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India to stop its water into Pak

Implementation may take six years as 100-m high dams need to be built

PNS/PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India has decided to stop the flow of its share of water to Pakistan from rivers under the Indus Water Treaty, a move seen as an immediate fallout of deadly terrorist attack that killed 40 paramilitary personnel in south Kashmir.

Water Resources Minister Nitin Gadkari tweeted to convey the decision of the Government to stop India's share of water going to Pakistan.

But the actual implementation of the decision may take up to six years as dams as high as 100 metres will have to be built to stop such flow, officials said insisting its decision was in no way a violation of the Treaty and was only aimed at getting the rightful due to people of the country.

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- ◆ Officials said the Government decision is in no way a violation of the Indus Water Treaty and is only aimed at getting the rightful due to people of the country
- ◆ Under the Indus Water Treaty signed in 1960, the waters of the western rivers — the Indus, the Jhelum, and the Chenab — was given to Pakistan and those of the eastern rivers — the Ravi, the Beas, and the Sutlej — to India
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India's share of water from the Ravi, the Beas and the Sutlej came to 33 million acres feet (MAF). While about 95 per cent of the water was being used in the country after the

construction of three main dams across the rivers, close to 5 per cent water or 1.6 MAF would flow to Pakistan.

To gain access to this water, India is now building more dams which will be completed in six years, officials said.

Another official said the decision was taken two months

back. Water to Pakistan from the three rivers has been flowing for 60 years while the country needs the same to meet needs of its citizens, they said insisting stopping of its share of water from going to Pakistan is in no way a violation of the Treaty.

"Under the leadership of

Hon'ble PM Sri @narendramodi ji, Our Govt. has decided to stop our share of water which used to flow to Pakistan.

We will divert water from Eastern rivers and supply it to our people in Jammu & Kashmir and Punjab," Gadkari said in a tweet.

He further said, "The construction of dam has started at Shahpur-Kandi on the Ravi."

Moreover, UJH project will store our share of water for use in J&K and the balance water will flow from 2nd Ravi-BEAS Link to provide water to other basin States."

Gadkari's tweets have come barely a week after the gruesome Pulwama terror attack on February 14 in which as many as 40 CRPF personnel were martyred when a terrorist rammed an explosives laden vehicle into a bus carrying them. New Delhi believes the attack was planned and supported by elements in Pakistan.

SP bags 37, sacrifices 1 for RLD, gives BSP 38

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Over a month after announcing an alliance for the upcoming Lok Sabha polls, the Samajwadi Party (SP) and the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) announced the allocation of seats to each partner on Thursday.

In a statement, SP president Akhilesh Yadav and BSP chief Mayawati announced that

while the SP will contest on 37 seats, the BSP will fight on 38. Amethi and Rae Bareilly — the pocket boroughs of the Rahul family — have been left for the Congress.

The three other seats left for other parties by the BSP-SP alliance are Baghpat, Muzaffarnagar and Mathura for the RLD.

On January 12, when the SP and BSP announced their

alliance, both Mayawati and Akhilesh had said they would contest 38 seats each and leave four seats for other parties including two for Congress. But the SP sacrificed one seat from its quota to pacify the RLD.

As per the list, the SP will contest eight Lok Sabha seats in west UP, 16 in east UP, nine in central UP and two each in Terai and Bundelkhand region.

Akhilesh is likely to contest from Kannauj and Mulayam Singh Yadav from Mainpuri.

The SP has been given all the five seats it had won in the 2014 parliamentary elections - Azamgarh, Kannauj, Mainpuri, Budaun and Ferozabad.

In the Lok Sabha by-elections, the SP had wrested the prized Gorakhpur and Kairana seats from the BJP.

Because of its sway in eastern UP, the BSP will contest 17 seats of the region, including Ambedkar Nagar from where Mayawati is expected to contest.

The BSP will contest 11 seats of western UP, eight in central UP and two in Bundelkhand region.



Samajwadi Party leaders Mulayam Singh Yadav and Akhilesh Yadav address their party workers in Lucknow on Thursday. PTI

NKS Odisha bandh evokes partial response

Commuters face misery with public transport remaining off roads

No impact in twin city: Police Commissioner

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Hundreds of farmers under the banner of the Navnirman Krushak Sangathan (NKS) observed a 12-hour State-wide bandh over its longstanding demand of "price, pension and prestige" for farmers. The bandh evoked partial response.

In Bhubaneswar, NKS members staged a blockade on the Patia-Nandankanan road early in the morning by burning tyres. Similar acts were also held near Master Canteen Square and other places of the city. Most of the schools and business establishments including petrol pumps remained closed.

As buses and other modes of public transportation including taxis, auto-rickshaws stayed off the roads, railway and air passengers had to face problems in reaching their destinations. Several foreign nationals were stranded at the Biju Patnaik International Airport here. Hundreds of passengers had to wait hours for buses and auto-rickshaws at bus stands in the State capital, Rourkela, Cuttack and several other places.

In Brahmapur, NKS members staged road blockade raising slogans alleging anti-farmer policies by the Government.



The impact of the bandh was also felt in Bhadrak district. Farmers and activists of NKS observed the bandh near the bus-stand, Bhandaripokhari and other areas by staging pickets on NH-16. Vehicular communication was hit between Bhadrak, Cuttack and Baleswar.

In Jagatsinghpur, farmers held protests in eight blocks including the district headquarters. Businesses, markets and establishments remained closed and vehicular communication was also thrown out of gear in the district.

Members of the farmers' body shouted slogans against the Government and squatted at several junctions of Phulbani town. While life was badly hit in the district headquarters of Kandhamal, police made adequate security arrangements to prevent any untoward incidents.

In Koraput, farmers along with Congress and BJP members participated in the shutdown. Buses and other modes of public transportation stopped plying. The Congress and the BJP lent support to the bandh.

As many as 10 farmers

from Patia-Nandankanan road in Bhubaneswar, over 20 from NH-16 in Bhadrak and more than 30 farmers from Jagatsinghpur, 39 from Cuttack Madhupatna, over 56 from Chandikhol, Dharmasala and Panikoli areas of Jajpur district, more than 15 farmers from Khordha and 20 from Jatni were taken into preventive custody by police during the bandh, said sources.

"We are demanding price, pension and prestige, but the State Government is coming up with KALIA and PEETHA schemes which in no way are going to benefit farmers, said an agitator.

Twin City Police Commissioner Satyajit Mohanty said the bandh did not affect normal life in any way in Cuttack and Bhubaneswar.

"We have picked up 70-80 protesters while picketing at various points in Bhubaneswar, whereas the bandh did not have any impact in Cuttack. As many as 30 platoons of police forces were deployed in the twin cities to maintain law and order," Mohanty said.

Akhilesh has destroyed half of SP by giving BSP 38 seats: Mulayam

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Expressing annoyance over the Samajwadi Party (SP) joining hands with the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), SP patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav said that Akhilesh Yadav had "finished" the party by deciding to contest only 50 per cent of the Lok Sabha seats in Uttar Pradesh.

"By contesting just 40 of the total 80 seats in the State, Akhilesh has finished half the party. Delaying the announcement of candidates is further

weakening the prospects of the party," Mulayam said while addressing party workers at SP State headquarters here in the presence of media persons on Thursday.

This is the first time that Mulayam has come out openly against his son and SP chief after the party stitched an alliance with the BSP.

"The fight of the SP is with the BJP. The party workers should pull up their socks to fight and win majority of the seats that the party is contesting," he said while conceding

that even as the SP was forging alliances, the BJP was far ahead in preparations and had already sent its observers to different constituencies.

The remarks come days after SP patriarch created a stir in Parliament, saying he wished that Prime Minister Narendra Modi returns to power.

The SP patriarch urged the party workers to approach him if they want a party ticket to contest the parliamentary polls and suggested that he could "change" any decision taken by Akhilesh.

Surgical strike brains to head Cong task force on security

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The main architect of the 2016 surgical strikes on terror launch pads in Pakistan occupied Kashmir (POK), former Northern Army commander DS Hooda, will head a Congress task force on national security.

Congress sources said party president Rahul Gandhi had met Hooda earlier and discussed the modalities of the panel to which the Lt Gen (Retd) agreed.

"The Congress president has set up a 'task force on national security' to prepare a

vision paper for the country," party said in a statement. Hooda will lead the panel and prepare the paper in consultation with a select group of experts.

Hooda's appointment by the main Opposition party attains significance as Congress has been accusing the Modi Government of politicising the surgical strikes.

On September 29, 2016, the Army had carried out the strikes on seven terrorist launch pads across the Line of Control (LOC) in retaliation to an attack on its base in Uri earlier that month.



-DOUBLE BONANZA-

State farmers to get PM-KISAN benefits

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The State Government on Thursday decided to implement the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme, informed Agriculture and Farmers' Empowerment Department Principal Secretary Saurabh Garg.

Initially, a list of around 12.45 lakh first-phase beneficiaries (small and marginal farmers) of the State Government's Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation (KALIA) scheme would be given to the Centre for the pur-

pose, he said. The Government's decision of implementing the PM-KISAN scheme would ensure additional financial assistance for the farmers of the State, who are already getting benefits under the KALIA scheme.

Under the PM-KISAN scheme, vulnerable landholding farmer families, having cultivable land up to 2 hectares, will be provided direct income support at the rate of Rs 6,000 per year. The amount will be transferred directly to the bank accounts of beneficiary farmers in three equal instalments of Rs 2,000 each.

DMRC set to open its longest Noida corridor next month, trials on

GAYATHRI MANI ■ NEW DELHI

Commuting will become easier for the people of Delhi and Noida as the Delhi Metro is set to open the 6.6 kilometre Noida City Centre-Electronic City Metro corridor by next month. Signalling trial runs have already been commenced on the section. Blue Line corridor will become Delhi Metro's second longest Metro corridor after the 59 kilometre long Majlis Park-Shiv Vihar corridor of Phase 3.

The route will be formally

thrown open to the public once the Commissioner Metro Rail Safety (CMRS) inspects the corridor and accords operation clearance.

Once the section will be ready to open, a large number of people living in Noida such as sectors 34, 52 and 22 as well as commercial areas in sectors 59, 61, 62 and Electronic City will be largely benefitted as currently there is no metro connectivity. The 6.6-km long corridor is an extension of existing Blue Line corridor that connects the Dwarka and Noida City Centre.

Govt: Kendu leaf staff to retire at 62

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The State Government on Thursday enhanced Kendu leaf seasonal staff's retirement age from 60 years to 62 years. A proposal to this effect was approved by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik.

A release from the Chief Minister's Office stated that all 18,028 Munsifs, peons, binders and checkers working under the 19 Kendu Leaf Divisions would be benefited by the decision.

Bandh by NKS 'unfortunate': Minister

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

In view of inconveniences caused to students and public, Finance and Agriculture Minister Sashi Bhusan Behera strongly condemned the Odisha Bandh called by the Navnirman Krushak Sangathan (NKS) on Thursday.

He termed the State-wide shutdown as "unfortunate". "Without being concerned about the students appearing in the examinations today as

well as the students who will appear in the Matric examination tomorrow, the bandh call is unfortunate.

It is even more unfortunate that two national political parties (BJP and Congress) extended their support to the agitation not caring about the students' future," the Minister told media.

He said the State Government had appealed to the farmers' body not to observe the bandh just a day before the commencement of

annual matriculation examination.

However, the NKS members remained firm on their decision without taking time to consider the benefits under the KALIA scheme, he rued.

"As the Finance Minister, I had discussed with the organisation on the road with a hope that the NKS would cooperate with the Government in implementing the KALIA scheme," Behera added.



CM sets June 14 as Folk Art Day

Folk Art Fest concludes

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Thursday announced that June 14 of every year would be celebrated as the "Folk Art Day".

Patnaik said this at the concluding day ceremony of the ninth Folk Art Festival at the Utkal Mandap here.

Patnaik said that the State Government has formed artist associations from block to district level for the welfare of the artists and different awareness programmes are being carried out to sensitise people about folk art. Financial assistance is being

given to 50,000 artistes in the State, he said.

On the occasion, the CM felicitated secretaries and senior officers of the Panchayati Raj and Health Department and district collectors and senior officers of Dhenkanal, Bhadrak and Nabarangpur for employing various artiste association in

scheme promotional programmes and providing financial assistance to them.

Among others, Culture Minister Ashok Panda, MP Dr Prasanna Patsani, MLAs Bijay Mohanty and Priyadarshi Mishra, Culture Secretary Manoranjan Panigrahi and Unicef Odisha chief Monika Nelson were present.

Combating Maoist threat during polls

Police officials of 3 States mull strategies

PNS ■ KORAPUT

Senior police officials from Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh held deliberations here on Thursday to prepare strategies to check Maoist threats and activities ahead of the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections.

The meeting was held under chairmanship of South-Western Range DIG Himanshu Lal.

According to sources, police officers from the three States have decided to focus on Maoist-dominated areas like Visakhapatnam, Srikakulam in Andhra Pradesh, Malkangiri and Koraput in Odisha and Dantewada and Sukma in Chhattisgarh.

Officials said joint operations would be conducted to meet any kind of eventuality during the poll. The police officials also discussed measures for smooth conduct of elections in these areas, the sources added.



MEETING WAS HELD UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF SOUTH-WESTERN RANGE DIG HIMANSHU LAL

The Maoists have been giving frequent calls to boycott the polls. They have also been targeting political workers, leaders and polling agents during campaigning and also on the election day.

The officials discussed strategies to be adopted for smooth conduct of the polls in the Maoist-infested areas and how to provide security to the candidates, the party workers and the officials to be involved in the election process.

Maoist camp busted in Niyamgiri

Explosives seized by CRPF

PNS ■ RAYAGADA

A Maoist camp was busted by CRPF Jawans in the Tuluba forest in Niyamgiri hills under Kalyansingpur block of the district on Thursday. While carrying out a combing operation, the CRPF personnel unearthed the Maoist camp and seized 15 detonators, 15 gelatine sticks and a tiffin bomb from the spot.

However, there was no trace of any Maoist in the area. It is suspected that the rebels somehow managed to get wind of the raid by security forces and fled from the spot.

Meanwhile, combing operations were intensified in the area following the incident.

Earlier on February 17, CRPF Jawans had busted a Maoist camp near Gandhamardan hill in the Patnagarh area of Balangir district and seized transistors, switch, wire, magazine pouch and walkie-talkie sets from the spot.

Maoists raise anti-mining issues to incite tribals

In a bid to hit revenue source of State

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

With mining activities taking off in the State in a big way, the Maoists are trying hard to sabotage these economic operations by raking up various issues in several mining zones.

After a long period of lull, now mining activities have picked up and market is upbeat; so taking advantage of it the Left Wing Extremists (LWEs) are trying hard to incite tribal population against mining, sources said.

With mining operations up, revenue generation from the mineral sector is looking up and the State Government is expecting Rs 9,000 crore revenue from non tax revenue front during 2018-19, sources said.

The total collection from mining royalty has been around Rs 7,185 crore against last years' collection of Rs 4,217 crore up to December end.

These funds are utilized for taking up major social activities in education and health sector and developmental projects in the State.

However, the ultras are trying to halt these economic activities and sources said the Maoists are now active in the mining zones of Kalahandi, Koraput, Rayagada, Sundargarh and even in an industrial zone like Angul, revealed a top cop engaged in anti-Maoist operations.

While Kalahandi has turned out to be most affected district by Maoists, these ultras of Chhattisgarh are trying to incite innocent tribal people over mining activities, said sources.

Maoists sneaking from Chhattisgarh are active in Niyamgiri forests and in several violent incidents many security forces and civilians have been killed.

The Red Corridor passing through Kalahandi is connecting Chhattisgarh and young cadres from the neighbouring State are engaged in violence, for which the State Government has approached the Union Government to declare the district as "worst affected by LWE."

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Nuapada - Kalahandi - Kandhamal - Rayagada - Koraput - Malkangiri is the Red Corridor and these ultras are moving in these routes, officials said.

While Malkangiri and Koraput are declared as "worst Maoist affected districts," Kalahandi is also needed similar support from the Union Government.

There is a spate of anti-mining protests raised by several Maoist supported groups, which are mostly seen in Kalahandi, Rayagada and Koraput.

In Rayagada, these ultras are raising anti-mining issues, including displacement to incite the tribals. Over ground supporters of the Maoists are raking up such issues in vari-

ous places of the tribal zones.

The State police are closely monitoring the activities, sources said. That is why active top cops are being posted in south western range and districts.

A vigil is kept on the movement of these elements, and coordinated efforts are being taken up to contain these elements, said sources.

In the industrial zone of Angul, the Maoists are trying to incite innocent people on tiger translocation in Satkosia reserve forest.

The LWE guerrillas are trying to create their base and improve their strength.

However, they are not getting support from the local youths to join as cadres, despite their attempt to mislead them.

National meet of CAs in J'sguda from tomorrow

PNS ■ JHARSUGUDA

A two-day national conference of Chartered Accountants titled "Gyan Kumbha" will be held at the Vedanta auditorium here on February 23 and 24.

The conference will be jointly organised by Jharsuguda and Sambalpur EIRC branches of the ICAI. During the two-day programme, updates on GST, Direct Taxes (Income Tax), Audit and allied matters will be discussed by CA Girish Ahuja from New Delhi, CA Jatun Hari from Jaipur (Rajasthan), CA Gaurav Gupta from Delhi, CA Bharath Rao from Bangalore, CA Debashis Mitra from Gauhati, among others. Addressing a Press meet,



Conference chairman Mahendra Kedia said as many as 400 participants, including CA aspirants, would be present at the scheduled conference.

Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan would grace the concluding event, said Chairman HS Barpanda.

Among others, CA Manish Didwania, Vice-Chairman CA Narayan Kedia, CA Amit Agarwal, CA Sanjay Sarawagi and CA Manish Shah were present.

CM launches ₹515-cr projects in B'garh

■ Promises cancer hospital
■ Disburses KALIA money

RAKESH K JOSHI ■ BARGARH

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Thursday inaugurated 17 developmental projects, including the Sohela-Nuapada stretch of Biju Expressway that has been constructed at a cost of ₹455.66 crore. He also said that a cancer hospital would be established in Bargarh district as has been demanded since long by local people.

Attending a mega farmers' conclave at Ichhapali, the CM inaugurated the projects worth ₹515 crore including the Sohela-Nuapada road of Biju Expressway. The other pro-



jects included two maternity and child care units at the Padampur Sub-Divisional Hospital and the Barpali Community Health Centre

(CHC), two piped drinking water supply projects in Atabira and Sohela blocks, three new Aahaar centres at Barpali, Atabira and Sohela and a

bridge over the Danta river in Bheden block.

Besides, Patnaik laid foundation-stones for 32 developmental projects worth over ₹1495 crore. One of the major schemes is the Gangadhar Meher Lift Irrigation Project, to be constructed at a cost of ₹1,340.55 crore, which would provide irrigation facilities to 25,600 hectares of land in Bijepur, Sohela and Barpali blocks.

On the occasion, Patnaik also disbursed financial assistance of ₹5,000 to around 13 lakh small and marginal farmers identified in the second-phase beneficiaries' list of the KALIA scheme.

INBRIEF

EXPRESS TRAIN ENGINE CATCHES FIRE IN BALANGIR



Balangir: A train engine of the Visakhapatnam-Bhagatki Kothi Express train caught fire near the Harishankar road station on Thursday. After the driver noticed it, the train's movement was stopped. Fire Services officials rushed to the spot. No casualty was reported though the incident created panic among the passengers. The exact cause of the fire was not known, but it was suspected to be an electric short circuit. The train later left with another engine.

DAVIANS CELEBRATE MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY



Bhubaneswar: The DAVians of Chandrasekharpur celebrated the International Mother Language Day amid a series of activities like self-composed poem recitation, speeches on the importance of the mother language and a dance drama on language marvels in both the campuses on Thursday.

TECH FEST 'FESTRONIX 2K19' ENDS AT GIFT

Bhubaneswar: A two-day Tech Fest, Festronix 2K19, held at the Gandhi Institute for Technology (GIFT), Bhubaneswar concluded on Wednesday. About 2,000 students from across the State showcased their talents and developed their skills on the theme Startup Odisha. As many as 38 events were held like robotics, user interface design, auto cad, hydro bit. Chief guest Startup Odisha evangelist Prashant Kumar Biswal urged students not just to focus on getting a job rather try at being an entrepreneur. Rashmi Ranjan Sahu, GIFT Principal Dr S Krishna Mohan Rao, Vice-principal Dr Alok Kumar Mohapatra and academics dean Dr PK Subudhi were present.

Farmers will oust BJD in polls: Niranjana Patnaik

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

PCC president Niranjana Patnaik on Thursday alleged that the BJD Government has failed in providing basic facilities to lakhs of small and marginal farmers and is not at all compassionate to them. "We saw the anger of farmers during the Odisha Bhandh held by the Nabanirman Krushak Sangathan today. It is just a trailer and the full movie will release with the ouster of the BJD in 2019 elections," he said. Pooh-poohing the Government's KALIA scheme, he said the Government should clarify why farmers are agitating despite launching of the scheme.

"Out of the last 19 years, the BJD and the BJP jointly ruled the

State for nine years. For the last five years, the BJD Government is extending blind support to the Narendra Modi Government at the Centre. These two political parties have not taken a single step for development of agriculture and betterment of farmers. There is no irrigation facility to the farm land; farmers are not getting seeds and fertilizer in proper time. They are also not getting MSP for their crops," alleged Patnaik.

He reiterated that, if voted to power, the Congress will waive all farm loans, procure paddy at an MSP of Rs 2,600 per quintal and provide bonus over on MSP for pulses. Besides, solar pumps will be provided for irrigation purposes and farmers would be provided financial assistance to farmers for five years.

Prez accepts CUO VC resignation

PNS ■ KORAPUT

Central University of Orissa (CUO), Koraput Vice-Chancellor Prof Sachidananda Mohanty has stepped down from his position on personal grounds. His resignation has been accepted by the President of India.

Prof Mohanty, who had joined the CUO on August 7, 2015, would hand over the charge to the senior most Professor of the university on February 28.

Mohanty thanked the university community, students, staffs and the faculty for their cooperation during his tenure. He also thanked the university community for significant milestones.

He also thanked the MHRD, UGC, State Government, district adminis-



tration and the people of Odisha for their cooperation and good wishes. He wished the university the very best in the coming years.

Prestige issue for State Govt

S'pur MLA demands land for museums

PNS ■ SAMBALPUR

Sambalpur MLA Dr SRaseswari Panigrahi has requested the Revenue Divisional Commissioner (RDC), Sambalpur to allot at least five acres of land for construction of a national-level museum and a rail museum in Sambalpur.

The request was made after Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan had agreed to the request of Dr Panigrahi to take initiative for opening of a rail museum under the Sambalpur Railway Division.

Appreciating the MLA's views, Pradhan said a nation-

al-level museum along with a rail museum should be constructed here and announced that the Central Government would release initial grant of Rs five crore to start the work immediately.

He also requested the MLA to take step to allot five acres of land for the purpose before the implementation of code of conduct for the ensuing general elections.

Dr Panigrahi in a letter to the RDC said, "It has now become a prestige issue for the State Government to provide land as quickly as possible for the huge project to start" and requested him to take steps at the soonest.

PRSI holds 'Public Relations Talk'

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Mahatma Gandhi did journalism for two decades before he became a freedom fighter, said Kolkata Press Club president Snehasis Sur at a 'Public Relations Talk' on the theme 'Mahatma Gandhi as a Communicator' organised by the Public Relations Society of India (PRSI), Bhubaneswar Chapter here.

Indian Institute of Mass Communication Eastern Region Campus Director Dr Mrinal Chatterjee and JSPL EVP and Group Head Prashant Kumar Hota also spoke on the occasion.

A book titled 'Mahatma Gandhi, As a



Journalist and Editor', edited by Dr Mrinal Chatterjee and Snehasis Sur, released on the occasion is an attempt to understand and appreciate the concept and process of journalism as practiced by Gandhi. "It also attempts to under-

line the relevance and necessity of Gandhian Journalism in the era of post truth," said Chatterjee. Another book 'Window Seat', which is a compilation of columns written by Chatterjee, was also released. Among others, Bhubaneswar Chapter Chairman Amar Jyoti Mahapatra, treasurer Krishna Chandra Mahapatra and Secretary Sanjay Kumar Sahoo were present.

Lenin BJD new spokesperson

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

BJD supremo and Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Thursday appointed Dr Lenin Mohanty as a spokesperson of the party and Sushant Choudhury as State secretary and co-observer of Nabarangpur district's Umartoke Assembly constituency.

Besides, Patnaik appointed Sunil Kumar Das as State secretary and Biju Yuva Janata Dal advisor Kuna Bihari Das as convener of the Sambalpur

and Redhakhol Assembly constituencies. Besides, Mahila BJD Khordha district president Basanti Mohapatra was appointed as convener of Mahila BJD Keonjhar district, informed BJD State secretary Bijay Nayak.

Coffee table book 'Kansa Maharaja' released

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

A spectacular coffee table book titled 'Kansa Maharaja: The Hero of Bargarh Dhanu Yatra' was released by OdishaLive, a digital web channel here.

To mark the event, four aspiring talents from the young generation were honoured as Odisha Live Youth Icon for their contribution to art and culture. They are sculptor Nityanand Ojha, Hindustani singer Aurosish Pani and Odishi dancers Maheswari



Pradhan and Arunima Hiranmayee Mishra presented a review of the book.

Joining as honoured guests in this colourful event held at Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra Odissi Research Centre, noted

journalists ShishirBhatta Mishra and Dhruvikam Mohanty stressed on the role of mass media in promoting the cultural legacy. Eminent writer

CEO and chief editor of Odisha Live, Nilambar Rath gave the welcome address.

DEMAND FOR GST REDUCTION Kendu leaf workers stage demo at RDC office

Send memo to CM, warn of 'Rasta Roko' on March 1

PNS ■ SAMBALPUR
Hundreds of Kendu leaf workers, including women, on Thursday staged a demonstration in front of the Revenue Divisional Commissioner's office here, demanding reduction of GST from the kendu leaf and reintroduction of scholarship for the workers' children.

Kendu leaf workers from 10 districts of western Odisha participated in the demonstration and warned both the Union and State Govts of serious consequences

sequences in the next general elections if they fail to fulfill their longstanding demands. The meeting presided over by Odisha Kendu Leaf Workers' Union president and BJD leader Bijoy Mohanty strongly criticized the State Government for not fulfilling their demands despite repeated agitations. They submitted a 11-point charter of demands, addressed to Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, to the Additional Secretary of the RDC Bikash Chandra Ben. "Implementation of GST is increasing the prices of the kendu leaf and making the whole issue complicated. We have been demanding reduction of GST for the interest of

K-B railway line: Boudh DM Rout hands over land

PNS ■ BALANGIR
In a significant development in the course of the construction of the Khurda-Balangir railway line project, Boudh District Collector SK Rout on Thursday handed over a total of 26.180 acres of private land acquired in three villages to the Balangir Railway Assistant Executive Engineer for construction of the rail track.

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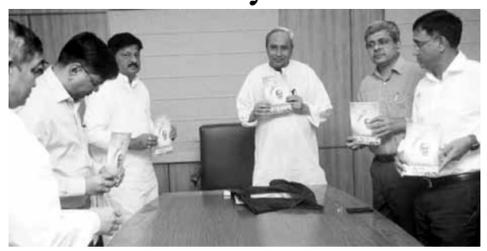
Booklet 'Aina' having welfare schemes unveiled by CM

Contains success stories of all State Govt schemes

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik recently inaugurated the 'Aina', a booklet listing all welfare schemes implemented by the State Government along with their success stories.

The booklet, published by the Information and Public Relations Department, will be of immense help to the beneficiaries, according to Team Aina, who effected the publication. Patnaik in his address advised the officials to distribute the booklet among the beneficiaries soon. Minister I and PR Pratap Jena, Chief Secretary Aditya Prasad Padhi, Development Commissioner Asit Tripathy, Secretary Information and Public Relations Sanjay Kumar



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Singh and Director Lakshmidhar Mohanty were present on the occasion. A total number of one crore copies have been published, officials said. Team Aina said in their editorial that information and facts being significant in successful implementation of welfare schemes, the booklet was published twice in the past—in 2014 and 2016. The publication is a successful effort aimed at reaching the fruits of the schemes to the beneficiaries, the editorial said.

Youth killed over old enmity in Nayagarh

PNS ■ NAYAGARH

Panic gripped Sorada village under Nuagaon tehsil of the district after a man was found dead near his house early on Thursday morning. The deceased, identified as Krishna Chandra Rout, was working as a cook in a hotel in Dasapalla. As per the allegations of his family members, Rout left for home after finishing his work in the hotel on Wednesday night when he was attacked with a sharp weapon by unidentified miscreants. After finding his body lying in a pool of blood near their house, Rout's family members filed a complaint with the police against their neighbours holding them responsible for the murder. Based on the allegations, police recovered the body and initiated an investigation into the incident.

Preparations on for Paradip Jeevan Bindu

PNS ■ PARADIP

On the occasion of late Biju Patnaik's 103rd birthday, the Eastern India Oil Refinery Workers' Union would organise a mega blood donation camp on March 1 and 2 at Zero Point here. Union president Santosh Kumar Pattnaik presided over a preparatory meeting for the purpose. Union general secretary Padma Lochan Dash spoke about the importance of blood donation for the needy patients. Vice-president Manindra Guru and working president Dilip Kumar Behera and Paradip Port Land Losers Farmers' Association president Chinmaya Das emphasised on successful holding of this Jeevan Bindu (blood donation) programme. President Santosh Pattnaik recalled that by God's grace and blood donors' cooperation the union had collected a whopping 4,006 units blood on October 24 and 25, 2017 which was highest blood collection in the entire State. For this, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik praised the union and felicitated it with a memento and a certificate. President Pattnaik sought help from all the nine organisations led by him to make the coming blood donation camp a grand success. He informed that State Planning Board Deputy Chairman Bishnu Das, Health and Family Welfare Minister Pratap Jena, Jeevan Bindu programme chief coordinator and MLA Debasish Samantaray and coordinator Bijay Nayak and Balikuda-Erasama MLA Prasanta Muduli have been invited for inaugural function of the programme. For the concluding day, Finance, Excise and Agriculture Minister Sashi Bhusan Behera, Biju Sramik Kalyan Board Chairman Subash Singh and several other eminent persons have given their consent to join.

INT'L CONF AT CHANDIPUR Missile test range bodies to form int'l range society

For exchange of ideas, technologies

PNS ■ BALESWAR

The three-day International Conference On Range Technology (ICORT) which was organised in the venue of DRDO, Chandipur, under aegis of the Integrated Test Range (ITR) concluded on Sunday after a high-note cultural event. In the international event, scientists of ITR and others, the DRDO laboratories, the ISRO establishments, researchers, industries, organisations and vendors associated with missile development and testing range of 18 other countries participated and deliberated on different aspects. The guests and dignitaries were Director IIT, Bhubaneswar Dr Rajat Kumar, Director, Proof and Experimental Establishment (PXE), Chandipur, DK Joshi, Dr Tincom of USA, Richard Marchan of France, Dr Marqman of Israel and Dr Shiv Kumar. It was decided to form an International Range Society for exchange of technologies among various missile testing ranges for further development and optimum utilisation of technologies. In the society while members would be from different countries, India would be playing a key role in functioning of the society. For the student communi-

INBRIEF

40 INJURED AS MARRIAGE PARTY BUS OVERTURNS



Brahmapur: Over 40 persons, including bridegroom Saroj Kumar Das, were injured when a bus carrying a marriage party overturned at Kalinga Ghat on Bhanjanagar-Phulbani road under the Bhanjanagar police limits in Ganjam district early on Thursday morning. Being informed, police reached the spot and rescued the victims. The injured ones were initially admitted to the Bhanjanagar hospital and ten of them were later shifted to the MKCG Medical College Hospital in Brahmapur as their conditions deteriorated.

TRUCK WITH QUESTION PAPERS MEETS ACCIDENT

Balangir: A truck carrying question papers of the High School Certificate Examination-2019 met with an accident on NH-55 near Bainsa in Balangir district on Thursday morning. The vehicle carrying the question papers from Cuttack to Balangir bumped on a speed-breaker, following which it tilted towards roadside. The Handapa police reached the spot and provided protection to the vehicle. The truck was later brought back to the main road using a crane, after which it headed towards its destination.

TANMAYA DARWAN NEW SUB-COLLECTOR

Bargarh: Tanmaya Kumar Darwan joined as new Sub-Collector of Padampur in Bargarh district on Wednesday. Prior to this, he was Kalahandi district's Dharamgarh Tehsildar. He has been promoted for his sincerity and dedication to duty. He dreams to make a corruption-free society. Sub-Collector office employees welcomed him and presented him mementoes.

MISSING GIRL FOUND DEAD IN SEPTIC TANK

Malkangiri: A dead body of a four-year-old girl was found in an under-construction septic tank at Lathiaguda of Malkangiri district on Thursday. The girl had gone missing since Wednesday and a police complaint in this regard had been lodged by her father. Locals spotted the body in the septic tank and informed the girl's family members. Police recovered the body and sent it for postmortem. The reason behind the death of the girl can be ascertained after the autopsy, police said.

20 ODISHA WEIGHTLIFTERS IN NAT'L EVENT AT VIZAG

Brahmapur: As many as 20 weightlifters, including 10 women weightlifters, from Odisha on Thursday left for Visakhapatnam to participate in the national-level weightlifting championship to be held there from February 21 to 28. The weightlifters are Jhildal Behera, Sneha Suren, Murti Jani, Sambari Samaj, Debaki Khila, Sanjukta Sahu, Sawaswati Rout, Subhasmita Mohanty, Rajashwari Behera, Damini Kumar Sahu, Muna Nayak, Raghunath Khila, Sushant Sahu, Mihir Kumar Sethi, Kahnu Charma Sahu, Anil Kumar Sahu, K Rabi Kumar, Suresh Yadav, Rakesh Jena and Shibaram Sahu. Weightlifters' Association State secretary Narayan Sahu, district president Kumuda Chandra Sahu, advisor Rabi Rath and secretaries Gagari Nayak and Yajna Narayan Nanda have accompanied them.

CANDLELIGHT MARCH FOR MARTYRS

Keonjhar: A candlelight procession in memory of the Pulwana martyrs was held at Jujamga Colony of the Rungta iron mines in Joda block on Wednesday. The programme was led by AC Bishwal, Mines Manager, HR Managers SK Acharya VR Padhi and DK Mahanta. Others who participated in the programme were members of Ladies' Club, local school students, residents of the colony and local public.



Lightning siren system in 14 blocks soon on pilot basis

Sound to wake people in 1-km radius before 30 minutes

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The State Government has decided to establish an automated "outdoor alerting siren system" for quick dissemination of warning of lightning among people in the State.

Special Relief Commissioner (SRC) and Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA) MD Bishnupada Sethi said that the Earth Networks, USA will establish the outdoor lightning alerting system in 14 most lightning-prone blocks on a pilot basis. Those blocks are Bhadrak, Remuna, Jaleswar, Bhograi, Keonjhar, Thakurmunda, Athagarh, Tangi-Choudwar, Suliapada, Chandbali, Ghasipura, Tangi, Kodinga and Sundargarh.



Sundargarh.

Among natural calamities, the lightning takes the highest average of 400 lives in Odisha every year. It is recorded that the total number of deaths due to lightning during the last three years from 2015-16 to 2017-18 was 1,256, accounting for 27 per cent of total number of disaster deaths. In view of this, the OSDMA has collaborated with the Earth Networks to install lightning detection systems in the State. Six lightning detection sensors have been installed at different locations to cover

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the entire State. The system gives prediction of the lightning about 30-45 minutes in advance. Though lightning warnings are available just 30 minute before the incident, it is necessary to adopt better strategy for dissemination of warning to the general public within a shortest possible time. The 'outdoor alerting siren system' is a patented design. The system provides 360 degrees of audible and visual coverage with high decibel horns and strobe lights, ensuring attention getting signals and maximum coverage. The siren sound can be audible up to a distance of one kilometre radius.

ECO DIARY

Reptiles smuggling from Odisha rampant



NADIYA CHAND KANUNGO

Admn needs to be on toes
all type of wetlands, forest fire etc leads to extinction of these species. Generally, the reptiles live on land and water. When the natural eco-systems are under denudation due to industrialization and urbanisation, reptiles are perishing. All the reptiles lay eggs. The forest fire damages their eggs and restricts the growth of their population.



Kothan-Sunabeda are famous for king cobra and other types of cobras. The cobras are very common in Odisha forests. The scientific name of king-cobra is "Najahannah" and in Odisha it is known as Hahiraj. During 1965 after returning from forestry training, as an Assistant Conservator of Forest of the Keonjhar Forest Division, the writer spotted a king cobra from Hadagarh Forests of the Keonjhar Division which is a part of the Simlipal Forests. The Mayurbhanj and Keonjhar forests are very famous for king cobra. The entire, Eastern Ghat range is famous for king cobra. The reptile is also found all over India, but it is found mostly in

swampy locality. This is also found in higher altitude. On an average, it grows up to 18 feet and the males are always longer. The snake is olive or light-black in colour with light yellow stripes in body. This reptile feeds mainly on poisonous and non poisonous snakes. It prefers scheduled areas, where there is least disturbance and always avoids the man. It raises its head often three feet in height and attacks the victim very aggressively. The mating of the reptile takes place in rainy months and eggs are laid in March and April during the fire season. The nest is made out of bamboo leaves and twigs. The snake prefers depression for incubation. It produces much more venom as compared to common cobra, because of its size in its bite; but it is not lethal. Similarly the venom of cobra works against venom of king-cobra. As this species avoids human habitations, the occurrence of death of human being is rare through the bites by the reptile. Now the venom of this snake is much more priced for its medicinal values. Of 216 species of snakes, 52 are poisonous. Generally the ophidians are creeping animals, which are known as

Very recently, a forest fire occurred in Balukhand Konark Sanctuary of Puri beach. This coast is a natural eco-system with some modifications made to favour the local factors and problems. In the estuarine eco-system, the casuarinas and cashew species have been introduced by man as these species have protective as well as productive values. The protective values means the species protect the human habitations, agricultural fields as well as the habitats wild creatures. Different kinds of mammals, rodents and reptiles with other creatures like ground birds are staying in this sanctuary. The animals such as spotted deer, black buck, striped hyena, jungle cat with different types of reptiles are prominently seen in the estuarine

(The writer is a former forest officer and environmentalist, Mob: 9937460649)

Southco employees' stir reaches 35th day

Job regularisation demanded

PNS ■ BRAHMADPUR

Members of the Odisha Electricity Employees' Association continued sitting on a dharna at the Southco office here, demanding regularisation of the jobs of all contractual workers and employees, for the 35th day on Thursday.

On Wednesday, the members led by association president Ali Kishore Patnaik had taken out a rally from Komapalli to the old bus stand where they held a protest meeting. They too demanded recruitment of more workers and employees to short out manpower problems in the



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for the State Government to fulfil their demands. They threatened to expedite the strike further and the State Government would be held responsible for blackout to be marked in the region. Among others, Ajit Patro and Jawaharlal Bisoyi were sitting at the dharna.

Memorial pillar sought for JSpur Jawans

PNS ■ JAGATSINGHPUR

The Nugaon Sanskritika Parishad held a condolence meeting at Nugaon on Tuesday for the CRPF Jawans killed in terror attack in Pulwama.

Of the 40 CRPF martyrs, one, Prasanna Sahoo, hailed from Parisikhar village under Nugaon block.

According to sources, four Jawans hailing from Nugaon areas have been martyred following terrorist attack or war against Pakistan at different points of time.

The people gathering on the occasion condemned the cross-border terrorism sponsored by Pakistan. It was demanded that a memorial pillar at Nugaon in memory of the four martyrs be set up.

Six-day PEETHA programme held at Khariar

PNS ■ NUAPADA

A second-phase six-day long PEETHA programme held by the Khariar NAC from February 15 to 20 ended on Wednesday. "There were three camps this time in three separate places of the town with participation of over 30 SHGs in each camp and the attraction this time was cultural performances held by children of different primary schools of the town," said Madhusmita Mishra, who along with Sanjukta Panda and Sujata Gochhayat managed the training and awareness development activities of the camps successfully.

Hundreds of children of 25 schools of Khariar town performed during the six days. The SHG members who attended the camps were provided information on how to avail the benefits of various Government



Children performing a cultural program on a stage during the six-day PEETHA programme held at Khariar.

schemes and programmes through their active participation. Notable persons of Khariar town including Khulana Behera, ex. Chairperson of Khariar NAC, Prof Ramachandra Mishra, educationist and Tapan Dash, Parameswar Barik, Hemanta

JSPL chief most valuable player

PNS ■ NEW DELHI/ BHUBANESWAR

Chairman of Jindal Steel and Power Limited (JSPL) Naveen Jindal was adjudged as the most valuable player in the finals of Maharaja Jiwwaji Rao Scindia Gold Cup played on Sunday at the Jaipur Polo Ground.

He received the honour for scoring the finest goals of the finals, which changed the tides for team Jindal Panther, which lifted the Maharaja Jiwwaji Rao Scindia Gold Cup 2019.

"It is first time in 30 years that I have won the MVP and it feels great. All of it happened with God's grace and his kindness, and also my pony's speed," said Shri Jindal after the win.

Partial impact of bandh in Keonjhar

PNS ■ KEONJHAR

In demand of price, prestige and pension, the Odisha Bandh held by the Navmirman Krishak Sangathan (NKS) and supported by the BJP and the Congress passed off peacefully in Keonjhar on Thursday.

The Government offices, schools, colleges and banks remained open as usual in the district headquarters town. However, some shops and commercial establishments were late in opening in the morning hours.

Similarly, although public transport system like buses have stopped their services but there was no disruption in train services like Keonjhar -



Bhubaneswar train and Puri - Rourkela train via Keonjhar.

Offices, schools, colleges and banks remained open as usual in the district

Except in Telkoi and Barbil - Joda town, where the bandh is claimed to be successful by NKS Keonjhar chief Luxmidhar Pradhan and Congress leader Ashok Thakre, in all other blocks such as Sadar, Jhumpura, Champua, Ghatgaon, Anandpur, Hatdih, Patna and other parts of the district, the bandh had no impact on public life.

DSP (DIB) Keonjhar Harish Pande said police detained 51 leaders of NKS, BJP and Congress in the morning and later freed them.

NINL invites EOI for 25-MW plant

PNS ■ JAJPUR



The Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited (NINL) has invited global Expression of Interest (EOI) for setting up of a 25-MW-capacity power plant at its 1.1-million-tonne-per-annum-capacity integrated steel plant in Kalinganagar.

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'All preparations for Matric exams completed'

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

All preparation for the annual High School Certificate (HSC) Examination conducted by the Board of Secondary Education (BSE) has been completed, said Mass Education Secretary Pradipta Mohapatra here on Thursday.

Mohapatra said question papers for the examination have already reached the nodal centres since Wednesday evening and the same would be sent to all the examination centres by 8.30 am on Friday. "The State police have made elaborate security arrangements to ensure smooth conduct of HSC Examination,

MOHAPATRA SAID QUESTION PAPERS FOR THE EXAMINATION HAVE ALREADY REACHED THE NODAL CENTRES SINCE WEDNESDAY EVENING

scheduled to begin tomorrow. All district Collectors and SPs have been directed to take necessary steps in the regard," Mohapatra said. He further said the 12-hour shutdown by farmers' outfit Navmirman Krishak Sangathan (NKS) had no impact on dispatch of the question papers on the day.

Puri rly coach washing unit to be installed by December

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The East Coast Railway (ECOR) has decided to go in for installation of automatic coach washing plant at Puri and Visakhapatnam.

For this, the ECOR has already placed orders with COFMOW (Central Organisation for Modernisation of Workshops), New Delhi, an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Railways. The estimated cost of each washing plant is approximately Rs 2 crore.

Tenders have been finalised by COFMOW and it is expected that the plant would be set up at Puri latest by December. Similar position is expected for Visakhapatnam also. In fact,



The firm has already completed site visit at Puri.

There will be an effluent treatment plant which will treat the water for its repeated use, thereby conserving the precious water. In this mode of operation, huge brushes would be fixed to various machines

Puri SDVO clerk held taking bribe

PNS ■ CUTTACK

The Vigilance police on Thursday caught Puri district Sub-Divisional Veterinary office (SDVO) Senior Clerk Purusottam Behera red-handed for demanding and accepting illegal gratification of Rs 6,000.

Behera was caught taking bribe from complainant

Dinabandhu Swain of Ambadiha village in Khordha district in order to process the file for opening of poultry firm in the name of Swain's maternal aunt which had been applied for online earlier.

His residential house at Pipili was searched. Later he was arrested and forwarded to court

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Contractors have to register in CDMS by February 28

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The State Procurement Cell (SPC) of Odisha has been applauded with Best Performer Award for the year 2017-18 at a national workshop on central public procurement portal held at New Delhi recently. The State has got the award for its performance in online procurement through e-procurement portal. This was known from a high level meeting held under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary AP Padhi.

Padhi directed the officials to expedite the integration of recently rolled out Contractor Data Base Management System (CDMS) portal with two other online portals namely e-procurement portal and Work and Accounts Management Information System (WAMIS) portal. Such integration will

help online technical evaluation of the tender papers along with capacity and performance assessment of the bidders.

This will also reduce the time required for finalization of the tender process. The NIC was asked to complete the process of integration by March 31. Presenting the updates, Secretary Works Nalini Kanta Pradhan said, "The first phase of CDMS has been rolled out. This phase provides for online registration of the contractors, uploading of their technical and financial capacity and their performance. This phase also provides for online issue of the contractor licences, renewals, change of class and category conversion."

The review showed that so far 30,000 active contractors have registered in e-portal. Out of them, 23,679 contractors have already been regis-

tered in CDMS portal. Around 15,600 contractors have submitted their applications to respective licence issuing authorities out of which around 15,000 applications have been validated by the authorities. A total number of 596 new licences have been issued, 58 renewals have been approved and 94 applications for change of category have been permitted. A total number of 6,493 CDMS unique codes have been issued to the contractors. Chief Secretary Padhi directed the departments not to issue the licences offline. The contractors and bidders have been asked to register in CDMS portal and upload their details in prescribed format by February 28. It has also been said that no contractor can bid without a unique code after March 3.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
'E' PROCUREMENT NOTICE NO.RWD-II/KPD-12/18-19 DTD 18.02.2019
1761-0

- Name of work : Construction of building work in the District of Kendrapara for the year 2018-19
- Total No of building : 7 Nos Building
- Estimated Cost : Rs.12.13 Lakhs to 23.39 lakhs(Approx.)
- Period of Completion : Six (6) Months
- Class of contractors : D, C & B class

Other details as follows:

- Procurement officer : Executive Engineer Rural Works Division-II, Kendrapara
- Availability of tender online & submission of bid : 25.02.2019 at 11:00 AM to 06.03.2019 up to 5:00 PM
- Last date & time of seeking of tender clarification : 02.03.2019 up to 5:00 PM
- Opening of Tender : 07.03.2019 at 11.00A.M.

Further details can be seen from the Govt. website www.tendersorissa.gov.in

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Rural Works Division-II
Kendrapara

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
(e-PROCUREMENT NOTICE)
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
Bid Identification No.EEGPH1BBSR-26/2018-19 Dt.19/02./2019

The Executive Engineer, G.P.H. Division No-I, Bhubaneswar on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bid in single cover system to be received in online mode only for the works detailed in the table below.

- Name of the work : 2 Nos of works.
- Estimate cost : Rs.45,65,431.00 (2 Nos)
- Period of completion : 3 (Three Months)
- Class of contractor : B & A Class
- Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal : From 11.00 AM of Dt.23/02/2019 to 5.00 PM of 11/03/2019
- Last date / time of receipt of bids in the portal : 5.00 PM of 11/03/2019
- Date & Time of opening of bids : At 2.30 PM of 12/03/2019
- Name and Address of the Officer Inviting Bid : Executive Engineer, G.P.H. Division-I, Bhubaneswar

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement portal "<https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in>".

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
G.P.H. Division No-I, Bhubaneswar

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S'garh woman's body found in Delhi

PNS ■ SUNDARGARH

A woman of Sundargarh district, who had been lured on promise of a good placement in New Delhi, was allegedly killed there and her body was recovered from the house where she was staying. The deceased was identified as Sumati Topno who was a resident of Mantola Basti

under Raghunathpalli police station. Sumanti's husband had abandoned her. Sumanti had come in contact with an agent and the agent allegedly lured her to go to New Delhi. However, Sumanti's family members did not receive any call from her since last few days and her family members were worried.

On Tuesday, her brother

received a call about the death of Sumanti and he was told that the body was lying inside a house and was in partially decomposed condition.

According to sources, the Noida police had recovered the body and conducted post mortem. The Noida police, after registering a UD case, had reportedly informed the family members of the deceased.

Javadekar, HP CM lay foundation stone of Central varsity at Dehra

PNS ■ SHIMLA

Union Minister for Human Resource Development Prakash Javadekar and Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur on Thursday laid the foundation stone of Central University of Himachal Pradesh at Dehra in Kangra district.

Speaking on the occasion, Prakash Javadekar said that the forest clearance for construction of this University was also accorded when he was the Union Forest and Environment Minister.

He said that this University would open new vistas of development in the area besides providing quality higher education to the youth of the area. The Union Government would provide all possible help to ensure that the University campus would be completed soon, he said. The Union Minister also said that the Centre has sanctioned several nation institutions in the state. "IIIT has been sanctioned for Una and IIT for Mandi. Cluster University has also been sanctioned for Mandi district. In addition to this,

several Central Schools have been sanctioned for the state," he added.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur said that the Central University will have two campuses at two different locations.

He said that the first campus would be at Jadrangal near Dharamshala, which would spread in an area of 750 hectare.

The second campus would be established at Dehra in an area of 287 hectare.

Thakur said that the State Government soon after assuming office in the state deposited Rs 6 crore under CAMP Act for forest clearance, so that the construction of this campus could start at the earliest by diverting forest land for non forest purpose. About Rs 1300 crore would be spent on construction of both these campuses and the same would be completed in next three years. Both these campus would spread in an area of about 1000 hectare making it one of the biggest University of the region, he said.

Janadhar deploys teams to feel voters' pulse

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The Janadhar India has deployed its team in various States to read the real pulse of voters. The team has got insights from over then 100 parliamentary constituencies across Odisha, Bihar, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Uttar Pradesh. "We wish to help all sitting Member of Parliament, MLA or aspirant who wants to fight upcoming general or Assembly elections in 2019. A perception study carried out by our team in field on more than 100 par-

liamentary constituencies by the analysis on various parameters like voter's mood, issues, performance, voting behaviour and more. The analysis would help political parties and candidates fighting upcoming elections to plan their campaign in a right direction," said Janadhar India founder and political consultant Manish Jha. "We always believe that the major challenge is to design your campaign after analysing what voters want to see and hear. We help politicians in reaching out all voters so that the voters get the right communication," he added.

Hry CM meets family members of martyrs

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal on Thursday visited Rewari's Rajgarh village and Faridabad's Atali village to pay tribute to martyrs Hari Singh and Sandeep Kumar respectively. Expressing condolences to the bereaved family members, Manohar Lal assured them all support and cooperation of the State Government. He said that brave soldiers of Haryana have always made supreme sacrifices for their motherland whenever required and we are proud of it. The Chief Minister said that the bravery with which our soldiers fought with the terrorists to safeguard our frontiers, with the same spirit, the whole country is today saluting their courage.

Opp's crucial anti-BJP meet on Tuesday

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Against the backdrop of political parties, including the ruling BJP and main Opposition Congress, making alliance partners for the Lok Sabha polls scheduled in next couple of months, the Opposition leaders are all set to meet on Tuesday to discuss the strategy and formation of a sub-committee for evolving a common minimum programme.

To discuss strategy, formation of sub-committee for evolving a common minimum programme

- The meeting to be held at Mohali in Punjab is to be attended by top leaders like Congress chief Rahul Gandhi, NCP chief Sharad Pawar, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, TDP supreme N Chandrababu Naidu among others
- The decision of a public rally in the Congress ruled Punjab is yet to be formalised
- Opposition meeting assumes significance in the wake of both the national parties — the BJP and the Congress — been working overtime to forge alliance
- Both the national parties have announced their alliances in Bihar, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu
- Moving forward on a united anti-BJP front for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, top Opposition leaders were present in the meeting of Opposition parties at Sharad Pawar's residence on February 13

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Congress Working Committee meeting at Ahmedabad. The Opposition meeting assumes significance in the wake of both the national parties — the BJP and the Congress — been working overtime to forge alliance and the announcements of Parliamentary seats by the BSP-SP combine who are ready to

take on the Modi juggernaut in crucial Uttar Pradesh. Both the national parties have announced their alliances in Bihar, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu. Moving forward on a united anti-BJP front for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, top Opposition leaders, including Rahul Gandhi, Mamata Banerjee, Delhi Chief Minister

Arvind Kejriwal, Naidu, Sharad Yadav, were present in the meeting of Opposition parties at Sharad Pawar's residence on February 13.

The leaders agreed to work together to prepare a common minimum programme to oust the Modi Government and consider forging a pre-poll alliance.

Banerjee, one of the prime movers behind the effort to cobble together an anti-BJP alliance, had organised a mega rally of Opposition parties in Kolkata on January 19. Banerjee has already stated that the differences of parties while in States should be kept aside as the prime agenda of all the Opposition parties is to target the BJP ruled Centre in the Lok Sabha polls.

After Pulwama attack PM was busy shooting for film: Cong

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress on Thursday sharpened its attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the Pulwama terrorist attack last week. While it continued to target Modi for his "opened arm" engagement with the crown Prince of Saudi Arabia during the latter visit to India, the grand old party took on the PM over his publicity campaign shooting for a film in the Corbett National Park till the evening of February 14 despite the Pulwama attack taking place in the afternoon.

There was no immediate reaction from the Prime Minister's Office and the BJP over the allegations. Congress' chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala, addressing a Press conference, also accused BJP president Amit Shah of "politicisation of terrorism" in his speech in Assam on Sunday.

The Congress said questions must be asked about the "gross intelligence failure" of this Government and on the "priorities of a Prime Minister who on a sensitive time like this has gone on a foreign tour to South Korea instead of tackling terrorism".

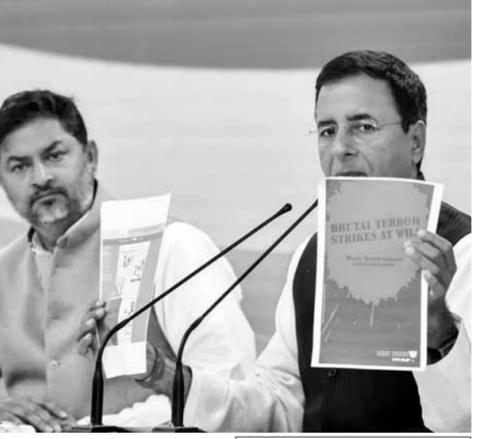
Citing reports from newspapers, Surjewala gave a timeline of events saying the terror attack happened at 3:10 pm on February 14 with the Congress reacting to it at 5:15 pm. "The Prime Minister also knew about it. Yet the PM, a person who claims himself to be a nationalist, continues to shoot a film (for Discovery Channel) for self propagation in the Corbett National Park in Ramnagar," he claimed.

The Congress spokesperson alleged that the Prime Minister continued to "enjoy boat rides" with the camera crew and later ensured that there was slogan shouting by the BJP people in his favour.

"The Prime Minister continues to have tea, samosas at seven o'clock at Government expense in a PWD guesthouse when every single Indian household didn't have food," he said.

On one hand the country was picking up the "pieces of our martyrs", and on the other hand the Prime Minister was involved in his "propaganda and publicity," Surjewala claimed.

"Can such a conduct be expected from the Prime Minister of a country. The Prime Minister should have been chairing the Cabinet committee on security immediately and should have taken



Congress spokesperson Randeep Singh Surjewala addresses a Press conference at AICC in New Delhi on Thursday

BJP: Attack on Modi exposes Cong's stand

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Taking on the Congress for attacking Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the Pulwama attack, the BJP on Thursday lashed out at the Opposition party saying its stand exposes the claim that it was standing with the Government and armed forces in the aftermath of the terror attack in Kashmir and that the party sounds like echoing voices from across the border.

Addressing a Press conference, Union Minister and BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad accused the Congress of seeking to weaken the morale of the armed forces at a time when the whole world is "firmly standing" with India.

Prasad hit out at the Congress for its "shameful" attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and said he was in Uttarakhand on the day of Pulwama attack as part of an official programme related to tiger conservation. "Was the Congress aware of the Pulwama attack? We were not aware," the BJP leader said in a dig at the Opposition party.

He said the Congress attack on the Modi Government would have pleased Pakistan adding that styles of what Imran Khan and the Opposition party have said may be different but their contents bore striking resemblance. He charged the Congress with demoralising armed forces in the country where valiantly responding to terror outfits.

Prasad said strength of the Modi Government reflected in removing security of the Kashmiri separatists and eagerness of Kashmiri youth to participate in Army recruitment. He said India has received global backing against Pakistan on the Pulwama attack and the neighbouring country was diplomatically isolated.



Prez promulgates four ordinances

After nod, ordinance makes practice of instant triple talaq penal offence

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

President Ram Nath Kovind on Thursday promulgated four ordinances, including the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Second Ordinance, 2019. After the President's nod, the ordinance will come into force for the third time in less than a year. The ordinance makes the practice of instant Triple Talaq a penal offence.

The Union Cabinet had given its approval to re-issue the ordinance on Tuesday. The Government failed to pass the Bill, known as the Triple Talaq Bill, in the Rajya Sabha during the Budget Session of Parliament.

The Centre had first promulgated the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Ordinance in September 2018. A Bill to replace it was passed in the Lok Sabha in December, but remained pending in the Rajya Sabha.

The Government promulgated the ordinance again after the Winter Session of Parliament, but could not pass the Bill in the Rajya Sabha during the Budget Session.

The ordinance is set to lapse on June 3, when the current Government's term ends and before the next session of Parliament.

The Triple Talaq ordinance has faced stiff resistance from the Opposition parties. On February 20, SP chief Akhilesh Yadav had said that the ordinance will be used as "a weapon against minorities."

The other ordinances which promulgated by the President, are the Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Second Ordinance 2019; the Companies (Amendment) Second Ordinance 2019 and the Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Second Ordinance 2019.

The Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Second Ordinance 2019 is to protect gullible investors from

Ponzi schemes. The Ordinance will immediately tackle the menace of illicit deposit-taking activities in the country launched by rapacious operators, which at present are exploiting regulatory gaps and lack of strict administrative measures to dupe poor and gullible people of their hard-earned savings.

The Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Second Ordinance, 2019 to allow the Board of Governors (BOG) to run the scam-tainted apex body for regulating medical education.

The Companies (Amendment) Second Ordinance 2019 It is based on the recommendations of the Committee to review offences under the Companies Act, 2013, so as to fill critical gaps in the corporate governance & compliance framework as enshrined in the Companies Act 2013, while simultaneously extending greater Ease of Doing Business to law abiding corporates.

The President also gave his assent to changes in the Indian Stamp Act, 1899, which will rationalise and harmonise the system of levying stamp duty and help curb tax evasion. The Amendments to the Indian Stamp Act, 1899, were introduced as part of the Finance Act 2019, and was approved by Parliament.

The amendments propose to create the legal and institutional mechanism to enable States to collect stamp duty on securities market instruments at one place by one agency (through the Stock Exchanges or Clearing Corporations authorised by the stock exchange or by the Depositories), the Finance Ministry said in a statement.

A mechanism for appropriately sharing the stamp duty with relevant State Governments based on state of domicile of the buying client is also proposed, it added.

The proposed rationalised and harmonised system is expected to lead to zero tax evasion. The stamp duty will have to be paid by either the buyer or seller of a financial security, as against the current practice of levying the duty on both, the Ministry added.

ment for longer duration. "Yes, there is resurgence of cases, severe cases. Disability index of these patients is definitely high. In fact some of the patients we received at our camp had bacteria droplets from their noses, making them highly infectious to their contacts," said Dr Girdhar, highlighting the gravity of the situation.

"Due to lack of public awareness there is a delay in diagnosis of leprosy," Dr Dinesh Kumar Devaraj, Joint Secretary IADVL said, adding most leprosy cases were from Odisha, Bihar, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra.

During the drive, the association reached out to more than 3,00,000 people with chronic cases as high as 95 per cent and recurrent cases as high as 60 per cent.

JeM fidayeen bomber used YSMS app, says probe

RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

Preliminary probe into the Pulwama has revealed that YSMS, a mobile application, was hosted on the 'dark web' and regulation of such communication apps on the internet by the US could have helped in containing the Pakistani terror groups' nefarious agenda in the region, officials connected to the suicide bombing probe said.

Interestingly, the Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) module that carried out the deadliest attack in the three decades of militancy in Jammu & Kashmir had used the YSMS app for communication among one another before executing the suicide bombing on a CRPF convoy leading to the death of 44 CRPF personnel. The app does not leave any signature on the Internet and can be traced only if the hardwares are intercepted.

The websites of Pakistan army/Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) and its terror proxies Lashkar-e-Tayyeba (LeT) and JeM also hosted on a common server by American firm Cloudflare Inc which is a contradiction of the sanctions and bounties put on the heads of the terror masterminds of these two groups by the US under its terror listing regime. The server of the Pak-backed Referendum 2020 campaign targeting Khalistani movement is also located in the US and hosted by the Cloudflare Inc.

In addition, American

video sharing platform YouTube has uploaded millions of videos of the LeT and JeM terror preachers, including Hafiz Sayeed, Abdul Rahman Makki and Masood Azhar, leading to continuous radicalisation of the youth in India

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Twitter is also being used by the Pakistan-based terror groups for furthering the jihadi agenda without putting any effective filters

Search engine Google's features are also being exploited by the terror groups for accessing information under the Do It Yourself programmes for knowhow on sensitive issues like assemblage of IED and remotely-operated vehicle

Counter-terrorism expert Dr Rituraj Mate said, "The JeM and LeT might have outsmarted the US administration by getting their websites hosted in America but the USA had invented the Internet technology and will be bound to take action against such misuse one day or the other if it is serious in containing terrorism globally, including those exported by Pakistan." Continuous backing and funding to Pakistan by the US is bound to infuse an anti-American sentiment towards their products as is the case with China when boycott calls are often given against Chinese goods.

Nepotism in UPPSC: CBI starts probe against officials

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI has registered a preliminary enquiry against unidentified officials of Uttar Pradesh Public Service Commission for allegedly granting favours to close relatives of public servants in an examination to select additional private secretaries during Mayawati's tenure as Chief Minister in 2010.

The PE is based on a complaint from the BJP-ruled Government in the State which subsequently sent to the CBI by the Central government in

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January. It is alleged in the complaint that certain unidentified people including officials of the UPPSC committed irregularities and misconduct in the examination for about 250 posts of additional private secretaries in 2010, officials said.

The officials who have not been named in the PE extended undue favours to underserving candidates. Some of the candidates who were the beneficiaries in the examination

did not fulfill even the basic minimum eligibility, the official said quoting from the complaint.

The complaint has alleged that some selected candidates are "close relatives" of public servants then serving the Uttar Pradesh Government which was headed by Mayawati from 2007-12, they said.

The officials of the UPPSC in alleged connivance with the examiners altered marks of

the candidates to enable their selection. The definition of public servants includes elected representatives who have taken oath of office.

On a question whether the "close relatives" were of elected representatives in the government, the official did not offer any comment saying, "These are allegations in the complaint from the state government. We have registered a preliminary enquiry."

Leprosy has not declined, says IADVL

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Contrary to the Government's claims that leprosy is on decline in the country, the Indian Association of Dermatologists Venereologists & Leprologists (IADVL) during its unique 63 days drive which culminated here on Thursday noted that there were high endemic pockets of the crippled disease and that patients were suffering with serious infectious cases.

"What is worrying is that in the last two three-years, and that what we also noticed during our drive undertaken in 18 States that we are seeing patients with multibacillary leprosy - the more severe form, which includes some of the most infectious cases," said Dr Mukesh Girdhar, national Vice President, IADVL.

He said such patients (multibacillary leprosy) need advanced and regular treat-

ment for longer duration. "Yes, there is resurgence of cases, severe cases. Disability index of these patients is definitely high. In fact some of the patients we received at our camp had bacteria droplets from their noses, making them highly infectious to their contacts," said Dr Girdhar, highlighting the gravity of the situation.

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During the drive, the association reached out to more than 3,00,000 people with chronic cases as high as 95 per cent and recurrent cases as high as 60 per cent.

Rohit Batra, dermatologist, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital and Chairman, IADVL People Connect Cell said that "Even though the prevalence of vitiligo is 1-2 per cent of the general population but we observed that out of all the people approached us during the drive it was more than 5 per cent."

Talking about fungal infection observed during the drive, Dr Girdhar, said, "There were a lot of patients suffering from fungal infections. We saw chronic cases as high as 95 per cent and recurrent cases as high as 60 per cent. Family members were affected up to 70 per cent and more than 80 per cent of child cases have an affected adult in family. Also, 50 to 70 per cent have used steroid creams for fungal infections."

Quackery is of major concern in these situations where Schedule H drugs are prescribed by unqualified people (quacks), said the experts.

Kisan Nidhi 1st instalment on Feb 24

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to launch the direct income support scheme — Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi-PM-Kisan scheme and distribute the first instalment of Rs 2,000 during his visit to Gorakhpur and Prayagraj on February 24.

However, doubts are being raised over the implementation of the scheme in some non BJP States — Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Both the States are seeking funds from the PM-Kisan yojna and want to distribute by their own to the beneficiary farmers.

As many as 1.22 crore small and marginal farmers have been enrolled by the Ministry of Agriculture till date for the PM Kisan scheme. The Modi Government intends to ensure release of first instalment to all eligible farmers — small and marginal — before the model code of conduct kicks in.

Top sources said that UP Government has enrolled over 70 lakh small and marginal

farmers under the scheme. The UP Government is working on war-footing to upload details of eligible farmers on the central database by Friday. Haryana Government has registered over 10 lakh such farmers.

"PM Modi will address the two-day national conclave of the BJP Kisan Morcha on Sunday and later release the money — Rs 2,000 per land holding — electronically to the bank accounts of farmers, mostly from Uttar Pradesh, with the click of a button," sources said. As per initial reports, over 1.22 crore farmers have been enrolled under the scheme across the country till date. The Ministry is Agriculture is working to enroll over two crore farmers by the time of launch of the scheme. As per estimate, there are 12 crore small and marginal farmers in the country.

According to sources, non-BJP State Government wants fund from the Centre and distribute it on their own while the Centre on the other hand, want to distribute to the ben-

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eficiary by their own to get maximum political mileage in the upcoming Lok Sabha and Assembly polls. Earlier, the Odisha Government was not keen but now they have agreed to join the Centre's PM-Kisan scheme.

"Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has urged PM

Centre to implement the scheme," the sources said.

"The State Governments have to ensure that everybody who is a farmer and owns two hectares of land as on cut-off date subject to exclusions should be included. The significance of PM-KISAN is that, for the first time, an attempt has been made to transfer income directly to farmers without using price policy (of either inputs or output). In most of the programmes in the past, including those of previous governments, the policy instrument used has always been price," said the officials.

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BHIMA KOREGAON-ELGAAR PARISHAD CASE

Supplementary chargesheet filed in court

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The Pune police on Thursday filed a 1,837-page supplementary chargesheet before a Pune court against five more persons, including human rights activist Sudha Bhardwaj and fugitive Maoist leader Ganapathy alias Chandrashekhar, in connection with the much-discussed Elgaar Parishad-cum-Bhima-Koregaon riots case.

Three months after they filed the first charge sheet against ten accused in the same case, the Pune police filed a comprehensive charge-sheet before Judge Kishor Vadane.

Apart from Bhardwaj and Ganapathy, the three other accused named in the supplementary chargesheet are, Telugu poet Varavara Rao, activists Vernon Gonsalves and Arun Pereira.

Like in the case of the earlier charge-sheet, the five activists have been charged under various relevant sections of the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), 117 (abetting commission of offence), 120-b (conspiracy)

read with 34 (common intention), 121, 121 (A) (Waging or attempting to wage a war, or abetting waging of war, against the Government of India) 124A (sedition), 153 -A (wantonly giving provocation with intent to cause riot...) and 505-1b (statements conducing public mischief) of Indian Penal Code (IPC)

Confirming that a supplementary charge-sheet had been filed in the local court, Pune's Joint Commissioner of Police Shivaji Bodkhe said on Thursday, "The evidence that we have produced against the five accused includes evidence retrieved from electronic devices seized from the arrested activists. We have charged them with waging war against the nation and spreading the ideology of their banned organisation and creating caste conflicts, disaffection and hatred in the society".

On November 15 last year, the Pune police had filed the first chargesheet before a special court in Pune against 10 persons in the Bhima-Koregaon riots case, accusing them among other things of conspiring to kill Prime

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Minister Narendra Modi and overthrow the democratically elected government in the country.

In their chargesheet filed before a Special Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) Court in Pune ten weeks after the same court extended a 90-day deadline for filing the charge-sheet by another 90 days, the Pune police had named Sudhir P. Dhawale, Rona J Wilson, Surendra P Gadling, Shoma Sen, Mahesh S. Raut as among the 10 persons. They had been arrested from various parts of the country on June 6.

The five other accused named in their charge-sheet as the absconding accused by the Pune police were M alias Milind Teltumbde from Yavatmal, Prakash alias Navin

Alias Ritupan Goswami from Assam, Manglu, Dipu and Kishan Prashant Bose, all owing allegiance to the banned CPI (Maoists). The charge-sheet stated that these five accused had gone "underground" in various parts of the country.

The ten accused named in the first charge-sheet in the Bhima-Koregaon case have been charged under the same sections as is the case with the five accused, including Bhardwaj, against whom the supplementary charge-sheet was filed on Thursday.

The charge-sheet had stated that the five arrested activists --Dhawale, Wilson, Gadling, Shoma Sen and S. Raut --were linked to the CPI (Maoists) which carried out subversive activities through under-

ground means. Human and civil rights organisations like Indian Association of People's Lawyers (IAPL), Anuradha Ghandi Memorial Committee (AGMC), Kabir Kala Manch, all of which set up legally, were supporting the outlawed CPI (Maoists)

According to the charge-sheet, accused number two Rona J Wilson had colluded with Shoma Sen and Prashanto Bose, secretary of the outlawed CPI (Maoist)'s Eastern Regional Bureau, along with other underground activists hatched a conspiracy to kill the Prime Minister of India.

Like in the case of the previous ten accused, the current five have been charged with "waging a war" against the nation.

Five Maoist-linked activists Human Rights activists Rona Wilson Jacob, Surendra Gadling, Sudhir Dhawale, Prof Shoma Sen and Mahesh Raut were arrested by the Pune police on June 6, in connection with the Elgaar Parishad and subsequent Bhima-Koregaon caste riots.

Subsequently on June 8, the

investigators had claimed that they had recovered from the laptop of Wilson an allegedly incriminating letter, which uncovered an alleged plot by the Maoists to carry out "Rajiv Gandhi-type" assassination of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

On August 28, the Pune police arrested five more activists Varavara Rao, Vernon Gonsalves and Arun Pereira, Sudha Bhardwaj and Gautam Navlakha for their association with the Elgaar Parishad held in Pune a day ahead of the January 1, 2018 Bhima-Koregaon riots and their alleged links with the Maoists. It may be recalled that on January 1, one Rahul Phatangale (28), a Dalit, was killed and another 40-odd vehicles and some other property were damaged after some miscreants attacked Dalits celebrating the January 1, 1818 victory of British troops over Peshwa Bajirao II's army at Bhima-Koregaon in Pune district of western Maharashtra. Following the incident, Maharashtra had witnessed large-scale Dalit protests which turned violent at some places.

DMDK proves to be tough, seeks more seats from AIADMK

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

The AIADMK which staged a 'coup' on Tuesday by roping in the PMK to its fold for facing the Lok Sabha election, came across an unexpected road block by Thursday as Vijayakanth of the DMDK demanded seven constituencies for his party to fight the election.

Vijayakanth has reportedly told the AIADMK representative who called on him that during the 2014 Lok Sabha election, his party was allocated 14 seats by the BJP while the PMK was given only seven seats. The AIADMK had signed a deal with the PMK on Tuesday allocating seven seats and a Rajya Sabha seat for the Vanniyar dominated party.

While the AIADMK had smooth negotiations with the PMK and the BJP, Vijayakanth is proving himself to be a tough nut. The situation turned curious on Thursday as S Thirunavakarassar, the former TNCC president called on the actor-turned-politician at the latter's residence in Chennai.

The Congress leader who spent nearly 30 minutes with the actor and his family later told

reporters that his visit was to wish Vijayakanth best of health and a speedy recovery. "We spoke politics also and I requested him to take a decision keeping the national interests in mind," he said.

Sources close to the actor said that Vijayakanth has some "accounts to settle" with the AIADMK, which he claims was instrumental in decimating his outfit after the 2011 assembly election. The DMDK which contested the 2011 assembly election as an ally of the AIADMK had won 29 seats and Vijayakanth was the Leader of the Opposition. But 14 MLAs belonging to the DMDK switched over to the AIADMK camp. Vijayakanth believes that it was at the instance of Jayalalithaa, the then chief minister that the MLAs ditched him.

If the AIADMK parts with seven seats to the DMDK, the ruling party would be left with just 19 seats. There are parties like Puthiya Tamilakam, TMC and fringe parties which too have to be accommodated in the front, which is causing anxiety to the AIADMK leadership.

The DMK had on Wednesday allocated nine seats in Tamil Nadu and the lone seat in Puducherry to the Congress.

POST-PULWAMA BACKLASH

Yuva Sena workers beaten up 4 Kashmiri students in Maha

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In a disturbing incident that took place a week after the Pulwama terror attack, four Kashmiri students were humiliated, beaten up and forced by Yuv Sena activists to raise slogans like "Vande Mataram", "Hindustan Zindabad" and "Bharatmata ki Ja" at Yavatmal in eastern Maharashtra.

Umar Rashid Dar (19) and Umar Nazir Ganai (20) both from Kupwara in Jammu and Kashmir and two of their other friends from the same state were caught hold of near their rented homes at Yavatmal late on Wednesday night, beaten up and forced to raise slogans hailing India, by the Yuv Sena activists.

The victim students are 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 40 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 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.

The footage of the incident also showed the Yuv Sena leader order the victim Kashmiri students to raise slogans like "Hindustan Zindabad", "Vande Mataram" and "Bharat Mata ki Ja". The victim students readily obliged the Yuv Sena leader.

Incidentally, the incident took place four days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the Yavatmal town to launch several development projects. In his speech, Modi said that however the perpetrators of Pulwama mayhem "will definitely be punished" and the security forces had been given a "free hand" to deal with the counter-attack they deemed fit.

Following the incident, the Yuva Sena came in for sharp criticism from various quarters. In a damage control exercise, Yuv Sena

president Aditya Thackeray urged his supporters not to vent their anger against "people from our own country" all in the name of "showing their anger against Pakistan".

"I think the outrage was against Pakistan and the need to give it a fitting reply is important... But we must ensure that this is not directed at our own citizens in any manner", Aditya said.

"What has happened is not proper and highly condemnable. If they are our members we would take action against them," Yuva Sena secretary Varun Sardesai said. Meanwhile, the local Lohara police station has registered a case in connection with the incident. "We are recording the statements of the victims and we would soon identify the accused," Yavatmal's district superintendent of police M Rajkumar said.

Extending support to the victim students, Dayabhai Patel College of Physical Education Sandeep Chawak said: "We are with the affected students. Three of the four victim students are studying in our college for the past three years, while the remaining one has been here for the past one year".

A team of police led by DSP Rajkumar visited the college, interacted with the students and assured them that there would not be any repeat of such incidents. "We have increased the security and patrolling around homes where the Kashmiri boys stay," Rajkumar told the students.

Jammu police files case for shouting anti-national slogans

Jammu: Cracking whip against the anti-national elements, the Jammu and Kashmir police has registered a case against those involved in pro-Pakistan and anti-India sloganeering outside GGM Science College in Jammu on February 11.

According to police spokesman, "FIR has been registered under Sections sedition (124A RPC), Punishment for wrongful restraint (341), Punishment for rioting (147) rioting, armed with deadly weapon (148) and endangering life or personal safety of others (336) against unidentified persons".

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As per the hue and cry notice issued by SSP Jammu Tejinder Singh, SP city North, Jammu has intimated that some unknown persons have raised anti-national slogans near the college, out of which the pictures of three unidentified persons have been traced out and are wanted in the FIR.

"As such photographs of these unidentified persons are being published for the information of police establishments and public in general, having any clue related to whereabouts and present locations of these accused persons, communicate the same on the contacts of police," the notice said.

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College students had boycotted their classes for three days after police lathicharged them inside the GGM science college premises while they were protesting against stranded passengers for raising anti-India and prok Pakistan slogans in Jammu. PNS

Omar: Our students are being targeted, why PM is silent

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Hours after former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah questioned Prime Minister Narendra Modi's silence on Kashmiri students being targeted in various parts of the country J&K Governor Satya Pal Malik on Thursday denied reports of attacks on students.

Addressing a press conference in Srinagar Omar told reporters, "All over the country but especially in some areas, an entire population is being malignd. Our students outside the State, with no connection to politics, are being targeted and expelled. This is nothing but a conspiracy. Why is the Centre silent on it"?

Reacting to Omar's statement on a TV debate Governor Satya Pal Malik later said "I don't want to comment on what Omar said but, I can tell you something for your information, there are approximately 22000-25000 Kashmiri students studying outside J&K, not a single student has even been slapped".

He said, "At eleven locations we had appointed liaison

officers 6 months ago, these officers took care of them and maintained co-ordination with the State Government and kept the students safe. Even yesterday in Dehradun Kashmiri students stated that there was no risk or danger to them and PDP people there were creating a false ruckus. There is an attempt to create an issue where there is no issue, just to communalise before the elections and I don't want to react to such childish man."

During the press conference Omar had also slammed Congress and said not just the ruling party and the PM, but even the opposition has been absolutely silent on this issue.

Referring to possibility of dialogue between India and Pakistan Omar said, "talks with Pakistan cannot be held in the backdrop of terror attacks such as the one in Pulwama, in which 40 CRPF jawans were killed. "Our PM has talked about a 'muh tod jawab' but such a reply is not possible in the current situation as the Pakistan PM has also stated that they would not think of but retaliate if any attack is launched by India," Abdullah said.

MHA will carry out survey to assess citizen-centric police services

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Union Home Ministry will carry out a pan-India survey to assess public perception on citizen-centric police services like women safety and reporting of crimes, officials said Thursday. The survey will commence next month and cover a representative sample of 1.2 lakh households spread over 173 districts across the country, based on the National Sample Survey framework.

All the states and the Union Territories would be included in this survey and it will be completed in nine months, a Home Ministry official said.

The survey is aimed to understand public perception about police, gauge the level of non-reporting of crimes or incidents to police, the position on ground relating to crime reporting and recording, timeliness and quality of police response and action and experience about women and children's safety.

The outcome of the survey is expected to bring out useful suggestions for stakeholders in formulating and implementing appropriate policy responses and changes in the functioning of police at the cutting edge and for improving crime prevention and investigation, transformation in community policing.

It is also expected to improve the access to the justice and increased or appropriate resource allocation for police in a systematic manner, the official said.

From time-to-time, several initiatives have been taken by the central government, aimed at facilitating and supplementing the efforts of state governments and the Union Territories in providing citizen-centric police services.

A globally accepted way to assess the impact or outcomes of such endeavours is through a holistic analysis of services rendered to the public, through public perception surveys conducted by professional and independent agencies.

Such surveys are globally tested tools for improving service delivery in policing and enhancing public satisfaction.

With the above aim and to further strengthen the good governance practices in the working of police, the Home Ministry has commissioned the Bureau of Police Research and Development to conduct this pan-India survey called the 'All India Citizens Survey of Police Services, another official said.

The survey will be conducted through the National Council of Applied Economic Research in New Delhi.

The states and the UTs have been requested to extend full cooperation to the conduct of the survey, and to adopt this good practice and prepare their police for undertaking such surveys on their own in the future, the official said.

बैंक ऑफ इंडिया Bank of India BOI

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-AUCTION NOTICE

Sale of assets charged to the Bank under Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No. 54 of 2002). Whereas, the Authorized Officer of Bank of India has taken possession of the following properties pursuant to the notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 in the following loan account with right to sell the same on "As is where is basis and As is what is basis" for realization of Bank's dues + interest as detailed hereunder and whereas consequent upon failure to repay the dues, the undersigned in exercise of power conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act proposes to realize the Bank dues by sale of the said property. The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the web portal (<https://www.bankauctions.com>)

DATE OF THE INSPECTION OF THE PROPERTIES	LAST DATE & TIME OF SUBMISSION OF EMD AND DOCUMENTS ON OR BEFORE	DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION
11-03-2019 to 12-03-2019 from 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM with Greater Noida Branch F-Block, Beta - II, Commercial Complex, Greater Noida. Ph. : 0120-2321493, 494, 98849-18838	22-03-2019 upto 05:00 PM by Draft / ONLINE / NEFT / RTGS	26-03-2019 from 10.30 AM Onwards

Name of the NPA Accounts / Branch Name	Demand Notice Date	Account Name / Number for EMD Submission through RTGS / NEFT	Name of Authorised Officer / Phone no. / Email ID	Reserve Price EMD Bid Increment Value
Mrs. Sunira Sobti W/o Sh. Sunchit Sobti and Sh. Sunchit Sobti S/o Sh. Sandeep Sobti Branch : Main Branch, Civil Lines, Jalandhar	01-10-2018	A/c Name : Misc. Items A/c no. 64000SUNCOR099	Mr. Om Parkash Verma Ph. 0181-5081916, (M) 92347-06732 Email : Jalandhar.Amrtsar@bankofindia.co.in	Rs. 96.10 Lacs Rs. 9.61 Lacs
	Rs. 45,98,056/22 + Interest, other charges and less recovery if any, till date affected	IFSC : BKID0006400		Rs. 20,000/-

Description of the Immovable Property : Residential 3 BHK + SERV Flat no. STR-3-1503 at 15 Floor of a Basement + 16 Storied Residential Group Housing Building Plot constructed in a FR Noida development & approved residential use area total super area measuring 195.70 sq. Mtrs approx situated at Star Court Appds. Surajpur Kansa Road, JP Greens GR Noida Gautambudh Nagar UP, in the name of Mrs. Sunira Sobti W/o Mr. Sunchit Sobti (Free Hold Property - Symbolic Possession)

Terms & Conditions of the E-auction are as under :- (1) E-auction is being held on "As is Where is" and "As is What is Basis" and will be conducted "On Line". The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider M/s C-1 India Private Limited, Gurgaon at the Webportal (<https://www.bankauctions.com>) E-auction Tender document containing online e-auction bid form, declaration, General Terms and Conditions of Online auction sale are available in **websites** : (a) <https://www.bankofindia.co.in> (b) <https://www.bankauctions.com> (c) <http://eprocure.govt.in> (2) To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the properties. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property put on auction and claims / rights / dues / affecting the property, prior to submitting their bid. The e-auction advertisement does not constitute and will be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the bank. The property are being sold with all the existing & future encumbrances whether known or unknown to the bank. The Authorised Officer / Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims / rights / dues (3) The intending purchasers / bidders are required to deposit EMD amount either through by way of Demand Draft by 22-03-2019 upto 05.00 pm drawn in favour of Bank of India with above mentioned Branch drawn on any Nationalized or Scheduled Bank or through NEFT / RTGS by 22-03-2019 upto 05.00 pm in above mentioned accounts. Please note that the Cheques shall not be accepted as EMD amount (4) In case of sole bidder, he / she has to increase minimum 1 Bid from Reserve Price (5) The intending bidders should submit the evidence for EMD deposit like UTR number along with Request Letter for participation in the E-auction, self attested copies of (a) Proof of Identification (KYC) viz. Voter ID Card / Driving Licence / Passport etc. (b) Current Address Proof for communication (c) PAN card of the bidder (d) Valid e-mail ID (e) contact no. (Mobile / Landline) of the bidders etc. to the Authorised Officer of above mentioned Branch of Bank of India. Scanned copies of the original of these documents can also be submitted to e-mail ID of the Authorized Officers (6) Names of the Eligible Bidders, will be identified by the Bank of India above mentioned Branches to participate in the online e-auction on the web portal <https://www.bankauctions.com> . M/s C-1 India Private Limited Gurgaon will provide User ID and Password after due verification of PAN of the Eligible Bidders. (7) It shall be the responsibility of the interested bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the properties before submission of the bid. (8) The E-auction / bidding of above properties would be conducted exactly on the scheduled Date & Time as mentioned against each property by way of inter-se bidding among the bidders. The bidders shall improve their offer in multiple of the amount mentioned under the column "Bid Increment Amount" against each property. In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the e-auction, the closing time will be automatically get extended for 5 minutes. The bidders who submit the highest bid amount (not below the Reserve Price) on closure of e-auction process shall be declared as Successful Bidder & a Communication to that effect will be issued through electronic mode which shall be subject to approval by the Authorised Officer / Secured Creditor (9) The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of the successful bidder shall be retained towards part sale consideration & the EMD of unsuccessful bidders shall be refunded. The Earnest Money Deposit shall not bear any interest. The successful bidders shall have to deposit 25% of the sale price including EMD already paid, immediately on acceptance of bid price by the Authorised Officer and the balance of the sale price on or before 15th day of sale. The auction sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. Default in deposit or amount by the successful bidders would entail forfeiture of the whole money, already deposited and property shall be put to re-auction and the defaulting bidders shall have no claim / right in respect of property / amount (10) The prospective qualified bidders may avail online training on e-Auction from M/s C-1 India Private Limited prior to the date of e-auction. Neither the Authorised Officer / Bank nor M/s C-1 India Private Limited, Gurgaon will be held responsible for any internet Network Problems / Power failure / any other technical lapses / failure etc. In order to ward-off such contingency situated the interested bidders are requested to ensure that they are technically well equipped with adequate power backup etc. for successfully participating in the e-auction event (11) The purchaser shall bear the applicable stamps duties / registration fee / other charges, etc. and also all the statutory / non-statutory dues, taxes, assessment charges, etc. owing to anybody (12) The Authorised Officer / Bank is not bound to accept the highest offer and has the absolute right to accept or reject any or all offer(s) or adjourn / postpone / cancel the e-auction or withdraw any property or portion thereof from the auction proceedings at any stage without assigning any reason there for (13) The Sale Certificate will be issued in the name of the purchasers / applicants only and will not be issued in any other names. (14) The sale shall be subject to rules / conditions prescribed under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of the Security Interest Act, 2002. For further details / enquires if any on the terms and conditions of sale can be obtained from Authorised Officer / Bank of India of above mentioned Branches or Bank's website (a) <https://www.bankofindia.co.in> (b) <http://eprocure.govt.in> (c) <https://www.bankauctions.com> (15) For further details regarding the above properties / inspection of properties, the intending buyers may contact above mentioned Branches of Bank of India. All the intending purchasers is also advised to contact the Bank's approved service provider M/s. C1 India Pvt. Ltd. Udyog Vihar, Phase -2, Gulf Petrochem Building, No. 301, Gurgaon, Haryana 122015, Ph. 0124-4302020, 21, 22, 23. E-mail : support@bankauctions.com or pandeep_singh@c1india.com , (Mobile) 096467-96075 for any information on procedure of e-auction (16) The Authorised Officer or Bank shall not be responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrance or any other dues to the Government or anyone else in respect of immovable properties e-auctioned.

Statutory 30 Days Sale Notice under Rule 8(6) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 : The borrowers / guarantors are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above alongwith upto date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-Auction, failing which the properties will be auctioned/ sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date : 22-02-2019 Place : Noida Sd/- Authorised Officer



US Ambassador to India Kenneth Juster visits the Charminar, in the old city of Hyderabad on Thursday PTI

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SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

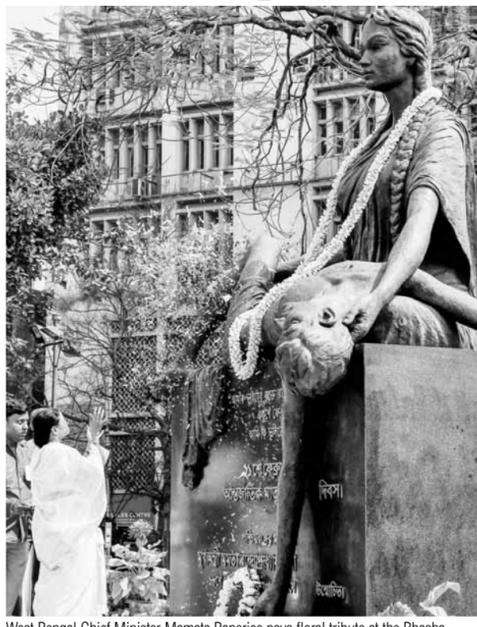
Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday expressed her strong resolve to espouse and defend India's unity and urged the people to respect each others' languages in tandem with taking "pride in your mother tongue."

Banerjee who was speaking at the inauguration of the International Mother Language Day said she wanted a truly united India which was powerful and where the people were mutually respectful each others' cultures.

In an apparent reference to the post-Pulwama hysterics where the people of Kashmir were subjected to victimisation all over the country Banerjee said the entire community should not be judged by the act of one person.

"I cannot expect victimisation of (Kashmiri) people for one instance," she said adding "there is no reason to judge all the Kashmiris by the act of one person."

A suicide attacker from Kashmir had last week rammed into a CRPF convoy with an IED-loaded vehicle killing 44 jawans inviting world-wide



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee pays floral tribute at the Bhasha Shahid Memorial monument on the occasion of International Mother Language Day in Kolkata on Thursday

condemnation against in India. Pakistan-sponsored terrorism Banerjee who earlier

expressed on the Twitter her "best wishes to all on International Mother Language Day" asking the people to "respect all languages but take pride in your mother tongue" told a gathering at Deshapriya Park in South Kolkata that she wanted a united India which was strong and powerful by dint of its unity.

"We all want to sleep with unity, walk with unity, talk with unity... we want a united India, a powerful India," Banerjee said.

Meanwhile, ruling Trinamool Congress sources said the Bengal Chief Minister would next week attend the anti-BJP opposition meet scheduled to be held at Mohali in Punjab.

The meeting is likely to be held on February 26. A senior TMC leader said "the Chief Minister will take part in the all-party meeting at Mohali as she has been a prime mover for an opposition unity to throw the BJP out of power."

Banerjee had earlier attended a similar meeting at NCP chief Sharad Pawar's residence in Delhi where she met most opposition leaders including Congress president Rahul Gandhi.

IED recovered from Govt bus in Maharashtra

Security beefed at bus depots, stands, checks ordered in buses

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

An improvised explosive device (IED) was recovered from a State Transport bus in Maharashtra's Raigad district late on Wednesday night.

The ST bus was on its way from Karjat to Apta village near Panvel town when the driver found a suspected material kept in a bag on board the bus, at around 11 pm.

The circumspect ST bus driver quickly acted and asked the passengers to disembark the bus. He also immediately alerted the police about the finding.

A team of Bomb Detection and Disposal Squad from the nearby Alibaug rushed to the spot shortly afterwards. The team found that the material looking a device kept in a bag was indeed an IED. "The team took nearly five hours

to defuse the IED by removing the wires and detonator in it. The police sanitised the ST bus in the early hours of today," a senior police officer said.

Raigad's district superintendent of police Anil Paraskar said that device had been sent for forensic examination. "We have a reason to believe the device might have been kept to create a panic and terror among people," Paraskar said.

After the incident, the coastal Raigad district was placed under a high alert. The State-run Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC) ordered beefing up of security across its depots, bus stands and buses in the state.

Maharashtra's Transport minister Diwakar Raote ordered a check of all the buses in its fleet. "This is serious and the matter is being investigated," he said.

Meanwhile, initial investigations have revealed the IED device was of relatively of a low intensity explosive.

Ex-Visva Bharati V-C, Registrar get five-year RI for forgery

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

In a rare judgment a Birbhum court on Thursday sentenced former Vice Chancellor, Registrar and a professor of the prestigious Visva Bharati University to five years' rigorous imprisonment after they were found guilty of forgery by the same court.

Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Arvind Mishra on Thursday sentenced ex VC and mathematician Dilip Kumar Sinha, Registrar Dilip Deb Mukherjee and Mutki Deb a former professor to 5 years' RI after they were found guilty under various sections of Forgery Act, and Sections 467, 468, 471, 475 and 120B (criminal conspiracy) of the Indian Penal Code.

A prosecution lawyer said that Deb had forged her testimonials and joined the University as a lecturer in mathematics despite being an undergraduate. Photostat copies of her forged mark sheets and certificates were allegedly stamped and attested by Dr Sinha who functioned as the VC of the said central University from 1995 to 2001.

Visva Bharati was founded by Poet Laureate Rabindranath Tagore and is considered a centre of excellence throughout the world.

It was alleged that Sinha had impersonated as one



Former Vice-Chancellor of Visva-Bharati University Dilip Sinha (L) and Registrar Dilip Mukhopadhyaya (R) being taken to be produced at ACJM court, in Birbhum on Thursday

Rashbehari Ghosh a professor in the University of Calcutta. As a result Deb's forged testimonials established her as a B.Sc, M.Sc and M.Phil pass outs from CU, Jadavpur University and Visva Bharati University respectively. The Registrar was found guilty for neglecting his duty by cross-checking the testimonials.

A case was registered after Deb applied for enrolment in Ph.D course in 2002. When she was asked to produce her original certificates she withdrew her application saying they had been stolen and even placed a police diary in favour of her claims.

After the authorities conducted a probe all the three were found guilty and an FIR was registered with the Bolpur Police Station.

Meanwhile, the advocate of the convicts said his client would prefer an appeal in the higher courts even as the trio was taken into jail custody.

Govt empowers Assam Rifles to arrest, search sans warrant

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Assam Rifles personnel have been empowered by the Central Government to arrest anyone and search a place without warrant in northeast States of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Nagaland and Mizoram.

According to a Home Ministry notification, "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 said.

Section 41 of the CrPC states that any police officer may, without an order from a magistrate and without a warrant, arrest any person. Section 47 gives powers for search of place entered by person sought to be arrested.

Section 48 says a police officer may, for the purpose of arresting without warrant any person whom he is authorised to arrest, pursue such person into any place in India. According to Section 49, the person arrested shall not be subjected to more restraint than is necessary to prevent his escape.



Akhil Bharatiya Kisan Sabha members at the start of their Nashik to Mumbai protest march to press for their various demands in Nashik on Thursday

जयपुर नगर निगम
(पं. दीनदयाल उपाध्याय भवन लाल कोठी, टॉक रोड, जयपुर)
क्रमांक: ज.स.अ./2019/414 ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या-23/2018-19 दिनांक: 11.02.2019
केन्द्र एवं राज्य सरकार के सभी विभागों में मंजूरित उपयुक्त श्रेणी के ठेकेदारों एवं नगर निगम, जयपुर के मंजूरित निविदाओं से अधिष्ठाती अभियन्ता (प्रोजेक्ट नृतीय) से संबंधित कार्य (Design, Supply, Civil, Erection, Commissioning & Upgradation of 62.5 MLD Existing STP at Delawas, Jaipur by Wetland or any Technology/Process along with 10 years O&M Period) हेतु निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। कार्य की अनुमानित लागत एंटर बेचे जाने तथा प्राप्त करने की तारीख एंटर शर्तें आदि सम्पूर्ण विवरण नगर निगम, जयपुर की वेबसाइट www.jaipurmc.org व राजस्थान सरकार के पोर्टल <http://sppp.raj.nic.in> तथा <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> पर देखी व डाउनलोड की जा सकती है। स्टेट पब्लिक प्रोक्चोरमेंट पोर्टल का Unique Bid Number JMC 1819WLOB01335 है। अधिष्ठाती अभियन्ता राज. संजद./सी/6002/2018-19 (प्रोजेक्ट नृतीय), नगर निगम, जयपुर

NEW DELHI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
WATER SUPPLY DIVISION, CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPTT.
ROOM NO. 231, SHAHID BHAGAT SINGH PLACE, NEW DELHI
e-Procurement Tender Notice
Name of Work: Development of tubewells in NDMC area.
Sub Head: Construction of 1 No. borewell / tubewell at Anant Ram Dairy, Netaji Nagar, New Delhi.
Estimated cost: ₹6,81,205.00
Date of release of tender through e-procurement solution: 19.02.2019
Last date/time for receipt of tenders through e-procurement solution: 01.03.2019 upto 03:00 PM
Further details can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>
Note: To participate in e-tender in NDMC registration with e-tendering system, Government of NCT of Delhi is mandatory. Sd/-
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CORRIGENDUM No. 1
Name of work: RMO GGSIP University, Dwarka Campus, New Delhi
Sub Head: Operation and Comprehensive Maintenance of Audio, Video, Stage Lighting, Video conferencing system at GGSIPU Dwarka, New Delhi.
NIT No: 28/EE/UWD/Elect/2018-19
Last date of opening of tender is extended to 26/02/2019. EE/UWD

PARADIP PORT TRUST
e-TENDER NOTICE
NO : EM/PE/02/2019
Name of the work : "Up-gradation of HT Power Supply System inside Harbour area to enhance the Power Supply reliability to MCHP, IOHP & Oil Jetty". Estimated Cost : Rs. 2,75,59,379/- . Last date & time of submission of bid : Dt. 11.03.2019 up to 17:00 Hrs. Refer our website for details : <https://eprocure.gov.in> / eprocure/app.
Executive Engineer (Port Electrical Division-II)
PPT/PR/643/18-19 Dt : 21.02.2019

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The Valley License No.- 45 of 2018, Dated 29/06/2018
DRAW OF FLATS
This is to inform that the draw of flats of our Affordable Housing Project, THE VALLEY, situated in Sector-78, Gurugram, Haryana to be developed by M/s Revital Realty Pvt. Ltd. will be held on Friday, 27th February, 2019 at 12:00 noon in Hotel Green Ville, Corus Banquet, 29/4 Mehrauli Gurugram Road, Near Kalyani Hospital, Opp. SBI Bank, Sector 14 Gurugram, in the presence of Government Officials. All the applicants are invited to attend the draw of flats.
LOCATION MAP OF CORUS BANQUET HARERA: 20 of 2018, Dated 23.10.2018
For entry, please carry your acknowledgement or any valid applicant ID proof.
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Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd., Videocon Tower, Jhandewalan, New Delhi - 110055
PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET
[See Notice to Jule 8 (6)]
Notice for sale of immovable properties
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured assets with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding (In ₹)	Reserve Price (In ₹)	Earnest Money Deposit (In ₹)	Date of Property Inspection and Time	Date & Time of Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)
1.	Dhyan Chandra Subhash (Borrower), Meena Dhyan (Co-Borrower) (LBDEL00002004672)	Flat No 2103, Tower C, AVJ Heights, Plot No GH 12/2, Sector Zeta-1, Greater Noida- 201301 State-UP, Area 2400 Sq.Ft.	Rs. 91,82,870/- as on Feb 2, 2019	Rs. 58,000/-	Rs. 5,80,000/-	March 02, 2019, From 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM	March 20, 2019, From 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
2.	Seema Tyagi (Borrower), Deepak Tyagi (Co-Borrower) (LBGUR00001983799)	Flat No E 1803, AVJ Heights, Plot No Gh-12/2, Sector Zeta-1, Greater Noida- 201301 State-UP Area 1250 Sq.Ft.	Rs. 52,57,414/- As on Feb 2, 2019	Rs. 33,000/-	Rs. 3,30,000/-	March 02, 2019, From 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM	March 20, 2019, From 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM
3.	Jitendra Kumar Jaiswal (Borrower), Sangeeta (Co-Borrower) (LBDEL00001946929, LBDEL00001970023)	Flat No 1801, 18th floor, Tower-1, AVJ Heights, Plot No GH 12/2, Sector Zeta-1, Greater Noida- 201301 State-UP, Area 1050 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 34,13,638/- As on Feb 2, 2019.	Rs. 22,80,000/-	Rs. 2,28,000/-	March 02, 2019, From 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM	March 20, 2019, From 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

The online auction will take place on the website of auction agency Shriram Automall India Ltd. (URL Link - <https://eauctions.samil.in>). The Mortgagors/ Noticee are given last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till March 19, 2019, before 5:00 P.M failing which, this/these secured asset/s will be sold as per schedule.
The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit their offer along with aforesaid earnest money deposit (as referred in column No. (F) in a sealed envelope superscribed "offer for purchase of property" so as to reach at ICICI Bank Limited, 2nd Floor Videocon Tower, Block E-1, Jhandewalan Extension, Rani Jhansi Road, Delhi-110055 or our marketing agents Shriram Automall India Ltd having their office at 2nd Floor, Best Sky Tower, Netaji Subhash Place, Pitampura, New Delhi - 110034 on or before March 19, 2019 before 5:00 P.M. The marketing agency has also been engaged as auctioneer for proper conduct of auction. EMD DD / PO should be from a Nationalised / Scheduled Bank favouring "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Delhi.
For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact on Mobile no. 8584874809/9650193259 of ICICI Bank Limited or 9910453434 of Shriram Automall India Ltd. The tenders which are acknowledged by the Bank/e-auction vendor official and registered before the cut off time with complete details shall only be considered for auction.
The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any reasons thereof. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit ICICI Bank Ltd website at <https://www.icicibank.com/notice-board/properties-for-sale/properties.page?>
Sd/-
Authorised Officer
ICICI Bank Limited
Date : February 22, 2019
Place : DELHI/NCR

DELHI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
E-TENDERING PRESS NOTICE No. 50/FO/Hort./SE/DDA/2018-19 (PART-I)
On line Item/Percentage Rate Tenders are invited/re-invited through E-tendering mode for the following works by the Executive Engineer Electrical Division No. 1 Seed Bed Park School Block Shakarpur Delhi 110092, Dy. Director (Hort.) Division No. 7, Seed bed park, Shakarpur Delhi 110092, Executive Engineer Southern Division No. 3, Nehru Place (ADJACENT BESE BHAWAN) Delhi 110019 & Dy. Director (Hort.) Division No.9, Vivek Vihar Delhi 110095. On behalf of Delhi Development Authority from the approved and eligible contractors registered under Horticulture category only of DDA & CPWD and those of appropriate list of M.E.S, BSNL and Railway for SI No. 01, 02 & 06 to 9. Last date & time of submission of tender is 01.03.2019 upto 03.00 pm.
Note: On behalf of DDA from the approved and eligible contractors of appropriate list of DDA department for SI. No. 03 to 05.
1. NIT No. 27/EE/ELD-1/DDA/2018-19 Name of work: Repairing of lighting in BARA LAO KA GUMBAD, Vasant Udhyan (Under Deposit work). Estimated cost: Rs. 1178175/- Earnest money: Rs. 23564/- Time allowed: 02 months.
2. NIT No. 23/DD/HO-7/DDA/2018-19 (Re-call). Name of work: M/o various parks under NA-II (East Zone) M/o M.P. Green area at Shakarpur (Nehru Enclave & School block). SH: Supply & Stacking of Good earth, cattle manure, supply of chemical fertilizers, bush cutter, hedge trimmer, Nylon Wire, digging of holes, Neem oil cake, P.V.C. pipe R. H. pipe plants etc at site. Estimated cost: Rs. 559175/- Earnest money: Rs. 11184/- Time allowed: 45 Days.
3. NIT No. 95/EE/SD-3/DDA/2018-19 (Re-invite) Name of work: M/o Completed scheme under Nazul A/c-II South. SH: Construction of boundary wall or reclaimed DDA land at Various site under the Jurisdiction of AE-I/SD-3. Estimated cost: Rs. 2089232/- Earnest money: Rs. 41785/- Time allowed: 90 days.
4. NIT No. 108/EE/SD-3/DDA/2018-19 Name of work: M/o Completed scheme under Nazul-II A/c South Zone. SH: Improvement of park by providing and laying interlocking paver blocks, kerb stone, railing renovation of rain shelter other miscellaneous work at M.P. Green area sangam vihar opposite Batra Hospital. Estimated cost: Rs. 1979606/- Earnest money: Rs. 39592/- Time allowed: 90 days.
5. NIT No. 109/EE/SD-3/DDA/2018-19 Name of work: M/o Completed scheme under Nazul-II A/c South Zone. SH: P & L CPVC Pipes, Random Rubble Masonry with chain link fencing the parks at Khel Gaon to Panchsheel. Estimated cost: Rs. 2075579/- Earnest money: Rs. 41512/- Time allowed: 90 days.
6. NIT No. 62/DD/HO-IX/DDA/2018-19. Name of work: M/o Various scheme under NA-II (East Zone) M/o Various parks under Sub Div. I/Hort. Div. IX/DDA. SH: Deployment of private Security Guards in various Schemes of sub Div.I/Hort.Div.IX /DDA Estimated cost: Rs. 1229676/- Earnest money: Rs. 24594/- Time allowed: 06 months.
7. NIT No. 63/DD/HO-IX/DDA/2018-19. Name of work: M/o Various scheme under NA-II (East Zone) M/o Various parks under Sub Div. IV/Hort. Div. IX/DDA. SH: Deployment of private Security Guards in various Schemes of sub Div.IV/Hort. Div. IX /DDA Estimated cost: Rs. 1054008/- Earnest money: Rs. 21080/- Time allowed: 06 months.
8. NIT No. 64/DD/HO-IX/DDA/2018-19. Name of work: M/o Various scheme under NA-II (East Zone) M/o Various parks under Sub Div. III & V/Hort. Div. IX/DDA. SH: Deployment of private Security Guards in various Schemes of sub Div.III & V/Hort.Div. IX/DDA Estimated cost: Rs. 878340/- Earnest money: Rs. 17567/- Time allowed: 06 months.
9. NIT No. 65/DD/HO-IX/DDA/2018-19. Name of work: M/o Various scheme under NA-II (East Zone) M/o Various parks under Sub Div. II/Hort. Div. IX/DDA. SH: Deployment of private Security Guards in various Schemes of sub Div.II/Hort.Div.IX /DDA Estimated cost: Rs. 1229676/- Earnest money: Rs. 24594/- Time allowed: 06 months.
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PAPER WITH PASSION

Saudi significance

India's ties with Saudi Arabia have been symbiotic but it's important to balance the relationship



For some, it might seem incongruous that Prime Minister Narendra Modi received Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, Mohammed bin-Salman (MbS), at the airport when the *de facto* ruler of the world's largest oil producer and effective leader of the Muslim world landed in India. MbS, as a young leader who styles himself in an attempt to be cool with young Saudis, had after all just gone to Pakistan merely days after the Pulwama attack and not even rapped the Pakistanis. But then, screamed critics in India, why was Narendra Modi going to

receive MbS at the airport? He should have been given the same treatment that Justin Trudeau, the Canadian Prime Minister, got during his official visit last year thanks to the Khalistani links of that government.

The problem is that this is a complicated geopolitical issue that cannot really be brought down to simplistic arguments. The close ties between Saudi Arabia and Pakistan go back a long way, to the formation of Pakistan as a theocratic Islamic state. Saudi Arabia provided Pakistan with money and weapons during the 1965 and 1971 wars, and it was rumoured to have even provided fighter pilots. Pakistan plays a role for Saudi Arabia as well, it channelised Saudi money and citizens such as Osama bin Laden into Afghanistan where they fought as *mujahideen* against the Soviet Army in what became a "Holy War" of sorts. Given the shortage of Saudi citizens wanting to be enlisted soldiers, Pakistani citizens make up large numbers in that nation's army. And it was Pakistani special forces that finally helped the Saudi state and the ruling al-Saud family during the dramatic 1979 rebellion in Mecca when the Kaaba itself was stormed. Today, Pakistan is a pawn in Saudi Arabia's undeclared war with Shia Iran. So when MbS says that Pakistan has the potential for \$20 billion in investment, he is in essence repaying a debt to Pakistan.

Therefore, some might ask why India should entertain a man so obviously allied with Pakistan. Of course, India's huge Muslim population is the most obvious reason, so keeping MbS and the Saudi state at least partially on one's side is the intelligent thing to do. And it is no secret that Modi has received very few leaders at the airport, MbS and previously Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel, being two of them. India plays a critical role between those two nations, in fact that is why Air India got overflying rights over Saudi Arabia for its Tel Aviv flight. And then there is the simple fact that Saudi Arabia is home to millions of Indians and the remittances they send here are still important to our economy. MbS wants to encourage the 'Saudisation' of the job force in his country which will be detrimental to Indian workers, so keeping him on our side is strategic. Of course, Saudi Arabia is and will remain one of the largest suppliers of oil to India and now as it prepares for a post-oil future, its funds to India's start-up economy matter as well. MbS is no hero, his role in the brutal murder of columnist Jamal Khashoggi and the way he went after his rivals in the Saudi court should worry people. But we have little choice but to keep Saudi Arabia happy. However, it is plainly clear that MbS is learning on the job and has realised that pricking India is not the way to go even for him.

No gods in Tamil Nadu

Minus the monolithic Jayalalitha and Karunanidhi, the state will give a mixed verdict



For the first time in Tamil Nadu, elections won't be about demi-gods in the absence of J Jayalalitha and M Karunanidhi, the two leaders who had become larger than life enough to not only dominate state politics but alternately become kingmakers in national governments with plum portfolios. And considering the southern state along with Puducherry has a sizeable 40 seats in the Lok Sabha, all national parties or coalitions have courted them at one time or the other. There have

been stories about getting a rare audience with the imperious Jayalalitha after hours of waiting at her Poes Garden residence and confabulations with the closest aide of Karunanidhi to convey messages from Delhi. So yes, with their passing, there is a political vacuum which their successors may not be able to fill. Despite best intentions. And though both the AIADMK and DMK are looking at national parties, the former aligning with the BJP and the latter with the Congress, to cushion themselves from a great fall, fact is both, in their current denuded state, may for the first time give their national counterparts a confidence to make good in Tamil Nadu on their own. They themselves might just become survivors rather than captains of their destiny. Contrary to the two icons, who have always looked outward as nobody challenged their heavyweight status at home, their parties at this time are looking inward, hoping their alliances will decide their fate in the Assembly elections.

Let's look at the AIADMK, the giant killer of the 2014 elections, and its tie-up with the BJP, which is not exactly riding a Modi wave this time. But it is the best fertile ground for both to pull each other up, especially now that the BJP has mended fences with its erstwhile ally, the PMK. One doesn't know whether Jayalalitha's posters or videos will have the same effect as her live campaigns but the AIADMK under Chief Minister Edappadi Palaniswami is clearly fearing a sizeable fall in vote share. Torn by dissension and faction fights, he has safely staked the party's future in only 25 seats. Besides, the nephew of Jayalalitha's aide Sasikala, TTV Dhinakaran, is likely to take a big bite of the AIADMK's vote pie. Dhinakaran is nowhere trying to appropriate Amma's aura but away from the alliance photo sessions, he is campaigning in the villages, emerging to be the only leader after her to put Tamil Nadu first and talk about people's issues. Voters feel Palaniswami has not stood up enough in the Cauvery water dispute or the Sterlite protests. Besides, Dhinakaran has an excellent ground network in southern Tamil Nadu. Of course, the PMK, given its past vote share, could steady the northern votes for the AIADMK-led alliance. But nobody expects a blockbuster performance, though every incremental seat for the BJP could only help in making up a projected deficit in its national tally. Technically, the DMK scion MK Stalin has a slight edge and is following his astute father's template in stitching up a pact with the Congress. First, the DMK is better off than 2014, when the 2G scam did it in and it fought without allies, its voteshare plummeting in a free fall. Now that Raja and M Kanimozhi are acquitted in the 2G case, the DMK and the Congress are hoping to regain their 2009 vote share of around 44 per cent. Meanwhile, actor Kamal Haasan could emerge vote cutter than the new god. Tamil Nadu seems to be setting an all-new template of hand-holders.

A befitting reply

For India's response to the Pulwama terror attack to be truly effective, we must show our ability to be patient and cause maximum damage at the most appropriate time



AJOY KUMAR

February 14, 2019, will henceforth be remembered as a day marred by the horrific images of a cowardly act of terror where more than 40 Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) soldiers were killed in Pulwama. The suicide bomber, Adil Ahmad Dar, who has been identified as the culprit of this dastardly act, detonated close to 60 kilos of explosives near a convoy of CRPF soldiers. The Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) has claimed responsibility for this act of terror and it has been widely reported that the JeM has been supported and enabled by the Government of Pakistan. There is no denying the fact that this was a day of mourning for India but it is crucial that this incident also becomes an inflection point where India provides a befitting reply to its enemies and emerges stronger than before.

India then stands at the crossroads. While every Indian, I am sure, agrees that such acts of terror must not go unpunished and should be avenged, the question for us as Indians is: What constitutes a befitting reply? Is it a reply that is ill-thought out, reactionary and detrimental to India's interests and values in the long-term or is it one where we emerge stronger and show the enemies of our country that while its enemies will try creating a divide through cowardly acts of terror, our country will continue to stand unafraid and unmoved. We must refuse to give up those values, which distinguish us from failed states that have long ago given up the ideals of a prosperous and democratic society.

I am just as angry and livid at the attack as any patriot but at a time like this, it is important to remember the words of Aristotle, who had said, "Anybody can become angry — that is easy, but to be angry with the right person and to the right degree and at the right time and for the right purpose and in the right way — that is not within everybody's power and is not easy." In this week's column, I will attempt to show how India can show its enemies that not only is the country capable of taking hard decisions and demonstrate that these acts of terror will not be taken lying down but also that it will emerge stronger because of them.

Establish a Commission after such acts of terror: In the aftermath of 9/11, the US instituted the 9/11 Commission, which was an independent, bipartisan body consisting of not only Republicans and Democrats but also staff members, who were experts in various fields. The Commission was charged with preparing a complete report of the circumstances surrounding the terrorist attack on the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon on September 11, 2001. The report examined the preparedness of the US and also provided recommendations to guard against such future attacks. It is imperative that with acts of terror such as the recent one in Pulwama, India responds similarly. As part of the 9/11 Commission report, the



body examined the chronology of events on September 11, 2001, right from early 1999, when the hijackers prepared for the attack while living in Germany till the point when the planes had been hijacked by the terrorists. At each point in the chronology of events, the Commission submitted expert suggestions on how to plug each and every lapse that led to the 9/11 attacks. It is imperative that India draws a similar approach by constituting a commission of experts, which examines the chronology of events that ultimately led to the February 14 attack and debate this report in Parliament. Ultimately, this report should be made public since such a step will help heap public pressure and prevent such lapses in the future.

Strength from within first, then without: Terrorism's short-term objective is to inflict pain and sorrow through violence, and while horrific, its long-term aim of creating an environment that thrives on hate and suspicion in the country is much more frightening and harmful. This terrorist attack seeks to achieve the same goal. We, as Indians, must not succumb.

While understandably, there is a lot of anger in our country over these attacks, some of the reactions to it are

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questionable and are, in fact, aiding our enemies. The first type of reaction is one that demands an all-out war against another nuclear power. Unsurprisingly, a number of these calls are from individuals, who have the luxury to opine without the threat of consequence. The more rational voices on the subject are typically from soldiers and members of the armed forces, who understand the cost of war and, perhaps, more significantly, the cost of rashness in a battlefield.

For example, if India does execute its response without adequate preparedness and at an inopportune time, it will run the huge risk of losing more brave soldiers, not because of an act of terror but due to brashness. Such an outcome is unacceptable. While desire for revenge is normal, it cannot be at the cost of reckless disregard for an Indian life. That outcome, in my opinion, is unacceptable. While there are always casualties in war, it is difficult to justify such casualties if they are a result of aggression.

The other type of reaction we have seen is the targeting of Kashmiris across India. This, too, is a response that cannot be justified and must be condemned. First, from a humane perspective, we must recognise that the minute we take out our anger on

an entire community due to our pain over terrorist attacks, we lose humanity, something that distinguishes us from the cowardly terrorists, who attack India and what it stands for.

All of us, including all political parties, must come out clearly and unequivocally against this behaviour. We must recognise that such a reaction is what the forces, that seek to divide India, actually hope to achieve. Creating divides within the country so that we turn on each other makes any future acts of terror easier for our enemies. We must not allow the enemies of the country inflict that sort of irreparable damage.

An examination of acts of terror throughout the world shows that rarely if ever are acts of terror random acts of violence. Instead, they are thoroughly planned and ruthlessly executed. Therefore, in order to be truly effective, our response must also demonstrate our ability to be patient and cause maximum damage at the most appropriate time. While it may be easy to give in to our more basic demands for immediate revenge, I think we can demand better from ourselves and emerge stronger as a result of it.

(The writer is Jharkhand PCC president, former MP and IPS officer. Views are personal)

SOUNDBITE

It is essential that there must be accountability under international law and perpetrators of terrorist acts be brought to justice swiftly.

UN chief
—Antonio Guterres



Who is destroying the party? Our own people from the party. It (SP) was such a strong party and won elections on its own.

Samajwadi Party veteran
—Mulayam Singh Yadav



They (BCCI) threaten the players by asking them not to play in the Pakistan Super League, else they won't be allowed to play in IPL.

Former Pakistan skipper
—Shahid Afridi



As far as development is concerned, there should be no politics on this. State and Centre should unite for development.

Vice President
—Venkaiah Naidu



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

China stands exposed

Sir — On the one hand, India has relentlessly been demanding that Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) chief, Maulana Masood Azhar, be banned and has been exerting pressure on the UN to declare him as global terrorist. On the other, China, one of the permanent member nations in the UN, has constantly been foiling India's bid to name him.

Ironically, another permanent member country, France, has been moving a proposal to ban Azhar. Saudi Foreign Minister, Adel bin Ahmed Al-Jubeir, joined the chorus and demanded his proscription. Meanwhile, Russia, too, has said that it isn't averse to banning Azhar. Clearly, China stands exposed on its self-appealing approach. It is also a fact that the JeM claimed responsibility for the Pulwama attack. Beijing needs to know that terrorism in one part of the world slowly and steadily spearheads to every nook and corner. It cannot be an exception to terror.

KV Seetharamaiah
Hassan

Alliance politics in Chennai

The battle lines are drawn in Tamil Nadu. The formalisation of the alliance between the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) followed by the Congress' seat-sharing agreement with the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) means the choice before the electorate has been limited to these two alliances. Whether TTV Dhinakaran's Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam (AMMK) upstages the EPS-OPS-led AIADMK remains to be seen. If Kamal Haasan's Makkal Needhi Maiyam decides to go solo, it will have only an outside chance.

In the AIADMK-BJP combine, it is a clear case of one party piggybacking on another. The BJP and the AIADMK are not natural allies but an opportunistic combine. As a Dravidian party, AIADMK subscribes or should subscribe to the conception of social justice by Periyar and not to the Hindutva ideology espoused by the BJP. No wonder, the BJP-AIADMK alliance is widely perceived to be an 'alliance of convenience.' On the other hand,

Bailing out the youth

Sir — This refers to the article, "Getting a grip of Kashmir's problem" (February 20) by Kalyani Shankar. I subscribe to the writer's view that radicalisation and alienation of the youth in the Valley is on the rise. Failure to provide them with

jobs has made matters worse. Sadly, despite severe castigation from social, political and religious quarters, terrorist attacks continue unabated.

The writer is spot on in suggesting that while teaching the recalcitrant neighbour, Pakistan, a lesson is a must, the Kashmir problem, too, needs to be addressed pragmatically. A pro-

longed scenario of indecision and precariousness hanging over the youth's future is at the root of their disappointment and frustration. Ironically, they are exploited by vested interests, too.

That a popular and democratic Government is trying to rope in prominent leaders from all political parties will help the situation return to normalcy. This



the DMK-Congress alliance is more compatible as their ideologies may be divergent but not antithetical. The anger against the Modi Government and EPS Government or anti-incumbency sentiment is strong and palpable in the State. For the formation of the next Government at the Centre, which alliance (and not which party) wins is what will count to the last seat.

G David Milton
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is worth giving a try.
Azhar A Khan
Rampur

Stand united

Sir — This refers to the article, "Getting a grip of Kashmir's problem" (February 20) by Kalyani Shankar. All those, who try to divide India by killing innocent lives must be punished in accordance with the law of the land. Those, who do the same by assaulting innocent Kashmiri students and shopkeepers, too, must be punished accordingly.

In this hour of darkness, our country needs to be united. We need to show it to the world that Kashmir is an integral part of India and Kashmiris are our brothers and sisters. Similarly, the international community must come together and pledge to root out the menace called terrorism. The 45 CRPF soldiers, who were killed in the Pulwama, represent the unity in diversity of our great country. Indeed, Pulwama martyrs teach us what India is all about.

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FIRST COLUMN

Waiting for polls in Nigeria

Nigerian politicians switch parties as often as they change wives. You would think that such a system could not survive but it still does



GWYNNE DYER

Lengthy delays before announcing the results of African elections are commonplace (the Democratic Republic of Congo last month, Zimbabwe last July, etc). It just means that people voted the wrong way, and the Government needs time to re-arrange the results before publishing them. Postponing the vote at the last moment is much less common, and not so easy to explain. That's what happened in Nigeria last week. Only five hours before the polls were due to open, the Independent National Election Commission postponed the election for a week, citing as reasons attempted sabotage, bad weather and problems with delivering the ballot papers. It's weird but it's hard to see who benefits from it. It may be down to simple incompetence.

There are 79 candidates for the presidency but only two count. The incumbent, former general Muhammadu Buhari, is running again despite a less than stellar performance in his first term as an elected President. (He also held the office as a military dictator for 20 months in the 1980s, before being overthrown by another general.) Buhari won power in 2015 by claiming to be a born-again democrat and a 'new broom' who would sweep away corruption and many Nigerians dared to believe him. He was the first Opposition candidate ever to win a free presidential election. But four years later, Nigeria has fallen another 12 places on Transparency International's corruption index: It now ranks 144th out of 180 countries, just ahead of Mauretania.

Buhari is personally clean but his anti-corruption measures almost exclusively targeted politicians of other parties. Nigerian average incomes fell by more than a third and unemployment doubled on his watch (mostly because of the collapse in oil prices). He didn't deliver on his promise to eliminate the Islamists extremists of Boko Haram, affiliated with the Islamic State (IS), who have terrorised the north-east of the country. He is also so lethargic, perhaps due to chronic illness, that he is popularly known as 'Baba-Go-Slow'. He took six months to name his Cabinet and he was abroad so long on sick leave (five months) that when he finally came home, conspiracy theorists claimed that he had died and been replaced by a body double (Jubril from Sudan) who had undergone plastic surgery.

Buhari should lose, and he probably will, because three ex-generals (all former Presidents), who once backed him, have switched to his challenger, businessman Atiku Abubakar. 'Atiku' is a billionaire who started out as a humble customs officer. People speculate that this made him very useful to generals and other powerful people, who wanted to parlay a small fortune into a big one. Be that as it may, Atiku then went into the oilfield supply business and prospered mightily (maybe with a little help from his friends). He served two terms as Vice President, after the first of which, he was accused of having diverted \$125 million of public funds to his own business interests.

A US Senate report in 2010 accused him of having transferred \$40m of 'suspect funds' to the US, using his American wife's bank account but he has never faced a court. But he vows to use his skills as an entrepreneur to sort out the country. If he succeeds, and some of the money sticks to him, who cares? At least it can be said on his behalf that he supports Arsenal. This is the choice that faces Nigeria and it's really no choice at all. Both candidates embody exactly the characteristics that define the country's problems. First, they are very old — Muhammadu Buhari is 72, Atiku Abubakar is 72 — in a country where half the voters are under 35, and half the population is under 18. The country is run by a congeries of mostly rich old men, mainly for their own benefit and it has been, thus, ever since the return of democracy 20 years ago. Before that, it was run by a bunch of somewhat younger soldiers, also mostly for their own benefit.

Nigerian politicians switch parties as often as they change wives, and show only rhetorical concern for the 10 million young people who are unemployed. You would think that such a system could not survive and perhaps, one day, it will be swept away but there is no sign of it happening in this election. The other thing the two chief presidential candidates have in common is a plethora of children. Buhari has 10 offspring from two marriages (one after the other). Abubakar has 28 children from four marriages (simultaneous). Humbler people can't afford quite that many but most people are doing their bit to ensure that Nigeria's population outgrows its resources. This is a sensitive topic, but not to talk about it is to ignore Nigeria's biggest problem. In 1960, it had a quarter of the population of the US. Now it has more than half as many people and by 2050, it will overtake the US to become the world's third most populous nation. At that point, it will have over 400 million people. Nigeria is only slightly larger than Texas (28 million). It will probably be a 'free and fair' poll, but it won't change any of that.

(The writer is an independent journalist)

WHEN THE COUNTRY WAS MOURNING, MODI WAS BUSY SHOOTING FOR A FILM. IS THERE ANY PRIME MINISTER IN THE WORLD LIKE THIS? I HAVE NO WORDS REALLY.

—CONGRESS' CHIEF SPOKESPERSON

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WHEN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY IS ONE, WHEN NATIONS HAVE BEEN PASSING RESOLUTIONS, THE CONGRESS IS SEEKING TO WEAKEN THE MORALE OF THE NATION.

—UNION MINISTER

RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD

Words without meaning

Though general elections are a few months away, the BJP and the Congress are simply attacking each other. Will they pull out a rabbit from their hats and bring a fresh narrative?



AMITABH SHUKLA

After Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's entry into active politics, our grand old party, the Congress, looks energised, motivated and has the momentum on its side to face the 2019 Lok Sabha election. Of course, it has been helped in no small measure by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which now looks jaded, carries the disadvantage of anti-incumbency and is seemingly devoid of the same energy and enthusiasm that marked the party's campaign throughout 2013 till the 2014 general election. Despite being on a roll — to an extent as Congress supporters would like to believe — after last year's victories in the Assembly elections to Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, this would be the first battle in recent years where the grand old party, which by default is the main challenger to the BJP, is yet to come out with a positive poll narrative or sound implementable promises. It needs a pitch, now.

Rather than projecting any positive agenda for the creation of jobs, to boost the country's economy or putting forth any dynamic agenda which it might have for foreign policy *vis-à-vis* our neighbouring countries, all it is dependent this time around is on the "failure" of the Modi regime to fulfill promises it made in 2014. As of now, Rafale seems to be the single most important agenda for the Opposition, even as the ruling party is spiritedly defending itself and has been denying any wrong doing. Attack, attack and attack... seems to be the Congress' mantra as it enters the last phase before the elections are formally announced by the Election Commission of India. But Rafale doesn't have the ability to wash with the electorate as an emotional issue. Can the Modi Government's alleged failure, therefore, become the trump card for the Congress? If the party's think-tank believes it can take the electoral plunge without any positive agenda, or without any performance-oriented narrative, it is, perhaps, going through a delusional phase. There will be near unanimity among non-BJP parties and also a large section of the academia and economists that demonetisation was a blunder and that the implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) could have been done in a better way, and perhaps, in a phased manner. There can be no argument on this front. But can this failure of the ruling party become the main weapon of the Congress fightback?

At present, all that the Congress has offered include loan-waivers to farmers in States like Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan, where the party won last year, triggering speculation that it would do well in the general elections too. But can loan-waiver alone be the panacea of all the ills that plague the farming community? No farmer, agriculturist or expert dealing with the farm economy and farm crisis thinks so. At best, it is a pill which can only remove the symptom but can never fight the cause of the disease.

So, what can the Congress offer to the farmers of the country? Farm distress is, perhaps, the single most reason to make the Modi Government unpopular among the rural vote-base. Low farm prices have ensured that the



farmers' returns from investments in crop, seeds, fertilisers and land are reduced and have, in fact, come down significantly in recent years. But will the Congress implement the recommendations of the Swaminathan Commission report, which advocates a new mechanism for fixing Minimum Support Price for their crops? We have not heard much from the party on this front except some vague promises.

In fact, even in Punjab, where the party has been in power for almost two years now, and which is plagued by farm distress and farmers' suicides for long, we are yet to hear much except that provisions for cosmetic loan-waivers have been made. Farmers continue to be stressed in the State even though the Congress under Capt Amarinder Singh took over the reins of power almost two years ago.

If you do not have anything concrete on the farm front, that's fine, you can take a call later. But what are your plans about job creation and giving impetus to the economy? There is no denying that demonetisation, which was followed by GST in quick succession, affected job growth. In fact, the combine triggered massive job losses. Has the Congress come up with a plan to infuse new life to the economy and create jobs? The answer obviously would be a big no.

In 2014, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi was bidding for power at the Centre, he, too, attacked the Congress left, right and centre, using every possible imagery to pin down the party and expose its inner contradictions. This was similar to what the Congress is doing right now. At that time, Modi found traction among voters with three crucial words — Modi, Modi, Modi — that echoed in almost all public meetings in the Hindi heartland throughout the campaign period. But at the same time, while tomtomming his personal charisma, he had also come out with slogans of creating two crore jobs every year and gifting 15 lakh in every bank account from the black money which was supposedly parked in foreign accounts. Of course,

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the promise of *achhe din* acted as the catalyst that instilled hope among a large section of the population, cutting across caste and religious lines.

Five years down the line, all of these largely remain a promise and the slogans raised then have been given a decent burial. Even the "Gujarat model of development", which was supposed to be implemented at the national level, remains forgotten and no one hears anything about it anymore. What Modi and his party are doing this time around is what they did in 2014 — virulently attack the Congress. Dynasty and alleged acts of omission and commission are the top subjects on which the grand old party can be attacked. There is no attempt to even sell a rescue plan for stressed Indians.

So, there you are: Both the main contenders are calling each other names, they want the people to believe that the other is corrupt and are trying to attract the voters' eyeballs with their colourful vocabulary, which they are using against each other. What catapulted the BJP under Modi in 2014 was complete disillusionment with 10 years of UPA regime, charges of big ticket corruption, perception of a remote-controlled Prime Minister and loss of hope among the electorate for the future. Modi brought in a wave of fresh air, positive change, political machismo and above all, hope for *achhe din* with some specific policy measures.

In the absence of a positive narrative among both contenders for power — BJP and Congress — electioneering so far has been reduced to charges and counter charges, attack and defence. Of course, real electioneering is yet to pick up and will be seen only after the nation gets over the Pulwama tragedy. But people are still wondering if elections this time round would be fought on negative agenda, making both sides look opportunist than committed visionaries who will see us through.

(The writer is Senior Editor, The Pioneer, Chandigarh)

Give political *shakti* to women

Increasingly, women have shown equal, if not greater, understanding of their role as leaders. But obstacles are many and they have to triumph over them. Most important of all, the power to give women a chance still rests with the men



SWAPNA MAJUMDAR

When many of the guests left her wedding reception because of the terrible smell emanating from unhygienic conditions prevailing in her village in Maharashtra, Madhuri Sawant was determined to change things. It took 14 years of single-minded determination to overcome a rigid mindset and conditioning but Sawant ensured that her village was among the 12 villages from Maharashtra to win the first Nirmal Gram Puraskar, an award instituted by the Union Government in October, 2003, to promote rural sanitation. Sawant's village beat 443 contenders from 10 States to win the award given to panchayats

or local self-governments, that have ensured that all households have access to toilets; are free of open defecation; and have separate toilets for boys and girls in schools and anganwadi centres.

Although Sawant started her campaign much before she became the village's first woman *pradhan*, holding an office made it easier for her to push for sanitation and developmental work. It was her ability to catalyse change that catapulted her village to the top.

Sawant is not the only one who has been bringing change. There are innumerable examples of how the leadership of women in *panchayats* is transforming India and have been underlining why there is an urgent need for an increase in women's participation in the political system. Their presence in the village not only inspires other women but increases aspirations among families with daughters.

When women are seen taking up responsibilities of village leaders, which are traditionally appro-

riated by men, others are motivated to try and follow in their footsteps. Research has shown that perceptions of women as leaders improve when they are seen and heard at village meetings.

Studies have proven that women's representation in local Governments can make a tangible difference. For example, the number of drinking water projects in areas with women-led *panchayats* was 62 per cent higher than in those that were led by men. Further, women legislators enhance economic performance in their constituencies by about 1.8 percentage points per year more than male legislators. Women legislators are more effective at completing road projects and, hence, creating infrastructure for growth, according to a recent study by the United Nations University.

Additionally, by improving educational outcomes for girls, these women leaders lay the foundation for increasing their participation in the labour force and, thereby, closing the gap of male-to-female work-

ing population in India.

Even at the national level, women's leadership in the political decision-making processes champions issues of development, gender justice, elimination of gender-based violence, gender-equality laws, healthcare and safety of women, irrespective of party affiliation. Despite their low numbers, women constitute 12.2 per cent of the MPs in the 16th Lok Sabha and 11.5 per cent in the Rajya Sabha, women have shown equal, if not greater, understanding of their role in Parliament.

While women MPs on an average asked 234 questions in the Lok Sabha, compared to 236 questions by men MPs, female MPs on average participated in more debates (56) than their male counterparts (55), according to data collected by PRS Legislative Research for the 16th Lok Sabha (June 1, 2014, to July 31, 2018).

Incidentally, female voter turnout was higher than male turnout in 16 States and Union Territories out of 35 in the last gen-

eral elections in 2014. Can this be translated into greater participation of women as candidates? Yes, says a recent survey by Shakti, a non-partisan inclusive platform of women across the country.

On being asked whether they wanted more women MPs in Lok Sabha in 2019 elections, Shakti received an affirmative answer from 10 lakh registered voters across the rural, urban, women, men and youth spectrum. Their Shakti-Neta App survey recorded 82.2 per cent 'YES' across 24 States.

But first, political parties have to give women a chance to contest the elections. Only 8.8 per cent tickets were given to women candidates by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and 12.9 per cent by the Congress in the 2014 general election. Will it be different this time around? Will women be able to overcome prevailing cultural attitudes regarding gender roles, lack of finances and the threat of violence?

That it is possible for women to triumph over these obstacles has been shown by Jayanti, a young

woman from the backward Sahariya tribe in the Lalitpur district of Uttar Pradesh. Jayanti's journey from a daily-wage labourer to a *pradhan* symbolises the growing political empowerment and coming of age of many marginalised women.

In the feudal and backward Bundelkhand region of the State, these women are now more willing to participate actively in the electoral process. Jayanti stood her ground despite threats and coercion to withdraw from the elections.

Even the announcement that she had lost by four votes did not break her spirit. She exercised her right to a recount and was vindicated when she was declared the winner by a thin margin of six votes. Since then she has resolved problems related to the mid-day meals old age pension cards and roads.

The power to give women a chance still rests with the men. Now is the moment to prove that commitments for women-led development don't remain mere rhetoric.

(The writer is a senior journalist)



FOREIGN EYE



IDEA OF A MIDDLE EAST NUCLEAR DEAL

Congressional disaffection with Saudi Arabia was already rising over the Yemen war and the murder of Jamal Khashoggi. The House Oversight Committee's investigation painting a familiar picture of Trump associates skirting the law to curry favour with people who can make them richer is a stark warning that there is even greater reason for concern and for Congressional efforts to put stricter controls in place.

(The New York Times editorial)

Niti: Govt reforms made India fastest economy

India's growth in the current fiscal year is estimated to be 7.2 per cent

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The host of reforms undertaken by the Government has transformed India into the fastest-growing major economy along with the macroeconomic stability not witnessed in the past, according to a note prepared by the Niti Aayog.

The country's growth, the note added, has decisively increased over the last five years and is much higher than the average growth among the emerging and developing economies.

"India's economic performance dipped considerably during 2010-13.

"Over the last five years (2014-18), the India economy has recovered and now is going through one of its best-ever phases of economic growth combined with the microeco-



conomic stability," the note said.

Narendra Modi became the prime minister in May 2014 after the Bharatiya Janata Party-led National Democratic Alliance won the general elections.

The next general elections are due in April-May.

According to the note, in 2018-19, against India's likely growth of 7.2 per cent, the world GDP growth would be 3.7 per cent and median of seven emerging market economies (Brazil, China, Indonesia, Philippines, Russia, South Africa and Turkey) is 3.5 per cent.

The closest to India is

Public sector banks zoom up to 19% on fund infusion plan

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Shares of public sector banks (PSBs) jumped up to 19 per cent on Thursday after the Finance Ministry announced infusion of ₹48,239 crore in 12 such lenders in this fiscal to help them maintain regulatory capital requirements and finance growth plans.

Corporation Bank zoomed 19.02 per cent at close of trade, UCO Bank 8.75 per cent, United Bank 7.19 per cent, Indian Overseas Bank 6.78 per cent, Central Bank of India 5.50 per cent on BSE.

Shares of Allahabad Bank jumped 5.34 per cent, Andhra Bank 5.22 per cent, Bank of Maharashtra 3.96 per cent, Syndicate Bank 3.59 per cent, Punjab National Bank 2.95 per cent, Union Bank of India 2.80 per cent and Bank of India 1.83 per cent.

"Market extended gains as investors sentiment has been boosted owing to recapitalisation of PSU banks," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services.

With this funding, the total amount of capital infusion would increase to ₹1,00,958



crore of the planned recapitalisation of ₹1.06 lakh crore for PSBs for the current fiscal, according to Financial Services Secretary Rajiv Kumar.

Corporation Bank is the biggest beneficiary of this round of capital infusion with ₹9,086 crore of funding, followed by Allahabad Bank with ₹6,896 crore.

Further, ₹4,638 crore and ₹205 crore will be provided to Bank of India and Bank of Maharashtra, respectively.

Punjab National Bank will get ₹5,908 crore, Union Bank of India ₹4,112 crore, Andhra Bank ₹3,256 crore and Syndicate Bank ₹1,603 crore.

Under prompt corrective action (PCA), the Government will pump in ₹12,535 crore in four other banks — Central Bank of India, United Bank, UCO Bank and Indian Overseas Bank.

₹ drops 13 paise to 71.24 against \$ as crude rises

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee skidded by 11 paise to close at 71.24 against the US dollar on Thursday as rising oil prices and a strengthening greenback weighed on the market sentiment.

At the Interbank Foreign Exchange (forex) market, the domestic unit opened strong at 71.06 and rose to 70.91. However, it could not hold on to the gains and fell to a low of 71.29 before finally ending at 71.24 — a fall of 13 paise.

The rupee had closed at 71.11 against the US dollar Wednesday.

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs), who had been heavy sellers over the past few sessions, net bought equities worth ₹55 crore Thursday while domestic institutional investors bought shares to the tune of ₹202 crore, provisional data showed.

Global markets were mixed following the release of Federal Reserve minutes which showed that the US central bank would be patient on interest rate hikes.

The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.13 per cent to 96.57.

Business Corner



Punjab National Bank has bagged an award in the digital space as runner-up in the category of 'Most Customer-centric Bank using technology' at an awards ceremony held by Indian Bank's Association



On occasion of 77th Foundation day of the Oriental Bank of Commerce, blood donation camp was held at Corporate Office Gurugram. Total 123 blood units were donated by the staff members to the National Thalassemia Welfare Society. Blood donation camps are being organised throughout the country in different circle offices. Bank employees/customers have donated more than 1,500 units of blood across the country



NHPC has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Neyveli Lignite Corporation of India Limited (NLCIL) in the area of Power Trading in Chennai. NLCIL is having vast experience in lignite mining, installation and operation of Thermal Power Plants both lignite & coal based and also wind & solar power projects

BHEL commissions 250 MW thermal power plant in Bihar

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has successfully commissioned a 250 MW coal-based thermal power plant (TPP) in Bihar.

The unit has been commissioned at the greenfield 4x250 MW Nabinagar Thermal Power Project, being set up by Bharatiya Rail Bijlee Company Limited (BRBCL), a joint venture of NTPC Limited and the Indian Railways.

This is the third 250 MW unit commissioned by BHEL at Nabinagar TPP, located at Nabinagar in Aurangabad district of Bihar. The first two units are already under commercial operation and the fourth unit is in an advanced stage of execution.

The orders for Steam

Generator (SG) and Turbine Generator (TG) packages for setting up of four units of 250 MW coal based thermal plant were placed on BHEL. The company's scope of work encompassed design, engineering, manufacture, supply, erection and commissioning of Steam Turbines, Generators and Boilers, along with associated Auxiliaries and Electricals, besides state-of-the-art Controls & Instrumentation (C&I) and Electrostatic Precipitators (ESPs).

The key equipment for the project has been manufactured by BHEL at its Haridwar, Trichy, Ranipet, Hyderabad and Bengaluru works, while the construction of the plant has been undertaken by the company's Power Sector — Eastern Region.

AstraZeneca launches strategic partnership with NASSCOM

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Lief Johansson, Chairman of the Board, AstraZeneca Plc during his three day visit to India, announced expansion of the company's strategic collaborations to address the rising burden of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) in India.

At the India-Sweden Unnati healthcare 2.0 day, the company and its partners, Business Sweden, The National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM), Atal Innovation Mission-Niti Aayog and AGNII, announced the finalists of the Unnati Healthcare Innovation Challenge.

Jet Airways holds shareholders' meeting

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Crisis-hit Jet Airways on Thursday convened a meeting of its shareholders where various proposals, including conversion of loans into shares, were discussed.

The cash-strapped full service airline is looking for funds and restructuring of debt.

Jet Airways founder promoter and Chairman Naresh Goyal did not attend the extraordinary general meeting, which was chaired by Whole-Time Director Gaurang Shetty.

During the meeting, which lasted for around 40 minutes, Deputy Chief Executive Officer Amit Agarwal told shareholders that the airline has been talking to various investors for

capital infusion.

Jet Airways has been consistently working on cost-reduction initiatives and is also looking to rationalise its fleet to improve cost efficiency.

The outcome of the meeting could not be ascertained immediately.

According to the notice that was sent out to shareholders, one of the proposals was for seeking approval for conversion loan into shares or convertible instruments or other securities.

Another proposal was to negotiate and finalise the terms and conditions with the lenders for raising further loans from time to time as well as provide the lenders with a right to convert such loans into shares, or convertible instruments or other securities.

Jet Airways shares gain nearly 1% ahead of EGM

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Shares of Jet Airways (India) Ltd rose nearly 1 per cent on Thursday ahead of an extraordinary general meeting of the members of the company later in the day.

The company's shares gained 0.82 per cent to close at ₹234.85 on the BSE. During the day, it rose by 1.69 per cent to ₹236.90.

At the National Stock Exchange (NSE), shares climbed 0.77 per cent to close at ₹235 apiece.

On the traded volume front, 3.46 lakh shares were traded on the BSE and over 36 lakh shares on the NSE.

ComMin sets \$50-bn bilateral trade target with Russia by 2025

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Junior Commerce and Industry Minister CR Chaudhary has set an ambitious \$50 billion target for bilateral trade between India and Russia over the next seven years.

As of end-2018, trade between the two countries stood at \$30 billion.

"Our two-way trade have already crossed the \$30-billion mark, which we had set for 2025. We, therefore, propose that we enhance this to \$50 billion by 2025," Chaudhary said at the Indo-Russian forum organised by the industry lobby CII here Thursday.

He also said both the countries are confident of achieving the target.

The Minister said by 2030, the country is expected to become the third largest economy in the world with a huge middleclass. But to reach that position, we need more and better infrastructure, access to energy, more goods and services and a modern agriculture sector, he added.

"Russia is well placed to meet our needs in these areas as well as others, he said, adding beside businesses, there is a need for collaboration between the two countries on the education sector as well.

Government of Maharashtra Office of the Executive Engineer, P.W. Division No.2, Thane.

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E-Tender Notice No. 93 For 2018-19

The Executive Engineer, P.W. Division No.2, Thane invite in B-I format from Eligible Contractors Tender documents and all the details regarding e-tender may be downloaded from website <http://mahatenders.gov.in>. Acceptance of tender will rest with the Executive Engineer, P.W. Division No.2, Thane who reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason therefore. Conditional Tenders will not be accepted.

- WorkName:-**
- 1) Construction of Cement Concrete road at Samarth Chowk to Barrage Road Premises of Kulgaon Badlapur Nagarpalika in Tal. Ambemath, Dist-Thane, **Estimated Cost (Rupees)Rs. 1,63,25,619/-**
 - 2) Construction of Cement Concrete road at Belavali Gaon Premises of Kulgaon Badlapur Nagarpalika in Tal. Ambemath, Dist-Thane, **Estimated Cost (Rupees)Rs. 2,54,16,027/-**
 - 3) Construction of Cement Concrete road Vangani Station to Bhendipada road in Tal-Ambemath, Dist-Thane., **Estimated Cost (Rupees):- Rs. 2,67,08,794/-**
 - 4) Construction of cement Concrete road at Mankivali Premises of Kulgaon Badlapur Nagarpalika in Tal. Ambemath, Dist- Thane, **Estimated Cost (Rupees):- Rs. 4,23,01,933/-**
 - 5) Construction of cement Concrete road From Rajesh Sharma's Office to Gaon Devi Old Municipal Office at Badlapur (E) of Kulgaon Badlapur Nagarpanchayat in Tal. Ambemath, Dist-Thane, **Estimated Cost (Rupees):- Rs. 4,24,70,970/-**

E-tender download period **Dated :- 22/02/2019 to 27/02/2019**
 E Tender opening date **Dated :- 02/03/2019**

All information about the E-tenders is available on following websites.
 1) <http://mahapwd.com>
 2) <http://mahatenders.gov.in>

(Changes if any, will be displayed above websites.)

3) Notice board of the Executive Engineer, P.W. Division No.2, Thane

No. PWDNo.2/Thane/E-Tender/2018-19/1282

Office of the Executive Engineer Sd/-
P.W.Division No.2, Thane- 400601 Executive Engineer,
Date :- 16/02/2019 P.W. Division No-2, Thane
DGIPR/2018-2019/6957

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Suresh S/o Ram Khilawan R/o: Village Pur Patar, PS Khodanpur, Distt. Begu Sarai, Bihar** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **F.I.R. No. 255/17 u/s 25/54/59 A. Act** registered at P.S. Prashant Vihar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon that the said **Suresh** could not be found and where it has been shown to my satisfaction that the accused **Suresh** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Suresh** is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before **29.03.2019**

By Order
Ms. Kadambari Awasthi
 Metropolitan Magistrate,
 (Court Notice) Room No. 110, 1st Floor, Rohini Court, Delhi

RELIANCE Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd.

Regd. Office: Reliance Centre, 6th Floor, North Wing, Off. Western Express Highway, Santacruz (East), Mumbai-400055

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

You the below mentioned borrowers/Guarantors/mortgagors have availed financial assistance of **Rs.3,25,00,000/- (Rupees Three Crores Twenty Five lakhs Only)** from **MAGMA FINCORP LIMITED** by creating security interests on movable/immovable properties to secure the repayment of loans. As you have defaulted in repayment of loans, your loan account has been classified as **Non-performing assets (NPA)** by **MAGMA FINCORP LIMITED** on **31/07/2015** in accordance with the guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India. **MAGMA FINCORP LIMITED** vide Assignment Agreement dated 24/03/2017 assigned the financial assets of **Rahul Yadav** along with all its title, claim and interest together with all underlying security interests in favour of us in capacity as a trustee of **RARC 027 TRUST**. Pursuant to said assignment the undersigned authorised officer in exercise of powers conferred u/s 13(2) of the said Act r/w Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 had sent the **demand notices dated 11/01/2019** through speed post thereby calling upon you to repay the entire outstanding mentioned in said notices with further interest thereon within a period of 60 days from the date of Notice. However, as demand notices could not be served upon some of you, the same is hereby served upon you by way of alternative mode of service.

Sr. No.	Name & Add of Borrower/ Guarantors/ Mortgagors etc.	Amount Outstanding (Rs.)
1.	Rahul Yadav, R/o BC-7-G MIG DDA Flats Munirka, Delhi-110067. Also At: Rahul Yadav, H.No.1407, Block-C Palam Vihar, Gurgaon Haryana-122001.	Rs.5,19,87,513.23 (Rupees Five Crores Nineteen Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Thirteen and Paise Twenty Three Only) as on 11/01/2019 with future interest thereon @ 13.50% per annum at monthly rests till the date of realization and costs thereon.
2.	Savitri Yadav, R/o BC-7-G MIG DDA Flats Munirka, Delhi-110067. Also At: H.No.1407, Block-C, Palam Vihar Gurgaon Haryana-122001.	
3.	Babita Yadav, BC-7-G MIG DDA Flats Munirka, Delhi-110067.	

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Place: Noida Sd/- Authorised Officer
Date: 21-02-2019 Reliance Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd.

WESTERN RAILWAY VARIOUS WORKS

e-Tender Notice. Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction)III, Western Railway, Churchgate, Mumbai-400020 invites offer through e-tender portal www.ireps.gov.in (Two packet system) for the following tender:
Tender No.: Dy.CE(C)ST/145.
Name of work: Earthwork in bank/cutting, including blanketing as per RDSO specifications, construction of Minor Bridges, Staff quarters, overhead water tank & water supply arrangements & Station Building including facilities for signal & traffic staff i.e. ASM Panel Room, Relay Room, Battery Room, IPS Room, System Monitoring Room, Power Panel Room, Power Equipment Room, OFC Room, Boundary wall and road in connection with Proposed Modification in Nyeri Station due to DFCCIL alignment in Mumbai Division of Western Railway. **NIT Value: ₹ 14,03,20,290.11. EMD: ₹ 8,51,600/- e-Bid closing date: 14.03.2019 at 15.00 hrs. e-Bid opening date: 14.03.2019 at 15.30 hrs.**

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FORM NO. INC-26 [PURSUANT TO RULE 30 OF THE COMPANIES (INCORPORATION) RULES 2014] Before the Regional Director, Northern Region, New Delhi

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013, SECTION 13(4) OF COMPANIES ACT, 2013 READ WITH RULE 30(S) (A) OF THE COMPANIES (INCORPORATION) RULES, 2014 AND

IN THE MATTER OF KUMAR INFATECH AND CONSTRUCTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED HAVING ITS REGISTERED OFFICE AT C-2, SECTOR-61, NOIDA GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR-201301 UTTAR PRADESH.

NOTICE is hereby given to the General Public that the Company proposes to make application to the Regional Director under section 13 (4) of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of Alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on Monday, 28th day of January, 2019 to enable the Company to change its Registered office from State of Uttar Pradesh to National Capital Territory of Delhi.

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the Company may deliver either on the MCA-21 portal (www.mca.gov.in) by filing investor complaint form or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/her objection supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of objection to the Regional Director, Northern Region, New Delhi at B-2 Wing, 2nd Floor, Parvavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex New Delhi - 110003, within fourteen days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy of the applicant company at its registered office at the address mentioned below.

C-2, Sector-61, Noida Gautam Buddha Nagar, UP-201301

For & On Behalf Of
Kumar Infatech and Constructions Private Limited Sd/-
 Date: 21.02.2019 Director
 Place: Uttar Pradesh Ashok Kumar
 DIN: 00862651
 Plot No-43-A, Akapuri Bhopal
 Madhya Pradesh-462024, India

ICC ORGANISES 9TH EDITION OF INDIA CORPORATE GOVERNANCE & SUSTAINABILITY VISION SUMMIT

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Indian Chamber of Commerce organized the 9th edition of India corporate governance and sustainability vision summit and awards on 21st February 2019 at New Delhi. The summit and the awards over the years have provided the right platform to organizations for effectively showcasing their corporate governance and sustainability practices.

The dignitaries who graced the occasion were Anil Swarup, Former Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, Bhaskar Chatterjee, Former Secretary, Department of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises, Government of India & Senior Director, Indian Institute of Learning & Management, Saunak Saha, Associate Partner, Ernst & Young and Anil Razdan, Chairman-ICC National Expert Committee on Energy & Former Secretary, Department of Power, Government of India.

NORTHERN RAILWAY OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

The Sr. Divisional Engineer-IV, Northern Railway, Delhi Division for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Tender on prescribed form for the following work.

Sr. No.	Name of work with its location	Provision of 2.44 mtr wide FOB from Line par Basti to PF No. 2/3 and 1 at BGZ station under ADEN/ROK.
1.	Approx. cost of work	Rs. 93,54,471.92
2.	Earnest money	Rs. 1,87,100.00
3.	Date and time of submission of tender and opening of tender	Up to 15:00 hrs. on 15.03.2019 opening of e-Tender at 15:00 hrs on 15.03.2019
4.	Website particulars, published e-tender, notice location etc. complete details of tender can be seen and web site where the tender form can be downloaded	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

No. 128-W/260/Tender Notice/56/18-19/W-IV Dated: 21.02.2019 550/19

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified deadbody of male **Namely: Unknown S/o Unknown R/o Unknown Age : 65 years, Height : 57", Complexion : Shallow, Wearing: Blue colour shirt, Grey colour Sweater & Grey colour pant** has been found at Near Aruna Asaf Ali Hospital, Civil Lines, Delhi on 16.02.2019. In this regard a case vide DD No. 11-A dated 16.02.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Civil Lines, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this found dead person may kindly inform to the following- **SHO : P.S. Civil Lines, Delhi North Distt., Delhi Tel. No. 011-23810633, 23815444**

Markets extend gains; PSU banks, metal stocks shine

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Equity indices closed higher for the second straight session on Thursday, led by metal, pharma and banking stocks amid widespread buying by foreign and domestic institutional investors.

Global markets were mixed following release of Federal Reserve minutes which showed that the US central bank would be patient on interest rate hikes.

After a choppy start, the 30-share BSE Sensex settled 142.09 points, or 0.40% higher at 35,898.35. The broader NSE Nifty gained 54.40 points, or 0.5%, to 10,789.85.

Tata Motors was the biggest gainer in the Sensex pack, rallying 2.94%. It was followed by Vedanta, Bajaj Finance, Sun Pharma, ONGC, ICICI Bank, Bajaj Auto, Tata Steel, RIL, HDFC duo, L&T and SBI, rising up to 2.78%.

On the other hand, Yes Bank, Coal India, Infosys, IndusInd Bank, Kotak Bank, Axis Bank, ITC and TCS slipped up to 1.33%.

Shares of public sector banks (PSBs) jumped up to 1.9% after the government on Wednesday announced fund infusion of ₹48,239 crore in 12 such lenders.

Corporation Bank zoomed

Undercurrent in the market is yet to stabilise due to caution on global trade and growth while falling interest rates and reforms by government will give impetus to consumption-led stocks

19.02%, UCO Bank 8.75%, United Bank 7.19%, Central Bank of India 5.50%, Allahabad Bank 5.34%, Andhra Bank jumped 5.22%, Bank of Maharashtra 3.96%, Syndicate National Bank ended 2.95% higher.

Sectorally, the BSE metal index, consumer durables, healthcare, finance and banker rose up to 1.14%, while IT and tech indices ended with losses.

Broader indices outperformed the benchmark. The BSE Midcap index climbed 0.88% while the small-cap gauge rose 1.07%.

Market extended gains as investor sentiment has been boosted owing to recapitalisation of PSU banks and Fed's

affirmation of slow pace in rate hikes.

"Accumulation is seen on heavyweights after recent fall while mid and small cap outperformed. Undercurrent in the market is yet to stabilise due to caution on global trade and growth while falling interest rates and reforms by government will give impetus to consumption-led stocks," said Vinod Nair, head of research, Geojit Financial Services.

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs), who had been heavy sellers over the past few sessions, net bought equities worth ₹713.47 crore on Wednesday while domestic institutional investors bought shares to the tune of ₹113.27 crore, provisional data showed.

Elsewhere in Asia, Hong Kong's Hang Seng rose 0.41% and Japan's Nikkei ended 0.15% higher; while Shanghai Composite Index shed 0.34% and Korea's Kospi slipped 0.04%.

In the Eurozone, Frankfurt's DAX was up 0.28%, Paris CAC 40 fell 0.06% and London's FTSE was down 0.63% in early deals.

The benchmark Brent crude futures fell 0.12% to USD 67 per barrel.

Meanwhile, the rupee depreciated marginally to 71.14 against the US dollar intra-day.

Tech Mahindra to buy back shares at 14.59% premium

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

New Delhi (PTI): IT firm Tech Mahindra on Thursday announced a ₹1,956-crore buy-back of its shares at ₹50 apiece, a 14.59 per cent premium over current trading price. The share buyback proposal has been approved by the company's board. The firm is proposing to buy back up to 2.05 crore (2,05,85,000) equity shares at a price of ₹50 per equity share for an aggregate amount not exceeding ₹1,956 crore, Tech Mahindra said in a regulatory filing.

March 6, 2019, is the record date for the purpose of ascertaining the eligibility of shareholders to participate in the buyback, it added.

RCap invites Nippon Life to buy its entire stake in asset management JV

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Anil Ambani-led Reliance Capital (RCap) on Thursday said it has invited Nippon Life Insurance to acquire its entire 42.88 per cent stake in Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management (RNAM).

Japan's Nippon Life Insurance already holds 42.88 per cent stake in RNAM.

"Reliance Capital has invited its partner, Nippon Life Insurance, to make an offer to acquire up to 42.88 per cent stake held by Reliance Capital in Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management," Reliance Capital said in a regulatory filing.

The company said it would

make further announcements at the appropriate time.

As per BSE data, as on December 31, 2018, Reliance Capital held 42.9 per cent stake in Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management.

Sources said the transaction could help clear around 40 per cent of Reliance Capital's outstanding debt worth ₹18,000 crore.

The transaction price is likely to be at a significant premium to the current market price, as it would also involve control premium, they added.

The proposed share sale would also trigger the requirement of open offer to be made for 26 per cent stake in the

company. According to the sources, once the transaction goes through, the company would be the largest wholly foreign-owned mutual fund in India.

Anil Ambani-led Reliance Group companies have been trying to monetise some of their assets and bring down the debt significantly.

The Supreme Court on Wednesday held RCom Chairman Anil Ambani and two others guilty of contempt of court for violating its order by not paying dues of ₹550 crore to Ericsson, and said they faced a three-month jail term if ₹453 crore was not paid to Ericsson in four weeks.

iRobot looks to strengthen presence in India

New Delhi (PTI): iRobot Corp, which offers premium robotic cleaners globally, is looking to strengthen its distribution network as part of expanding presence in India, according to an official. "We have witnessed strong double-digit growth in the Indian market. This is coming from both metros as well as smaller cities," Puresight Systems director and chief operating officer Pulak Satish Kumar said. Puresight is the exclusive distributor of Nasdaq-listed iRobot's products in India. Kumar said the products, priced between ₹19,900 and ₹89,900 were available through franchise outlets, Croma and online retailer Amazon.

Auto sales to pick up in second half of next fiscal: Ind-Ra

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's overall automobile sales are likely to remain tepid in the first half of 2019-20, but the upcoming implementation of BS-VI emission norms will drive the demand in the second half of the year, according to India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra).

As per the ratings agency, the passenger vehicle (PV) segment, which has clocked a 4 per cent growth in the ten months of the ongoing fiscal, is

expected to grow "moderately" next fiscal.

The commercial vehicle (CV) segment, which has grown 23 per cent in the ten months of 2018-19, is expected to see high single-digit to low double-digit growth in 2019-20, Ind-Ra said in a statement.

Two-wheelers are also poised for steady growth in the next fiscal, it said. The segment has grown by 8 per cent so far in the ongoing fiscal.

Buying preponement on

the expected price rise in 2020-21 due to the implementation of BS-VI norms, improvement in consumer sentiments along with new model and variant launches will be among the key growth drivers for the PV segment.

For the CV segment, it said, continued uptick in industrial activity, road and infrastructure development, and the likelihood of liquidity of NBFCs will fuel demand.

The rise in rural income and growing middle class pop-

ulation with increasing disposable income will be the key growth drivers for two-wheeler segment, along with a young population showing preference for premium products.

While maintaining a stable outlook for automobile sector, the ratings agency said BS-VI implementation from April 1, 2020 will make vehicles costlier across all segments.

"As per industry estimates, the cost of petrol variant PVs and two-wheelers could increase 10-15 per cent and

that of diesel variant by 20-25 per cent," it said.

Due to this, Ind-Ra expects demand to pick pace in second half of 2019-20, although it is likely to remain tepid in the first half, it said.

The agency further said credit ratings of most of the large players in its sample are set to be unaffected in 2019-20 despite capex plans in view of the ongoing regulatory changes, development of an electric vehicle platform and continued new product launches

NIFTY 50

SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY 50	10744.10	10808.85	10725.50	10789.85	54.40
ICILSHGFIN	6500.00	6890.00	6445.00	6859.50	40.75
BAIJAFINVS	6040.00	6220.00	5982.00	6191.05	192.60
TATAMOTORS	165.60	170.60	165.10	170.00	5.20
DREDDY	2550.00	2606.00	2519.85	2604.05	78.90
VEDL	161.70	165.60	160.30	164.40	4.15
GRASIM	726.30	751.65	725.05	747.85	17.15
BPLCL	328.00	337.65	326.25	337.00	6.00
SUNPHARMA	425.20	432.00	422.70	430.35	8.90
ICICIBANK	346.80	354.95	346.25	351.50	6.30
BAIJ-AUTO	2770.00	2829.90	2751.70	2825.00	50.30
BAIFINANCE	2610.00	2660.00	2593.05	2652.55	46.40
ONGC	145.00	148.60	144.20	146.60	2.55
ULTRACEMCO	3583.00	3654.00	3560.00	3631.25	57.90
IOC	129.00	131.45	128.30	131.25	1.95
TATASTEEL	492.25	502.90	490.35	497.85	6.70
HINDPETRO	219.00	224.00	217.90	223.90	2.95
JSWSTEEL	276.00	279.00	273.40	277.30	3.25
HINDUNILVR	1737.00	1758.00	1736.35	1753.80	20.30
TECHM	814.00	840.00	809.10	821.65	9.25
HEROMOTOCO	2632.00	2657.00	2581.50	2653.45	29.70
HDFC	1871.00	1894.70	1865.10	1890.45	19.95
RELIANCE	1236.00	1257.80	1229.35	1247.30	12.95
TIITAN	1039.90	1045.00	1031.25	1043.50	10.75
CIPLA	542.85	547.90	540.50	546.00	4.90
HINDALCO	193.90	195.50	192.25	194.30	1.30
GAIL	332.00	336.60	324.05	331.55	1.85
WIPRO	372.80	376.80	370.80	374.05	1.85
LT	1282.00	1291.50	1275.10	1281.00	4.45
HDFCBANK	2101.70	2119.95	2093.60	2115.70	7.35
BHARTIARTL	305.90	311.00	303.00	310.05	1.05
ZEEL	44.00	45.40	44.00	44.25	1.20
UPL	825.00	832.70	818.00	824.00	12.15
SBI	270.30	271.00	267.30	268.00	0.30
ADANIAPORTS	352.10	359.25	350.80	355.05	0.30
M&M	633.55	635.95	625.00	634.00	0.45
ASIANPAINT	1399.00	1407.85	1390.30	1397.00	0.10
KOTAKBANK	1291.90	1297.60	1283.50	1288.45	-1.30
ITC	1914.75	1940.00	1897.05	1912.00	-2.75
TCS	275.90	276.75	274.20	275.05	-0.80
POWERGRID	182.70	183.00	180.85	181.20	-0.60
HCLTECH	1060.00	1061.50	1042.60	1053.90	-4.05
EICHERMOT	2045.00	2063.40	2025.00	2047.95	-80.60
MARUTI	688.95	687.95	671.00	681.05	-31.85
AXISBANK	705.50	706.50	691.50	697.00	-3.55
INDUSINDBK	1479.45	1494.40	1455.00	1472.80	-8.00
COALINDIA	215.05	215.70	213.20	214.80	-1.15
NTPC	137.80	138.50	135.50	134.00	-0.80
INFY	738.00	738.00	727.10	734.00	-6.70
YESBANK	218.85	218.85	214.00	215.50	-2.35
INFRATEL	317.60	318.00	306.30	312.25	-5.95

NIFTY NEXT 50

SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY NEXT 50	25724.95	25944.70	25674.45	25896.95	219.65
ICICIPRULI	303.00	317.90	301.10	316.80	13.90
NIACL	172.00	180.00	170.00	178.65	7.20
SUNTV	565.00	592.00	562.10	588.10	20.85
HDFCLIFE	347.40	357.70	346.25	357.65	11.35
BRITANNIA	2943.95	3018.00	2935.00	3011.05	88.75
LICHSGFIN	67.50	67.50	66.00	67.15	11.95
PGH	994.05	1025.00	993.60	1025.00	261.40
L&THT	122.00	127.75	123.80	127.40	3.20
SAIL	47.50	49.20	47.30	49.05	1.15
BANDHANBANK	479.00	494.90	478.05	488.50	11.25
SHEREFEM	15632.00	16240.60	15621.00	16047.00	340.80
PEL	2192.00	2255.00	2191.10	2243.90	46.45
SIEMENS	967.00	991.00	944.50	986.10	19.50
DLF	163.00	166.90	162.10	166.25	3.25
GICRE	221.80	226.00	218.00	223.65	4.35
ICICIPI	910.00	930.00	905.55	922.05	16.05
PETRONET	214.25	216.00	213.75	215.50	3.65
MCDOWELL-N	530.00	538.65	518.65	536.40	8.30
NMDC	94.00	95.55	94.00	95.20	1.35
AMBUJACEM	206.90	210.50	205.50	209.55	2.75
MARICO	334.90	338.70	331.10	337.95	3.95
IDEA	30.55	31.20	30.25	30.95	0.35
MOTHERSUMI	135.00	136.20	134.05	135.80	1.35
AUROPHARMA	723.00	732.90	720.20	730.00	7.20
LUPIN	760.55	772.00	755.00	770.20	7.55
HINDZINC	255.60	257.05	253.65	256.30	2.40
OIL	172.00	174.25	169.00	173.00	1.25
ACC	1392.00	1398.00	1382.00	1391.65	9.15
DABUR	426.00	428.75	423.10	427.40	2.70
SRTANSFEN	1055.40	1068.00	1049.30	1057.00	6.00
BHEL	63.00	63.10	62.35	63.10	0.35
ARCAPITAL	82.00	83.00	81.65	82.00	0.35
BIOCEN	620.00	624.90	617.40	621.00	1.60
ASHOKLEY	81.50	81.65	80.20	81.15	0.20
HAVELLS	698.50	702.95	691.10	696.70	1.55
NHPC	23.75	24.00	23.15	23.65	0.05
BANKBARODA	104.50	104.55	102.50	103.05	0.10
REL	77.20	77.95	76.05	77.50	0.00
PIDILITIND	1075.10	1083.00	1066.15	1074.50	-0.45
MRF	54829.00	55250.00	54600.00	54740.05	-53.15
CADILAH	314.95	315.00	310.70	312.50	-0.70
SBIIFE	562.00	565.70	560.00	560.00	-1.60
COPAL	1250.00	1250.95	1236.60	1240.00	-5.15
OFFS	3491.90	3500.00	3449.30	3459.00	-25.15
ABB	1259.00	1268.00	1249.00	1260.00	-10.50
DMART	1445.00	1475.05	1430.00	1459.00	-13.95
BOSCHLTD	18270.00	18294.50	17930.30	17956.60	-218.85
GOODRJCP	675.85	676.70	659.75	664.00	-12.85
CONCOR	491.90	492.45	479.60	482.85	-9.05
INDIGO	1119.80	1134.30	1107.05	1113.00	-27.00

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PAKISTAN PM TO MILITARY

Respond decisively to any aggression by India

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan on Thursday authorised the military to "respond decisively and comprehensively to any aggression or misadventure" by India, amidst heightened tensions between the two sides following the Pulwama terror attack that killed 40 CRPF soldiers.

Days after the terror strike by Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad terror group in Jammu and Kashmir's Pulwama district, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said security forces have been given free hand to avenge the dastardly act.

Prime Minister Khan, who chaired a key meeting of the National Security Council here on Thursday, said the Pakistan government was "determined to demonstrate" that it is capable of protecting its people.

He authorised the armed forces of Pakistan to "respond decisively and comprehensively to any aggression or misadventure by India," said a statement issued after the meeting.

"This is a new Pakistan and we are determined to demonstrate to our people that the State is capable of protecting them," Khan was quoted as saying by the Radio Pakistan.

The country's top civilian

THIS IS A NEW PAKISTAN AND WE ARE DETERMINED TO DEMONSTRATE TO OUR PEOPLE THAT THE STATE IS CAPABLE OF PROTECTING THEM

and military leadership said that "Pakistan is not involved in any way, means or form in Pulwama incident and it was conceived, planned and executed indigenously", according to the statement.

It said Pakistan has sincerely offered investigation of the "incident" and dialogue on the issue of terrorism among other disputed issues with India.

"We expect India to positively respond to these offers," it said, adding that based on the investigation or any tangible evidence provided, Pakistan shall take action against anyone found using its soil.

The NSC urged the global community to play its part in resolving the Kashmir issue.

In a video message on Tuesday, Khan assured India that he would act against the perpetrators of the Pulwama terror attack if New Delhi

shares "actionable intelligence", but warned against any "revenge" retaliatory action.

India rubbished Khan's comments, saying disclaiming Pakistan's link with terrorist attacks is an oft-repeated excuse by the "nerve centre" of terrorism.

In a statement, the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi on Tuesday said India was not surprised that Khan refused to acknowledge the attack on India's security forces in Pulwama as an act of terrorism, adding his offer to investigate the attack if provided proof is a "lame excuse".

Ahead of the NSC meeting on Thursday, Prime Minister Khan and Army chief Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa held a one-on-one meeting during which they discussed region's security situation.

The meeting was attended by Army chief General Bajwa, services chiefs, heads of intelligence agencies, security officials and federal and state ministers for finance, defence, foreign affairs and interior.

Khan also directed both the interior ministry and the security institutions to immediately accelerate actions on ground to ensure that militancy and extremism are routed from the society and the country.

70 killed as massive fire rages through historic part in B'desh

PTI ■ DHAKA

A fast-moving fire swept through adjoining apartment buildings and chemical warehouses in a historic part of the Bangladesh capital Dhaka, killing at least 70 people and injuring several others, the latest such deadly blaze in the country.

Officials said the fire broke out at night a chemical warehouse on the ground floor of a four-storey building named Hazi Wahed Mansion behind a mosque in Old Dhaka's congested Chawkbazar area on Wednesday night and the flames then quickly spread through four other buildings nearby, including a community centre where a wedding party was on.

"The salvage campaign is ending here," mayor of Dhaka South Sayeed Khokon said. Fire officials said that the



Locals and firefighters gather around buildings that caught fire in Dhaka, Bangladesh on Thursday

blaze has claimed at least 70 lives so far. Earlier, fire service control room spokesman Kamrul Ahsan said that the death toll

was 81. However, it was later revised downward to at least 70. Dhaka Metropolitan Police officials said the fire spread rapidly due to the multiple chemical godowns that were situated in the area.

State-run Dhaka Medical College Hospital's director Brigadier General AKM Nasiruddin, however, feared that the toll may rise as several people were being treated at the facility with critical burn injuries.

Khokon called off the rescue operation around 12:10 PM after nearly 14 hours of efforts. Two-hundred fire-fighters from 37 units doused the blaze, making their way to the scene through narrow lanes with fire engines.

GLOBE TROTTING

SERBIAN PM'S PARTNER GIVES BIRTH TO BABY BOY

Belgrade: The same-sex partner of Serbia's Prime Minister Ana Brnabic has given birth to a boy in what the Prime Minister's office called a "historic event" in a country that does not recognize gay marriage.

TRUMP BARS WOMAN WHO LEFT US FOR ISIS RETURN

Washington: President Donald Trump has said that an Alabama woman who left the US in November 2014 to join the Islamic State (IS) terror group will not be allowed to return despite her public plea to come back and stand trial in America.

ALGERIA MILITARY PLANE CRASH KILLS TWO

Algiers: An Algerian fighter jet has crashed during an overnight training exercise, killing its two crew members, the defence ministry said on Thursday. The Russian-made Sukhoi SU-24 plane went down in an uninhabited farming area in the province of Tiaret, around 250 kilometres (155 miles) southwest of Algiers, the ministry said in a statement.

11 WOUNDED IN CENTRAL CHINA KNIFE ATTACK

Beijing: A man with a history of mental illness wounded 11 people with a knife after attacking random pedestrians in central China, local authorities said Thursday. The suspect, a 33-year-old man named Guo Kaibin, is already in police custody, according to a social media notice posted by police in J'ian, a city in central Jiangxi province.

Pelosi urges support for resolution to block border wall emergency

AFP ■ WASHINGTON

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Wednesday called upon lawmakers to back a resolution to halt the national emergency declared by US President Donald Trump to fund a wall on the southern border with Mexico.

Trump announced the emergency in order to bypass Congress, which approved only a quarter of the \$5.6 billion he wanted for the wall in a spending bill.

Mahatma Gandhi's lifestyle did not leave any carbon footprint, a lesson for world: Modi

PTI ■ SEOUL

Mahatma Gandhi's lifestyle was a crucial lesson for the world facing the daunting challenge of global warming and climate change as he lived such a life that he did not leave any carbon footprint, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Thursday.

Unveiling a bust of Mahatma Gandhi at the prestigious Yonsei University here along with South Korean President Moon Jae-in and former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, Modi said in the 20th Century, Mahatma Gandhi was "perhaps the mankind's biggest gift".

"In the last century through his personality, through his life and values, Mahatma Gandhi showed us what the future will be. In fact he used to say my life is my lesson," said the prime minister, who arrived here on Thursday on two-day visit.

"Mahatma Gandhi used to say the God and nature have given everything to fulfil a human being's need but not the greed. The natural resources are not enough if we want to satisfy our greed. He used to say our life should be need based and not greed based," Modi said.

He said that terrorism and climate change are two biggest

challenges mankind is facing and Mahatma Gandhi's teachings and values can help the world address both the pressing issues.

"During Mahatma Gandhi's lifetime there was no discussion about climate change and environment, but the statesman led such a life that he did not leave any carbon footprint. He showed what living in harmony with nature is. He showed that it is important to leave a clean and green planet for the future generations." Gandhi used to say we don't have the right to take away the natural resources that belong to the future generations.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Rahul, S/o Parnod Kumar Sharma, R/o H.No. 23, Gali No.1, Village Ashok Nagar, P.S. & Distt. Itawa, U.P.** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence of **FIR No. 113/15 u/s 379/411 IPC** has been registered at **P.S. Prashant Vihar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Rahul** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Rahul** has absconded (or is concealing herself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Rahul** accused of **FIR No. 113/15 u/s 379/411 IPC** has been registered at **P.S. Prashant Vihar, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer said complaint on or before **25.04.2019**.

By Order
Ms. Kadambari Awasthi, MM, North Distt., Room No. 110, 1st Floor, Rohini Courts, Delhi

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED (See Section 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Bharat, S/o Shri Prem, R/o Jhuggi No. 1575/F-2 Block, Transit Camp, Anand Parbat, Delhi** has committed the offence in case **FIR No. 01/19 U/S 356/379/34 IPC PS Ranjit Nagar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Bharat** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Bharat** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person **Bharat** of case **FIR No. 01/19 U/S 356/379/34 IPC PS Ranjit Nagar, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **28.03.19**.

By Order
Shri Jitendra Singh Ld. Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate West District, Room No. 145, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

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Russia indicts US investor for fraud: Lawyer

AFP ■ MOSCOW

Russian investigators formally charged US investor Michael Calvey with fraud on Thursday following his controversial arrest, his lawyer said. Investigators presented him

with the indictment on the charge of large-scale fraud as part of an organised group, which can carry up to ten years in prison. "He has refused to admit his guilt or give any testimony" before consulting with his defense, lawyer Dmitry Kletochkin told Russian news agencies.

Calvey is the founder of the multi-billion-dollar Baring Vostok investment fund. He is one of six people arrested in a probe into the alleged embezzlement of 2.5 billion rubles (USD 37.7 million) from the Russian Vostochny Bank.

Calvey has said in court that the charges against him are being used as an instrument in a shareholder dispute, insisting that he has done nothing wrong. Several high-profile figures have spoken on behalf of Calvey, with Russia's business ombudsman Boris Titov saying the case was a typical corporate dispute and calling his arrest illegal. But Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov on Thursday said: "We have no doubt that truth will prevail as a result of the investigation. Nobody but the court can pronounce Michael Calvey innocent."

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is here by informed that an unidentified person (depicted in the photo) name: **unknown**, residence and family is **unknown** about 30 years of age was found lying unconscious at footpath in front of RML Hospital Gate No. 4 New Delhi on 15.02.2019. He was admitted to RML Hospital Emergency Ward where Doctors declared him brought dead. In this regard a DD No. 20-A, dated 15.02.2019 has been registered at Police Station North Avenue, New Delhi. Dead Body of the Deceased has been preserved in RML Hospital mortuary for Identification for next 72 hours. His physical description is as under:-
Sex: Male, **Age:** 30 years, **Height:** 5'8" ft., **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Small, **Build:** Very Thin, **ID Mark:** A tattoo mark on right hand, **Wearing:** Blue dark T-Shirt and gray Pant. Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or Telephone Numbers.
P.S. North Avenue, New Delhi Ph. No. - 011-23093040, 23093294 Mob. No- 9873432659

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all that **M/s Alight Buildwell Private Ltd.** (CIN U70100DL2018PTC034368), having its registered address at Unit No. 214, H-2, Netaji Subhash Place, Pitampura, New Delhi-110034 entered in an Agreement to sell with us and paid us only the part payment of Rs. 2,02,00,000/- (Rupees Two Crore Two Lacs only) against the total sale consideration, despite our demand notice having sent to them through registered post. The said Company had undertaken to agree 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 subject 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 (shubhangjir01@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 posted a letter 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. **Curo India Private Limited K-28, Green Park Extension, New Delhi-110016**

HINDUSTHAN URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED

Regd. Office: Kanchenjunga, 7th Floor, 18, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi-110001
E-mail: investors@hindusthan.co.in, **Website:** www.hindusthanurban.com
Phone No.: +91-11-23310001-05, Fax: +91-11-23313707

NOTICE
Members of the Company are hereby informed that dispatch of postal ballot notice dated 13th February, 2019 (along-with explanatory statement and postal ballot form) to the members of Company in respect of the following resolutions has been completed via e-mail facility and physical mode on 21st February, 2019:

1. Adoption of new Articles of Association of the Company in conformity with the Companies Act, 2013.	Special Resolution
2. Re-appointment of Mr. Shyam Sunder Bhunia as Managing Director with effect from 4th December, 2018.	Special Resolution
3. Re-appointment of Mrs. Suman Lata Saraswat as an Independent Director with effect from 1st April, 2019.	Special Resolution
4. Appointment of Mr. Deepak Kejriwal as Director.	Ordinary Resolution
5. Appointment of Mr. Deepak Kejriwal as Whole Time Director with effect from 1st December, 2018.	Special Resolution

The said documents were sent in electronic mode to those members who have registered their email address with Company or with the depositaries and in physical mode to the other members. Notice and Postal Ballot Form is also available on Company's website www.hindusthanurban.com.

The aforesaid resolutions are to be transacted by means of postal ballot which includes electronic voting (e-voting) in terms of Section 110 of Companies Act, 2013 read with rule 22 of Companies (Management & Administration) Rules, 2014 & other applicable provisions of Companies Act, 2013, if any, (including any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force). National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) has been engaged by the Board of Directors of the Company for providing e-voting platform.

Members whose names are recorded in the Register of Member of the Company or in the register of Beneficial owners maintained by the Depositories as on the cut-off date i.e. 15th February, 2019 will be entitled to cast their votes by postal ballot or e-voting. A person who is not a member on the Cut-Off date should accordingly treat the Postal Ballot as for information purpose only and may obtain their Login ID and password through NSDL for the future voting of the Company.

Voting through Postal Ballot and e-voting will commence on 28th February, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. and will end on 29th March, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. Postal Ballot forms received after 5:00 P.M. on 29th March, 2019 will be treated as invalid and E-Voting will be blocked by NSDL at 05:00 P.M. on 29th March, 2019.

Members who have not received the postal ballot notice may apply to Company for duplicate Postal Ballot Form. Member may write to the Company at its registered office or download the Postal Ballot Form from the Company's website www.hindusthanurban.com along with the website of NSDL.

Results of e-voting & Postal Ballot form will be declared by the Chairman on or before Saturday, 30th March, 2019 at the registered office of Company and shall be intimated to the BSE Limited and displayed along with the scrutiner's report on Company's website- www.hindusthanurban.com.

For any query or grievance, members may contact to Mr. M.L. Birmiwala, Company Secretary of the Company at Hindusthan Urban Infrastructure Ltd., 7th Floor, Kanchenjunga, 18, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi-110001 or email at: investors@hindusthan.co.in.

For Hindusthan Urban Infrastructure Ltd.
Sd/-
M.L. Birmiwala
(Company Secretary & Compliance Officer)
Date : 21.02.2019
Place : New Delhi

ICICI Bank

Regd. Office: ICICI Bank Tower, Near Chakili Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara - 390 007.
Corporate Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai- 400051.
Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd., Videcon Tower, Jhandewalan, New Delhi-110055

PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
Notice for sale of movable assets
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd., will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured assets with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding (in ₹)	Reserve Price (in ₹)	Earnest Money Deposit (in ₹)	Date of Property Inspection and Time	Date & Time of Auction
1.	Ensol Power Pvt Ltd./ Loona Chakrabarti/ (Borrower) Narayan Chakrobarty (Co-Borrower)	Entire First Floor Flat, without roof rights, Plot No 07, Block D, Residential Colony Lakewood City, Suraj Kund Road, Faridabad, Area 180.39 Sq.Mtrs	Rs. 2,41,99,090/- as on February 2,2019.	Rs. 1,25,00,000/-	Rs. 12,50,000/-	March 01, 2019, From 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM	March 20, 2019, From 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM
2.	Sachin Mittal, Shruti Mittal	DTJ 104 (First Floor) Tower B, DLF Tower, DLF Galleria, Jasola, New Delhi 110025, Area 1317 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 2,47,18,511/- As On Feb 2, 2019.	Rs. 2,12,60,000/-	Rs. 21,26,000/-	March 01, 2019, From 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM	March 20, 2019, From 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

The online auction will take place on the website of auction agency Shriram Automall India Ltd. (URL Link - <https://eauctions.samil.in/>). The Mortgagees/ Noticee are given last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **March 19, 2019, before 5:00 P.M** failing which, this/these secured asset/s will be sold as per schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit their offer along with aforesaid earnest money deposit (as referred in column No. (F) in a sealed envelope superscribed "offer for purchase of property" so as to reach at **ICICI Bank Limited, 2 nd Floor Videcon Tower, Block E-1, Jhandewalan Extension, Rani Jhansi Road, Delhi-110055** or our marketing agents Shriram Automall India Ltd having their office at **2nd Floor, Best Sky Tower, Netaji Subhash Place, Pitampura, New Delhi - 110034** on or before **March 19, 2019, before 5:00 P.M.** The marketing agency has also been engaged as auctioneer for proper conduct of auction. EMD DD / PO should be from a Nationalised / Scheduled Bank favouring "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Delhi.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact on Mobile no. 8584874809/9650193259 of ICICI Bank Limited or 9910453434 of Shriram Automall India Ltd. The tenders which are acknowledged by the Bank/e-auction vendor official and registered before the cut off time with complete details shall only be considered for auction.

The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any reasons thereof.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit ICICI Bank Ltd website at <https://www.icicibank.com/notice-board/properties-for-sale/properties.page?>

Date : February 22, 2019
Place : Delhi/NCR
Sd/-
Authorised Officer
ICICI Bank Limited.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION KATRA

Corrigendum
Subject:- Extension of dates
Reference:- This office e-NIT No. 53 of 2018-19 dated 12-02-2019 communicated vide endorsement No. 7293-7313 dated 12-02-2019.
Due to non-availability of internet service in the State of Jammu & Kashmir, the date for uploading the bids for above noted works hereby extended as under:-
S.No. 1. Particulars:- Date of downloading / submission of bids in electronic format. Please read:- **From 13-02-2019 Upto 22-02-2019 upto 2.00 PM Instead of:- From 13-02-2019 Upto 18-02-2019 upto 2.00 PM.**
S.No.2. Particulars:- Date of opening of Technical/ Financial bid. Please read:- **From 22-02-2019 Upto (3.00 PM) Instead of:- From 18-02-2019 Upto (3.00 PM).**
Note:- All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
PWD (R&B) Division, Katra
No.DIP/J-5317/18 Dated:- 20.02.2019

बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि. पटना
(बिहार सरकार का उपक्रम)
पुनः कोटेशन आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या-145/2018-19

- विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता :- मुख्य महाप्रबंधक, बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि., अस्पाल रोड, शांतीनगर, पटना-23
- कोटेशन कागजात बिक्री की तिथि समय एवं स्थान :- दिनांक-05.03.2019 से दिनांक-25.03.2019 के अपराह्न 15.00 बजे तक। उप महाप्रबंधक, बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि., पटना महाप्रबंधक (दक्षिण), बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि., पटना एवं मुख्य महाप्रबंधक, बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि., पटना का कार्यालय।
- कोटेशन प्रारंभ की तिथि एवं समय :- दिनांक-26.03.2019 के अपराह्न 15.00 बजे तक कॉलम-2(पार-2) एवं स्थान।
- कोटेशन खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :- दिनांक-27.03.19 के 15:30 बजे तक।
- कोटेशन वेबसाइट की अवधि :- 120 दिन।
- कार्य की विवरणी :-

क्र.सं.	कार्य का नाम	प्रायकलित राशि (₹ में)	अग्रधन की राशि (₹ में)	कोटेशन कागजात का मूल्य (₹ में)	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि (माह में)	उप महाप्रबंधक का नाम
1	2	3	4	5	7	8
1	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of IP based CCTV Camera with 5 years' service /replacement in BSBCCL HQ Premises	As per Offer	2% of Quoted Amount	750/-	01 (एक)	पटना

7. निश्चित संवेद्यक / फर्म / एजेंसी ही कोटेशन में भाग ले सकता है।
8. कोटेशन संबंधित किसी भी प्रकार के शुद्धि - पत्र की जानकारी वेबसाइट www.bsbccl.bih.nic.in से प्राप्त होगी।
9. कोटेशन के विभिन्न गवर्नरी की उच्च विशिष्टता का अक्षरशः पालन करना अनिवार्य होगा।
10. अन्य शर्त तथा विशेष जानकारी किसी भी कार्य दिवस को कार्यालय अवधि में उप महाप्रबंधक, बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि., पटना / महाप्रबंधक (दक्षिण), बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि., पटना अथवा मुख्य महाप्रबंधक, बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि., पटना के कार्यालय से प्राप्त किया जा सकता है।
11. कोटेशन सूचना www.prbihar.gov.in/www.bsbccl.bih.nic.in पर भी देखा जा सकता है।

मुख्य महाप्रबंधक
बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि., पटना।
PR.17645 (Ni Ni) 2018-19 सितिया मेरी अभी पढ़ेगी, शादी की सूती नहीं चढ़ेगी।

Trend Glazer

Raveena helps martyrs' children

Actress **RAVEENA TANDON** says that her foundation will look into the education of martyrs' children. As per reports, Raveena, who is known for her philanthropic work and her association with various noble causes, is already committed to the education of the girl child and provides scholarships for the same. But she is now taking charge of children of all martyrs.

Talking about it, she said: "These are moments when everyone should come forward and contribute whatever it might be — whether it's a big or small amount. It goes a long way and I have taken over the responsibility of educating the girl children. I am not limiting it to just them but the children of the martyrs. It's not only of the Pulwama attack, it is basically for all our jawans."

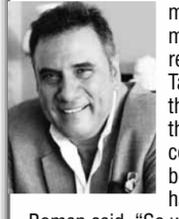


'What can one do if they (industry) reach out to me asking for blessings? These are youngsters who have worked with me in the past. Should I have told them they don't have my blessings? The proper thing to do would have been to first for ask my consent before remixing Mungda.'

—Rajesh Roshan

Actor **BOMAN IRANI** will be essaying the role of business tycoon **Ratan Tata** in the forthcoming film **PM Narendra Modi**. "I have always received comments on social media that I resemble Ratan Tata. I always thought the day the character comes along, I will be more than happy to play it."

Boman said. "So when Omung, Sandip and Vivek called me for the role, I immediately agreed to do it. The team is quite wonderful and Omung is doing a great job. We have already shot my part and it went very well," he added.



PURSUIT OF BALANCE

Actor **ANIL KAPOOR**, who will be seen next in **Total Dhamaal**, tells **SAMI SATTAR** that all genres need a good script

Actor Anil Kapoor Kapoor is conversing with the chef and asks him to send some *meethi chutney* to accompany the really delicious *Delhi samosas*. Eating fried, oily snacks is quite contrary to the idea of the actor's diet, who seems to have drunk from the fountain of eternal youth, but he lets us in on his mantra. "The body is like a bank balance. It needs a certain number of calories to run. If you've burnt more calories and eaten less, then you have the bank balance which can be withdrawn when it is needed. Today is one such day when it is okay to indulge myself," says the actor, who, except the fine lines and creases here and there, looks not a day older to when he had made his debut in 1979.

Dressed in all black, he is promoting his new film **Total Dhamaal**, where he reunites with Madhuri Dixit, his popular co-star of the 90s. "It has been a long career. I have been quite lucky. And there is the bonus of being able to work with beautiful girls like Madhuri," he guffaws.

As to what kept him invested in the adventure comedy film, he tells us, "First of all, I laughed reading the script. That did it for me. This is an ensemble cast and the biggest advantage is that the entire film is not on your shoulder, which reduces the pressure. As a result, we enjoyed acting in the film more and did better. This is also apparent in the trailer and people are liking it," he says. And the subject of mature romance worked well for him and Madhuri. "When you are younger, you can take the pressure because you are fresh, the songs are great and as a pair you are also looking good together. We are not Ranveer Singh and Alia Bhatt. We should stay in our *auqat*."

Of course, he points out that there are other factors that prove to be clingers. "The script, director, co-stars, producers, distributors and the money make me decide," says the 62-year-old. But whichever genre he is working in, preparation is essential. "In today's time when the stakes are so high, every detail including performance, dialect design, art and clothes have to be prepared in advance. If you are prepared, your work will be faster, easier and better."

Having worked in comedy franchises quite a bit, Kapoor believes that the foremost role is played by the writers. "Only a few people can work on punches and understand them in a manner that it works pan-India, with people from villages to those in the cities, students, children, intellectuals. The dialogues should make everyone or at least 70 per cent of the population laugh. These days there is a surfeit of comedy for various categories of audience, be it TV, YouTube and even stand-up acts. So in a film, you need to add scale and adventure. We have got in an animal farm like scenario in **Total Dhamaal**, which is not possible in a TV show, for instance, to make sure that people feel that they've got their money's worth," he says.

Kapoor feels there are as many styles of comedy as there are directors, writers and actors. "Chameli ki Shaadi was situational. Indra Kumar does a combination of situational, gags and physical comedy. Similarly, Priyadarshan is different and so is Rohit Shetty or the old guard like Basu Chatterjee and Hrishida. Directors need to have a sense of humour inherently and that makes a difference. Their thinking, the way of writing and the editing can make a comedy work or fall flat. The physical comedy that Jim Carey does was fantastic. The way Ben Stiller works is different.

Steve Martin, Mehmood, Kishore Kumar traverse similar territory. Amitji is more poker and physical while Govinda and Johnny Lever have their own street-smart way of executing it. Coming to the writers, the kind of comedy that was penned by Kader Khan was distinct."

Kapoor is categorical that if the writing is flat, then even a Charlie Chaplin or Laurel Hardy cannot make a script work. "Gags have to be well-written and thought out. When the writing is good, it is easier for the actors," he says and goes on to give the example of American show **Modern Family** as brilliantly written.

We rely on his experience to talk about the progression of content in cinema and inevitably talk revolves around **Ek Ladki Ko Dekha Toh Aisa Laga**. "The audience is evolving. The educated, sensible youth of the country are exposed through the internet and are engaging with sensible content." And he loves the next generation. While most actors do not like carrying work back home or vice versa even when they have spouses or parents from the industry, Kapoor has no qualms admitting that shooting with his daughter Sonam was a blast. "During the shooting of **Ek Ladki Ko Dekha Toh Aisa Laga**, we were preparing for marriage and in between shots we discussed everything related to it," he says of the film.

Besides the content, another way that Kapoor has seen the industry change is the way it treats women. He believes that #MeToo has changed the work environment. However, he believes, "I was fortunate to work in films where there was a healthy atmosphere. Whether it was my Telugu debut as **Bapu** in **Vamsa Vruksham** (1980) or with MS Sathyu with whom I was a part of **Kahan Kahan Se Guzari Gaye**, our assistants and newcomers were women. In **Parinda**, Renu Saluja was the editor and she controlled everything. Much later in **Ayesha**, Rhea was the producer and she was 21. On the sets of **Veere di Wedding**, I had to look for a boy as there were 50 girls. In this film, the photographer is a Japanese girl. We are consciously creating an atmosphere."



Photo: Pankaj Kumar



A Civic lesson

The new tenth-generation Honda Civic is certainly an attractive vehicle, with or without its front-end. But will it set the roads alight as the previous Civic did in India?

When Honda Cars India launched the first Civic here a decade and a half ago, it heralded a revolution. The car, which was the eighth-generation of the Japanese carmaker's popular sedan (and hatchback in European countries), was a sales success. But Honda was not able to continue the Civic's successful run in India for too long for a multitude of reasons. However, one has to admit that a major reason why sales of the Civic tailed off was India's growing love affair with oil-burners, that is diesel cars. Honda globally did not have a smaller diesel motor that they could bring to India back then and that played a role in the company ceding the segment to its rivals, first the Chevrolet Cruze and then further on the Toyota Corolla Altis and Skoda Octavia.

But now the Honda Civic is back and after skipping one global generation, Honda cars India has brought in the tenth-generation. This time, they have ensured that it has a diesel engine alongside a zippy petrol motor. So let us deal with the headline numbers first. The 1.6 litre turbocharged diesel engine, which shares duty on the other recently introduced Honda, the CR-V, produces a decent 120 horsepower. The company claims that thanks to their "Earth Dreams" technology, the Civic i-DTEC returns an astounding 26 km per litre under Indian test conditions. The Civic also comes with a 1.8 litre i-VTEC petrol that produces a fairly decent 140 horsepower. Disappointingly for Civic fans, Honda has not brought either of the powerful engines that do service on this particular sedan in the United States, which are a 158 horsepower 2.0 i-VTEC and the very impressive 200 horsepower turbocharged 1.5 litre engine. Of course, India is a fuel-economy obsessed market but Honda has bucked the trend in the past with cars like the Honda Accord V6, which all car nuts in India who drove, including myself, remember as a rocket, a thirsty rocket, but a rocket nonetheless. Even today, good second-hand examples of this car, like the original Honda City VTEC, which was another amazing car, command top dollar.

But can the new Honda Civic become a future classic like its illustrious predecessors? Well, it does certainly knock the door on the looks front. Yes, the snout of the car is a bit incongruous. In fact, the chrome slab across the front grille, which is apparently a Honda signature, does make the car look quite weird. Because from the side and particularly from the rear, it looks fabulous. In fact, the rear three-quarter look of this vehicle is among the prettiest I have seen on a car in India. This car looks as attractive as a supermodel sashaying down the ramp with some toilet paper stuck to her heel. Still very, very pretty but you know, something is off.

What I did find interesting is that despite the looks, particularly the coupe-shaped sloping roofline which makes you assume that the car would be very tight inside, it really is not. I will not say it is the most spacious car in its segment but it does not feel cramped. After all, the Civic sedan is designed for the American market, where people are not quite small or short. Headroom in the front is not bad at all, and I am 5'11". In the rear, even with the front seats pushed back, space is more than sufficient for myself and while three adults on the rear bench is a squeeze on any car, it will not feel so bad on the Civic. The only issue is possibly the fact that in order to get the space in the front and rear, the seats ride rather low and although the Indian Civic is 10 mm higher than the outgoing model, ingress and egress is a bit clumsy the first

few times until you get the hang of it. But you never buy a car for its looks alone, you do care about the performance too. So how is the new Civic? Well, first a disclaimer, this is a first drive, not a detailed test drive where I drive and experience a vehicle over a few days during my commute. We drove the car around the highways near Bengaluru airport and up the twisty roads on Nandi Hills. Initially, I had the i-DTEC which comes with a six-speed manual transmission. Now, I have a strong opinion about six-speed manual transmissions in India because I still believe it is one gear too many on any car. That said, on the highway you can easily put the car into sixth and just cruise at 80-100 km per hour, the diesel purring along. What does not purr along are the tyres? Because of the need to derive higher fuel economy, the i-DTEC comes with low rolling resistance tyres and those are noticeably noisy. You can drown that out by pumping the volume on the smart infotainment system, which is similar to those on other new Hondas, and comes with support for Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, standard across variants.

Now, on the twisty sections you really do need to mash the gears to keep the motor in its narrow powerband. While the car does take the corners very steadily indeed, you do feel that it could do a bit more. Maybe with grippier tyres it could. Then again, even with enthusiastic driving, the Civic Diesel returned almost 15 km per litre. This is clearly a car designed to be an economical long-distance hauler, but a boy racer.

So on to the iVTEC, first things first, there is no manual version on this Civic. Nope. Nada. Nyet. What you get is Honda's very nice Continuously Variable Transmission (CVT) with a Torque Converter and seven forward speeds as standard, as well as a paddle-shift system when you want to have fun. Now, Honda's CVTs are very smooth — I loved the CVT on the diesel Amaze for example — but they are not designed again for very enthusiastic driving. On regular day-to-day driving on the highway and in the city, gear shifts are brilliant and kick-down power when you need to get a move on gets delivered promptly. But you do start to sense some shift-lag when you start using the paddles a lot. Possibly I am saying this because dual-clutch gearboxes and their millisecond shifts have spoiled me. While this CVT is not what I would call lazy, it again feels tuned more to regular urban commuting.

And you know what? Urban commuting is what most buyers of the Civic will do, and once you begin to live with it, you can work your way around the CVT transmission and figure it out. As such both the iDTEC and iVTEC Civics are very well suited for that role and look fantastic as well. The problem Honda India faces has actually less to do with the Civic and more to do with the segment, because the segment is moribund. India's love affair with the Sports Utility Vehicle continues, anybody buying a car in the ₹15-18 lakh range is looking lustfully at the Hyundai Creta. The Civic, which one expects to match the Corolla Altis for price, meaning it would be around the ₹18-24 lakh segment, will have people look at the Hyundai Tucson, or have people who want space just look at the Toyota Innova. There is no doubt the new Honda Civic is a good car and an excellent looking one at that, but I'm not sure it can make the Indian buyer start looking at sedans again.



Foreign ink

Before getting a tattoo in an unknown language, it is best to check its meaning or be prepared for disastrous results

What's better than a tattoo? One in a foreign language, of course. If trend meters are to be believed, then tattooing phrases, quotes, words in a foreign language has caught the fancy of celebrities. Hollywood celebrities have often gone with Indian languages — Jessica Alba's wrist is inked with "Padma" and Britanny Snow's right ankle says "Abhay". Angelina Jolie has a verse in Pali emblazoned on her left shoulder. Closer home, our very own Sushmita Sen has a tattoo in Latin which reads *Aut Viam inveniam aut faciam* which translates as "I shall either find a way or make my own."

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with the Victoria tattoo on David Beckham's arm which was spelt incorrectly or Gillian Anderson's unknown Hindi word. Recently, pop singer Ariana Grande planned to get the title of her latest hit single, **7 Rings**, tattooed on her palm in Japanese, but after sharing a photo of the new ink on Instagram she got trolled and learned that it was misspelled and meant, '7 bbq grill' instead. When she attempted to get it fixed, it turned out to be an even bigger faux pas, as the tattoo now means '7 bbq fingers'.

"If celebrities can wake up to the nightmares of a tattoo gone wrong, what are mere mortals like us? The countless instances of tattoos gone wrong with disastrous errors and weird translations happen because people fail to do their homework," says Malani. His words of advice? "Never trust the Internet /Google. Try translating two languages that you know with its help and you know it can have errors — big ones. So, if you don't write/speak the language that your tattoo is written in, find a qualified translator or native speaker to translate it for you. Then verify/cross check with one more person who knows that language too. We know the difference between you're and your but someone who doesn't know English might just end up getting a tattoo with a wrong meaning altogether." Malani feels that websites



may give us the words but the meaning can go out of context. The word "free" can denote freedom or something that has no cost. In English, we use the same word for both meanings, but in another language, it may be two different words. So do a thorough research beforehand to avoid any blunders and make your tattoo rock.



gorgeous

Taking you to the land of foodie's paradise, Daniell's Tavern creates a classic menu filled with the goodness of butter in gravies infused with authentic spices, for the quintessential Punjabi dining experience. All time favourites like *Butter Chicken*, *Makki ki Roti*, *Sarson ka saag* and the lip-smacking *lassi*. **Date:** March 15 to 25 **Time:** 6.30 pm to 11.45 pm **Venue:** Daniell's Tavern



The Wine Project is set to bring all things wine with its Delhi Wine Festival. The festival is going to be a perfect cocktail of all things food, wine, music and so much more. Presenting some of the best international wines from Spain, Portugal, Italy, Australia, Chile, Argentina, South Africa, France and New Zealand. **Date:** March 2 (12 pm to 9.30 pm) and 3 (12 pm to 1 am) **Venue:** Qla, near Qutab Minar, Mehrauli.

Delhi's obsession for chaats belies description. For the city's denizens have loyalties towards their favourite joints and eateries firmly in place which they can discuss with an intensity akin only to their obsession with politics. If you think that Dilli 6 is all about thick and juicy *jalebis* glistening with ghee or crisp fried *aalo chaat* in a melange of chutneys, then be prepared to be pleasantly surprised as Edesia at Crowne Plaza, Okhla, can take you through the culinary tour of old Delhi spanning through time, dynasties and generations without you having to traverse through its congested bylanes.

The place seems to have taken a step back in time and the music has set the tone. As I entered the place, they were playing a Bollywood retro song *Ajeeb Dastan Hai Yeh* and I started humming along... *Kaha Shuru Kaha Khatam*... Hitting the nostalgia rush just right, they had a red letter box with postal code 110006 as well as a decades old scooter with a DIL-006 number plate. To make time travel complete, there was also a real astrologer with a green parakeet trained to pick up the tarot-like fortune cards and also a *paanwala*.

The decor too has kept Chandni Chowk as its main theme. The silver lights with a tint of blue spread across the ceiling gave it a feel of eating right under the starry sky. A series of posters of films

Lemon street

The ninth edition of the Dilli 6 food festival at Edesia offered delicacies from the reigns of Tomars, Mughals and Britishers to Punjabi, Baniya and Kayastha. **By AYUSHI SHARMA**

that have been shot in the walled city (or sets that looked like it) like *Dilli-6*, *Bajrangi Bhaijaan* and *Kurbaan*, was displayed, depicting a slice of life. There were *thelas* serving *Pani puris*, *Tikkis* and *Raj bhog* while the lavish buffet with almost 80 plus dishes was served with signboards that reminded one of metro stations.

According to executive chef Swaminandan, Crowne Plaza, the old city shares an intimate relationship with food across the dynasties such as Pandavas, Tomars, Mughals and the Britishers which ruled here. The food at Purani Dilli is sumptuously garnished

with culinary secrets that have been passed down through generations. Also, Delhi being the food capital of the country has the influence of several cuisines such as Kayastha, Baniya and Punjabi. He said, "The food festival attempts to unravel the culinary legacy of Purani Dilli travelled through ages."

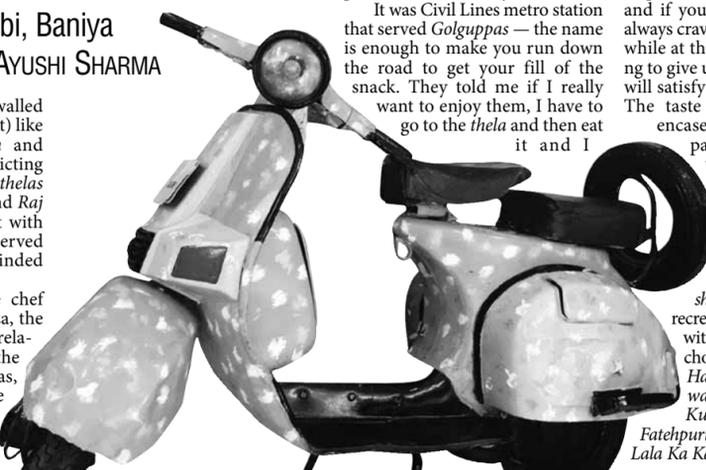
I have a notion that you are not a true Delhiite if your taste buds don't salivate when you smell the whiff of hot oil from the *kadhais* and *tawas* when your favourite street food such as *Aloo Tikki*, *Golguppa*, *Dahi Bhalle*, *Aloo Puri* and *Chole Bhature* is being prepared. Mine certainly did.

It was Civil Lines metro station that served *Golguppas* — the name is enough to make you run down the road to get your fill of the snack. They told me if I really want to enjoy them, I have to go to the *thela* and then eat it and I

couldn't agree more so I held those paper bowls in my hand and gulped down an uncountable number of them. They were a delightful offering of pale green masala water, saunth, chutneys and soft-boiled potatoes. Apart from *mitha paani* and *khata paani*, they also served with spicy hing water. This tangy, spicy treat with the cherry on the cake of hygienic environment only tempted me further.

After munching on to the starters at the *chaat thelas*, I hopped on to the Parathe Wali Gali metro station, to experience those deep friend, golden *Parathas* stuffed with fillings as varied as *Mirchi*, *Nimbu*, *Gobhi*, *Methi* to *Mooli* and *Khoya*. Imagine lemon pickle stuffed inside a *paratha* and one starts to drool. Well, the *Nimbu Paratha* tasted like that in every respect. I tried the *Mirchi* one too and if you are anything like me, always craving for a spicy breakfast while at the same time wanting to give up on *parathas*, this one will satisfy your cravings for sure. The taste of the green chillies encased in a crunchy fried *paratha*, is sheer joy for your taste buds.

Remember Kajol in *Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham* always answering the phone with "Bharat Halwai, *Koi bhi occasion vocation ho, shaadi ya sagai*." Well, they recreated the same sweet shop with plethora of desserts to choose right from *Feroze ka Habshi Halwa*, *Shafiq Kheer wale*, *Kuremal Ki Matka Kulfi*, *Daulat ki Chaat*, *Fatehpuri Lachcha Rabri*, *More Lala Ka Kada Doodh*.



A NATURAL WONDER

Could dark chocolate boost your athletic performance? **By TEAM VIVA**

Researchers are casting their eye over the growing benefits of dark chocolate on health to see if it can translate into improved athletic performance as well.

A research carried by Deakin University in Australia listed health benefits of consuming dark chocolate, especially for athletes.

Dark chocolate contains large amounts of cocoa, which is the seed portion of the its tree. This is rich in a group of compounds called flavanols. Originally discovered because of their potent antioxidant activity, these have been found to contain many health benefits. While cocoa is rich in flavanols, fruits, vegetables, red wine and tea all also contain significant amounts of this latest natural wonder.

Not just an antioxidant, flavanols can improve blood flow, reduce oxygen cost, improve insulin sensitivity and improve immune



responsiveness. They help achieve this through increased bioavailability and bioactivity of nitric oxide. The potential benefits from flavanols on nitric oxide production tick many of the boxes that athletes are looking for in improving performance.

Most of the research on dark chocolate has looked at cardiovascular health in people with pre-existing medical conditions, with only a limited focus put on exercise performance in a more healthy population.

ON YOUR BIKE
Putting dark chocolate to the exercise supplement test, nine moderately-trained male participants volunteered to undertake a series of baseline tests looking at their maximal oxygen uptake (VO2max), lung gas exchange measures and two-minute exercise bike time trial performance. They performed each trial two weeks apart under conditions of either consuming daily 40 grams of dark chocolate or white chocolate (which contains no polyphenols) leading up to the trial.

Dark chocolate consumption improved time trial performance relative to both the baseline conditions and also white chocolate consumption conditions. This equated to a 17 per cent greater distance covered when eating dark chocolate compared to the start of the experiment and 13 per cent more distance covered compared to eating white chocolate.

There was also a significant six per cent improvement in VO2max under the dark chocolate conditions com-

pared to baseline conditions. The same six per cent improvement was also seen when dark chocolate was eaten compared to white chocolate, but this didn't reach the level of statistical significance. There were no statistical differences in blood lactate, heart rate, or blood pressure between the different experimental conditions, but dark chocolate showed a trend for improving many of these measures.

Since the taste of dark chocolate is quite distinct, it was not possible to blind the

participants to what they were eating. So some placebo effect could have played a role if participants expected the dark chocolate to have a benefit.

WHAT IT ALL MEANS
This was only a very small study, but as far as proof of concept goes, it certainly gives a green light to more research in this area. When you put in context that all that is being used is a small amount of dark chocolate, then there appears little harm in athletes jumping the gun early and trying it for themselves.

BHARWA CHEESE MIRCHI WHAT YOU NEED
● Green Chillies: 5
● Yellow cheddar cheese: 20 gm
● Goat cheese: 20 gm
● Red capsicum: 10 gm
● Green capsicum: 10 gm
● Jalapinos: 10 gm
● Chilli flakes: 10 gm
● Oregano: 10 gm

● Black pepper: 10 gm
● White pepper powder: 10 gm
● Gram flour (besan): 30 gm
● Penko bread crum for crumbing
● Oil for frying

METHOD
● Cut the green chillies lengthwise from the centre.

● Boil water and blanch the chillies.
● Drain and cool.
● Prepare the goat cheese mixture by adding small dices of green capsicum, red and yellow capsicum, white pepper powder.
● Stuff the green chili halves with the goat cheese mixture.

● Prepare the batter with besan, and cornflour.
● Dip the stuffed green chili in



this batter and roll in the panko breadcrumbs.

● Deep fry the crumbed chillies till the color of breadcrumb is golden brown.
● Mix the chopped raw green aam papad and sweet chili sauce. Serve the fried chillies with this tangy sauce.

Courtesy: Chef Nitish Mehta at Studio Xo Bar

RECIPES



AVOCADO AND ROASTED BEETROOT TARTARE
WHAT YOU NEED
● Roasted beetroot: 240 gm
● Salt as per taste
● Black pepper as per taste
● Olive oil: 40 ml
● Avocado: 500 gm
● Cucumber rounds: 60 gm
● Edamame: 20 gm
● Edible flower: 5
● Mayonnaise: 20 gm
● Balsamic caviar: 10 gm

For marination
● Lemon juice: 20 ml
● Sugar: 30 ml
● Water: 20 ml
● Sesame seed paste: 10 gm
● Soya sauce: 10 gm
● Basil pesto: 20 gm

For Avocado marination with spicy mayonnaise
● Egg-less Mayonnaise (ready to use): 60 gm
● Japanese chili paste: 10 gm

● **For Garnish**
Edamame pods: 20gm

Beetroot flower: 5
METHOD
● Wash and peel the beetroots. Season them with salt and pepper, and rub with oil. Wrap them in silver foil and roast in the oven for about 15-20 minutes at 140 degree Celsius until they are cooked. Cool, and cut into small dices.
● Peel the avocado and cut into small dices.
● Slice cucumber into rounds and arrange on a plate in concentric circles. Make the basil pesto as normally made at home and keep aside. Make balsamic vinegar pearls with agar agar and keep aside.
● To make the marinade, mix together all the ingredients, and add beetroot and avocado to the it. Keep it aside for 5 minutes.
● Take a round mould and neatly layer the beetroot at the base, followed by a layer of avocado.

Courtesy: Chef Vaibhav Bhargava at The Drunken Botanist

TITO'S GREYHOUND
WHAT YOU NEED
● Tito's Handmade Vodka: 45 ml
● Grapefruit juice: 90 ml

METHOD
● Pour Tito's Handmade Vodka into a glass over ice and add grapefruit juice.
● Garnish with grapefruit wedge or rosemary sprig.

Courtesy: Tito's Handmade Vodka



Eves aim high against England

After winning maiden series in New Zealand, Mithali and Co look to continue dominant run in home series

PTI ■ MUMBAI

India vs England
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The aggressive Harmanpreet Kaur's injury-forced absence is likely to be felt but a confident Indian women's cricket team will look to make the home advantage count when it squares off against England in a three-match ODI series starting at Wankhede Stadium on Friday.

Fresh from a decent outing in New Zealand, where the team won the ODIs but were blanked 0-3 in T20 Internationals, the Indian team continues its ICC Championships engagements.

The team has to hold on to its position in the top-four of the world rankings till 2020 to get direct qualification for the 2021 World Cup.

All the three matches will be played at the Wankhede and India would be firm favourites. The Mithali Raj-led outfit had beaten England 2-1 the last time the visitors were here, in 2018.

Raj, whose position in the T20 squad has created quite a bit of controversy in the past few months, is still at the top of her game in the 50-over format. The 36-year-old became the first woman cricketer to play 200 ODIs for India during the tour of New Zealand a few weeks back.

However, the hosts will miss her regular deputy and T20 captain Harmanpreet, who was ruled out of the entire series with an ankle injury. She has been replaced by Harleen Deol.

Although Harmanpreet was off-colour during the series against New Zealand, she remains crucial for India in its new-found aggression.

But ICC's woman cricketer of the year Smriti Mandhana and the young and sprightly Jemimah Rodrigues can



be banked upon to provide the requisite spark. Mandhana, especially, was in top form in New Zealand and would be aiming to continue the fine run.

The team has had middle-order issues in the past and newly-appointed coach W V Raman would be keen to sort those out.

The home team's bowling has an all-round look with the pace attack being led by redoubtable veteran Jhulan Goswami and also comprising the likes of Shikha Pandey and Mansi Joshi.

With spin being a key element on

Indian wickets, the role of slow bowlers Deepti Sharma, Ekta Bisht and Poonam Yadav in the middle overs would be crucial.

The England women, on the other hand, are no pushovers in the 50-over format. They have experienced campaigners in top-order batting, such as Danni Wyatt (746 runs in 61 matches) and 28-year-old Heather Knight.

Knight, with 2,331 runs to her credit in 86 ODIs, displayed good form in the practice game against the Board Presidents XI and would be expected to

anchor the innings for the visitors.

With all-rounders like Sophie Ecclestone, experienced pacer Anya Shrubsole and accurate medium pacer Nat Sciver in the mix, England have the bowling attack to trouble the hosts.

Anya would also take confidence from her four-wicket haul in the warm-up game.

SQUADS

India: Mithali Raj (Captain), Jhulan Goswami, Smriti Mandhana, Jemimah Rodrigues, Deepti Sharma,

Taniya Bhatia (wicket-keeper), R Kalpana (wicket-keeper), Mona Meshram, Ekta Bisht, Rajeshwari Gayakwad, Poonam Yadav, Shikha Pandey, Mansi Joshi, Punam Raut, Harleen Deol.

England: Tammy Beaumont, Katherine Brunt, Kate Cross, Sophia Dunkley, Sophie Ecclestone, Georgia Elwiss, Alex Hartley, Amy Jones, Heather Knight, Laura Marsh, Nat Sciver, Anya Shrubsole, Sarah Taylor (wicketkeeper), Lauren Winfield and Danni Wyatt.

Team focused on getting direct entry into 2021 World cup: Mithali

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Indian women's ODI team skipper Mithali Raj said the team is focussed on avoiding the qualifiers ahead of the 2021 World Cup but reckoned it will be a major challenge facing World Cup champions England in the absence of injured Harmanpreet Kaur.

Mithali said her team is focused on holding on to its position in the top-four of the world rankings till 2020 to get direct qualification for the 2021 World Cup.

"It's a very important series for us, being number three right now in points table. Points are at stake and I definitely want the team to get direct entry (into the next World Cup). It's important to get as many points as possible from the series," she said on the eve of the series.

India had beaten England 2-1 the last time the visitors were here in 2018 but Mithali said facing the visitors without Harmanpreet will show the team's depth.

"England are a formidable side, being the World Cup champions and they will come strongly at us. We should be playing a positive brand of cricket," said Mithali.

"They've got their senior players back into the squad, and we are without one of our senior players. But this series will also show how we meet this challenge. It will reflect the depth of our team."



On the absence of Harmanpreet, Mithali said the injured player will be missed but her absence also provides chance to the youngsters to come good.

"She is one of the main players in the team for a long time, but it is also an opportunity for young players in the team to rise up and use the opportunity to step up and perform," said the India captain.

"Harman is not there because of injury. I should emphasise that we, as a batting unit, should take the (added) responsibility and whoever gets the opportunity should play that role," she added.

For a direct entry into the World Cup, Mithali and company need to hold on to their position in the top-four of the world rankings till 2020.

The equation becomes a bit more complex in the wake of the terror attack by a Pakistan-based terror outfit in Pulwama in Kashmir and the outrage it has given rise to all over the country.

Now there's a distinct possibility that the Indian team may not line up against Pakistan and Mithali said she is aware of this sort of scenario.

"It's always been in our minds that we probably won't play Pakistan, and that's why, whatever matches we play against whoever, we should be going in by keeping in mind that we need those points," she remarked.

India had defeated New Zealand 2-1 in the recent ODI series in different conditions and Mithali said they will take the confidence into the series against England.

"It was our first win on the New Zealand soil, so it feels great to win a series there, but to come home and play England is completely different," she said.

"The conditions are different. We'll take a lot of positives and confidence from that series win, but our preparation and strategy differs from what it was in New Zealand."

Want to make history in India: Knight

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Reigning World Cup champions England want to create history by defeating India in their own backyard for the first time in an ODI series, said visiting team captain Heather Knight on the eve of the opening clash.

"Yes, we have talked about it. It's something we want to do as a team. We want to make history. When we came here last year, it was a slightly younger team. We weren't able to do that; we lost that series 2-1," said Knight.

The two teams had played a memorable World Cup final in 2017 when hosts England

pulled off a sensational win.

"We have had some amazing games; that World Cup final was an amazing game to be involved in. Obviously the enormity of the occasion: to be in a WC final, to be sold out at Lord's. We've played some good games, including last year in Indian conditions as well."

According to Knight, her team's strength is its depth.

"The ODI cricket we've played in the last couple of years, including the World Cup in England, that's been very good. We have got performances from different players. We have got inexperience and a group that has been around for a while as well."



"We've got quite a settled batting line-up and everyone of the batters in the top six or seven are match-winners. So hopefully a lot more players can step up, as they have done in the last two years," she added.

Knight agreed that India will miss the injured Harmanpreet Kaur.

"She has been a very good player for them. She has been playing in the leagues around the world. I know what sort of player she is. Any team in the world would miss her."

On how to stop the in-form Smriti Mandhana, with whom she has played in the BBL in Australia, Knight said

that the India opener has some weaknesses which her bowlers would look to exploit.

"I have obviously played with Smriti in Hobart [Hurricanes], very recently. She played in my team, so I know her very well. I know she's a very good player. And having seen a lot of her, obviously, it gives us the chance to look at her weaknesses as well and try and figure out how we're going to exploit them in the series," she added.

Meanwhile Mithali was of the view that spinners would hold the key although because of the early starts there would be some moisture for the medium pacers to exploit.

England post record chase

AFP ■ BARBADOS

Contrasting centuries by Jason Roy and Joe Root paced England to a comfortable six-wicket victory over the West Indies with their record one-day international run chase in a high-scoring opening game of a five-match series in Barbados on Wednesday.

Set what looked a daunting target after Chris Gayle's 24th ODI hundred anchored the home side to 360-8, Roy blazed 123 off 85 balls at the top of the order while Root cruised to a comparatively sedate 102 off 97 deliveries to take help the tourists reach their target with eight balls to spare.

In achieving the highest-ever ODI run chase in the Caribbean and the third-highest overall, England underlined their status as the top-ranked team in this format of the game and will be brimful of batting confidence heading into the second match at the same venue on Friday.

Fresh from a hundred in the lone warm-up match at the weekend, Roy was at his most ruthless against the hosts who missed key fast bowler Kemar Roach.

Roy set the pace in racing to a hundred off just 65 balls — the fastest-ever in ODIs in the Caribbean — and dominated an opening stand of 91 with Jonny Bairstow.

He maintained the charge through a 114-run second-wicket partnership with Root and by the time he fell in the 27th over to leg-spinner Devendra Bishoo, England were well on course.

Earlier, Gayle lit up the Kensington Oval with another display of power-hitting.

Playing his first ODI since the home series against Bangladesh last July and having



STOKES, BUTTLER RESTED FOR T20S

LONDON: Ben Stokes and Jos Buttler will be rested for England's Twenty20 series against the West Indies, selectors announced on Thursday. Wicketkeeper-batsman Sam Billings and batsman Dawid Malan return to the 14-man squad for the first time since last year's tour of Australia and New Zealand. Stokes and Buttler were both involved in the Test series in the

West Indies and are playing in the ongoing one-day international series. Jason Roy will miss the series to return home for the birth of his first child after the final one-day international. **Squad:** Eoin Morgan (capt), Moeen Ali, Jonny Bairstow, Sam Billings, Tom Curran, Joe Denly, Alex Hales, Chris Jordan, Dawid Malan, Liam Plunkett, Adil Rashid, Joe Root, David Willey, Mark Wood. **AFP**

announced that the upcoming World Cup will be his international farewell in the format, the big-hitting left-hander signalled his intentions for a lengthy grand finale with an innings of 135 off 129 balls with 12 sixes and three fours.

His tally of maximums dominated an innings in which 23 sixes were struck, a new

record for an ODI innings. Despite conceding 34 runs off his final two overs, leg-spinner Rashid played an important role together with Stokes in limiting the West Indies progress over the final 15 overs.

Stokes returned the best figures of three for 37, including the important wicket of Gayle in the 47th over.

Hardik out of Australia series

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India all-rounder Hardik Pandya was on Thursday ruled out of the upcoming T20 and ODI series against Australia due to "lower back stiffness" with Ravindra Jadeja replacing him in the 50-over squad.

It is a minor setback for the team and Pandya, who returned to action during the limited-overs series in New Zealand after being handed a provisional suspension.

"The BCCI Medical team decided to rest the all-rounder and



let him undergo strength and conditioning work for his lower back at the National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Bengaluru. Pandya will begin his strength work from next week," said the BCCI in a statement.

"The T20I squad will now

consist of 14 members. Ravindra Jadeja has been named replacement for Hardik Pandya for the 5 ODIs," it added.

After returning from ban Pandya made instant impact in his comeback game, proving how crucial his presence is for the balance of the side.

The 25-year-old has so far played 11 Tests, 45 ODIs and 38 T20s.

His absence from the ODI squad gives Jadeja another opportunity to stake his claim in the squad for the World Cup to be played in the UK in May-July.

Iyer hits record-breaking ton

PTI ■ INDORE

Young Shreyas Iyer hit a blazing 147 off 55 balls to help Mumbai defeat Sikkim by 154 runs in their Group C opening match of the Syed Mushtaq Ali trophy on Thursday.

Iyer's 147 is the highest T20 score by an Indian. He surpassed the record of Rishabh Pant, who had scored unbeaten 128 for Delhi Daredevils.

His 147 is also the 12th highest score by a batsman in the T20 cricket history.

Test specialist Cheteshwar Pujara also hit an unbeaten 100 in 61 balls, but the effort went in vain as Railways chased down Saurashtra's 189-run target with five wickets in hand at the Holkar Stadium.

At the Emeralds Heights International School ground, it was all Iyer show, who took the Sikkim bowlers to cleaners hammering 15 sixes and seven boundaries as Mumbai posted a mammoth 258/4 in 20 overs.

The domestic veterans then restricted Sikkim to 104/7 to start their campaign on a winning note.



Mumbai lost openers skipper Ajinkya Rahane (11) and young prodigy Prithvi Shaw (10) cheaply and were

reduced to 2-22. But one-down Iyer and experienced Surya Kumar Yadav joined forces as they hammered the opposition bowlers and conjured a 213-run stand for the third wicket.

It was an absolute carnage with Iyer being the more aggressive of the two. 24-year-old Iyer raced to his 100 in just 38 balls.

Surya too played a handy knockoff 63 in just 33 balls with eight boundaries and two other shots over the fence.

Sikkim was never in the hunt to chase the total and their innings ended at 104/7.

For Mumbai, spinner Shams Mulani and pacer Shardul Thakur picked two wickets each, while Dhawal Kulkarni, Shubham Ranjane and Tushar Deshpande picked a wicket each.

In another Group C match, Pujara hit a stroke-filled unbeaten 100 off 61 balls, with 14 boundaries and a six, and his team, Saurashtra, to 188/3 in 20 overs.

But contributions from the middle order helped Railways overhaul the target with two balls to spare.

Meanwhile at Mulapetu, Jharkhand pulled off a thrilling three-run win over holders Delhi in a Group 'A' match.

Batting first, Jharkhand rode on Virat Singh's unbeaten 70 to make 158 for 4 in 20 overs against an attack that included Test paceman Ishant Sharma. Delhi fell short by three runs despite a brave knock of 70 by Dhruv Shorey.

In other matches, Kerala thrashed Manipur by 83 runs and Jammu and Kashmir beat Nagaland by nine wickets in an one-sided encounter.

CRAZY LAST QUARTER

Gimenez and Godin strike late to earn Atletico 2-0 victory in an entertaining first leg tie against Juventus

AFP ■ MADRID

Cristiano Ronaldo's Champions League mission with Juventus stalled on Wednesday as Atletico Madrid secured a deserved 2-0 victory from a thrilling first leg at the Wanda Metropolitano.

Ronaldo returned to the Spanish capital, where he enjoyed unprecedented success in this tournament with Real, but it was their rivals celebrating at the final whistle as goals from Jose Gimenez and Diego Godin put Atletico within sight of the quarter-finals.

But this was a victory that Simeone's side fully deserved. Antoine Griezmann had hit the crossbar while VAR twice intervened, correctly, in Juve's favour, cancelling a penalty for a foul on Diego Costa and then ruling out an Alvaro Morata header just before Gimenez struck.

While Juventus tried to preserve the stalemate, Atletico were bold. Simeone introduced Morata, Thomas Lemar and Angel Correa, all around the hour-mark, and his daring paid off. "I showed balls," Simeone said.

Juve are certainly not dead and buried, particularly given Costa and Thomas Partey will both be suspended for the return in Turin after each picked up yellow cards.

But the failure to score an away goal, and their clear inferiority in the second half does not bode well for any hopes of a comeback. "They don't give you chances," said Allegri. "They make you play badly."

Defeat in the last 16 for either team would be unthinkable, for Atletico, who know the final will be played here, at their own stadium, on June 1, the perfect chance to wrestle the trophy off Real in the very city they share.

RONALDO SUBDUED

And for Juventus, whose wait for Europe's premier prize has now entered its 23rd year, when expectations are higher than ever given they now boast the tournament's most prolific ever player.

Ronaldo, though, endured a disappointing night, suffocated from the outset by a typically relentless Atletico backline.

Perhaps it was frustration



Jose Gimenez celebrates after scoring Atletico Madrid's opening goal against Juventus in round of 16 first leg clash at Wanda Metropolitano in Madrid



that made him wave five fingers in the direction of the baiting Atletico crowd, presumably to signify his five Champions League triumphs.

His best contribution was an early, driven free-kick from 30 yards, that had to be pushed over by Jan Oblak, and the dummy-shot before it, that exposed Costa as encroaching, for which he received his yellow card.

Costa was his bristling self and almost won a penalty when referee Felix Zwayer thought he was tripped by Mattia de Sciglio. But VAR showed he had not only exaggerated the contact but also extended his run into the area.

The rest of the half was tighter but Atletico had two golden opportunities early in the second. First, Griezmann volleyed Costa in behind but the Spaniard sidefooted wide with only Wojciech Szczesny to beat.

Then, it was Griezmann's turn, this time Szczesny intervening, tipping the Frenchman's lob onto the crossbar before Giorgio Chiellini stopped Costa from reaching the rebound.

Atletico were pushing and it was Morata, on for Costa, who made the difference. He powered in a brilliant header only to see it chalked off for a push but he was not deterred, and when Juve failed to clear his knock-down at a corner, Gimenez was perfectly placed.

Juve were rattled and their failure to rally could cost them dear. Atletico scored again as Godin rose to head in at the near post, only to turn and find Mario Mandzukic had cleared the ball to his feet. The angle was tight but the net was open.

Juve might have snatched an away goal late on but Oblak pushed over Federico Bernardeschi's shot. They have it all to do.

Sterling winner caps late City comeback

AFP ■ SCHALKE

Raheem Sterling sealed a dramatic 3-2 Champions League win for 10-man Manchester City at Schalke on Wednesday as the English champions scored twice in the last five minutes.

Sterling tucked away the winner at the Veltins Arena in the 90th minute just after substitute Leroy Sane fired home a stunning free-kick for the Premier League leaders against his former club in the last 16, first leg.

Schalke led 2-1 at half-time as the VAR twice intervened to award penalties, both converted by Nabil Bentaleb, cancelling out Sergio Aguero's opener in Gelsenkirchen.

City were in real trouble with 22 minutes left when Nicolas Otamendi, who gave away the controversial first penalty, was sent off for a second yellow card before Sane's moment of brilliance and Sterling's winner.

However, City still have some work to do in the return leg on March 12 with Ferdinandinho, who was booked when conceding the second spot-kick, and Otamendi both suspended.

Schalke are just above the Bundesliga's relegation places and winless in their last four league games, yet they gave Premier League leaders City an almighty scare.

The hosts initially struggled to get out of their half as Man City dominated the opening 30 minutes, until the game swung dramatically Schalke's way with the two penalty decisions. Schalke shot themselves in the

foot for City's opening goal on 18 minutes when a lazy pass from goalkeeper Ralf Faehrmann to Salif Sane was snapped up by David Silva.

The Spaniard drew Faehrmann and selflessly served up a simple tap-in for Aguero to claim his 10th goal in his last seven City appearances.

However, falling behind sparked life into Schalke. Schalke drew level after Daniel Caligiuri fired in a speculative shot which clipped Otamendi's arm.

Despite City's furious protests, the spot-kick was duly awarded, which Bentaleb tucked away to the delight of the home crowd on 38 minutes and they would be celebrating again soon after.

The Germans took the lead when Ferdinandinho pushed Senegal defender Salif Sane when a free-kick flew into the box, and VAR again intervened and another penalty went Schalke's way.

Bentaleb stepped up to smash the spot-kick past Ederson and put Schalke ahead.

The second half was a much more even affair with Schalke no longer intimidated to be playing star-studded City.

In turn, the visitors' problems were compounded on 68 minutes when Otamendi clattered Schalke's replacement forward Guido Burgstaller and was dismissed.

In a bid to turn the match with 13 minutes left, Leroy Sane came on for Aguero and the Germany international produced the goods against the club he left in 2016. Then Sterling latched onto goalkeeper Ederson's long clearance as the home defence hesitated and slotted in.



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