay, there's no particular genre that he fits in perfectly, rather he believes that if he'd be given a role in any kind — suspense, action, dark comedy, thriller — he would certainly give his best and "do a good job."



Fendi honours Lagerfeld

The final collection at the Milan fashion week was dedicated to the fashion designer

Fendi paid understated tribute to Karl Lagerfeld, who died this week and was the Rome-based fashion house's creative director for 54 years.

The fashion house said in notes for its Milan Fashion Week show that the Fall/Winter 2019-2020 collection "is the final collection designed by Karl Lagerfeld, representing a lifetime of dedication and creation from 1965 until today."

Reproductions of five of Lagerfeld's sketches accompanied the notes, summing up the looks. A small card came printed with his signature and the Fendi "F" that had a heart forming the cross-stroke. The date of the designer's death was on the back: 19-02-2019.

A video recorded before his death showed Lagerfeld being asked to draw himself as he appeared on his first day at Fendi.

"Well, that's prehistoric," the designer said. "In the 1960s, we didn't hold back."

His personal Fendi preview look: a Cerruti hat over his long hair, dark sunglasses, a printed Lavalliere tie, a yellow-and-red English hunting jacket in Scottish tweed, French-style culottes and a bag that he had found in Milan.

"That was my style. Disreputable," the late designer told the camera in French.

Other highlights from the second day of Milan Fashion Week:

LAGERFELD'S FENDI FINALE

Karl Lagerfeld's grand finale at Fendi emulated the designer's signature style, with striking high collars and the models wearing ponytails at the nape.

The opening look featured a huge bow tie and a double-breasted jacket with white accents, worn with a mini-skirt showing off Fendi tights. That look was elaborated on to show the same jacket as a long overcoat, then paired with wide-legged pleated trousers with white stripe accents. A neat, point-collared shirt buttoned to the top unified the outfits.

A series of wide-pleated skirts in shiny finishes or sheers, as well as structured dresses with pagoda shoulders, pointy collars and cinched waists feminized the collection.

Coats were luxurious furs with the elegant double-F logo in cursive — known as Lagerfeld's curling "Karligraphy" — and laser-cut leather with zippers that opened the sleeves and the back. Shiny leather coats were shaped like capes and had open-zip arms and fur collars.

Beyond neutral tones, Lagerfeld included flashes of daffodil yellow, seafoam green and tangerine. The looks were finished with fur riding caps, the Fendi Peekaboo bag with perforated detailing or the updated Baguette bag with a multi-strap harness.

Gigi Hadid closed the show in a diaphanous mango dress with a snug Fendi-logged bodysuit. A big bow floated on the back.

FENDI'S PUBLIC FAREWELL

Silvia Venturini Fendi, who was a child when Lagerfeld joined Fendi and revolutionized fur at her family's fashion house, thanked the fashion crowd and took a bow, then clenched her fists and stepped backstage.

A screen descended: Backstage was kept private.

Venturini Fendi in a note said the bond between Lagerfeld and Fendi "is fashion's longest love story." "When we called just a few days before the show, his only thoughts were on the richness and the beauty of the collection," she wrote. "It's a true testament to his character. He shall be so missed."



MAX MARA CELEBRATES THE POLITICS OF GLAMOR

Max Mara dedicated its collection to the "boss lady," a nod to the women who have strode to power in their luxury outerwear and business attire.

The show title, "the politics of glamor," was also a not-so-hidden reference to the brick-red "Fire Coat" that U.S. House Minority leader Nancy Pelosi wore to a White House showdown with President Donald Trump. A flurry of social media attention prompted the fashion house to reissue the high-neck coat.

Most of the looks in the latest collection for next fall and winter were for serious day dressing, with a focus on short skirts or longer versions that appeared cut from trousers, but with deep slits to show off knee-high, faux croc boots.

Outerwear varied from ankle-length sleeveless coats with oversized pockets and to poncho coats with furry collars. Zips and pockets gave a sense of utility.

Max Mara punctuated its trademark neutral monotonous with trios of colors and prints, opening the show with identical mini-skirt, business looks in an emerald green, sky blue and canary yellow. The outfits were topped with large, enveloping alpaca cardigans.

Wools mixed with technical fabrics, leathers and fur for contemporary styling. Neutral monotonous in ivory, camel and caramel toast gave way to animal prints and heritage prints with heart motifs.

Accessories included an innovative bag that draped around the neck like a scarf and incorporated two compartments on each end, or a small clutch attached to the body with a harness.

Eva Herzigova closed the show with a black mini with the slightest golden sheen, worn with a black gran-



ite textured coat that was mined from the depths of fashion. Kaia Gerber rocked a layered off-white look with a rich, furry overcoat and single-button suit coat.

EMPORIO ARMANI FOR EVERY AGE

Emporio Armani is Giorgio Armani's line for youthful dressers, but the designer sent an older model down the runway to emphasize that age is not the defining measure.

For this collection, shapely legs certainly were. The looks included shorts that looked like skirts, or mini dresses with swinging hemlines. Armani included a low kitten heel on

booties or knee-high evening sock boots, because "the low heel gave a sense of freedom."

He said a faux crocodile jacket could give an older woman an edgier touch at a price tag not out of this world.

The Emporio Armani freestyle styling included a sweatshirt with a new gold-embossed EA logo pairs with fluid, elegant trousers. An off-shoulder jumpsuit with a deconstructed jacket top projected a day-to-evening derring-do. Pretty dresses were paired with latex-effect leggings.

For Armani, the limits of fashion are defined by "good taste."



The collection included a series of red looks, perhaps a tribute to the growing Chinese market.

Red, along with black and white, "resets everything you see around, that is so much, too much," Armani said.

PRADA EXPLORES LOVE AND WAR

Prada's collection for next fall and winter explores the dichotomy between war and romance, the tug between better and baser impulses.

The collection veers from military looks in Loden textiles with combat boots but softened with furry backpacks to romantic styles with dresses strewn with floral appliques or layered with lace accents.

"It is about romance, but romance and fear," the designer said after the show. "In the sense that the two forces I feel at the moment are fear and danger, but at the same time romance is the solution. So these are pieces of love stories, introducing good in a world that has a lot of bad."

THE PRICE IS RIGHT AT MOSCHINO

Jeremy Scott staged a tongue-in-cheek Moschino game show to show off his collection of slinky dresses and gold lame on women with 1970s bouffants.

The collection fully embraced the early television era, with handbags shaped as TV dinners, toothpaste tubes and champagne bottles, reflecting the reality of home cuisine, a major TV-era advertising force and the millionaire dreams of the television audience.

Models shimmied up against a red Ferrari, a grandfather clock, kitchen appliances and a La-Z-Boy recliner — the latter of which boasted price tags below most present-day luxury brand apparel.

Scott basked in the irony, taking a star turn under a shower of big gold confetti.



ONENESS WITH NATURE

Photographer JUHI SAKLANI's captures ecology which has been integrated with human life

For photographer Juhi Saklani, life can persist in most unexpected places like a grand tree braving traffic, pollution, and dirt of a busy Delhi road, what she exclaims as almost a "national monument". Displayed in 2019 Habitat Photosphere on 'Bhu/Earth', among many others, the trees photograph reminds humans of their oneness with nature.

Habitat Photosphere, an India Habitat Centre (IHC) initiative, is geared towards sensitisation of a sustainable environment and cultural sustainability through the medium of photography.

With this year's theme as 'Bhu/Earth', the ongoing exhibition is currently blooming with photographs, installations and interactive events.

Saklani, one of the four awardees of the Photosphere Fellowship, is exploring art and ecology through photographs of trees growing through old walls and buildings, and inhabiting books, maps and newspapers.

Some exhibited works in her series 'Human/Nature' use "regular headlines about trees being felled for buildings, roads, river interlinking, smart city projects, parking and more" as images.

The series emerged from her "reading and conversations around deep ecology and the nature of the ecological crisis we find ourselves in today — how to live with climate change, species extinction, dramatic loss of biodiversity, depletion of water, massive deforestation, critical levels of pollution", she said.

"I am still a student of ecological issues and philosophies, but some of it has seeped into the photographs. I truly feel that humans need to start thinking of themselves as a part of nature, as opposed to controllers or 'conquerors' of nature," Saklani, who has previously been an editor and writer with Outlook Traveller for nearly a decade, said.

Saklani, whose passion for photography started with taking photographs to support her articles, believes trees to be companions and healers that give solace. For her, the images featuring trees are not works of art — what is art are trees themselves.

A special section 'A Window Into Redevelopment' is a tribute to the people of Delhi who in June-July 2018 protested the "proposed cutting of some 15,000 trees in Sarojini Nagar and Netaji Nagar" - government housing colonies



which were to be "redeveloped" to host commercial spaces.

"In face of official reports which said Sarojini Nagar was a place of 'no significant biodiversity', experts found 26 bird species and 11 types of butterflies in just a two-day survey. "Activists conducted tree surveys in Netaji Nagar and found an irreplaceable wealth of bargads, peepals, semals, neems, jamuns, amaltas..." a note on the section said.

Thanks to the efforts of the protesters, "the company NBCC has to redesign its projects to minimise tree loss", the writer, who feels meditative while clicking trees, said.

'A Window Into Redevelopment', interestingly, has been curated as a combination of photographs and rustic-looking wooden windows allowing one to peep at the collapses in which the threatened trees and demolished houses of these colonies are still trying to co-exist.

"It's also a protest against the top heavy planning that does not involve people in the decisions about their city's future. And a reminder that people need to stay informed about what is happening to their city."

Along with other awardees and more varied exhibitors, Saklani's early take on the Photosphere theme of 'Bhu' is open for the public to view till March 18 at the IHC here. The Photosphere has been curated by art historian Alka Pande.

—IANS

No decision on Pak WC match, CoA to consult Govt: Vinod Rai

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Committee of Administrators (CoA) running Indian cricket on Friday decided against taking any stand on the World Cup clash against Pakistan but urged the ICC and other nations to "sever ties" with countries from where "terrorism emanates".

There has been a call to boycott the June 16 World Cup face-off against Pakistan at the Old Trafford in the aftermath of the Pulwama terror attack, which killed more than 40 CRPF personnel.

In a meeting to address the spiralling speculation around the match, the CoA deliberated on the matter but did not take any position for now.

"The 16th of June is very far away. We will take a call on that much later and in consultation with the government," CoA chief Vinod Rai said after the meeting.

Asked if players have been consulted on the issue, Rai replied in the negative.

"In an e-mail to the ICC, we have expressed our concerns about the terrorist attack that has taken place. We are telling them that security of players and match officials should be appropriately taken care of," Rai said.

"And number two, we must sever ties with nations from which such terrorism emanates. We will express our concern on an appropriate forum," Rai said indicating that the matter will be raised at the ICC quarterly Board meeting in Dubai.

No IPL opening ceremony

All funds to go for Pulwama martyrs

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The IPL will not have an opening ceremony this year after the Committee of Administrators (CoA) running Indian cricket on Friday decided to allocate the money set aside for it to the families of the CRPF personnel killed in the Pulwama terror attack.

The opening ceremonies of the cash-rich T20 league are a heady mix of glamour and Bollywood stars being the highlight.

However, as a mark of

respect to the slain CRPF men, it has been decided to scrap the ceremony for the event's 12th edition beginning March 23.

"We will not have any inaugural function for the IPL and the money budgeted for that goes to the martyrs' families," said Committee of Administrators chairman Vinod Rai.

It was BCCI acting president CK Khanna, who had officially made the proposal to donate at least ₹5 crore for the martyr's families.

It is learnt that 2018 IPL opening ceremony's budget was in the tune of ₹15 crore and something similar to that amount will be donated.

The ICC meeting is scheduled to be held from February 26 to March 2.

In the mail sent to the world body, BCCI said it is concerned about the security of Indian players heading into the World Cup.

"BCCI fears for the safety and security of players and match officials participating in upcoming ICC events including the ICC Cricket World Cup 2019. Most countries from which the members of the ICC hail (including United Kingdom) have strongly condemned this terrorist attack and expressed solidarity with India," the letter stated.

"The BCCI trusts that the ICC and ECB will ensure that the most robust security is

provided to players, match officials and fans of Indian cricket for the upcoming World Cup," it said.

"It was a foregone conclusion that CoA would not take any decision on the matter as the ICC can't ban Pakistan as per rules.

"We can never win a floor Test if we try and pass a resolution to ban Pakistan from the World Cup. We currently don't have majority in ICC. In fact, ICC chairman Shashank Manohar, in his individual capacity, has more votes than BCCI at the present moment," a senior BCCI official said.

It is understood that BCCI officials are also concerned that such a stand might cost them the hosting rights of the 2021 Champions Trophy and the 2023 World Cup.

IOC suspends discussions with India for hosting global events

PTI ■ LAUSANNE/NEW DELHI

The denial of visas to Pakistani shooters in the Delhi World Cup has jeopardised India's chances of hosting the Olympics or any global event with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) suspending all such discussions with the country and recommending that no big tournament be awarded to it.

India denied visas to Pakistani shooters for the World Cup that starts on Saturday in the wake of the Pulwama terror attack. As a result, the IOC revoked the two Olympic quotas on offer in the men's 25m Rapid Fire Pistol competition of the event.

However, the bigger repercussion was the world body's declaration that it would not engage with India on discussions to host major events. The country aspires to host the 2026 Youth Olympics, the 2032 Summer Olympics and the 2030 Asian Games.

The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has already sent an expression of interest to the IOC for the 2032 Games and the bidding process for the 2026 showpiece is expected to start next year.

The IOC said its stand against the country will remain until clear "written guarantees are obtained from the Indian government to ensure the entry of all participants in such events in full compliance with the rules of the Olympic charter."

"This situation (at the ISSF World Cup) goes against the fundamental principles of the Olympic charter, in particular the principles of non-discrimination..." the IOC stated after a meeting of its executive board in Lausanne on Thursday evening.

"As a result, the IOC executive board also decided to suspend all discussions with the Indian NOC and government regarding the potential appli-

IOC TAKES AWAY 2 QUOTA, SPARES 14

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) decided against withdrawing all the Olympic quotas from the shooting World Cup here and revoked just two after visas were denied to Pakistani shooters in the aftermath of the Pulwama terror attack.

Within hours of International Shooting Federation (ISSF) President Vladimir Lisin's declaration that all the 16 quotas have been revoked due to the situation with Pakistan, the IOC said the Olympic qualification status has been withdrawn from only the men's 25m Rapid Fire Pistol event. This event had two spots on offer.

"The IOC restricted the withdrawal of recognition as an Olympic qualification event to the 25m rapid fire pistol competition in which the two Pakistani athletes were supposed to participate," the IOC said in a statement after its executive board meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Delhi. "In addition to not being able to host events in India, there may be problems for our athletes to take part in international events. We will approach the government again so that the situation does not reach that far.

"It is a violation of Olympic Charter and the country's image has been lowered. If the Indian government does not give guarantees within 15 to 20 days, another letter may come from IOC," he added. Besides their aspiration to host the Olympics, India already have the hosting rights of the 2021 men's world boxing championships.

"The world body also urged the international federations to neither award nor hold sports events in India until the 'guarantees are obtained.'"

The Indian Olympic Association expressed helplessness but did say that the current situation does not look good for the country's sporting future.

"We have tried our best but ultimately it is the government (which has to grant visas). It is a dangerous situation for all sport in the country," IOA Secretary General Rajeev Mehta said in



"This happened in the interest of the other 500 athletes from 61 countries participating in the other events who are already in India for their competition," it added.

The National Rifles Association of India (NRAI) heaved a sigh of relief a day before the start of the competition.

"The Organising Committee of the New Delhi World Cup wishes to unequivocally thank the ISSF President Vladimir Lisin, the ISSF Secretary General Alexander Ratner, the IOA President Dr Narinder Batra, and the Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Col (Retd) RVS Rathore for ensuring the best possible outcome to a vexed and complex scenario," NRAI President Raninder Singh said.

ISSF World Cup: Apurvi, Anjum, Elavenil in action on day 1



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Anjum Moudgil, Apurvi Chandel and Elavenil Valaraivan will lead India's charge in women's 10m air rifle event on the first day of competition at the season-opening ISSF shooting World Cup on Saturday.

The immensely talented Mehuli Ghosh will shoot in Minimum Score (MQS) at the Dr Karni Singh Range.

They are among 102 competitors from 44 nations in the fray in the women's 10m event. India have secured both their Olympic quotas in the event through Moudgil and Chandela at the World Championships last September.

Besides the men's 25m rapid fire pistol and the two 10m mixed team air rifle and air pistol events, the rest of the seven events in the five-day competition will distribute two Olympic quotas each.

India will compete for 12 quotas in six events, besides trying to win medals.

Spinner Bisht guides India to 66-run

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Left-arm spinner Ekta Bisht snared four wickets as Indian bowlers dished out a clinical effort to beat England by 66 runs in the first ODI of the ICC Women's Championship here on Friday.

Bisht returned with impressive figures of four for 25 to help Indian women defend a modest 203-run target by bundling out England women for a paltry 136 in 41 overs to take a 1-0 lead in the three-match series.

Bisht was ably supported by pacer Shikha Pandey (2/21), Deepti Sharma (2/33) and veteran Jhulan Goswami (1/19) as India comfortably grabbed two points in the ICC Women's Championship.

For the visitors, Natalie Sciver top-scored with a 66-ball 44, while skipper Heather Knight remained unbeaten on 39.

Chasing the modest target, England, in fact, were in a comfortable position at 111 for three by the end of the 30th over before the visitors crumbled like a pack of cards, losing their last seven batswomen for just 24 runs to surrender the match.

Bisht wrecked England women by taking three wickets in a span of five balls in the 41st over to register the comfortable win for her side.

Earlier, young Jemimah Rodrigues top-scored for Indian women, scoring 48 off



58 balls while skipper Mithali Raj made 44 off 77 deliveries.

Asked to bat, openers Smriti Mandhana (24) and Rodrigues (48) gave a steady start to India's innings sharing 69 runs for the opening wicket.

But just after the drinks break, Mandhana played on a Georgia Elwiss delivery

while going for a pull.

India then lost Deepti Sharma (7), who was stumped by Sarah Taylor off Sophie Ecclestone.

Ecclestone, stuck in her very next over, removing a well-set Jemimah as India slumped to 92 for 3.

Then Sciver struck twice in the 22nd over -- first

removing debutant Harleen Deol (2) and then Mona Meshram (0) as India looked in a spot of bother.

But Raj and wicket-keeper Bhatia then joined hands and steadied the ship with a 54-run stand off 94 balls for the sixth wicket.

Raj, who struck four boundaries, was poised for

another fifty before she was trapped in front of the wicket by Elwiss in the 42nd over.

After Raj's dismissal, wickets kept tumbling at the other end before Goswami chipped in with a handy 30-run knock off 37 balls, which included three fours and a six, to take the hosts past the 200-run mark.

Pak Olympic Association hails IOC decision

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The National Olympic Association of Pakistan (POA) on Friday supported its parent body IOC for removing Olympic quotas in the men's 25m rapid fire pistol event of the ongoing ISSF World Cup in Delhi, where its country's shooters could not compete due to visa issues.

POA President, General (retired) Arif Hasan, said it was disappointing that two Pakistani shooters were not allowed to participate in the ISSF event in Delhi.

The Indian High Commission didn't issue visa to the two shooters and team manager after the Indian Shooting body, NRAI, had assured the International Shooting Federation (ISSF) that it had got clearance from the host country's home ministry for the visa.

"We were very disappointed once our athletes were not allowed to participate for an event for which they had been preparing for a very long time. We have always been of the view that sports must be used as a means to build bridges between communities and countries," Arif Hasan said in a statement.

"Greatly disappointed we had no option left but to refer the matter to the IOC. As a consequence, the IOC Executive Board took a very prudent and balanced decision," he said. We are very grateful to the IOC for this very well considered decision whereby the right of athletes to participate without any let or hindrance has been upheld."

Pakistan had nominated Ghulam Mustafa Bashir and Muhammad Khalil Akhtar, to contest in the 25m rapid fire pistol event.

Disappointing to see cricket being targeted: Sarfaraz

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Sarfaraz Ahmed is "disappointed" that cricket is being targeted after the Pulwama terror attack and said the high-profile India-Pakistan World Cup game should go ahead as planned despite calls for the match's boycott from several quarters of the neighbouring country.

The Pakistan captain insisted that sports should never be mixed with politics and said in the interest of the cricket crazy fans of both the countries, the match should be played.

"The India and Pakistan match should be played as per schedule as there are millions of people who want to watch this game. I just don't think cricket should be targeted for political gains," Sarfaraz told the CricketPakistan.Com.Pk website.

"It is disappointing to see cricket being targeted after the Pulwama incident. I don't recall Pakistan ever mixing sports with politics," he said.

The fate of the much-anticipated World Cup match to be held on June 16 at the Old Trafford lies in limbo after several former Indian cricketers called for its boycott in the aftermath of the ghastly terror attack.

"Sports should just be

taken as sports," Sarfaraz added.

The call to boycott the match has come from some prominent names in Indian cricket such as senior off-spinner Harbhajan Singh and former captain Mohammed Azharuddin.

But offering a different view, batting great Sunil Gavaskar and Sachin Tendulkar have stated that India should not hand over points to Pakistan by boycotting the game. They, however, advocated continued shunning of bilateral cricket ties.

Former Pakistan captain and batting great Javed Miandad too was of the view that the game shouldn't be targeted.

"I felt bad after hearing about our pictures being removed from their (Indian) stadiums. Now this talk of boycotting the World Cup. I think India need to understand they can face consequences of such an action," Miandad said.

"I don't understand the mindset. Do they really think they (India) can get away without playing the World Cup match?" he asked.

He said India need to change its policy of mixing sports with politics.

"I just hope better sense prevails."

Need to play spin better: Knight

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Undeterred by the 66-run loss in the opening women's ODI international against India, England skipper Heather Knight on Friday said the World Cup holders are capable of bouncing back in the three-match series.

"The total was perfectly chaseable. We lost the first game in the World Cup. We have lost games earlier in the series and come back as well. We are taking one game at a time. We need to build partnerships," Knight said at the post-match conference.

"We bowled well, but were unlucky not to take more wickets up front. But we were more than happy with 200 (plus) to chase," insisted Heather, who remained unbeaten on 39 in 66 balls.

Conceding that the team were unable to play spin well on Friday, Heather said the key was to play a couple of overs to gauge the turn and bounce.

"I don't think we played it



(spin) particularly well today. The pitch started to turn and deteriorated too. There was inconsistent spin as well which makes it harder. It was

sticky, it turned but once you got to play 15-20 balls it became easier to play shots. The first 10-15 balls were the key," she said.

First time I've taken three wickets in an over in ODIs: Ekta

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Left-arm orthodox bowler Ekta Bisht, who starred in India women's 66-run win over England women in the opening ODI here on Friday, said this was the first time she had scalped three wickets in an over in the fifty over format although she has a hat-trick in T20 cricket.

The 33-year-old left arm spinner from Uttar Pradesh, who finished with fine figures of four for 25 against the current world champions, also credited newly-appointed coach W V Raman, for her success.

"I have taken a hat-trick in T20, but this is the first time in ODIs that I have taken three wickets in an over. But, I have figures of 10 overs, 8 runs and 5 wickets against Pakistan," the Almora-born Bisht told



reporters at the post match media conference.

Bisht took three wickets in the 41st over to seal India's win and help the hosts take a 1-0 lead in the three-match series, and more importantly, grab two points in the ICC Women's Championship.

"Whenever Raman sir finds any fault, he makes it a point to come and rectify those errors. He stresses on little points and that helps us. Earlier, I was bowling sideways, but he told me to change that action a bit and that helped," said Bisht, crediting Raman, who started his career as a left-arm spinner.

Bisht also said that they expected the pitch to help the spinners later in the day.

"In the morning it looked the ball would skid. But later, when I spoke to Poonam (Yadav) and other spinners, we figured out that we will reap benefits in the second innings. With

time, it will turn and it happened that way. Even other bowlers got help," she added.

She also praised pacers Jhulan Goswami and Shikha Pandey for bowling well up front.

"When they were three down for 114, we decided not to give up. We fielded well and bowlers like Jhulan di and Shikha backed us well. Shikha bowled very well," Bisht said.

"Jhulan di and Shikha gave breakthroughs and took key wickets. When I came in the 11th over, my target was to keep up the pressure. I did not go for wickets. The idea was to restrict runs. Initially I bowled slow, but in the second spell the wicket had dried up. Then, I bowled my normal deliveries and did not try too many variations."