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Pulwama mastermind eliminated

Major among 4 Army men, J&K cop martyred in gunfight; 3 top JeM ultras killed

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Three top Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) terrorists, including a suspected mastermind of Pulwama suicide bomb attack on a CRPF convoy, were killed, and four Army personnel, including a Major, and a J&K Head Constable attained martyrdom in a fierce gunfight, which lasted about 18 hours, in Pinglana area of South Kashmir's Pulwama district on Monday.

One of the top Jaish-e-Mohammad Commander Abdul Rashid Ghazi, alias Kamran, an Afghan war veteran, who infiltrated into Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) in 2018, is believed to have been neutralised in the operation, police sources said.

Ghazi is believed to be one of the masterminds of the February 14 suicide attack on the CRPF convoy in Pulwama and had trained the suicide bomber.

Ghazi, a key aide of Jaish-e-Mohammad's Pakistan-based chief Masood Azhar, was responsible for recruiting, radicalising and training terrorists in the Kashmir Valley.

The second terrorist killed in the encounter has been identified as Hilal Ahmed, a local Kashmiri bomb specialist.

At least nine security personnel, including a Brigade Commander, a Lieutenant Colonel, and a Deputy Inspector General of the Jammu & Kashmir Police, were injured in the gunbattle which erupted shortly after midnight, about 12 km from where a suicide bomber belonging to the Jaish-e-Mohammed drove his explosives laden vehicle into the CRPF bus last week, killing 44 jawans.

One civilian, believed to be the house owner, where these terrorists had taken shelter, was also killed in the day-long operations.

Sporadic incidents of stone pelting were also reported from



Flames rise from the house where the mastermind of Feb 14 Lethpora suicide car bomb attack, along with three other terrorists, were said to be hiding, during an encounter with the security forces in Pinglana area of Pulwama district in south Kashmir on Monday

the area at intervals.

The martyred Army men have been identified as Major Vibhuti Shankar Dhoundiyal, Hawaldar Sheo Ram, Sepoy Hari Singh and Sepoy Ajay Kumar. Major Dhoundiyal, who hailed from Dehradun, was married in April 2018.

Havaldar Sheo Ram (36) had joined the Army in 2000 and hailed from Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan. He is survived by his wife and a son.

Sepoy Singh (26) belonged to Rewari in Haryana. He joined the Army in 2011 and is survived by his wife and son.

Sepoy Kumar hailed from village Bastikri in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh. The 27-year-old Kumar had joined the Army in 2012 and is survived by his wife and a son.

Their mortal remains were flown for the last rites to their native places, where they would be laid to rest with full military honours.

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SALIENT POINTS

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- He was responsible for recruiting, radicalising and training terrorists in the Kashmir Valley
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- A Brigade Commander Lieutenant Colonel and a Deputy Inspector General of the J&K Police were hurt in the encounter with the terrorists
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BJP president Amit Shah flanked by Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray and Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis during the announcement of an alliance between the Shiv Sena and the BJP for the Lok Sabha and the Assembly polls, in Mumbai on Monday

For 'ideology' sake, BJP, Sena ink poll pact

BJP to fight on 25 LS seats, Sena on 23; in Assembly election 50:50

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

After months of posturing and covert hard bargaining, the ruling BJP and the Shiv Sena on Monday night came to a formal undertaking between them on forging an alliance to contest the forthcoming Lok Sabha and the State Assembly polls in Maharashtra, after taking into account their "common ideology" and "nationalistic outlook".

A little over a year after it had announced that it would contest both the Lok Sabha and Assembly on its own strength, the Shiv Sena came around to strike a seat-sharing deal with the BJP for both the Lok Sabha and the State Assembly polls, in line with its insistence that the seat-sharing for both the polls be linked so that there is no misunderstanding between them in the run-up to the Assembly polls and that the issues raised by it are addressed.

Under the seat-sharing formula arrived at between the two saffron partners, the BJP will contest 25 Lok Sabha seats, while the Shiv Sena will field candidates for the remaining 23 LS seats in Maharashtra. In the State Assembly polls, the two parties will — after sparing some seats to other alliance constituents — contest equal number of seats.

At a joint news conference addressed by the leaders of both the parties, Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis made a formal announcement about the BJP-Sena seat-sharing pact for the Lok Sabha and the Assembly polls, in the presence of BJP's national president Amit Shah and Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray.

"We have been together for over 25 years because of our shared ideologies and spirit of nationalism... In 2014 Assembly polls, owing to certain reasons we had split, but later since the past nearly five years we have been in the ruling alliance in Maharashtra and at the Centre," Fadnis said, expressing his happiness over the renewed alliance between the BJP and the Sena.

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India exposes Pak's Jadhav trial lies

Harish Salve urges ICJ to annul Jadhav's death sentence as Pak Military court fails to satisfy even minimum standards of judicial process

PTI ■ THE HAGUE

India on Monday took through the "opaque proceedings" of Pakistani military courts which try civilians against the international norms, saying the judges, who tried Indian national Kulbhushan Jadhav, are not required to have judicial or legal training or even a law degree.

India's plea at the International Court of Justice came as the top UN court began a four-day public hearing in the case of Jadhav, 48, who was sentenced to death by a Pakistani military court on

charges of espionage.

Ex-solicitor general Harish Salve, who represented India, said that a foreign detainee has the right to life, the right to a fair trial and an impartial judiciary.

"However, Pakistan has sentenced 161 civilians to death in their military courts in opaque proceedings in the last two years," Salve said.

International standards require that military courts like all courts must be independent, impartial and competent, and must respect minimum guarantees of fairness, he said.

"Pakistani military courts are not independent and the proceedings before them fall far short of national and international fair trial standards.

"Judges of military courts

are military officers who are part of the executive branch of the government and do not enjoy independence from the military hierarchy," Salve said.

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Pakistan's Attorney General Anwar Mansoor Khan, right, greets Deepak Mittal, the Joint Secretary of India's Foreign Ministry, as he presents oral arguments at the International Court of Justice in The Hague, Netherlands on Monday

CAPSULE

DON'T EXPECT MIRACLE FROM ME: PRIYANKA

New Delhi: Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra told party workers from Uttar Pradesh's Bundelkhand region that they should not expect a "miracle" from her and the party's performance depends on its booth-level organisation.

30 HOTELS IN KAROL BAGH LOSE CIVIC LICENCE

New Delhi: Days after the Delhi Government cancelled fire safety certificates of several hotels in Karol Bagh, the North Delhi Municipal Corporation (NMC) has suspended health licences of 30 of those establishments, its mayor said on Monday.

KIRTI AZAD JOINS CONG, CALLS IT 'GHAR WAPSI'

New Delhi: Terming it his "ghar wapsi", Darbhanga MP Kirti Azad joined the Congress on Monday and slammed his former party BJP accusing it of lacking in internal democracy and for peddling in rhetoric.

RBI to pay ₹28K crore as interim dividend to Govt

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Reserve Bank will pay an interim dividend of ₹28,000 crore to the Government, a move that will help the Centre keep fiscal deficit in check.

The announcement on Monday came after the bank's Central Board meeting, which was addressed by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley.

This is the second successive year when the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will be transferring an interim surplus.

This is in addition to ₹50,000 crore surplus transfer announced by RBI in August 2018 for 2017-18 (RBI follows July-June financial year). Of this, ₹10,000 crore was given as interim dividend to the Government on March 27, 2018. "Based on a limited audit review and after applying the

extant economic capital framework, the Board decided to transfer an interim surplus of ₹280 billion to the Central Government for the half-year ended December 31, 2018," the central bank said in a statement.

RBI had given ₹30,663 crore as dividend to the Government in 2017-18. In his address to the Board, Jaitley outlined various reforms and policy measures taken by the government over the last four years and the effects thereof. The central bank transfers its surplus amount to the Government, under Section 47 of the RBI Act, 1934.

Section 47 of the Act says: "After making provision for bad and doubtful debts, depreciation in assets, contribution to staff and superannuation fund and for all matters for which provision is to be made by or under

the Act or which are usually provided by bankers, the balance of the profits shall be paid to the central Government."

As per the Budget document, the Government expects ₹82,911.56 crore as dividend/surplus of RBI, nationalised banks and financial institutions during 2019-20.

The statement further said the Central Board, chaired by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das, also observed two minutes silence as a mark of respect for the security personnel killed in the terror attack at Pulwama, Jammu and Kashmir. Fiscal deficit for 2018-19 is expected to be slightly higher at 3.4 per cent of the GDP on account of ₹20,000 crore budgeted for income support to farmers. For 2019-20 too, the government has retained the fiscal deficit at 3.4 per cent.

Modi to visit Varanasi today

Varanasi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit his Lok Sabha constituency Varanasi on Tuesday, where he will address a public meeting and inaugurate and lay the foundation stones of projects worth Rs 2,900 crore, BJP leaders said.

Modi will also visit the Sant Ravidas temple on the occasion of Ravidas Jayanti and lay the foundation stone of Ravidas Janmashthali (birthplace) area development project. As part of the project, a grand park will be constructed with a statue of the seer, the leaders said on Monday.

The prime minister will arrive at the Lal Bahadur Shastri International airport at Babatpur at around 9 am on Tuesday. He will head straight to Diesel Locomotives Work (DLW) to flag off an electric locomotive converted from a diesel engine, the leaders said. From there, he will head to the Sant Ravidas temple to participate in the birth anniversary celebrations of the mystic poet of the Bhakti Movement.

Modi will then inaugurate the Mahamana Madan Mohan Malaviya Cancer Institute at Banaras Hindu University, where he will also interact with the beneficiaries of Ayushman Bharat scheme.

Lastly, the prime minister will address a public meeting at Audhey village in Rohaniya area before flying back to Delhi in the afternoon, the leaders said. At the public meeting, Modi will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of projects worth Rs 2,900 crore, they added.

The projects which will be inaugurated include super speciality and casualty blocks of 150-bed ESIC Hospital, 100-bed maternity wing of government women's hospital, upgradation of Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital and city community health centre at Shivpur. PTI

Slave to luxury, UK grad, mother sell GK house to five different persons

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police has arrested a 43-year-old London University MBA graduate and her mother for allegedly duping several men to the tune of ₹2.5 crore in the national Capital.

To fulfill their dreams of living a lavish life, the accused along with her mother allegedly forged documents of their Greater Kailash house and sold it to five different men.

The accused have been identified as Anuradha Kapoor (43) and her mother Molly Kapoor (65) who are residents of Greater Kailash-

According to Ghanshyam Bansal, Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police, South-East, "On the basis of forged 'Sale agreement', Anuradha and with her mother sold their house to five different men in 2014-15.

"With the cheated money, about ₹2.5 crore, the mother-daughter duo were leading a lavish life in five-star hotels of Delhi-NCR," said the Additional DCP.

"They also made trips to the UK, the US, Singapore, Australia and Sri Lanka and were planning to net new targets. They were arrested on Saturday after police got a

tip-off that the mother-daughter duo was staying at a Surya hotel in New Friends Colony following which a trap was laid and they were taken into custody," said the Additional DCP.

"During interrogation, Anuradha told police that in order to earn quick money and live a lavish life, she hatched a conspiracy along with her mother to cheat people," the officer said.

Anuradha was earlier arrested in 2015 by the Goa Police in the murder case of a casino agent and was later released on bail, further said the Additional DCP. "Three cases of cheating

were registered against the accused duo at Defence Colony and Greater Kailash police stations.

They were declared 'Proclaimed Offender' by a Saket court, Additional DCP said.

"Anuradha, is a Commerce graduate from Delhi University and went abroad to pursue MBA. She completed her MBA (Finance) from University of London. After returning from UK, she started working as a freelance stock consultant," said Additional DCP, adding that the further probe into the incident is going on.

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Entire nation with families of Pulwama martyrs: Yogi

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday said the entire nation was with the families of the CRPF men martyred in Pulwama and the country would give a befitting reply to Pakistan for its nefarious designs.

On Monday, Yogi visited the family of CRPF martyr Vijay Kumar Maurya at their home in Chapia village of Deoria and paid floral tributes to the braveheart even as the villagers raised anti-Pakistan slogans.

The Chief Minister also met the martyr's wife Vijay Laxmi and other members of the family and assured them of all assistance from the government.

"The country will give a befitting reply to Pakistan for this dastardly act. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the sacrifice of these



martyrs would not go waste. But we have to wait and support the country on every issue," Yogi said.

Later, the martyr's wife said that though her family was happy with the Chief Minister's visit, they were not satisfied. "We have passed on our demands to the Chief Minister," she said. The soldier's father,

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath pays tribute to slain CRPF jawan Vijay Maurya at his residence in Deoria on Monday

however, expressed satisfaction after the Chief Minister's visit.

Meanwhile, Yogi also paid rich tributes to Army Major DS Dhondhiyal, head constable Sevaram, constables Ajay Kumar and Hari Singh, who were killed in a gun battle with terrorists in Pulwama (J&K) on Monday and expressed his condolences to the bereaved families. Yogi said these bravehearts would always be remembered for their supreme sacrifice in the line of duty and in defence of the motherland.

Vijay, Princi top police recruitment examination

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

The Uttar Pradesh Police Recruitment Board on Monday announced the results of the exam for recruitment of 41,520 constables. The officials said that recruitment of 23,520 constables would be for the civil police and the rest 18,000 for PAC.

The results were declared after thorough checking of marks obtained in written and physical examination test (PET). As many as 22,76,184 aspirants had taken the tests.

In the male category, Vijay Mallick of Shamli has topped the exam. Rahul Kumar of Saharanpur is at the second position and Saurabh Kumar Saroj of Jaunpur at third. In the woman category, Princi of Baghat has topped the exam. Priti of Etawah is at the second position and Palau Solanki of Baghat at third place.

Among the 23,520 selected for the civil police, 11,761 are from unreserved category including 2,352 women, 6,350 from OBC category, including 1,220 women, and 4,939 from SC category, including 987 women. Among the 18,000 aspirants selected for PAC, 9,000 are from unreserved category, 4,860 of OBCs and 3,780 of SC.

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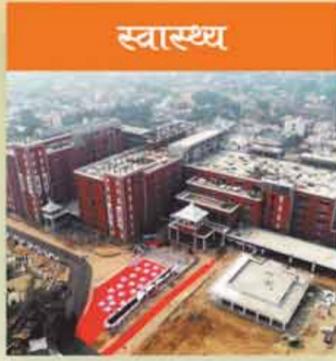


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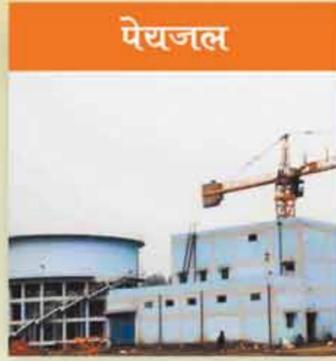


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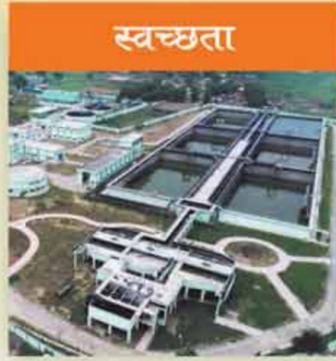
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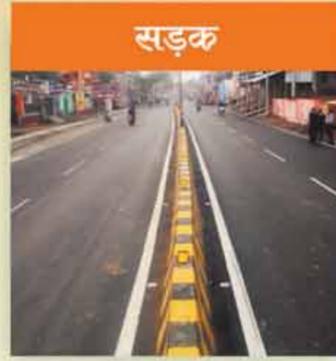
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स्वास्थ्य: • महामना पं. मदनमोहन मालवीय कैंसर सेन्टर (MPMMCC) वी.एच.यू.। • होमी भाभा कैंसर हॉस्पिटल (HBCH) लहरतारा। • 150 बेड वाले ईएसआईसी चिकित्सालय, पाण्डेयपुर में सुपर स्पेशियलिटी एवं कैंजुअल्टी वार्ड का निर्माण। • पं. दीनदयाल उपाध्याय राजकीय चिकित्सालय, पाण्डेयपुर का उच्चीकरण। • आराजीलाईन परिक्षेत्र में पशु चिकित्सा पॉलीक्लीनिक का निर्माण। • नगरीय सामुदायिक स्वास्थ्य केंद्र, शिवपुर।

पेयजल: • पेयजल सम्पूर्ति योजना प्रायरिटी-1, फेज-1। • पेयजल सम्पूर्ति योजना प्रायरिटी-2 (ट्रान्स वरुणा)। • अमृत योजनान्तर्गत शहर के 05 जोन में 47,272 पेयजल गृह संयोजन।

रेलवे: • वाराणसी-प्रयागराज रेलवे खण्ड का विद्युतीकरण। • वाराणसी शहर-मंडुवाडीह रेलवे लाइन का दोहरीकरण। • लोहता-भदोही (39 किमी.) व भदोही-जंघई (31 किमी.) रेलवे लाइन का दोहरीकरण। • मंडुवाडीह रेलवे स्टेशन पर दूसरे प्रवेश द्वार पर चौथे वाशिंग पिट और कोच गाइडेंस सिस्टम। • वाराणसी जंक्शन के प्लेटफार्म-1, 6/7 व 8/9 पर संवर्धित यात्री सुविधाएं।

• वाराणसी जंक्शन पर IMWp सोलर पावर पैनल का प्रावधान। • वाराणसी जंक्शन पर लोको पायलट्स और गार्ड्स के लिए एकीकृत विश्रामगृह। • वाराणसी जंक्शन पर प्लेटफार्म 8/9 पर दो एस्केलेटर व एक लिफ्ट।

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सड़क एवं सेतु: • पंचकोशी मार्ग का चौड़ीकरण एवं सुदृढीकरण (हरहुआ से राजातालाब तक 20 किमी.)। • भोजवीर सिन्धोरा मार्ग-भोजवीर से रिग रोड तक चौड़ीकरण एवं सुदृढीकरण। • विजया सिनेमा से रविन्द्रपुरी लंका मार्ग। • वरुणा पुल से लहुरावीर मार्ग के सतह सुधार का कार्य।

आवास एवं विद्युतीकरण: • दीनदयाल उपाध्याय ग्राम ज्योति योजना के अन्तर्गत 403 मजरो का विद्युतीकरण। • आसरा आवास योजना-अकथा (वरुणापार जोन)। • आसरा आवास योजना-सरायडंगरी (टिकरी)। • आसरा आवास योजना-एडे। • आश्रय गृह योजना-सिकरौल। • आसरा योजना-जोलहा-बजरडीहा (भेलपुर)। • लाल बहादुर शास्त्री अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा परिसर में 02 मेगावाट सोलर पावर प्लान्ट की स्थापना।

अन्य: • काशी इन्टीग्रेटेड कमाण्ड कंट्रोल सेन्टर। • आई.आई.टी., वी.एच.यू. में सुपर कम्प्यूटरिंग सेन्टर। • 4 लाख लीटर दैनिक क्षमता का डेयरी फूड प्रोजेक्ट (रामनगर औद्योगिक क्षेत्र)। • काशी हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय में केन्द्रीय अन्वेषण केन्द्र (Instrumentation Central Discovery Centre) की स्थापना। • आभासीय अनुभूति संग्रहालय, मान महल। • पं. दीनदयाल उपाध्याय आश्रम पद्धति विद्यालय, सातोमहुआ।

शिलान्यास की जाने वाली परियोजनाएं

• संत रविदास जी की जन्मस्थली सीरगोवर्द्धन का पर्यटन विकास (फेज-1)। • भारत सरकार की प्रसाद योजना फेज-2 के अन्तर्गत वाराणसी का पर्यटन विकास। • वाराणसी शहर-सारनाथ रेलवे स्टेशन के मध्य पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे के सम्पार संख्या-23ए पर दो लेन (7.50 मीटर) रेल उपरिगामी सेतु का निर्माण कार्य। • विधान सभा क्षेत्र सेवापुरी, ग्राम-बरकी में राजकीय महाविद्यालय का निर्माण कार्य। • वृहद गो संरक्षण केन्द्र, मधुमखिया, पिण्डरा का निर्माण। • कान्हा पशु आश्रय योजनान्तर्गत ग्राम शहंशाहपुर में पशु शोल्डर होम/काजी हाउस का निर्माण। • वाराणसी जंक्शन के प्रत्येक प्लेटफार्म पर एस्केलेटर एवं लिफ्ट आदि आधुनिक सुविधाओं से युक्त अतिरिक्त 10 मीटर चौड़ा एफ.ओ.बी.। • लोहता से सीधे रेल के आगमन/प्रस्थान के लिए कॉर्ड लाइन एवं शिवपुर से आने वाली मालगाड़ियों के लिए बाईपास लाइन।

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CRPF martyrs' villages to be developed as model villages

MLAs donate 1-month salary to bravehearts

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The Uttar Pradesh government will develop the native villages of the 12 CRPF bravehearts martyred in the Pulwama terror attack on February 14 as model villages and provide all basic amenities there. The government has announced to develop one village in each of the 403 Assembly constituencies of the state as model villages.

An announcement to this effect was made by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath while replying to the debate on the 2019-20 budget in the Assembly on Monday. After adopting the Finance Bill, 2019, the Assembly was adjourned sine die. All 403 MLAs decided to donate their one month's salary for the families of the Pulwama martyrs.

Yogi said that there was no dearth of funds for rural development. In a veiled reference to previous Samajwadi Party

regime, the Chief Minister said, "The Pulwama terror attack is an eye opener for elected representatives and all those pursuing politics of appeasement. They will be rejected by the people."

Ahead of the Lok Sabha elections, the Chief Minister also announced sops for grassroots level state para-employees. "Payables to Anganwadi workers, Shiksha Mitras, ASHA Bahus, Pradesh Raksha Dal, village chowkidars and cooks in primary schools preparing mid-day meals have been hiked and will be paid from April 1," the Chief Minister said.

For state employees, Yogi said the state government had not only decided to open pension accounts of the employees on a war footing but also deposit the state government's share along with interest in the pension accounts.

The Chief Minister said that the new pension scheme (NPS) was implemented at the Centre during Congress-led United Progressive Alliance regime and Samajwadi Party rule in UP in 2005.

"For the next 10 years, the state was ruled by Samajwadi Party and Bahujan Samaj Party but they never cared for the

employees, their pension accounts were not opened nor was the share of the state government deposited in their accounts," he said.

The Chief Minister added, "Instead of admitting their lapse, both SP and BSP are accusing the present BJP government of doing injustice with state employees."

Yogi announced that the state government had increased its share from 10 per cent to 14 per cent for the employees' pension fund. Pursuing the agenda of Hindutva, the Chief Minister said, "Only the BJP can ensure respect of faith. We have successfully organised Kumbh Mela and we will take up restoration of places like Ayodhya, Prayagraj and Vindhyachal," he said.

Yogi said the government was also working on beautification of Sant Ravidas Ashram and Nishadraj Ashram at Shringverpur in Prayagraj.

The Chief Minister said the state government was also working on development and beautification of important pilgrimage centres like Neemsar, Misrikh, Shukratal in Muzaffarnagar and a grand memorial of Maharaja Suhledeo in Shravasti district.

Yogi used the occasion to target his political rivals — the SP, the BSP and the Congress.

"The BSP will oppose anything and everything which enhances the glory of ancient Indian culture and traditions. Even some accidental Hindus not only wear the sacred thread but also discover their caste and gotra," he said.

"Had the opposition parties given recognition to the ancient glory of Indian culture, Congress would not have been reduced to 44 seats in Lok Sabha and be on the deathbed in Uttar Pradesh," Yogi said sarcastically.

In his concluding remarks, the Chief Minister said, "The 15-year-long SP, BSP rules in the state shattered the economy and finances were in a shambles. The sole agenda of both the parties was to loot the exchequer as they knew they would never be voted back to power. My government ended the anarchy and brought financial discipline and enforced financial responsibility and budget management. We also ensured sanction and release of funds as per schedule and ensured that unutilised funds were not transferred to the PLA anymore."

Govt admits shortage of docs in govt hosps

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Admitting acute shortage of doctors in government hospitals across the state, the Uttar Pradesh government declared that soon the Provincial Health and Medical Services (PHMS) doctors would be divided into specialist and non-specialist cadres to speed up filling of vacant posts.

The announcement was made by Health Minister Sidharth Nath Singh during Question Hour in the Assembly on Monday.

Replying to the question of Sanjay Garg of Samajwadi Party, the Health Minister said that in the last two years, the state government tried to tide over the paucity of doctors by taking various steps, including increasing retirement age of doctors, giving ad hoc appointments to retired doctors and making fresh appointments through Public Service Commission. "This way, the government managed to get the services of 4,855 doctors. Besides, 2,800 Ayush doctors were sent to PHCs to strengthen basic health facilities. As per the MCI guidelines, they have been allowed to prescribe 15 allopathic medicines. In this way, the services of 7,655 doctors has been made available," the Health Minister said.

Singh said that there was no differentiation between specialists and non-specialists within the PHMS cadre and this was posing problems in seeking more doctors from Public Service Commission. He said the government had decided to review the cadre and an announcement would be made soon.

The minister said that in the last two years, the government opened 13 new medical colleges and in the next few years, there would be a new generation of trained doctors who in turn would strengthen the cadre strength of doctors by threefold. When leader of opposition Ram Govind Chaudhary pointed out that there was paucity of pharmacists in rural PHCs, the Health Minister said that 6,154 pharmacists were working against a cadre of 6,180 and so there was no shortage of pharmacists.

When the members demanded that a forensic laboratory be set up at all divisional headquarters, Singh that he would consider their demand.

Little initiatives can make govt hospitals better: CM



Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath at the launch of projects at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan on Monday

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Stressing that in the current era of extreme competitiveness, government hospitals need to be prepared for better health services, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said with little initiatives, these hospitals could beat the corporate ones and win the confidence of people. The Chief Minister was speaking at the launch of over 100 advanced life support ambulances and 75 mobile medical units at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan on Monday.

Addressing medical superintendents of district hospitals present on the occasion, Yogi said that the district hospitals could regain their lost prestige, which has been on the decline since 1990, by improving health services. "Only small initiatives are required in this regard. Just take a round of the hospital and check hygiene. We can make big changes with these small acts because patients' complaints are not about meeting the doctor, or getting medicine. Their complaint are that in times of emergency, they do not get beds. It is your responsibility to ensure patients get the beds

and they face no problems. You should also see to it that the response time of ambulances is reduced," the Chief Minister told the medical superintendents. Yogi said with such efforts, doctors would not only be able to save lives but also win the confidence of people. Pointing out that public response was the best in health services as compared to any other sector, the CM said hospitals could improve their image.

Admitting that the condition of district hospitals in the state was very good before 1990, he said it deteriorated, thanks to the apathy by successive governments.

"However, there has been a vast improvement in the health sector in the past 22 months and the patients below poverty line are getting the benefits under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme. With the money being given to the hospitals by our government, the infrastructure can be improved too," he said. The Chief Minister said he was happy to see the kind of services delivered by the Health department at the ongoing Kumbh Mela in Prayagraj (Allahabad). "At one

point, an organisation which set up a free eye check-up camp was attracting a large number of visitors who were being given eye glasses free of cost. The temporary hospital set up there can match the standard of corporate hospitals," he added.

Regarding the advanced life support ambulances, Yogi pointed out that soon after taking charge as Chief Minister, he had launched two ambulances each for every district in 2017 and they were taking health-care services at the doorstep of the common man.

"Ambulances can effectively tackle the health issues of villagers. Several years back in Gorakhpur, I had sent an ambulance to the villages at the time of floods and there was a good feedback. I would simply give the list of villages where the ambulance had to go and they served over 200-300 patients in one go," he recalled.

Yogi said that 13 medical colleges had come up in the state since 2016. "Two AIIMS are also coming up and the one at Rae Bareilly has started its OPD. The other at Gorakhpur will follow suit this month," he added.

'60L new power connections given in 6 mths'

Lucknow (PNS): The Uttar Pradesh government informed the Assembly that 60 lakh new power connections had been given to consumers in the last six months and efforts were on to provide quality power supply across the state.

Replying to a question of Samajwadi Party member Manoj Kumar Pandey, Energy Minister Shrikant Sharma said the department had extended the surcharge waiver scheme for consumers till March 25.

"The decision was taken with the aim to extend help to consumers," he said.

The SP member alleged that there were several complaints of consumer getting exorbitant power bills and some people getting electricity bills even without having a power connection. He claimed that a farmer in Kannauj got a electricity bill of Rs 1 crore while another got a bill of Rs 1.12 lakh for a month.

SP MLA breaks down in House, says robbed of ₹10 lakh

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A piquant situation arose in the Uttar Pradesh Assembly when Samajwadi Party MLA from Mehnagar constituency in Azamgarh district, Kalpnath Paswan, broke down and threatened to end his life, saying that someone had stolen Rs 10 lakh from him and the police had not even registered an FIR. "I am a poor man. I have never seen such a big amount in my life. Someone stole Rs 10 lakh that I was carrying in a suitcase for the construction of my house. I went to the police but they did not register an FIR. I will commit suicide if I do not get my money back," a sobbing Paswan said as the shocked members tried to console him on Monday.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Suresh Khanna said that he would look into the matter and ensure that the legislator got back his stolen



cash. The SP MLA said that he had withdrawn Rs 5 lakh twice from his SBI Vidhan Sabha branch account on December 19 and 20 and the next day he went to Azamgarh by bus and carried the money in his suitcase. "When I reached the bus station, I called my son to come and take me to my home in my native village which is 30 km from the bus station. While waiting for my son, I went to a hotel and ordered tea. The hotel owner asked me to sit inside the office and asked his

employee to carry my suitcase to the office. After having tea, I stepped out of the office and found the cash missing from the suitcase," Paswan said, sobbing bitterly. Paswan said that he had been running from pillar to post for the last month and a half to get an FIR registered so that he could get his money back.

"I am a poor man. By the grace of Hanumanji, I became a legislator. If I do not get my money back, I will end my life," he said.

Jeweller's son found dead

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

The son of a city's prominent jeweller died after he suffered firearm injuries on his chest under mysterious circumstances at his house lying vacant for several months in Mahanagar on Sunday. The incident came to light on Monday morning when his father reached there while searching for him and found his lying in a pool of blood. The police claimed that the youth shot himself but it failed to present any conclusive evidence.

Anuj Kesarwani (37) of sector B of Mahanagar (house number B-92) left his shop in Khurram Nagar locality around 1 pm on Sunday. According to his father Sudhir Kesarwani, Anuj took the revolver issued in the name of senior Kesarwani when left the shop saying he was going home. Anuj, however, did not reach home and when Sudhir came to know this he started calling Anuj's friends to locate him but in vain. He also contacted the police but did not get any help. Around 11 am on Monday, Sudhir reached his another house located in the same area of Mahanagar (B-711) while searching for Anuj. He found the doors locked from inside and was surprised when nobody answered his call when he rapped the doors.

Sudhir went behind his house where he gained entry after opening the back door of the house. When he reached in one of the rooms, he found Anuj lying in a pool of blood and the licensed revolver lying beside him. "Anuj had injuries on his chest. It could not be ascertained if the wound was on the right side or left side of the chest as the entire chest was covered

with blood," the police spokesman said. He said the body had been sent for autopsy. "Sudhir gave to police a written information about his son's death. He feared that Anuj ended his life by shooting himself," the police spokesman said. Police sent the body for autopsy and further investigations were on.

MISSING MAN FOUND MURDERED

A missing man was found brutally murdered in Maal on Monday morning. Santosh Dixit (45) of Triveni Nagar under Madaion police station along with his wife Reena and their children had gone to attend a marriage function at the house of his wife's sister on Sunday. The daughter of Reena's sister was to be married on Sunday night and the function was being held on Ram Dulari Kashi Prasad Inter College campus in Maal.

The victim's wife said she was with Santosh by 2 am on Monday at the house. "Santosh left for the marriage venue to see the arrangements for baratis at the marriage venue but he did not return. As the ritual for the marriage was going on, the relative started looking for Santosh who had to perform some puja but could not locate him," she told police. At day break, some villagers found blood-stained body of a youth on Itaunja road 2 kilometres away from his house. They informed the police and a team reached the scene. The police pressed a dog squad and forensic experts to collect evidence from the crime scene as per standard procedure. However, the cops failed to get any clue about the miscreants.



Lucknow University students taking out a march against Pakistan over Pulwama terror attack

Pioneer

Man killed, hanged at Polytechnic crossing

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

Unidentified miscreants killed a man and hanged him from the railing of a foot over bridge at Polytechnic crossing in Ghazipur police station area on Monday morning. Around 11 am, some of the pavement dwellers spotted the unidentified man hanging from the railing with a saree tied around his neck and soon the

news flew far and wide. Later, water bottle seller Vijendra Yadav called the police and a team reached the place. By the time cops reached the scene, the area was flooded with a huge number of commuters, pavement-dwellers and shop-owners. The police spokesman said the body bore no injury mark. "No identification document or suicide note was recovered from him and we are trying to

establish his identity. We suspect that he is a labourer," he added. He admitted that the identification process was on and body would be sent for the post-mortem after 72 hours. While the police were tight-lipped on speaking anything about the incident and parroted claims of suicide, the sources opined that the man was attacked by some of his rivals or he was killed during some brawl.

Priyanka set to embark on east UP tour from Feb 21

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

After her meetings with party leaders in Lucknow during her three-day stay in the state capital last week, Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra will embark on a tour of eastern districts of Uttar Pradesh under her charge from February 21 by taking a holy dip at the Sangam in Prayagraj and later visiting Varanasi.

A senior Congress leader said in Lucknow on Monday that during Priyanka's visit to Varanasi, she

would visit the families of CRPF jawans martyred in Pulwama terror attack. She would also meet the families of those who died in the hooch tragedy. Anand Bhawan, the ancestral house of Nehru-Gandhi clan in Prayagraj, has been decked up for Priyanka's visit and preparations are in full swing at Sewa Dal camp in Kumbh Mela area.

Sources said that Priyanka would visit Prayagraj on February 21 and head to Varanasi for three-four days before attending her maiden Congress Working Committee



meeting scheduled in Ahmedabad on February 28. The Congress top gun's Varanasi itinerary also includes a visit to Kashi Vishwanath temple with the possibility of a roadshow.

The newly-appointed AICC general secretaries in charge of east and west Uttar Pradesh, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and Jyotiraditya Scindia, respectively, participated in a roadshow in Lucknow on February 11 and met leaders from constituencies assigned to them. After the meetings, Priyanka said that she was learning about the organisation.

Priyanka has been given charge of 41 constituencies in east UP and Scindia of 39 western constituencies for the upcoming 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

Earlier, a Congress release said that Priyanka met party representatives from Hamirpur, Jalaun and Jhansi in New Delhi and discussed ground realities with them.

Scindia would be meeting leaders from western Uttar Pradesh districts including Mathura, Aligarh, Ghaziabad and Gautam Buddha Nagar in New Delhi on Tuesday.

J&K ex-CMs appeal for safety of Kashmiris

Omar, Mehbooba appeal to maintain communal harmony

PTI ■ SRINAGAR

Former Jammu & Kashmir Chief Ministers Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti on Monday issued a joint appeal for maintaining communal harmony across the country and urged the Centre to ensure safety and security of Kashmiris in other States.



youngsters of Kashmir are implicitly being told that they have no future outside of the valley," National Conference leader Omar Abdullah and PDP president Mehbooba Mufti said. "Intimidating" Kashmiris was aimed at creating a wedge between different communities in India, they said.

Bloodshed will only stop when Centre overhauls its approach to J&K: Mehbooba

Srinagar: PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Monday expressed condolences to the families of soldiers killed in the Pulwama encounter, saying the bloodshed will only stop when the Centre overhauls its approach to Jammu & Kashmir.

Guv discusses issues related to law and order

Jammu: Jammu & Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik on Monday discussed with his advisors issues relating to effective maintenance of law and order and directed that no anti-social element be allowed to disturb peace in the State.

ability of essential commodities and medicines be ensured by the administration. PTI

Hurriyat leader asks J&K Govt to withdraw security personnel from his residence

Srinagar: Senior Hurriyat Conference leader Maulana Abbas Ansari on Monday asked the Jammu & Kashmir Government to withdraw security personnel posted at his residence.

Sajad Lone: Can't support decision to withdraw security to separatists in Kashmir

Jammu: Chairman of Peoples Conference and former Minister Sajad Gani Lone on Monday said he "cannot support" the decision to withdraw security to separatists in Kashmir, noting his father was killed months after his security was "lowered".



I am not in a position to defend this decision (withdrawal of security), the separatist-turned politician said, adding that "had I not been provided security, I would not have fought the elections because I would not have been alive then".

BJP, Congress needle each other

Gandhinagar: The ruling BJP and the main Opposition Congress traded barbs in the Gujarat Assembly on Monday as they condemned the February 14 terror attack on a CRPF convoy in Jammu & Kashmir.

instead of a full budget due to the coming Lok Sabha polls. Chief Minister Vijay Rupani said the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Union government was taking all necessary steps to wipe out terrorism.

Kashmir in the last couple of years. "There are many other means to acquire power. But when someone tries to break our unity, we all must resolve to give a befitting reply to such elements. Mere talks will not serve any purpose.

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PULWAMA MASTERMIND... According to spokesman of the Jammu and Kashmir police, "Based on credible inputs about the presence of terrorists in Pinglana area of South Kashmir's Pulwama district, a cordon and search operation was launched jointly by police and security forces in the intervening night in the area."

struck between BJP's national president Amit Shah and Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray, the Shiv Sena --- after having been a vociferous critic of its saffron alliance partner and Prime Minister Narendra Modi --- not only managed to get some face saver to get back to the saffron alliance, but it also gained in terms of seat-sharing deal in both the Lok Sabha and Assembly polls.

ning tally by more than two and a half times from 46 seats in the 2009 polls to 122 seats in the 2014 polls. As against the performance put up by the BJP, the Shiv Sena had emerged second in the 2014 Assembly polls by winning as many as 63 seats (out of 282 seats it had contested). The Sena had also increased its polling percentage from 16.26 in the previous polls to 19.4 now and scale up its seat tally from 44 in 2009 to 63 seats in 2014.

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Table with 5 columns: क्र.सं., कार्य का नाम, आगमन वनराशि, जमानत वनराशि, कार्य पूरा करने की अवधि, निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य, निविदा प्रपत्र का प्रतिशत, कुल निविदा मूल्य. Lists various construction and maintenance work items.

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Personnel of the 55 Rashtriya Rifles, CRPF and the Special Operation Group of the Jammu and Kashmir police and CRPF jawans jointly conducted the operations. While, the weekly Poonch-Rawalakot cross-LOC bus service was suspended in view of the prevailing law and order situation in Jammu, following the recent terror attack on a CRPF convoy in south Kashmir.

FOR 'IDEOLOGY' SAKE...

Expressing his happiness over the renewed alliance between the BJP and Sena, Shah said: "With our forming an alliance to contest the Lok Sabha and Assembly polls together, the wishes of crores of workers of both the parties have been fulfilled. After detailed discussions with Uddhavji, we have formalised the alliance. The Shiv Sena and Akali Dal are the oldest allies of the BJP.

On its part, the ruling BJP went out of the way to both good humour and give a face-saver to Shiv Sena, by agreeing to the Sena's demand for early construction of Ram Mandir at Ayodhya and assuring its partner that it would look into complaints of farmers who have not so far benefitted from the state government's loan waiver scheme and the Centre's crop insurance scheme, it would shift the Nanar oil refinery and petroleum products complex from coastal Ratnagiri district in view of the opposition from the local people and waive property tax of people living in flats less than 500 sq area each.

Uddhav said that the Sena was satisfied with the assurances given by the chief minister on its various demands. "Since the chief minister has spoken in detail about the issues that we had raised during the course of our talks and the assurances given by the state government, I need not have to talk much about it. I am satisfied with the assurances given by him (the chief minister)".

INDIA EXPOSES... He claimed that the judges of the Pakistani military courts are not required to have judicial or legal training or even a law degree, and they do not enjoy any security of tenure which are prerequisites of judicial competence and independence.

The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf government of Prime Minister Imran Khan has shown willingness to give another term to the army-run courts but it needs the support of the opposition as the courts were created after an amendment in the Constitution which can be done by the support of two-third of lawmakers. In the four years, they have been in operation, military courts have convicted 617 people for terrorism-related offences, out of which 346 people have been sentenced to death and 271 people have been given prison sentences.

Worried about husband's safety, jawan's wife kills self

Ahmedabad (PTI): The wife of an Army jawan allegedly committed suicide in Gujarat's Devbhoomi Dwaraka district as she had become anxious about his safety, police said on Monday.

CANCELLATION OF NOTICE INVITING TENDER No. SSA/MIS/Support-materials/OD/336/2006/PI/6733 Date : 18.02.2019

CANCELLATION OF NOTICE INVITING TENDER No. SSA/MIS/CT-Elementary/452/2018/ 6731 Date : 18.02.2019

National Highways Authority of India (Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India) NOTICE INVITING TENDER HIRING OF OFFICE ACCOMMODATION

Notice Inviting Re-e-Tender No. SSA/MIS/Support-materials/OD/336/2006/PI/6734 Date : 18.02.2019

Notice Inviting Re-e-Tender No. SSA/MIS/CT-Elementary/452/2018/6732 Date : 18.02.2019

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (Regd. Office: PSPCL Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001) OPEN e-TENDER NOTICE

STERLITE COPPER PLANT

'SC order has brought relief to kin who lost relatives in protests'

PTI ■ CHENNAI

Welcoming the Supreme Court order, setting aside the NGT directive to reopen the Sterlite plant, an activist of the movement against the copper unit said it has brought relief and solace to people in Tuticorin.

Those in favour of the company being reopened however said they would collectively move the Madras High Court as per the avenues made

available by the top court. Anti-Sterlite movement activist Fathima Babu said people were relieved on hearing about the apex court decision.

"It is a big relief and solace for the people and family members of those people who lost their lives during the agitation. I saw quite a lot of enthusiasm among the people of Tuticorin. We welcome the Supreme Court's decision," she said.

Fathima Babu said the state Government had stood its ground during the movement and should now bring the matter to its logical conclusion.

"It has to initiate criminal proceedings against the company, besides making them clean up the entire place and provide compensation to all those affected," she said.

Thoothukudi Contractors Association President S Thiagarajan said it was an

"unexpected decision." "We are all locals and have not experienced anything like what has been alleged. There are townships in the vicinity. If there was an issue, do you think people would reside there? None expected such a decision. We will collectively approach Madras High Court," he said.

Tamil Nadu State Stevedore RPT Stevedore Association Vice President Peer Mohammed said industry was essential for any state or coun-

try for development. "We expected a favourable judgement. The company should have initially approached the High Court, instead of directly going to the Supreme Court. Now we will move the High Court as per the directions," he said.

Mohammed, who is involved in logistics and transportation of copper, rock phosphate and coal to the Sterlite plant, said those dependent on the plant have suffered a lot.

The Apex Court Monday refused to allow reopening of Vedanta's Sterlite plant, which was at the centre of massive protests over pollution concerns, but granted it liberty to approach the high court against the state government's order to shut it down.

It allowed Tamil Nadu's appeal against the NGT order only on grounds of maintainability and said the tribunal has no jurisdiction to order reopening of the plant.

Centre tapping my telephone, says Mamata

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has brought a serious charge against the Central Government accusing it of tapping her telephones in order to get informations about her.

The Bengal Chief Minister on Monday told media that the Narendra Modi Government

was misusing the various central agencies and illegally tapping her phones and getting information about her.

"I have full evidence to prove that the centre is using the agencies to tap my phone," which was unethical and undemocratic she said.

The Mamta Banerjee — led Trinomool Congress had been locked in a bitter turf war in



Bengal which has only accelerated two — three months ahead on the General Elections. "The BJP and the RSS are trying to fan communal tension in Bengal, "in which they will never succeed.

Banerjee also accused the Prime Minister of playing politics on sensitive issues. Her remarks came after Modi made similar remarks against her.

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, ALLAHABAD

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Engg. Deptt./NCR/ALD

S/o : **Shri Nand Kishor Chaurasiya**

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Due to your unauthorized absence from duty since **06.08.2003** the standard **Form No. 05** was issued under Rule-9 of Railway Employees (Discipline and appeal) Rules 1968 whose final enquiry was proposed.

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POSSESSION NOTICE APPENDIX IV (RULE 8(1))

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the HDFC Bank Ltd, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued demand notice dated 30/10/2018 calling upon the borrower(s) 1. **M/S UTTAM VASTRALAYA THROUGH ITS PROPRIETOR MR. MARKANDEY MADDHESIA 2. MR. MARKANDEY MADDHESIA S/O SH. SHIVPUJAN MADDHESIA 3. MR. GORAKH NATH MADDHESIA S/O SH. SHIVPUJAN MADDHESIA 4. MR. RAM AVTAR S/O SH. SHIVPUJAN MADDHESIA 5. MR. RAJU MADDHESIA S/O SH. SHIVPUJAN MADDHESIA**, to pay the amount mentioned in the notice Rs. 15,24,486/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Twenty Four Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Six Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act on the read with rule 8 & 9 of the said Rules, on this 13th day of February, 2019. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to charge of HDFC Bank Ltd. for an amount of notice Rs. 15,24,486/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Twenty Four Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Six Only) and interest thereon together with expenses and charges etc. Less amount paid if any.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

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PLACE : KHUSHINAGAR, UTTAR PRADESH

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Indian Bank

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POSSESSION NOTICE (Rule 8(1) for immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised officer of the Indian Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice (details of which have been mentioned hereunder) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the respective notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rules 8 & 9 of the said rule. The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the Indian Bank for an amount and interest & other expenses there on as described here in below:-
We draw attention to the provisions of section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act and the Rules framed there under which deals with your rights of redemption over the securities.

Name of Branch-Rajnikhand Branch	Name of the Borrower/A/c No.	Description of the Immovable Property	Date of Demand Notice/Outstanding Amt. Date of Possession Notice/Outstanding Amt.
Borrower:- Mr. Vishal Rajapati. A/c No. 6396168129	All the part and parcel of the House constructed on plot, part of Khasra No. 2105 Mi, admeasuring area-81.784 sq. mtr., situated at Village-Hanskhara, Ward-Alamnagar, Pargana, Tehsil and Distt. Lucknow. Bounded by:- North: Rest half plot of Sumit Srivastava thereafter Araj Deeger, South: Araj Deeger, East: 20 feet wide road, West: Bagh of Sri Ram.	Rs. 27,71,146/- as on 16.02.2019 & Intt./Cost thereon	16.02.2019

Date : 19.02.2019 Place : Lucknow Authorised Officer, Indian Bank

जलकल विभाग, नगर निगम जोन-7 इंदिरा नगर, लखनऊ

अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना

दिनांक : 18.2.2019

पं०सं० : 3076/एलजेएस/ईई-7

जलकल विभाग में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से नीचे दिये गये विवरण के अनुरूप कार्य कराने हेतु निविदायें दिनांक **28.02.2019** के सायंकाल **4:00** बजे तक आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदा प्रपत्र किसी भी कार्य दिवस में दिनांक **28.02.2019** को **1:00** बजे तक निविदा मूल्य का नगद युगतान कैश काउन्टर पर करके निविदा प्राप्त किये जा सकते हैं। मरी हुई सील निविदायें उसी दिन अघोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय में सायंकाल **3:30** बजे तक निविदा बाक्स में प्राप्त की जायेगी। निविदा बाक्स से प्राप्त सभी निविदायें उपस्थित निविदादाताओं के सम्मक्ष सायं **4:00** बजे खोली जायेंगी।

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**अधिशासी अभियन्ता, जोन-7
जलकल विभाग**

BSF hands over Bangladeshi national to BGB

Shillong: A Bangladeshi national, who was caught by BSF trying to cross the International border in Meghalaya East Jaintia Hills district, was on Monday handed over to the BGB as a goodwill gesture, officials said.

The BSF troops deployed at Lajuri area in East Jaintia Hills district apprehended one Bangladeshi national Saidul Islam — while trying to sneak into Indian territory.

After preliminary questioning, the 35 year-old man hailing from Utholigram village under Chouranga district was handed over to Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB) in presence of local police as a goodwill gesture, a BSF spokesperson said in a statement.

He said the BSF troops has also seized 266 cattle and contraband items worth over Rs 57 lakh while being smuggled out from India to Bangladesh on the International Border along Meghalaya since in the past one week.

These cattle and items were seized from Tukya, Nayabazar, Lyngkhat, Umsiyem, Ryngku, Mukamchera and Shella in East Khasi Hills district, Muktapur in West Jaintia Hills district, Gumaghat in South West Khasi Hills and Baghmara in South Garo Hills district of Meghalaya, the statement said.

The apprehension and the seizure of cattle and items were made following the BSF stepping up their special drive against the illegal intruders and intensified operations on the Indo-Bangladesh Border to prevent trans border criminals from carrying out anti-national activities, it said. Meghalaya Frontier of the BSF is in charge of guarding the 443 km-long Indo-Bangladesh border, most parts of which are unfenced, hilly and difficult to man.

Assam Govt: No info on deported people returning to State

Guwahati: Assam Government on Monday informed the Assembly that it did not have any data whether any of the 29,800 "foreigners" deported to Bangladesh between 2016 and 2018 had returned to the State.

From May 2016, when the BJP led Government came to power in the State, and August 2018, a total of 29,800 people were declared foreigners living in Assam illegally and were deported, Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary said.

Citizen Bill : Congress appeals to people of NE to vote against BJP

Aizawl: The Congress on Monday appealed to the people of Mizoram and the north eastern region to vote against the BJP and its allies in the coming Lok Sabha polls as it is determined to legislate the contentious Citizenship Amendment Bill.

BJP national president Amit Shah told a rally at Lakhimpur in Assam on Sunday that if the the Narendra Modi-led BJP Government returns to power in the coming Lok Sabha elections, it would ensure the passage of the Bill.

It had been passed in the Lok Sabha on January 8, it was not tabled in the Rajya Sabha. The Bill is now set to lapse on June 3, when the tenure of the present Lok Sabha ends.

"As BJP is hell bent on the passage of the proposed amendment bill, the people of Mizoram as well as the north eastern states should unite against the BJP and its allies for the defeat of the proposed legislation," the statement said.

The Congress said that the fact that Shah "dared" to express on the soil of the north east BJP's determination to pass the proposed amendment bill showed that he has no respect for the people of the region and their wishes. The North East Students Organisation (NESO), which spear-headed the movement against the Bill, also issued a press statement con-



demning the speeches of Shah. "We are against the illegal Bangladeshis and we do not differentiate them on the basis of their religion. An illegal Bangladeshi is an illegal Bangladeshi, irrespective of whether the person is a Hindu or a Muslim," it said.

The body further stated that the students of the north east region will never accept the 'draconian bill' and called upon all the indigenous peoples of the region to thwart the "evil designs" for the survival of the race, identity, culture, language and future generations.

The Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019 provides for according Indian citizenship to Hindus, Jains, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists and Parsis from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan after seven years of residence in India instead of 12 years, which is the norm currently, even if they do not possess any document.

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (In Anticipation of Sanction)

No. 489/E-tender/2019 Dated : 11-02-2019

1. The Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, P.W.D. Lucknow on behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh invites the percentage rate bids online from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with UP P.W.D. class 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D' & 'E'. The Bidder may submit bids for any or all of the works as per their qualification criteria. Bidders are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 4 of the Instructions to Bidders to qualify for the award of the contract.

Sl. No.	District	Name of Work	Estim. cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Bid Secy (Rs. in Lakhs)	Cost of Document (in Rs.)	Time of Completion	Address of Executive of the executing work	Address of Superintending Engineer	Address of Chief Engineer
1	Lucknow	Renewal work of Internal Roads of Rajendra Nagar Colony.	03.80	0.38	150.00+500+G.S.T.=680.00	60 Days	PD, PWD Lucknow	Lucknow Circle, P.W.D. Lucknow	C.E., Central Zone, P.W.D. Lucknow
2	Lucknow	Renewal work of Lucknow-Bijnour Marg	06.90	0.69	225.00+500+G.S.T.=775.00	60 Days	PD, PWD Lucknow	Lucknow Circle, P.W.D. Lucknow	C.E., Central Zone, P.W.D. Lucknow
3	Lucknow	Renewal work of Geeta Palli Mazar to Crossing	0.59	0.06	50.00+500+G.S.T.=560.00	30 Days	PD, PWD Lucknow	Lucknow Circle, P.W.D. Lucknow	C.E., Central Zone, P.W.D. Lucknow
4	Lucknow	Renewal work of Tagore Marg	05.71	0.58	225.00+500+G.S.T.=775.00	60 Days	PD, PWD Lucknow	Lucknow Circle, P.W.D. Lucknow	C.E., Central Zone, P.W.D. Lucknow
5	Lucknow	Renewal work of Tulsi Das Marg	32.74	3.30	300.00+2000+G.S.T.=2360.00	90 Days	PD, PWD Lucknow	Lucknow Circle, P.W.D. Lucknow	C.E., Central Zone, P.W.D. Lucknow
6	Lucknow	Renewal work of Krishna Nagar - Tal Katora Marg	27.12	2.80	300.00+2000+G.S.T.=2360.00	90 Days	PD, PWD Lucknow	Lucknow Circle, P.W.D. Lucknow	C.E., Central Zone, P.W.D. Lucknow
7	Lucknow	Renewal work of Internal Roads of Jawahar Bhawan	05.64	0.57	225.00+500+G.S.T.=775.00	30 Days	PD, PWD Lucknow	Lucknow Circle, P.W.D. Lucknow	C.E., Central Zone, P.W.D. Lucknow
8	Lucknow	Renewal work of Rana Pratap Marg	32.10	3.22	300.00+2000+G.S.T.=2360.00	90 Days	PD, PWD Lucknow	Lucknow Circle, P.W.D. Lucknow	C.E., Central Zone, P.W.D. Lucknow
9	Lucknow	Renewal work of Delhi-Bareilly-Lucknow Marg (N.H.-24 City Portion)	25.14	2.52	300.00+2000+G.S.T.=2360.00	90 Days	PD, PWD Lucknow	Lucknow Circle, P.W.D. Lucknow	C.E., Central Zone, P.W.D. Lucknow
10	Lucknow	Renewal work of Butler Marg to Kalidas Marg (Internal part of Zoo)	05.35	0.54	225.00+500+G.S.T.=775.00	30 Days	PD, PWD Lucknow	Lucknow Circle, P.W.D. Lucknow	C.E., Central Zone, P.W.D. Lucknow
11	Lucknow	Renewal work of Kaiser Bagh-Baradari Marg Around Pariwatan Chowk Roatory	18.34	1.84	300.00+500+G.S.T.=860.00	60 Days	PD, PWD Lucknow	Lucknow Circle, P.W.D. Lucknow	C.E., Central Zone, P.W.D. Lucknow
12	Lucknow	Renewal work of Sarojani Naidu Marg	15.43	1.55	300.00+500+G.S.T.=860.00	90 Days	PD, PWD Lucknow	Lucknow Circle, P.W.D. Lucknow	C.E., Central Zone, P.W.D. Lucknow
13	Lucknow	Renewal work of Internal Roads of Vikramaditya Marg Colony.	05.44	0.55	225.00+500+G.S.T.=775.00	60 Days	PD, PWD Lucknow	Lucknow Circle, P.W.D. Lucknow	C.E., Central Zone, P.W.D. Lucknow
14	Lucknow	Renewal work of Rafi Ahmad Kidwai Marg	03.74	0.38	150.00+500+G.S.T.=680.00	30 Days	PD, PWD Lucknow	Lucknow Circle, P.W.D. Lucknow	C.E., Central Zone, P.W.D. Lucknow
15	Lucknow	Renewal work of Sant Asha Ram Babu Ashram Marg	05.18	0.52	225.00+500+G.S.T.=775.00	60 Days	PD, PWD Lucknow	Lucknow Circle, P.W.D. Lucknow	C.E., Central Zone, P.W.D. Lucknow
16	Lucknow	Renewal work of Lohiya Path New R.O.B. (Right Side)	12.35	1.25	225.00+500+G.S.T.=775.00	60 Days	PD, PWD Lucknow	Lucknow Circle, P.W.D. Lucknow	C.E., Central Zone, P.W.D. Lucknow
17	Lucknow	Renewal work of Lohiya Path Service Road (Left Side)	19.74	1.98	300.00+500+G.S.T.=860.00	60 Days	PD, PWD Lucknow	Lucknow Circle, P.W.D. Lucknow	C.E., Central Zone, P.W.D. Lucknow
18	Lucknow	Renewal work of Lohiya Path Service Road (Right Side)	21.85	2.20	300.00+2000+G.S.T.=2360.00	90 Days	PD, PWD Lucknow	Lucknow Circle, P.W.D. Lucknow	C.E., Central Zone, P.W.D. Lucknow
19	Lucknow	Renewal work of Butler Marg	17.27	1.75	300.00+500+G.S.T.=860.00	60 Days	PD, PWD Lucknow	Lucknow Circle, P.W.D. Lucknow	C.E., Central Zone, P.W.D. Lucknow
20	Lucknow	Renewal work of Rana Pratap Marg to Nishatgnaj Bridge	12.69	1.30	225.00+500+G.S.T.=775.00	60 Days	PD, PWD Lucknow	Lucknow Circle, P.W.D. Lucknow	C.E., Central Zone, P.W.D. Lucknow
21	Lucknow	Renewal work of Meerabai Marg	06.49	0.65	225.00+500+G.S.T.=775.00	30 Days	PD, PWD Lucknow	Lucknow Circle, P.W.D. Lucknow	C.E., Central Zone, P.W.D. Lucknow
22	Lucknow	Renewal work of Butler Palace Colony Marg	08.11	0.82	225.00+500+G.S.T.=775.00	30 Days	PD, PWD Lucknow	Lucknow Circle, P.W.D. Lucknow	C.E., Central Zone, P.W.D. Lucknow
23	Lucknow	Renewal work of Buchari Marg	12.82	1.30	225.00+500+G.S.T.=775.00	60 Days	PD, PWD Lucknow	Lucknow Circle, P.W.D. Lucknow	C.E., Central Zone, P.W.D. Lucknow
24	Lucknow	Renewal work of Mohalla Kanausi Village Gangakhara Marg	0.72	0.08	50.00+500+G.S.T.=560.00	30 Days	PD, PWD Lucknow	Lucknow Circle, P.W.D. Lucknow	C.E., Central Zone, P.W.D. Lucknow
25	Lucknow	Renewal work of Dali Ganj Railway Crossing to Purniary Railway Crossing	08.95	0.90	225.00+500+G.S.T.=775.00	60 Days	PD, PWD Lucknow	Lucknow Circle, P.W.D. Lucknow	C.E., Central Zone, P.W.D. Lucknow
26	Lucknow	Renewal work of Guru Govind Singh Marg	08.86	0.89	225.00+500+G.S.T.=775.00	60 Days	PD, PWD Lucknow	Lucknow Circle, P.W.D. Lucknow	C.E., Central Zone, P.W.D. Lucknow
27	Lucknow	Renewal work of Caryappa Marg	22.80	2.30	300.00+2000+G.S.T.=2360.00	90 Days	PD, PWD Lucknow	Lucknow Circle, P.W.D. Lucknow	C.E., Central Zone, P.W.D. Lucknow

3. Time allowed for completion of work is given in the above table in column no. 7, including rainy season.

4. The bids shall remain valid for acceptance for a period of 90 (Ninety) Days from the last date of submission of bids. Bids once submitted cannot be withdrawn.

5. Bids must be accompanied by non-refundable fee as indicated in Column 6 of the above table, in the form of Demand Draft on any Schedule bank, for amount indicated in favour of "Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, P.W.D. Lucknow," payable at Lucknow. A set of bidding documents will be available online on website <http://tender.up.nic.in>.

6. Bids can be downloaded online from dated 20.02.2019 at 12:00 AM to 26.02.2019 at 12:00 noon and bids must be submitted online on or before 12:00 Noon on dated 27.02.2019. The technical bids will be opened online on dated 27.02.2019 at 12:30 PM. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened online on the next working day, respectively, at the same time and validity of bid will be considered from the original date. The date and time of opening of the financial bid shall be notified on website. The Financial bids shall be accordingly opened online.

7. A pre-bid meeting will be held for each work on date 22.02.2019 at 12:00 Noon at OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PROVINCIAL DIVISION, P.W.D. LUCKNOW corresponding to the respective package to clarify the issues and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised at that stage as specified in Clause 9.2 of Instructions to Bidders of the bidding document.

8. Bids must be accompanied with security of the amount specified for the work in the table. Bid security will have to be in any one of the forms as specified in the bidding document and shall be valid for 45 days beyond the validity of the bid.

9. A bidder shall not be permitted to bid for works in the Circle responsible for award and execution of contracts in which his or his spouse's near relatives (defined as first blood relations, and their spouses) is posted as Divisional Accountant or as an officer in any capacity between the grades of Superintending Engineer and Junior Engineer (both inclusive).

10. No Engineer of Gazetted rank or other Gazetted officer employed in Engineering or Administrative duties in an Engineering Department of the State / Central Government is allowed to work as a Contractor for a period of two years after his retirement from Government service, without Government permission. This contract is liable to be cancelled if either the Contractor or any of his employees is found any time to be such a person who had not obtained the permission of the Government as aforesaid before submission of the tender or engagement in the Contractor's service.

11. Bid documents and other details consisting of qualification information and eligibility criterion of bidders, plans, specifications, drawings, the schedule of quantities of the various classes of work to be done and the set of terms & conditions of contract to be complied with by the Contractor can be seen in the office of the Executive Engineer mentioned in column 7 of the table corresponding to the respective package between the hours of 11:00 am and 04:00 pm on any working day between 20.02.2019 to 26.02.2019.

12. Any bidder who is having criminal record is not allowed to participate in the bidding process.

13. Any bidder who is registered with the state Bar Council is not allowed to participate in the bidding process.

14. Each bidder is required to furnish an affidavit online on a non-judicial stamp paper of Rs. 100/- giving all information on prescribed Proforma required for evaluation of the bidding capacity of the bidder.

15. Bidder must submit information/document on prescribed Proforma i.e. T4, T5, T6 with each bid.

16. GST shall be deducted as per GST Rules from Contractor Bill.

17. According to the provisions of Government Order No. 1/2018/3070178-2-2018/4217/2017 Dated 03/01/2018 after opening of the technical and financial bids, the bidder has to submit original documents personally in department/Office. In the event of non submission of original documents by the bidder, the appropriate action will be taken in accordance with the provisions of G.O.

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Cricket as power tool

There are appeals to BCCI that India not play Pak at World Cup but why should we give a walkover?



With tempers still on the boil over the Pulwama terrorist attacks, carried out by Jaish-e-Mohammad under the protectorate of Pakistan, discussion boards are awash with opinions on how to punish the rogue nation, diplomatically, economically and culturally. Now the strategy to isolate Pakistan has spilt over into sports and the only discipline which is religion on both sides and has been used to settle many sub-continental duels — cricket. Especially after Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan, a cricketing legend himself, forgot the values of the game and

is yet to comment on the latest Pulwama attack. Now the Cricket Club of India (CCI), an affiliate of the Board for Control of Cricket in India (BCCI), has demanded that India not play Pakistan at the ICC World Cup this summer. It even blacked out pictures of Pakistani cricketers from its premises in Mohali. Fans too are demanding that we not play Pakistan and in fact, cede two points to that team, as a walkover. While the fragility of Indo-Pak relations is being tested on a taut and thin thread that cannot be elasticised any further, the larger theory of sports being an apolitical space which must actually transcend borders is not holding. Rather, the larger sports economy, in this case the cricket economy, is being used as a coercive tool to isolate Pakistan and bring it down to its knees on supporting Jaish and its chief Masood Azhar. As it is, IMG-Reliance almost overnight pulled out of broadcast contracts to provide satellite feed of Pakistan Cricket League (PCL) matches. The logic being applied here too is much the same. With India a big booming market for spectatorship, which holds the barometer of the much-loved TRPs, and us owning much of the rights of the distribution feed, ICC sure cannot afford to alienate India. But can it stop it from keeping Pakistan in the championship? Unlikely. Though it makes for good optics internationally, fact is nobody else will be invested as deeply in India's hurt or a bilateral issue in a multi-lateral championship. Besides, we have stopped playing Pakistan since 26/11 except at multi-nation championships. And this is the World Cup, so we would want our boys to win on their talent and steam and crush the Pakistanis instead of giving them a walkover.

A far more effective way of choking a financially-strapped Pakistan now would be to appeal to the global finance task force and build a case for World Bank and IMF to not grant loans. And now that Imran Khan is crowing how Saudi Crown Prince Mohammad-bin Salman cannot let down Pakistan and will fund it generously, we need to tell the prince when he visits here that investments can't be easy without mutual gains and concessions. Besides, as we have mentioned before, we need to make this point with China too, which values our market more than anything else. Meanwhile, cricket itself can become one of the soft tools of outreach to the Valley, where youth engagement and their participation in local matters have been completely sidelined with the obviously prioritised security imperatives. But if Pulwama has shown anything, it is that it is time to arrest the drift and mount a social reconnect programme to counter the Jaish propaganda, especially in the time of fake news and the high consumption of digital platforms in the Valley. Parvez Rasool has made it to the national side while Qamran Iqbal (17) has made it to the under-19 national side. More stars are shining through in the IPL. In the end, this will be the greatest game that we will win against Pakistan.

To detain or not to

The debate about holding children back in a class is one with passionate arguments on either side



The constant flip-flop on the 'no detention' till Class VIII policy passed by the Union Cabinet in 2017 is best exemplified by Delhi's Education Minister Manish Sisodia, who has both criticised and praised it at different times. But Sisodia is not alone, even educationists are deeply divided on whether the policy is good or bad. At the fundamental level, holding a child back in a lower class could detrimentally impact his/her self-confidence and lead to low-esteem later in life but passing a child, who is fundamentally weak in basic literacy such as reading, mathematics and analytical skills, will mean sending someone up the chain who will be too weak to join the job market whenever he/she graduates. However, Sisodia's main contention is valid, and that is that most Indian schools are ill-prepared to have a 'no detention' policy in place right now with low teacher accountability for results. And while the policy is a good one, it is currently too utopian. Thus, the Delhi Government has proposed staggered detentions for the time being, with children possibly being held back in Classes III, V and VIII. And on this, Sisodia is correct because at a very basic level, one has to understand that every child is unique and has different learning abilities, which may or may not be associated with their upbringing. But until a child's mental abilities are properly assessed, such a policy is detrimental for India's future workforce. India, for example, has very few special learning schools for children with slower mental development, for instance, almost none in the Government sector and very few in the private sector. The Indian education system, that is geared towards quantity given the scale of young people in this country, is deeply unprepared to deal with children who fall off the bandwagon for whatever reason.

While a 'no detention' policy is perfect in a world where teacher-student ratios are ideal and teachers can give more time to those children, who demand more time to develop, India really needs to ramp up its investment in educational institutions that help young children catch up, a 'no child left behind' policy in a manner of speaking. Even then, given the scale of the problem, that is the sheer volume of children in India, we cannot continue advocating a 'one size fits all' solution over here. Yes, the problem about low self-esteem in later life if a child is held back must be a concern but pushing a child forward when he/she is deeply unprepared for the real world that they will one day have to face, is possibly worse unless India is willing to deal with millions of 'Studied till Class VIII' written on job applications. The education system in India is thoroughly broken and while urgent reform is needed across the board, the most urgent fixes are needed at the primary level. It would be wise for more people across India, especially those in education, to listen to Sisodia and his solutions.

VS Jayaraman
 Chennai

Shattering national stupor

The Centre has to think carefully about how to punish nuclear-armed Pakistan. But before any action in or against Islamabad, there is much to fix at home



SANDHYA JAIN

As the Government unravels the conspiracy behind the horrendous car bomb attack on February 14, 2019, that has taken the lives of 49 Central Reserve Police Force jawans, it must consider civilian supporters of terrorists, especially stone-pelters, who hurt the forces, as accomplices. Pulwama has shaken India's soul; we can no longer tolerate human rights vultures while losing worthy citizens. In a little noticed episode on February 13, 2019, an explosion at a private school in Narbal, Pulwama, injured 16 students. Yet, the police team that arrived to investigate the incident was pelted with stones. Apparently, a student of class X was carrying explosives in his bag, which exploded after others fiddled with it.

This message should also be strongly conveyed to the Supreme Court, whose judges last year ordered that FIRs be filed against soldiers when civilian casualties occur, and who dismissed a petition by over 300 serving soldiers asking the court to define where their duty ends and crime begins in their operations against anti-national forces. The petition was an appeal to the apex court not to act as protector of the human rights industry; sadly, it fell on deaf ears and the PIL business continues to flourish.

It was a mistake to ask Northern Army commander, Lt Gen DS Hooda (of Uri surgical strikes fame) to publicly apologise when jawans at a check post fired upon a civilian, who refused to stop for a routine security check, smashed through two check posts and was moving through the third when stopped by a bullet (April 2016). The provocation was to the jawans, not the other way round, but the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), infatuated with its alliance with the People's Democratic Party (PDP), humiliated the men in uniform.

Fortunately, the Government stood by Major Leetul Gogoi when, during the violence in Ullitgam (Srinagar bypoll) in May 2017, he grabbed an alleged ringleader of stone-pelters and used him as a human shield to save the lives of Indo-Tibetan Border Police personnel. In the violence that day, petrol bombs were hurled and boulders thrown from rooftops. It follows that while finalising its policy on Pakistan, the Government must enunciate a policy regarding civilian perpetrators of violence (those not officially affiliated with a terror outfit) in Jammu & Kashmir. There has been enough charity; now zero tolerance must begin at home.

We must also speak some harsh truths to the nation, and particularly to Jammu & Kashmir. What is the purpose of inane dialogues to integrate Kashmir with India? Does the nation know that Maharaja Hari Singh repeatedly offered to accede to India prior to 1947 but was rebuffed by Jawaharlal Nehru, who insisted that power be handed over to Sheikh Abdullah as a condition for accepting the sensitive border State? That Mountbatten knew of the Pakistani aggression but withheld aid for



four critical days? That after 1947, Central funds allotted for the entire State were cornered by the Kashmir Valley to the detriment of Jammu and Ladakh?

The myth of artificial alienation of the Valley has to stop somewhere. Four lakh Kashmiri Pandits were terrorised, brutalised and forced out of the State in the biting winter of 1989-90, and the Lutyns fraternity shamelessly blamed Governor Jagmohan when he had barely entered the State. Now, as Pulwama shatters the national stupor, false stories of Kashmiri students being terrorised in some places are flooding the social media. Has any Kashmiri politician or human rights activist wondered about the careers of non-Kashmiri students of the National Institute of Technology, Srinagar, who objected to Kashmiri students celebrating India's loss against West Indies in World T20 series (March 31, 2016); they were thrashed by Kashmir police for chanting nationalist slogans and waving the tricolour and left the State in fear of their lives.

The Centre has to think carefully about how to punish nuclear-armed Pakistan, which has also developed tactical (small, easily deployable) nuclear weapons. An Uri-like action may not be feasible; perhaps terror kingpins like Saeed Hafiz and Azhar Masood can have a "bad accident".

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But before any action in or against Pakistan, there is much to fix at home: Repeal Article 370 through Presidential Order; the President alone has the power. Repeal Article 35-A that was smuggled into the Constitution by Presidential Order in 1954 at the insistence of Jawaharlal Nehru, despite Dr Rajendra Prasad's objections.

The State flag must go without further ado; Urdu (official language of Pakistan, which led to its break-up) must no longer be the official language of a State with a rich civilisational heritage and classical language, Kashmiri. Jammu and Ladakh must be allowed to adopt Dogri and Bhoti (Bodhi) as language of education. It is true that the Centre has granted Ladakh a Central University and Divisional status, but the long-neglected Jammu and Ladakh regions now deserve attention and national resources.

Major world capitals and neighbouring countries condemned the Pulwama attack and stood by India. In a significant statement, Washington, which needs Islamabad to extricate itself from Afghanistan, said: "US condemns in the strongest terms the terrorist attack today on an Indian CRPF convoy in the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir". This is the first time the US has unequivocally called Jammu & Kashmir an "Indian State".

Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad, which was behind

the attack on the Indian Parliament (2001) and Pathankot air base (2016), has claimed responsibility for Pulwama. But what deserves attention is the timing and purpose of the attack. Iran has accused Pakistan of supporting Jaish al-Adl (Army of Justice) terrorists who are behind a suicide bombing that killed 27 troops on February 13, 2019. Revolutionary Guards Commander, Major General Mohammad Ali Jafari, has threatened retaliation if Islamabad does not punish the culprits and warned that the action would not be 'limited to its borders'. He blamed two other Middle Eastern nations for complicity in the attack.

Pulwama continues a series of Pakistani provocations against the Indian armed forces: Pathankot (January 2016); Uri (September 2016); Nagrota (November 2016); Srinawan (February 2018). But what could be the reason for Islamabad — which has always feared a two-front war — opening hostilities on two borders at the same time? Its greatest backer, China, does not want to alienate Tehran or New Delhi, even if Beijing is not supporting India in having Azhar Masood declared a 'global terrorist' at the United Nations.

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SOUNDBITE

Diplomatic road is very important. It should be pursued aggressively to get across a message to Pakistan.



Former R&AW Chief —AS Dulat

I felt that the place where my father started his political career and served, I should also serve there by doing ghar wapsi.



Cricketer-Turned-Politician —Kiriti Azad

It's extremely important to be emotionally strong and focused. Do it your own way. Don't be afraid of making mistakes.



Actor —Deepika Padukone

Who released those involved in the 1999 Kandahar incident? Whose responsibility is it? Our fight is against them. Why should a soldier die?



Congress Leader —Navjot Singh Sidhu

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Teach Pakistan a lesson

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Pulwama offensive" (February 18). The Pulwama car suicide attack on a Central Reserve Police Force convoy, that claimed over 45 lives of our soldiers, should be taken as the last straw on the camel's back. India should urge all other nations, including the US, to declare Pakistan as a "rogue state for terrorists" and isolate it from the mainstream.

India can no longer remain a witness to the dastardly killings of its forces by militants based in Pakistan, who are aided and abetted by the Government and the Army over there. Even when new rulers took charge of the administration in Islamabad, it has been amply proved by now that they have been incapable to rein in the terror groups.

While India has revoked the Most Favoured Nation status to Pakistan and imposed customs duty on imports, in order to make it toe the line, efforts must be made to choke the nation with sanctions.

VS Jayaraman
 Chennai

Valley needs a semblance of normality

This refers to the editorial, "Pulwama offensive" (February 18). Thankfully, the Modi Government acted in a well-calculated manner in the aftermath of the Pulwama terror attack. Despite intense anger and anguish among the people, it did not act in haste to give a 'swift bloody nose' to Pakistan. There is no guarantee that military action will prove efficacious and not futile in curbing militant attacks. It is simplistic to see the vexed Kashmir question as a mere 'law and order' problem. The intractable territorial dispute is not amenable to a military solution. It is essentially a geo-political problem that involves religious and cultural identities and requires a political solution through dialogue.

It must be conceded that militancy is rooted in political grievances of the disaffected and alienated Kashmiri people. Such is the environment in the Valley that local youth are easily radicalised and inducted into militant groups. The sad truth in the Valley is that security per-



sonnel and militants lose their lives in the fight between them. Violence and counter-violence and killings and counter-killings get us nowhere. Statesmanship and sagacity, as against jingoism and bellicosity, is what is needed to bring about a semblance of normality and peace in the border State.

G David Milton
 Maruthancode

Take stern action

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Pulwama offensive" (February 18). The suicide car bomb attack upon a Central Reserve Police Force convoy in Pulwama orchestrated by Jaish-e-Mohammed is really numbing. It deserves not only national condemnation but the international community

must stand by India in its hour of crisis.

Meanwhile, India is completely justified in its decision to withdraw the Most Favoured Nation status that it accorded to Pakistan. It's good that the armed forces have been given a free hand to take pin-pointed retaliation. It is an undisputed fact that newly-inducted local young militants have an underhand in the

dastardly act of cruelty and barbarity. An in-depth search operation in vulnerable districts of Kashmir must be carried out to hunt down the militants and their cohorts hidden in different places. Separatist leaders, who extend unstinting support to Pakistan, must also deal with sternly.

Nimai Charan Swain
 Bhubaneswar

Welcome step

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Pulwama offensive" (February 18). In the first place, separatists in Jammu & Kashmir, who wage war against the nation in connivance with Pakistan, do not deserve any security cover. One fails to understand on what basis the Government of India provided security to the separatists at a huge cost to the ex-chequer? It is disturbing that the Government squandered the hard earned taxpayers' money running to hundreds of crores for the past 10 years on six separatists, who have been acting against the interests of the nation by brainwashing Kashmiri youths to take to guns. Colossal waste of money for men, who have been the architect of violence and killings of civilians and forces conniving with terror outfits, is a blunder. At last wisdom dawned late than never and the Government has withdrawn security cover to them. This is a step in the right direction.

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Towards building a digital future

While India has legitimate questions about how companies handle data, to protect trade, Governments must address harmful data policies



JOSH KALLMER

Top officials of the United States and India joined leading CEOs last week to discuss trade, investment and the business climate between the two nations at the India-US Commercial Dialogue and CEO Forum in New Delhi. Despite a robust dialogue, the meeting was a missed opportunity for officials from both nations to address a series of new measures regulating the flow and storage of data in India that threatens to undermine this critical trade relationship. India and the US must continue to engage and address these problematic data policies before they cause further harm to the economic growth of both countries.

From payments to e-commerce to retail to farming, digital data is the lifeblood of any modern economy. The ability to seamlessly move, store and process data at locations scattered across the world drives the growth of digital services and reduces production costs, leading to the expansion and prosperity of businesses globally. As a sign of this success, thousands of Indian companies — of all sizes and sectors, especially in the tech industry — have been launched over the last decade. Further, growth and vitality of India's international market has attracted countless American companies that now offer digital services to invest in the local economy and Indian employees.

However, India's recent regulations, requiring businesses to store data on Indian soil and restricting the transfer of data outside the country, jeopardise progress of not only our country but American business partners, too. Worrisome actions by India include: Its proposed privacy law, the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) data localisation directive and new data localisation measures for e-commerce, cloud computing and other sectors — all of which force companies to store their data locally in India. In some instances, they restrict businesses from moving copies of certain types of data across borders. For example, the RBI's directive requires all Indian payment data to be stored only in India, cutting off the Indian market from global data analytics, cyber threat assessments and payment products.

The digital relationship between the US and India is significant. Latest data shows that 61 per cent of India's software services exports — \$66 billion — goes to the US. Moreover, India runs a \$16.5 billion trade surplus in IT services with the US — more than any other country. India's new restrictions on data will curtail success. Collectively, the measures will impose millions of dollars in compliance costs for companies in India and increase costs and limit services for Indian consumers. Recent research also shows data localisation regulations can increase a company's computing costs by up to 60 per cent and reduce the regulating country's Gross Domestic Product by 0.8 per cent.

India raises legitimate questions about how companies handle data. The Indian Government has every right to ensure that citizens' data is appropriately protected and that law enforcement agencies can review data that companies hold when needed. However, there are ways to protect privacy or assist law enforcement investigations without imposing burdensome regulations that hurt Indian businesses and consumers.

Governments across the world share India's concerns and the international community is working to find solutions. For example, the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum has created the Cross-Border Privacy Rules (CBPR), an international, interoperable system that lays on top of national privacy laws to protect the privacy of citizen data as it travels across borders. In addition, the US has passed the CLOUD Act, which creates a framework for countries to negotiate agreements through which they may gain timely access to data across borders.

Neither India nor the US wants to reverse the shared prosperity the two have enjoyed over the last decade. Given the billions of dollars that flow between both countries and the countless exabytes of data stored in India and the US, it is incumbent upon officials to reach a compromise that promotes strong digital relationship and rolls back data localisation requirements while respecting India's sovereignty. We believe they can achieve this balance and encourage both nations to build a digital future together.

(The writer is, executive vice president, Information Technology Industry Council)

JOBLESS GROWTH HAS SLIPPED INTO JOB-LOSS GROWTH. THIS TOGETHER WITH RURAL INDEBTEDNESS AND URBAN CHAOS HAS MADE YOUTH RESTLESS.

—FORMER PRIME MINISTER
MANMOHAN SINGH

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SINGH'S CHARGE IS FACTUALLY WRONG AS HE HAS PERHAPS REFERRED TO NSSO DATA, WHICH SIMPLY IS A SURVEY, NOT REAL DATA LIKE EPFO.

—BJP MP
RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR

Trapped in a blind alley

With its economy in the doldrums and given its failed inter-provincial relationship, Pakistan has no alternative but to spill out, and India is the only destination



PRAFULL GORADIA

Every week, news comes in that Pakistan is moving towards bankruptcy. True, several countries like China and Saudi Arabia have shown sympathies and given financial aid. However, if Karl Marx were around today, he might have said that loans are the opium of the classes. What could be true of the classes would be true of countries, too. It is too early yet to forget that in 1990, the Reserve Bank of India was sending gold to banks in London as pledge for loans in foreign exchange. The Pakistani crisis is far more serious because not only is there a financial paucity but also an impending economic collapse. The country is still essentially agrarian and feudal, and there has been little development since the British departed in 1947. In the meantime, the population has multiplied to reach nearly 180 million. Moreover, Islam commands a great deal of devotion from its followers but in turn, it does not encourage economic attention in contrast to the Protestant work ethic.

Since the advent of the Baghdad Pact in 1955 and SEATO in 1954, Pakistan has been the beneficiary of American military and other such aid, which helped the economy in general and imports in particular. That aid is drying up because of the country's active association with terrorism, the Taliban and others. Cereals and other basic food items are not a problem yet, but Pakistan has run out of red meat. Way back in the days of Field Marshal Ayub Khan's presidency, it could be foreseen that the supply of beef would become a problem. He had, during his time in the mid-sixties, declared one-day a week meatless. Now with the shortage of foreign exchange, how can imports be sustained? All these developments and more are a concern for India, too, not merely out of human sympathy but also on account of self-interest. How? We must anticipate this to plan ahead.

Another grave weakness of Pakistan is its inter-provincial relationship. All the three other Provinces, namely Balochistan, North-West Frontier Province and Sind, resent Punjab, which holds two-third of the population. Punjab dominates, if not monopolises the Army and the bureaucracy. There have been separatist movements in all three smaller Provinces. The Pathans or Pakhtoons look to the Afghans as their brothers. Jio Sindhi is not active at present but sentiments are alive. Balochs openly say they want to separate and killings take place frequently. Disunity does not augur well for Pakistan. Hence, Islamabad tries to divert everyone's attention by stoking Kashmir as a daily issue.

India was partitioned in 1947 on demand of most Muslims of the sub-continent, who aspired that their new homeland would become a New Medina. The old Medina was the first Islamic state, founded by Prophet Muhammad in 622 CE after his hijrat or migration from Mecca. When he ascended to heaven, his representatives or Caliphs took over one by one. They were conceptually the spiritual as well as temporal heads of all Islam, effectively the Sunnis, who comprise 90 per cent of the world community, called the *ummah*. In 1924,

“WHAT BANGLADESHIS DID TO INDIA IN YESTERYEARS, PAKISTAN COULD DO IN THE YEARS TO COME. TO BE DECEIVED ONCE IS IGNORANCE BUT TO BE DECEIVED AGAIN IS LUNACY. FENCING ONE'S BORDER IS A WISE MEASURE”



Mustafa Kamal Atatürk, the new unquestioned head of Turkey, abolished the Caliphate and exiled the incumbent. That was the end of the symbolic head of all Islam. Muslims everywhere would like that institution to be recreated. The dream of the pre-1947 Muslims of India was that Pakistan would be the cradle of this recreated Medina.

The same sentiment in Arabia is reflected in the Islamic State (IS), which fought in Iraq against Baghdad and against the Syrian Government in the ghastly civil war that has just ended. Sentiment was so strong and widespread in India that Pakistan became a reality even with its two wings, 1,600 kilometres apart. Bangladesh broke away in 1971 and exploded the myth that Islam alone can bind any country together.

The same fissiparousness spread inside the western wing of Pakistan to emphasise that Islam cannot alone be the binding factor of any country or its parts. Followers have been too ambitious to expect religion to be a total prescription for life and not merely a spiritual path to connect man and God.

There must be leaders in Pakistan, who now realise this truth as well as recognise that but unfortunately, no other ideology or political basis has been allowed to sprout and grow. In short, Pakistan has allowed itself to get trapped in a blind alley.

The only way out is to explode and that holds a grave danger for India. If the people have no alternative but to spill out, India is the only destination. What Bangladeshis did to India in yesteryears, Pakistan could do in the years to come. To be deceived once is ignorance but to be deceived again is lunacy. Fencing one's border is a wise measure. US President Donald Trump is building a wall across the southern border of America against the wishes of the Congress, which refuses to grant him a big enough budget. But how can one fence the sea shores?

Migrations by boat people are legendary, whether in Asia out of Vietnam, into Europe via sea or America from Haiti.

Over and above, to fence the land borders, there has to be alert by internal security who must be helped by watch towers on the entire border, sea or land. The Aadhaar card is alright as a negative check but all adult citizens must be issued domestic passports to be okayed only after strict inquiries, much stricter than before giving out passports to travel abroad. With a passport, a person can settle in permanently. With India's diversity, there would be no alternative but comprehensive vigil. Sooner or later, surreptitious infiltration is inevitable in large, medium or small measure.

Hence, above all, supreme deterrence is needed. Remember, Pakistanis would have friends and relatives who

have been in India since time immemorial. Very few Bangladeshis had this advantage; their allies were politicians with their eyes on building vote banks.

Further help to the agonised and otherwise helpless people of Sindh, as well as Balochistan, should be contemplated. Remember, Sindhi locals hardly played any part in driving out the Hindus. That unfortunate role was played by the *Mohajirs* after they landed in Karachi and had to either live in camps or sleep on the streets. In fact, Sindhis were nowhere near the forefront of the demand for Pakistan, and their leadership had wondered as to how their economy could function efficiently without Hindu Amil officials and Bhaiband businessmen.

Balochistan, until late in 1948, had an Embassy in Karachi, which clearly showed that in terms of British tradition, the region had a distinct status and did not need an accession to either dominion, India or Pakistan. Nevertheless, the Khan of Kalat came to Delhi and officially called on Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and requested for Balochistan to be taken over as a part of India. Nehru politely declined. If either or both of these Provinces can release themselves from Islamabad's clutches and become autonomous again, they can be of much help to New Delhi.

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This head cannot lie uneasy

While the CBI has had spectacular successes, its role has also come under severe criticism from time to time. The enactments and amendments to the Act have been unable to address inherent problems. It's time we re-think the CBI chief's selection process



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Despite recommendations of the National Police Commission in 1980 for legislation on a Model Police Act, the Indian Police Act of 1861 has continued to be in vogue for over 130 years before any serious amendments were even contemplated. On the other hand, the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946, has been already amended twice during the last 20 years. The Act was created initially to conduct inquiries and investigations into post-war anti-corruption matters.

This was reorganised on professional lines in 1963, when the scope of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) was enlarged and cases of national-level importance and those having inter-state ramifications were

brought into its ambit.

The focus once again shifted in 2009, when the National Investigating Agency (NIA) was especially created to investigate bomb explosions and terrorism-related cases. While the CBI needed the concurrence of the State Government before taking up any matter, the NIA does not have any handicap of this nature.

While the CBI has had spectacular successes, its role has also come under severe criticism from time to time. One such matter, popularly known as the Jain Hawala case, came under sharp gaze of the Supreme Court. Despite the fact that the CBI had failed in its pursuit of investigating allegations of corruption in high places in this case, the judgement from Chief Justice JS Verma was path-breaking and historic. The apex court had, for the first time, given concrete suggestions in the nature of directions to strengthen the organs of the state involved in fighting corruption.

The first change took place when under the directions of the top court,

the supervision and administration of the Delhi Special Police Establishment got vested in the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC). This had the effect of taking away the CBI out of the direct control of the Department of Personnel, Government of India. The Ordinances issued for this purpose for the CBI and the CVC were replaced by Acts of Parliament in 2003.

Later, after the enactment of the Lok Pal Act, the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946, was again amended and a new clause at 4A, constituting the committee for appointment of Director, was added by a notification on January, 16, 2014. The committee stipulated in the provision comprised (a) the Prime Minister as Chairperson, (b) Leader of Opposition or Leader of single largest opposition party in the House as member, (c) the Chief Justice of India or judge of the Supreme Court nominated by him as a member.

The inclusion of the Chief Justice of India (CJI) in this high-powered committee, in all probability, would have been done at the draft Bill stage,

only after due consultations. But at that point of time, perhaps, the possibility of certain eventualities cropping up later had got overlooked.

First, the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition party, not being in agreement, the casting vote and the final stamp of approval would always be with the CJI. In the event of a petition or a hearing against the Director, CBI, in whose selection the CJI had a major role, the later would, in all probability, have to recuse himself.

On the other hand, even with the case assigned to another bench, the fact that the person had been cleared by none other than the CJI himself, would always remain on record. The point is whether Section 4A of the Act should have only mentioned the words, a judge of the Supreme Court nominated by the CJI.

Second, according to clause 4A (3) of the Act, the Committee shall recommend a panel of officers on the basis of seniority, integrity and experience in the investigation of anti-corruption cases and which has to be

chosen from among the officers belonging to the Indian Police Service. It can, thus, be simply inferred that the entire process would involve scrutiny of the records of IPS officers, sifting through the background material and career profile summary of each officer in contention and based on these making an assessment on their relative suitability. Even as most of this part of due diligence would have been done at the Secretariat level, it may still be a point of debate as *prima facie*, this process, far from being a judicial one, appears to be an executive function of the Government.

On the Doctrine of the basic structure of the Constitution, Justice (Retd) VR Krishna Iyer had stated, "While infallibility is no attribute of a Constitution, its fundamental character and basic structure cannot be overlooked." Chief Justice SM Sikri, Shelat and Grover, JJ had for the first time in the Kesavananda Bharati case illustrated separation of powers between the legislature, the executive and the judiciary as one of the essen-

tials of the basic structure of the Constitution. Since then, this doctrine of basic structure has been referred to in numerous matters by the apex court. Accordingly, it may also be seen whether the participation of the CJI in an executive function of the Government, howsoever positive and well-meaning it may be, would have the Constitutional back up of the separation of powers and the basic structure doctrine.

While the CBI Act was being amended in 2014, these issues had not figured explicitly in public domain, nor were they fully debated, nevertheless, the Supreme Court will always have the last word on the interpretation of the Constitution and the law. At the same time, we have to be conscious of the fact that these enactments and amendments have been unable to address the inherent problems as manifest in the events of the last few months.

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FOREIGN EYE



A DUTY OF PUBLIC HEALTH

If public health campaigns were run with half the ruthless ingenuity displayed by betting companies, we might be better off. But not everything can be left to governments and large companies. Parents who care about their own children's health must be prepared to take the argument to the playgrounds and on to social media as well. *(The Guardian editorial)*

Time for talks over: Modi

All nations should unite against terror, says PM during India-Argentina joint statement

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Asserting that the time for talks has passed, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday called on world leaders for united action against terrorism and its supporters. The comments came as part of the joint statement between India and Argentina during the ongoing three-day visit of Argentine President Mauricio Macri here. Macri is the first international leader to visit India after the Pulwama attack that claimed lives of 40 Central Reserve Police Force personnel in Kashmir last week.

"I and President Macri agree with the view that terrorism is a serious danger to world's peace and stability. The cruel attack in Pulwama shows that the time for talks has passed," Modi said in a Press statement in presence of Macri. "Now it is required that the world unites against terrorism and those who support it. Hesitation to take action against terrorism and those who support it is a kin to encouraging terrorism," Modi said, without naming Pakistan.

Being a part of G20 countries, it's also important that we implement 11 point agenda of Hamburg Leaders Statement.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Argentina's President Mauricio Macri during their joint Press conference at Hyderabad House in New Delhi on Monday

India and Argentina will issue a special declaration on terrorism today," he further stated.

President Macri, while condemning the attack, extended Argentina's support to India in the fight against terrorism. "I would like to convey my condolences to the victims of the cruel attack (Pulwama) perpetrated just a few days ago. We condemn every kind of terrorist attack. I am truly pleased to be able to work together to fight this scourge on mankind," Macri also said.

In a joint special declaration to fight terrorism, both leaders agreed that terrorism poses a grave threat to global peace and stability and noted the need for concerted action by the global community against terrorism.

They stressed, particularly emphasising the "scourge of cross-border terrorism", that there could be no justification for acts of terror on any grounds whatsoever. "They reiterated their commitment to combat terrorism in all its

forms and manifestations, and asserted that strong measures should be taken against terrorists, terror organisations, their networks and all those who encourage, support, finance and provide safe haven to terrorists and terror groups," the special declaration said.

The two leaders also underscored the need to ensure that terrorist organisations do not get access to any Weapon of Mass Destruction (WMD) or technologies or finances and committed to cooperate in the specialised multilateral fora. The leaders stressed that terrorism is a "global scourge" that must be fought and terrorist safe havens rooted out in every part of the world.

I don't have magic wand: Priyanka tells partymen

'Strengthen party at booth level'

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In her first meeting at the party's war room in Delhi, Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra conveyed to party leaders hailing from Uttar Pradesh that the forthcoming polls should be made to appear as a direct fight between the ruling BJP and the Congress.

At the same time, at the backdrop of high expectations from her, she said that she doesn't have any magic wand and that only the full cooperation of party workers will bring the desired results. She also warned party workers that anyone indulging in anti-party activities will be shown the door. "I cannot do a miracle from the top level, the workers need to strengthen the party at the booth level and I need your support for strengthening the party in the State," said a leader quoting Priyanka as saying during the meeting.

During the meeting, held at the Congress' war room at 15 Gurudwara Rakabganj Road, Priyanka reviewed the booth-



level organisation of the party. She asked the Congress workers to strengthen the booth-level organisation of the party. Priyanka said she was still learning about the organisation and comprehending what needs to be changed to strengthen Congress in UP. She had conducted marathon meetings with people from almost 41 constituencies in Lucknow last week after her maiden visit as the grand old party's office bearers.

Priyanka's UP East campaign is eagerly awaited by party workers and the people. Sources in the Congress said adding she will be visiting the families of CRPF jawans from the state killed in the Pulwama

terror attack. Party is also planning scheduling her visits to families of those who died in the hooch tragedy.

She is likely to start campaign by visiting the Kumbh Mela in Prayagraj later this week and then visit Modi's Lok Sabha constituency as part of her four-day tour this month to assess the ground situation in the region under her charge.

Anand Bhawan, the ancestral house of Priyanka Gandhi, has been decked up for her visit and preparations are also in full swing at the Sewa Dal camp in Kumbh. Post Prayagraj, Priyanka Gandhi might visit Varanasi for three to four days. She is also expected to be in Ahmedabad on February 28 to participate in the Congress Workers Committee meeting.

Her Varanasi itinerary also includes a visit to the Kashi Vishwanath temple and roadshow in the holy city is also on the cards. Priyanka along with her brother Rahul Gandhi and her counterpart for UP West Jyotiraditya Scindia held a roadshow on February 11 in Lucknow. While Priyanka has been assigned 41 constituencies including Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Varanasi, Scindia has 39 constituencies for the upcoming 2019 Lok Sabha Polls.

IN SHORT

SC JUNKS PIL SEEKING BAN ON ANIMAL SLAUGHTER

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday junked a PIL seeking ban on animal slaughter for meat exports alleging violation of rules under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act. A Bench comprising Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justice Sanjiv Khanna dismissed the petition saying it was not inclined to entertain the plea.

SC STAYS PROCEEDINGS AGAINST TTV IN FERA

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday stayed the proceedings of a Chennai court relating to the 1996 Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA) case lodged against ANMK leader TV Dhinakaran. A Bench headed by Chief Justice issued notice to Dhinakaran and sought his reply on the petition filed by ED challenging the Madras High Court order of June 25, 2018.

SC TO CONSIDER PLEA FOR HEARING ON ARTICLE 370

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday said that it would look into the plea seeking urgent hearing of a PIL challenging the constitutional validity of Article 370 of the Constitution, which grants special status to Jammu & Kashmir and limits Parliament's power to make laws for the State.

RAJ ASKS GOOGLE TO TAKE DOWN HATE VIDEOS

New Delhi: The Rajasthan Government on Monday told the Supreme Court that it has written to online search engine Google to take down hate videos uploaded by Shambhu Lal Raigar accused of hacking and burning alive a Muslim labourer in the State in December 2017.

Chit fund: WB Chief Secy, DGP, Kolkata CP refute CBI charge of obstruction in probe in SC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

West Bengal Government and its police refuted CBI allegations in the Supreme Court Monday that they obstructed investigation into the Saradha chit fund scam cases, with the State cops asserting the Central agency forcefully tried to enter the Kolkata Police Commissioner's residence on February 3 without valid papers.

Chief Secretary Malay Kumar De, DGP Virendera Kumar and Kolkata Police Commissioner Rajeev Kumar filed separate affidavits in the apex court on the contempt petition moved by the CBI in connection with the scam and tendered "unconditional and unambiguous apology" alleged disobedience of the court. The trio maintained however that the West Bengal Government and the State police at no point of time obstructed investigation nor any official denied cooperation to CBI.

The officers opposed the contempt petition against them in which the CBI alleged that they were tampering with evidence and not complying with the apex court's various orders relating to the probe by asserting that there was a need for directions to CBI not to make any vague allegations without substantial and cogent evi-

dence. Referring to the February 3 incident, Police Commissioner Rajeev Kumar said in his affidavit that CBI forcibly tried to enter his house without valid papers. The contention has been supported by the DGP in his affidavit. They have also claimed that no police officials went on 'dharma manch' where West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee sat to protest the CBI action.

Kumar, against whom CBI has alleged tampering of electronic evidence including call detail records, said he was never in direct possession of evidence, material or documents. They responded to the notices issued on February 5 by the apex court which had asked them to clarify their stand on the allegation that evidence was tampered with and the state police was not cooperating with the Central Bureau of Investigation.

A Bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi said that after perusing the affidavits, a decision will be taken whether they would require to make personal appearance before it on February 20. It said the Secretary General of the apex court will inform the trio on Feb 19 whether they are required to be present on February 20.

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SC rejects plea challenging Centre's circular against use of term 'Dalit'

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court Monday refused to entertain a petition challenging Centre's notification advising the media to not use the term "Dalit" to describe members of Scheduled Castes.

A Bench headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi and Justice Sanjiv Khanna said it was not interested in entertaining a petition that challenged the 2018 advisory of the Information and Broadcasting Ministry asking private satellite television channels to use Scheduled Caste instead of Dalit.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for petitioner VA Ramesh Nathan, questioned the legality of the circular and said, "How can the Government of India issue such a circular questioning my identity?"

The bench remained unimpressed and said, "At this stage, we are not interested in entertaining this petition. Dismissed."

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Apex court refuses to allow reopening of Sterlite plant

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court Monday refused to allow reopening of Vedanta's Sterlite plant in Tamil Nadu's Tuticorin, which was at the centre of massive protests over pollution concerns, but granted the company liberty to approach the High Court.

A Bench headed by Justice RF Nariman allowed Tamil Nadu's appeal against the National Green Tribunal (NGT) order only on grounds of maintainability and said the tribunal has no jurisdiction to order reopening of the plant.

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court had paved the way to reopen the plant by refusing to stay the tribunal's order.

It had also stayed the last year's December 21 decision of the Madurai bench of the Madras High Court which had ordered status quo with respect to re-opening of the plant.

The state had moved the top court, saying the NGT had "erroneously" set aside various orders passed by the TNPCB last year with regard to the Sterlite plant.

Kirti Azad joins Congress, calls it 'ghar wapsi'



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Darbhanga MP Kirti Azad, who was suspended by the ruling BJP for anti-party activities, joined the Congress on Monday in the presence of party chief Rahul Gandhi. Terming it his "ghar wapsi" (homecoming), Azad slammed BJP for its alleged lack of internal democracy and for peddling in rhetoric.

"Today in front of Rahul Gandhi I joined the Congress. I felicitated him in traditional Mithila style," Azad tweeted, along with photographs of him with the Congress president.

AICC general secretary Bihar-in-charge Shakti Singh Gohil welcomed Azad into the party and said that it was not possible for any person with self-respect to stay in the BJP under Modi and party chief Amit Shah.

"I felt bad when I heard jumlas, I saw corruption...I felt that the place where my father started his political career and served, I should also do ghar wapsi and serve there. I have made a ghar wapsi," he said. Bhagwat Jha Azad also served as Bihar Chief Minister for a brief period.

Addressing a press conference after finally being inducted in the party once represented by his father and veteran leader late Bhagwat Jha Azad, Kirti said he served the BJP selflessly for 26 years, but under the Modi Government he realised that the "real face behind the mask had started to become evident".

RGI refuses to incorporate patient data in Census

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Citing space constraints in Census questionnaires and increase in workload of already-overworked enumerators with data related works, the Registrar General of India has turned down the proposal of the Indian Organisation for Rare Diseases (I-ORD), to incorporate patient data collection in the Census 2021 programme.

"By just placing a column on rare disease in the Census 2021 questionnaire, we can identify patients across the country and their demographics easily. This opportunity will not come for another decade if we miss capitalising it this time. The data acquired from this census will result in a huge revolution in RD research, orphan drug development and treatment as India has huge numbers, or one-third of global rare disease patients," I-ORD president Dr Ramaiah Muthyala explained.

He lamented that though 6-8 per cent of Indians, or approximately 9-10 crore people, suffer from one of the 7,000-plus identified rare diseases, the country does not have any empirical evidence for estimating disease burden or



- In India around 70 Million are affected by rare diseases
- According to the WHO, there are estimated 5,000-8,000 rare diseases, conditions that are primarily chronic and life-threatening
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developing affordable orphan drugs. India does not even have a proper policy on rare diseases as the Union Health Ministry is still working to revise its promise of an initial corpus fund of ₹100 crore for the treatment of patients with rare genetic diseases, many of them children.

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policies. However, sources said that the RGI has refused to include the column on rare diseases stating that the questionnaire was already quite exhaustive and it was not feasible to overload the enumerators with more works.

According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), there are estimated 5,000-8,000 rare diseases, conditions that are primarily chronic and life-threatening. Most of these are

genetic in nature, with the majority manifesting in childhood. In fact, recognising the importance of data to treat rare disease sufferers, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) had two years back announced the creation of Indian Rare Disease Registry, but the project is yet to take off.

"As the diagnosis of such cases is difficult and not available at all levels of facility it will not reflect the burden of disease. The ICMR is going to initiate soon Indian Rare Diseases Registry to address unmet needs of people with rare diseases," as per the ICMR.

"In fact, the council had announced the creation of registries in April 2017. The intent of placing the column in Census 2021 is neither to duplicate nor to replace the efforts of the ICMR. We seek to work with the council," Muthyala said.

In India around 70 Million are affected by rare diseases. RDs include inherited cancers, autoimmune disorders, congenital malformations, and infectious diseases amongst others include Hemangiomas, Hirschsprung disease, Gaucher disease, cystic fibrosis, muscular dystrophies and Lysosomal Storage Disorders.

16 crore people consume alcohol in India: Survey

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Kids as young as 10 and elders as old as 75 years are in the grip of alcohol in the country. Overall, 16 crore people across the States are consuming liquor with Chhattisgarh, Tripura, Punjab, Arunachal Pradesh and Goa having the highest prevalence of its usage, as per a Government survey.

Conducted by the Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry in collaboration with the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), the survey titled "Prevalence and Extent of Substance Use in India" covered all 36 states and Union territories.

The study which was led by Dr Atul Ambekar, principal investigator of the survey, also professor at National Drug Dependence Treatment Centre, AIIMS said, that alcohol consumption is 17 times higher among men than women.

Among those dependent on alcohol, one in 38 reported some form of treatment, while one in 180 reported getting inpatient treatment or hospitalisation.

At the national level,



2,00,111 households were visited in 186 districts and a total of 4,73,569 individuals were interviewed, the report stated. After alcohol, cannabis, and opioids are the next commonly-used substances in the country, the survey has found.

About 2.8 per cent of Indians (around 3.1 crores) reported having used some cannabis product in the last 12 months.

At the national level, the most commonly used opioid is the heroine (used by 1.14 per cent of the people surveyed), followed by pharmaceutical opioids (used by 0.96 per cent of the people surveyed) and opium (used by 0.52 per cent of the people surveyed).

About 1.08 per cent (around 1.18 crore) of Indians in the 10-75 age group use sedatives (non-medical, non-

prescription use), as per the survey.

At the national level, an estimated 4.6 lakh children and 18 lakh adults need help for inhaler use, the survey found.

The survey also pointed out that nearly 3 per cent of Indians use cannabis to get high with Uttar Pradesh topping the chart in use of the narcotic substance. Bhang is the most common form of cannabis used in the country, followed by ganja and charas.

The survey found that 3.1 crore Indians between the age of 10 and 75 years or 2.8 per cent of the total population used cannabis in the last twelve months to get high.

According to the Government, about 72 lakh individuals need help for their cannabis use problems.

ED summons Vadra to appear today

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday summoned Robert Vadra, brother-in-law of Congress president Rahul Gandhi, to appear before it on Tuesday for questioning in connection with a money laundering case relating to acquisition of assets abroad.

Earlier this month, Vadra was questioned by the ED in the case for three days in the national capital. Vadra was also quizzed by the agency last week in Jaipur in the Bikaner land scam case.

On Saturday, a designated court here had extended the interim bail of Vadra till March 2.

The case relates to allegations of money laundering in the purchase of a London-based property at 12, Bryanston Square worth 1.9 million pounds. The agency suspects this flat is owned by Vadra.

The ED attached assets worth ₹4.62 crore after the probe revealed these assets as having been created from the "proceeds of crime".

StopAgeing

Researchers from the University of Texas Medical Branch have developed a new drug that can delay ageing. A protein called Nicotinamide N-methyltransferase in muscle stem cells that appears to be responsible for the age-related dysfunction



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Boost your immunity

Immunity compromised patients are those who have very low levels of immunity and therefore are not equipped to withstand attacks from pathogens like fungus. This makes them vulnerable to a host of diseases and infections. It is estimated that around 10 per cent to 15 per cent of fungal infection cases occur in hospital settings and carry high risks of mortality and morbidity. People who suffer with compromised immunity are mostly those who undergo critical surgeries and consume high dosage of drugs as part of prescribed therapy, for example patients who suffer with HIV, cancer or uncontrolled Diabetes.

Treatments like chemotherapy further suppresses the immune system to enable medicines to work. In case of organ transplant it becomes necessary to suppress immunity so that the new organ is accepted by the body, which would otherwise be rejected by the natural immune system. Unprescribed or prolonged antibiotic abuse, consumption of steroids and other factors may also contribute to low immunity.

Aspergillosis and candidiasis are the most common invasive fungal infections that occur in hospitals. They can be community acquired as well, especially from soil or environmental pathogens. The infections tend to flare up and manifest in the hospital when the patient is undergoing some other treatment and the immunity is low.

Fungi are common in our natural environment. It is almost impossible to have a 100 per cent uncontaminated space, even in hospitals. In many cases the infection already exists in latent state in patients.

Invasive fungal infections are difficult to diagnose and treat. Quite often doctors identify these infections by using various diagnostic testing like surrogate markers. Fungal infections may also require prolonged treatment that may last for around six weeks.

Invasive fungal infections are associated with prolonged hospital and ICU stays, prolonged recovery, increased cost, and high mortality. Hospitals deploy various measures to control invasive fungal infection or hospital acquired infections like avoiding prolonged indwelling catheters, antibiotic stewardship, adhering to antibiotic guidelines, and conducting regular surveillances.

Early identification of the infection and taking precautions are important steps to prevent the diseases. Technological advancement has made quick diagnosis possible. In addition, better medical expertise and availability of quality medicines have improved the management and treatment of these infections.

Awareness plays a key role. Immunity compromised patients and their families, especially in a community setting, should be alert for symptoms like fever, headache and especially swelling of the eyes. Although these symptoms may be due to innocuous infections, sometimes they signal invasive fungal infections and hence should be reported to the doctor immediately. Consumption of over-the-counter antibiotics or drugs should be avoided.

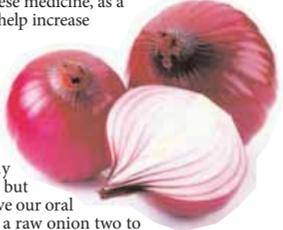
Following hospital rules at hospitals and at home is helpful in warding off the infections. Visitors should not bring flowers as they often harbour fungal spores. Immunity compromised people should avoid activities like gardening, trekking in the forests or green belts. Construction sites should also be avoided. Due to increased pollution levels and air borne infections using N95-99 masks is suggested for patients while venturing out. This can prevent fungal spores from entering the rooms. Patients should avoid being near pets or bird droppings, as they are carriers of fungal infections. In terms of food, soft over-ripe fruits, black spots on vegetables like onions and greenish spots on bread should be avoided.

WARMFOODS

ONION: The humble onion is found in every kitchen, but its curative powers make it an important medicinal plant too. Like garlic, it is a member of the lily family. It is used in traditional Chinese medicine, as a *chi* - or energy tonic, to help increase perspiration, and tackle illnesses brought on by cold weather. The idea is that they encourage energy to move to the body's surface to help keep you warm.

Raw onions may make our breath stink, but they can actually improve our oral health. Simply chewing a raw onion two to three minutes can strengthen teeth and eliminate bacteria that can lead to tooth decay.

Onions can help reduce cancer risk when combined with turmeric. Chemicals found in these two cooking ingredients creates a synergistic effect that reduces both the size and number of precancerous hosts in the intestine, therefore reducing colon cancer risk.



With many diet plans that one can follow for weight loss, it is important to find out which one will work.

Lifestyle coach, DR SUJATA VARALWAR shares tips on how to find the correct one

MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE

We are all looking for a size zero figure and to achieve that we go on diets. But the question is which one to follow and how does it work? Last year, it was Keto diet that had caught the imagination of all those who wanted to lose weight. But the diet comes with its share of ups and downs.

MYTHS

Ketogenic diet is not about avocado roses or peeling apples for real. While people want to jump start with keto or already in a flow with the diet are not meeting the fit and healthy results due to myths listed below.

- Keto diet is the only effective therapy for weight loss
- Fruits and Veggies contains high carbs, thus cannot be eaten
- Diet is applicable to all
- It's all about eating butter and bacon
- Keto-diet plans are high in protein
- There should be only one keto-diet plan followed by all.

HOW IT WORKS

Initially, the ketogenic diet consist of high fat, low carbohydrate, controlled protein diet was originally developed in 1920s for the treatment of patients with refractory epilepsy not responding to anti — convulsant. At least half the children with epilepsy were benefited with this with reduction in the frequency of seizures.

It's basically a food with very low carbohydrates, and with macros in a ratio of 4:1 ratio of fat, as to protein and carbohydrates. A ketogenic diet as it is very low in carbs as low as 5 per cent, and since body uses sugars as fuel, when the sugars are very low, body uses fat as fuel as ketones, which are the by-products of fat metabolism and that's why it's called a ketogenic diet.

There is a lot of interest and debate about keto diet and its effect in diabetes control. For some people with diabetes are keen to follow ketogenic diet, is an effective approach to reduce weight and control the blood sugar level. It has been shown to be beneficial in patients of Type 2 diabetes, has shown to provide good glycaemic control, with reduced HbA1c values. It's a good diet to achieve diabetic control and possibly reduce medication, for a limited period of four to five months. A typical keto meal consists of 75 per cent of fat, 20 per cent protein and 5 per cent carbs. However, there is not enough evidence

of the long term effects of this diet. It is not advised to follow this diet in pregnant women, lactating mothers, people having eating disorders or suffering from kidney diseases.

It's a very restricted diet, difficult to sustain for long. Many patients find it difficult to follow after some time. It may cause some fogging, headaches and potential danger of diabetic ketoacidosis.

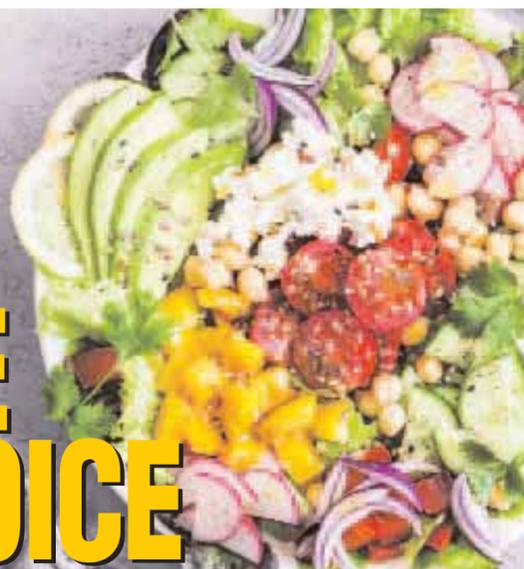
The diets can include eggs, chicken, poultry, cheese, eggs, salads, no starch vegetables, olives, butter etc. One has to avoid starchy vegetables, breads, rice, cakes, pastries and sweets while on this diet. Since it restricts intake of fruits and many vegetables, there may be deficiency of vitamins, minerals etc. Also since the protein intake is very low, muscle mass may be affected. And in patients with coexisting cardio vascular disorders it may be harmful.

RECOMMENDATION

Though the keto diet has been found to be useful, it is an extreme diet and difficult to sustain on it for a long time. It is advisable to follow a more balanced, practical diet planning, depending on the individuals, based on lifestyle, metabolic state, cultural background and individual preferences. A more sustainable, subtle energy deficit with some fresh fruit while avoiding high glycaemic index foods is a good way to achieve long term results.

Whole grain, high fibre foods, low in saturated fat, when carefully planned at regular intervals and timings is important for a long sustaining control over diabetes. Healthy habits and combined with physical activity, to build muscle and a healthy lifestyle, combined with stress management and a positive outlook contribute a lot to a healthy life.

There is nothing like a life style change that includes a good exercise regimen, consumption of whole foods, vegetables and healthy habits, combined with a personalised and supervised diet program, which aims at a long term and long lasting benefits. Thus a keto diet should be tried only when there are few other alternatives.



Mediterranean diet, the term originally reflects "way of life, regimen, dwelling." The word diet derived from ancient Greek word *Diaita* and Mediterranean is the region along the Mediterranean Sea between Europe, Asia and Africa. This region is full of olive trees, climate favorable for fruits in all the seasons, and had fishing as an important occupation. Local herbs are a part of the cooking and also used as medicines. It is the oldest form of diet system in the world, said to be more than 3,000 years old.

It is not just diet or food habits programmed for weight loss but to promote mindfulness and healthy lifestyle and treat your body as whole. It's a traditional practice and lifestyle which includes — healthy food habits, work schedule, physical activities, place of living and social environment and it passed on for generation to generation.

There are plenty of good things about Mediterranean diet, and it is considered as the healthiest way of life.

THE DIET CONTAINS

Vegetable oils, mainly olive oil, rich in unsaturated fatty acids, reduce HDL cholesterol, which is good for the heart, vessels brain and skin too.

Vegetables: Fresh vegetables of except starchy ones, advised in all meals as they provide minerals, vitamins, plenty of fibre and anti-oxidants, essential for good functioning of heart, bowel health and overall metabolism.

Fish: Fish such as salmon, sardines and mackerel and advised which are rich in omega 3 fatty acids, vitamins such as A,D, E and K, necessary for bone health, heart health and in fighting inflammation (zero to two times a day)

Fruits and nuts: Fresh fruits and nuts provide vitamins, essential fatty acids and protein for muscle. (two to three servings of fruit /day)

Other essentials: Whole grains, Legumes - Rich in fiber, contain vitamins and protein

Dairy products: Milk, and yoghurt, provide calcium and vitamins.

Lean meat — predominantly from poultry

Eggs: Protein rich, zero to two times a day.

Plenty of water: Not to forget two to three liters of water.

AVOID

Processed foods, polished grains, white bread, white pasta, soda, sweets, additives, packaged foods. Small amount of alcohol, limited to red wine is allowed.

DISADVANTAGES

This is clean diet and is ideal, but calorie counting, portion control, control of red wine need attention. For vegetarians protein may be an issue and sensitivity to natural foods has to keep in mind. A bit of planning and modification based on individual requirements has to be done.

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PUNCH ON ANTIBIOTICS

Increased use of antibiotics makes them less effective, says DR APARNA KOTEKAR

The abuse of the class of drugs antibiotics, which once had revolutionised treatment of bacterial infections and caused a significant reduction in morbidity and mortality, has today become a grave healthcare challenge. In 2010, India was reported to be the world's largest consumer of antibiotics.

A 2018 study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences reported that the antibiotic consumption in India had more than doubled from 2000 to 2015. Thus, ironically, better access to antibiotics has resulted in its overuse and misuse, leading to increased cases of antibiotic resistance. Therefore, it is important that there is mass awareness on the growing threat of the condition.

The reasons for increasing antibiotic resistance in India are manifold. They include inappropriate use of antibiotics, widespread availability of antibiotics without prescription resulting in self-medication, empirical antibiotic treatment rather than evidence-based treatment, low healthcare spending, prevalence of counterfeit antibiotics resulting in sub-optimal dosing, high frequency of incomplete antibiotic course especially among the lower income group where antibiotics are used for symptomatic relief instead of microbial eradication

Reasons: Bacteria become resistant when they are exposed to antibiotics. Drug resistance develops either by acquisition of genes that are responsible for inactivating antibiotic molecules or by target gene mutation. The former is especially dangerous as it can spread quickly by horizontal gene transfer. Thus, antimicrobials become ineffective leading to persistent infections, and ultimately result in the spread of these resistant microbes in the community.

As per the World Health Organisation's (WHO's) "Antimicrobial Resistance — Global Report on Surveillance" of 2014, the incidence of resistance in common pathogens like E. coli, K. pneumoniae and S. aureus was about 50 per cent. This is quite alarming considering that no new antibiotics have been developed in the last four decades. Thus, AMR has become a global health crisis which could render even common infections untreatable with existing antibiotics.

Prevention: Studies have shown that around 50-60 per cent of antibiotic prescriptions are unnecessary. That is, antibiotics are prescribed even when the cause of infection is unknown. For example, antibiotics may be prescribed when the patient has a viral infection or the wrong antibiotic may be prescribed in the absence of identification of the infecting bacteria.

Evidence-based use of antibiotics can go a long way in stemming the spread of AMR. For this, detection of the pathogen and antibiotic resistance patterns is absolutely critical. Currently, this is done by microbial culture and sensitivity which can easily take around 72 hours for bacteria and longer for fungi.

Besides, microbiological methods show false negativity in patients pre-treated with antimicrobials, and have low sensitivity for slow growing, intracellular and fastidious microbes. In the time taken to diagnosis, empirical broad-spectrum antimicrobial therapy is administered, especially if the patient is critical, favoring selection and spread of resistant pathogens, and increased invasive fungal infections.

Molecular methods can overcome the limitations of microbiological methods, reducing the time to results in identifying pathogens and antibiotic resistance. As a result, it can serve to reduce the spread of antibiotic resistance, reduce healthcare costs by reducing consumption of expensive 3rd-line drugs, reduce ICU/hospital stay and result in better patient outcomes.

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DadiKaKehna

Did you know that your nails can say a lot about how healthy you are? They are also the charm of your hand. ROSHANI DEVI shares remedies on how to keep them beautiful and shiny



Keep of healthy nails can be problematic if we don't take care of them. The most common complaints about nails are that they have chipped, or developed an infection around them. However, one doesn't have to go for a manicure everytime. Here are home remedies to keep them healthy.

Use olive oil. Clean the nails thoroughly. Warm a small bowl of olive oil and dip the fingers for 15 minutes. Wipe clean with a towel and repeat the process daily.

Use lemon. It is a great cleanser and to help get rid of discoloration. Take a bowl, mix a teaspoon of baking soda in water. Add a tablespoon of lemon juice. Soak the nails for about 10 minutes. Gently scrub the nails and then wash.

Use coconut oil. The fat in oil is very nourishing and can

prevent nail infection. Warm coconut oil and apply it on each nail. Massage gently for five minutes.

Use apple cider vinegar. Mix equal amounts of apple cider vinegar and water in a bowl. Soak nails in this for a few minutes. Gently push down the cuticles. Do this once daily for stronger nails.



Use sea salt. Mix two tablespoons of fine grain sea salt with two drops each of wheat germ oil, *loban tel* and lemon essential oils. Soak nails for 10-15 minutes. Rinse, pat dry and apply a hand cream.

TIPTOP

Fasting can boost the body's metabolism and help protect against age-related diseases, a study has found. The circadian clock operates within the body and its organs as intrinsic time-keeping machinery to preserve homeostasis in response to the changing environment. Optimal fasting in a timed manner would be strategic to positively affect cellular functions and ultimately benefiting health and protecting against ageing-associated diseases.

Intermittent fasting can help in improving a person's blood pressure, cholesterol levels, and insulin sensitivity. It has also been found that longer periods of fasting (two to four days) aids in rebooting the immune system, clearing

out old immune cells, and regenerating new ones.

Ever since people have stopped observing weekly fasts, the incidence on high blood pressure, diabetes and heart attack has increased. Scientifically, it is now known that eating carbohydrates everyday increases the chances of heart attack.

Dr Aggarwal, who is the Group Editor-in-Chief of *IJCP*, said: "My rough formula of three for fasting is that one cannot live for three minutes without air, three days without water and three weeks without food. However, this formula is for healthy muscular and fatty people. When you fast, you can stay healthy for long if you have good muscles and have good fat content."



SLIMLINE

Diabetes, commonly described as a lifestyle disease, can contribute to infertility in both women and men, warn health experts. "Diabetes can cause infertility in both men and women. Both sexes are at equal risk of infertility," S.K. Wangnoo, endocrinologist at Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, said.

Infertility affects up to 15 per cent of reproductive-aged couples worldwide. According to an estimate by the World Health Organization, the overall prevalence of

primary infertility in India is between 3.9 per cent to 16.8 per cent.

Diabetes in men damages DNA of the sperm and leads to reduced number of sperms and reduced motility of sperms which leads to infertility. Although having diabetes does not necessarily make men infertile, it could make them less fertile.

On the other hand, Diabetes in women is associated with polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) and other autoimmune diseases that can lead to infertility.

STUDYCENTRE

Studies indicate that high salt intake can have detrimental effects on blood pressure. Over time, this can lead to hypertension and cardiovascular diseases. To lower the risk of developing a heart disease by 25 per cent and that of mortality due to this by 20 per cent, it is imperative to restrict dietary intake of salt.

As per recent figures by the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI), salt intake among Indian adult Indians is high. It exceeds the levels recommended by the WHO.

In Delhi and Haryana, it is 9.5 g per day and 10.4 g per day in Andhra Pradesh. This can be a risk factor especially in those with a family history of high blood pressure or heart disease.

Some recommendations from Heart Care Foundation of India:

- Reduce salt intake as much as possible, lower the better. Add only normal amounts of salt when cooking.
- Avoid eating preserved and packaged foods as much as possible.
- Ask about salt added to food, especially at restaurants. Most restaurant chefs will omit salt when requested.
- Remember the word 'Na', which is present in many drugs, soda etc.
- Nothing can be preserved without adding salt to it, therefore beware of processed and frozen fruits.
- Remember that it takes three months of a salt-free diet to get adjusted to it and ultimately start liking it.



Launch of a new micro insurance plan

Kanpur: LIC has introduced on Monday a new Micro Insurance Plan 'Micro Bachat'. On this occasion, zonal manager, North-Central Zone Shri NP Sinha and regional manager, Micro Insurance, North-Central Zone, SC Sharma were present.

The benefits of unique micro insurance plan "Micro Bachat" are as follows:

It is a regular premium, Non-linked, Participating Endowment Micro Insurance Plan, which offers a combination of protection and savings. For the first time a Micro Insurance Plan has been launched providing coverage up to Rs 2 lakh. This Plan provides financial support for the family in case of unfortunate death of the Policyholder during the policy term and a lumpsum amount at the time of maturity for the surviving policyholders. Depending upon the experience of the Corporation, policies under this plan will be eligible for Loyalty Additions, if any, at such rates and on such terms as may be declared by the Corporation and it will be available in case of Maturity, Death or Surrender if the Policy has completed 5 years and 5 full years' premium has been paid under the policy. This plan also takes care of the liquidity needs through its loan facility, provided 3 full years' premium has been paid. This Plan is available for Standard Healthy Lives only in the Age group of 18 to 55 years without undergoing any Medical Examination.

The Total Basic Sum Assured under all policies issued under this plan for an individual life shall not exceed Rs. 2 lakh. Auto Cover period: If at least 3 full years' Premium has been paid under a policy and any subsequent premium is not duly paid, Auto Cover Period of six months will be available. If at least 5 full years' premium is paid then Auto Cover Period of two years will be available.

Premium can be paid regularly at Yearly, Half yearly, Quarterly or Monthly intervals over the term of the Policy. Optional Benefit of LIC's Accidental Benefit Rider or LIC's Accidental Death and Disability Rider can be availed by payment of Additional Premium. Dated at Kanpur on the 18th February, 2019

GoM favours uniform tax on lottery

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A state ministerial panel set up to review tax rate on lottery Monday favoured a uniform GST rate of either 18 per cent or 28 per cent -- a final call on which would be taken by the GST Council at its meeting on February 20.

Currently, a state-organised lottery attracts 12 per cent GST while a state-organised lottery attracts 28 per cent tax.

The eight-member Group of Ministers under Maharashtra Finance Minister Sudhir Mungantiwar favoured hiking GST rate on the state-organised lottery to either 18 per cent or 28 per cent. While the GST rate on state-organised lottery would be retained at 28 per cent or brought down to 18 per cent.

"The GoM favoured a uniform GST rate for both state-organised and state-organised lotteries. A final call on whether that rate should be 18 per cent or 28 per cent would be taken by the GST Council on Wednesday," an official said.

The other members of the committee are West Bengal Finance Minister Amit Mitra, Kerala Finance Minister Thomas Isaac, Assam Finance Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, Punjab Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal, Goa Panchayat Minister Mauvin Godinho,

Karnataka Finance Minister Krishna Byre Gowda, Arunachal Tax and Excise Minister Jarkar Gamlin.

While Isaac did not attend the GoM meet on medical ground, Badal was not present as he had to present the state budget in Punjab Assembly.

Tax officers from West Bengal attended the meeting and is said to have flagged the issue of rate rationalisation in the light of the general election slated to be held by May.

"Other states, including major ones like Maharashtra, Assam, favoured a uniform GST rate," the official added.

The GoM was also tasked to suggest whether private persons authorised by the states were misusing the lower rate and getting enriched themselves at the cost of the state and suggest measures to curb it.

It was also mandated to examine issues related to enforcement including the legal frame work, so as to prevent evasion of tax on lottery and suggest appropriate tax rate to address the problem.

"It was decided in the GoM meet that decision relating to tax rate changes should be brought before the GST Council on February 20. Evasion aspect in lottery can be dealt in subsequent meetings," the official said.

Taking steps to ensure availability of affordable medicines: Gowda

Bengaluru: The government on Monday said it is taking steps to ensure that affordable generic medicines reach common people and is also undertaking measures to promote the 'Make in India' programme in the pharmaceutical and medical devices sector.

The vision of Prime Minister

Narendra Modi has been to make medicines affordable to the common people, so over 800 medicines were brought under the pricing scheme, said Minister of Chemicals and Fertilisers D V Sahananda Gowda.

"The government has ensured that generic medicines are available across the

The ministerial panel was set up last month to suggest whether a uniform tax rate should be imposed on lotteries or the current differential tax rate system be continued.

The 33rd GST Council meeting would also take up the issue of lowering Goods and Services Tax (GST) on under-construction residential properties to 5 per cent without ITC, from 12 per cent currently. On affordable housing segment, it was suggested that GST be slashed to 3 per cent, from 8 per cent.

Currently, GST is levied at 12 per cent with input tax credit (ITC) on payments made for under-construction property or ready-to-move-in flats where completion certificate has not been issued at the time of sale.

The effective pre-GST tax incidence on such housing property was 15-18 per cent. GST, however, is not levied on buyers of real estate properties for which completion certificate has been issued at the time of sale. There have been complaints that builders are not passing on the ITC benefit to consumers by way of reduction in price of the property after the rollout of GST, following which the GST Council had set up a ministerial panel to suggest ways to boost realty sector.

BUSINESS CORNER

VBL TO ACQUIRE PEPSICO FRANCHISE RIGHTS IN SOUTH, WEST INDIA

New Delhi: PepsiCo India's bottling partner Varun Beverages Monday said its board has approved plans to acquire franchise rights of the beverages and snacks major in South and West regions. The board has approved the company's intent to enter into a binding agreement with PepsiCo India Holdings to acquire franchise rights in the two regions for a national bottling, sales and distribution footprint in seven states and five UTs, Varun Beverages Ltd (VBL) said in a regulatory filing. Upon completion of these acquisitions, VBL will be a franchisee of PepsiCo beverages business across 27 states and seven Union Territories (UTs), it added. The proposed acquisitions are in line with the company's strategy to expand into contiguous territories and will help to acquire greater scale, operational productivity and efficiency leading to higher revenues and profitable growth," it said. VBL, however, did not disclose financial details of the proposed acquisitions. Commenting on the development, VBL Chairman Ravi Jaipuria said: "Our franchising agreement, subject to receipt of necessary statutory approvals, in South and West regions will enable VBL to acquire a national bottling and sales footprint." He further said the development would help the company acquire greater scale, operational productivity and efficiency leading to higher revenues and profitable growth. "This comes as a welcome force multiplier to our efforts to aggressively expand our beverage business across geographies," Jaipuria added. PepsiCo India President & CEO Ahmed ElSheikh said the move was aimed at unlocking "the full potential of PepsiCo's operating model in India. "With this agreement, VBL will acquire a national bottling, sales and distribution footprint. The move will profitably drive synergies of scale, operational productivity and efficiency across all facets of PepsiCo's beverage business," he added. ElSheikh further said PepsiCo will retain responsibility for category creation, brand building and development of the beverage portfolio in line with its vision of driving sustainable, responsible and profitable growth. Last year in January, VBL had entered into a pact with PepsiCo to sell and distribute the latter's entire Tropicana range of juices along with Gatorade and Quaker Value-Added Dairy in North and East India. VBL already held manufacturing, sales and distribution rights for Tropicana Slice and Tropicana Frutz in the two regions.

MONTE CARLO SETTLES TRADEMARK ROW WITH SKODA AUTO

New Delhi: Garments manufacturer Monte Carlo Fashions Monday said it has entered into an agreement with Skoda Auto India allowing the automaker to use its trademark 'Monte Carlo'. The agreement between the two parties comes a year after a Delhi court had admitted a trademark violation plea for infringement of trademark Monte Carlo owned by Monte Carlo Fashions Ltd against Skoda Auto India from using the brand name with respect to a new Monte Carlo edition car. Under the agreement, Skoda India has obtained a licence from Monte Carlo Fashions Ltd to use its trademarks 'Monte Carlo', in the whole of India in respect of its products comprising only of cars, cars accessories and spare parts as well as on packaging, promotional and advertising material associated therewith.

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SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY50	10738.65	10759.90	10628.40	10640.95	-83.45
INFRATEL	306.70	319.25	304.70	316.50	9.60
ONGC	136.80	138.90	135.80	137.15	2.15
ZEE	429.90	441.65	424.00	437.85	6.50
TATAMOTORS	162.80	163.45	159.20	163.10	1.45
AXISBANK	686.00	697.70	680.70	692.40	5.80
TECHM	815.00	822.00	800.50	805.35	5.70
NTPC	135.80	140.40	134.95	137.10	0.85
UPL	819.25	830.00	806.05	822.00	3.65
VEDL	148.85	151.15	146.65	147.95	0.65
INDUSINDBK	1509.50	1524.90	1500.00	1512.80	3.30
LT	1245.00	1259.55	1240.00	1245.50	2.40
CIPLA	542.00	545.05	532.30	541.00	0.45
DREDDY	2650.00	2689.65	2545.05	2564.05	0.70
BPL	322.55	330.10	322.55	327.80	-0.05
HDFC	1877.30	1893.00	1864.05	1873.80	-1.10
INFY	742.35	747.65	736.00	741.00	-0.95
POWERGRID	181.45	183.50	179.55	181.25	-0.25
GAIL	318.55	321.00	310.75	317.00	-0.75
TATASTEEL	468.90	477.00	464.40	465.60	-1.40
ULTRACEMCO	3452.00	3459.00	3380.00	3425.00	-19.45
BAFINANCE	2548.05	2561.00	2514.55	2549.95	-11.15
HEROMOTOCO	2690.00	2704.90	2624.45	2684.00	-12.45
WIPRO	378.80	378.80	370.75	374.30	-1.80
IOC	125.85	126.75	124.20	124.85	-0.60
HDFCBANK	2106.80	2118.00	2086.00	2089.70	-10.95
M&M	606.00	630.00	615.60	623.40	-4.15
KOTAKBANK	1281.00	1288.00	1273.25	1275.00	-8.65
EICHERMOT	20433.00	20450.00	20047.70	20099.20	-134.90
BHARTIARTL	306.90	307.15	300.05	302.30	-2.30
TITAN	1040.10	1040.65	1021.30	1030.45	-8.55
LICHSGFIN	1060.80	1072.00	1032.50	1048.00	-9.25
ADANIAPORTS	348.00	352.90	345.55	346.55	-3.60
HINDALCO	187.00	188.70	183.90	184.65	-1.95
BAJAJ-AUTO	2830.00	2835.00	2767.80	2796.00	-29.95
ICICIBANK	342.00	343.00	337.55	338.50	-3.65
HINDUNILVR	1775.10	1775.10	1735.00	1753.00	-19.80
GRASIM	711.95	711.95	693.80	697.80	-8.95
SBIN	264.40	265.50	258.80	259.50	-3.45
ASIANPAINT	1401.70	1401.70	1345.00	1374.95	-18.65
MARUTI	6966.70	6997.80	6817.00	6834.95	-95.10
HINDPETRO	2160.00	2163.55	2112.00	2123.00	-4.05
SUNPHARMA	424.50	428.00	413.30	414.65	-8.25
ITC	278.80	282.45	273.90	274.25	-5.85
JSWSTEEL	268.00	269.95	261.00	261.20	-5.70
COALINDIA	218.00	218.00	214.80	215.10	-4.85
YESBANK	201.00	216.70	201.80	214.00	-5.00
BAJAJFINSV	6069.00	6083.05	5880.35	5886.00	-139.45
RELIANCE	1259.00	1252.50	1215.00	1215.65	-28.80
TCS	2037.60	2041.95	1962.65	1969.60	-40.10
BULHSGFIN	639.00	649.40	615.00	617.00	-22.35

NIFTY NEXT 50

SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY NEXT 50	25490.00	25496.65	25131.55	25296.45	-204.15
BRIJANNIA	2860.00	2939.00	2759.00	2927.10	68.75
IDEA	30.40	30.90	29.80	30.70	0.70
NHPC	23.40	23.55	23.25	23.45	0.35
ABCAPITAL	81.25	82.30	79.70	81.40	1.00
OIL	174.20	175.90	172.10	174.00	1.90
NIACL	170.25	173.00	169.35	172.80	1.55
LICHSGFIN	439.60	448.80	438.90	442.60	3.25
PETRONET	215.00	216.50	212.75	215.85	1.55
SRILIFE	569.50	572.10	563.30	571.50	2.65
NMDC	91.75	93.35	91.75	92.00	0.35
PEL	2155.25	2200.00	2148.05	2170.00	8.25
ICICPRULI	303.90	307.90	301.10	303.55	0.55
SRTRANSFIN	1005.20	1014.95	994.80	1003.40	1.40
CONCOR	75.55	76.30	74.85	75.15	0.05
BEL	492.00	499.45	477.00	491.50	0.25
BHEL	61.05	61.60	60.90	61.05	0.00
MCOWELL-N	511.00	513.80	496.80	507.45	-0.30
LUPIN	778.10	785.00	760.50	773.00	-1.75
MARICO	339.30	339.65	324.25	338.45	-0.85
COLPAL	1226.95	1245.35	1212.00	1230.40	-3.45
ASHOKLEY	79.80	79.95	77.60	79.65	-0.30
ICIGI	900.05	914.90	898.50	907.00	-4.15
HAVELLS	690.00	690.00	665.45	685.35	-3.30
SUNTV	543.85	554.35	540.50	543.55	-3.45
CADILAH	310.40	317.35	309.30	311.75	-2.25
GODREJPC	660.00	661.50	634.00	658.30	-5.45
AUROPHARMA	725.30	726.80	714.05	716.45	-6.15
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DLF	159.00	160.20	155.60	159.90	-2.20
HINDZINC	249.00	250.95	243.20	244.20	-3.65
ABB	1241.45	1250.55	1224.80	1228.00	-18.90
BANDHANBANK	476.00	477.00	465.00	465.50	-7.50
BANKBARODA	100.85	101.95	98.50	99.15	-1.70
SIEMENS	963.80	974.00	941.25	944.00	-18.05
ACC	1349.00	1356.95	1326.00	1326.70	-25.75
DMART	1448.00	1459.80	1413.00	1436.25	-28.05
GICRE	22.90	22.90	21.50	21.00	-4.25
PGHI	9971.00	10025.50	9750.00	9815.00	-217.35
SHREECEM	15588.00	15588.00	15046.45	15269.95	-344.70
HDFCLIFE	359.45	362.80	349.00	349.90	-8.60
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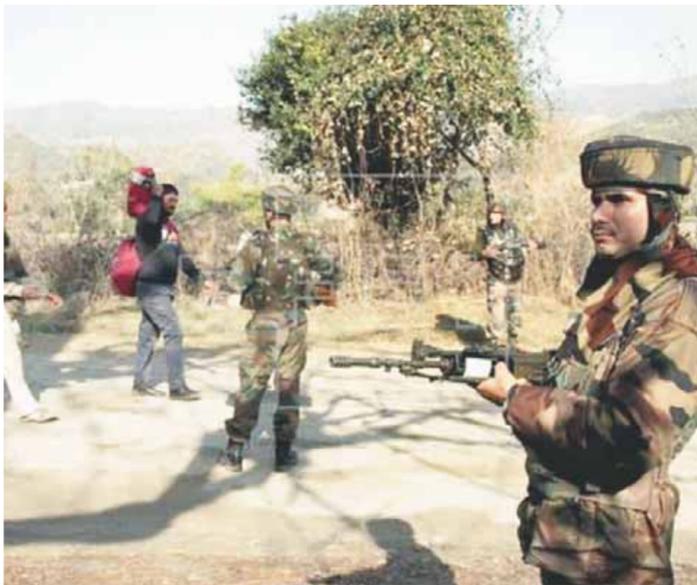
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RELCAPITAL	163.40	165.65	151.15	152.80	LICHSGFIN
DELFINRA	126.35	129.85	120.45	123.40	IBVENTURES
DHFL	125.90	135.40	125.00	128.90	SPARC
DISHTV	32.90	37.10	32.60	35.05	IDEA
RELIANCE	1245.30	1251.40	1215.95	1219.75	GAIL
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Pak calls back envoy from India for 'consultations'

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

In a tit-for-tat action, Pakistan Monday called back its High Commissioner from India for "consultations" amid heightened bilateral tensions after the Pulwama terror attack, days after New Delhi asked its envoy in Islamabad to return. Foreign Office spokesperson Mohammad Faisal said envoy Sohail Mahmood left New Delhi on Monday morning.

"We have called back our High Commissioner in India for consultations. He left New Delhi this morning," he said on Twitter. It was not immediately clear as to how many days he will stay in Pakistan. Mahmood was on Friday summoned in New Delhi by Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale who lodged strong protest over the killing of 40 CRPF soldiers in Pulwama. Indian High Commissioner to Pakistan Ajay Bisaria has already been called to New Delhi for consultations in the wake of the attack. India has blamed Pakistan-backed Jaish-e-Mohammad terror group for the Pulwama terror attack on Thursday. JeM has claimed responsibility for the attack. In a major diplomatic offensive against Islamabad after the attack, India has highlighted Pakistan's role in using terrorism as an instrument of state policy. India has demanded that Pakistan should take immediate and verifiable action against terrorists and terror groups operating from territories under its control to create a conducive atmosphere in the region, free of terror.



India has blamed Pakistan-backed Jaish-e-Mohammad terror group for the Pulwama terror attack on Thursday. JeM has claimed responsibility for the attack

India on Friday announced the withdrawal of the Most Favoured Nation status for Pakistan and hiked the customs duty by 200 per cent on goods originating from Pakistan with immediate effect on Saturday.

Pak bestows MBS with highest civilian award

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan on Monday conferred its highest civilian award Nishan-e-Pakistan on Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman for his "outstanding support" in reinvigorating the ties between the two countries.

The award was presented by Pakistan President Arif Alvi at a special ceremony held at the President House in Islamabad. Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan, members of prince Salman's delegation, diplomats, senior officers and Cabinet ministers attended the ceremony.

According to the citation, the Crown Prince provided "outstanding support for reinvigorating Pak-Saudi bilateral relationship".

The Crown Prince arrived at the President House in traditional Presidential chariot along with Prime Minister Khan. A special contingent of Presidential security guards escorted the chariot.

President Alvi, Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi and Information Minister Fawad Chaudhry received him on arrival.

"Saudi Arabia and Pakistan have been indispensable partners for a very long time. We have been together for centuries. Our friendship is bound in religion and culture," Alvi said.



Pakistani President Arif Alvi receives visiting Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman at presidential palace in Islamabad, Pakistan

"Even though there is geographical distance between us but we are very close in our hearts. The recent visit of the Prime Minister and your visit has cemented the friendship between us," he said.

The President also hosted a luncheon for the royal guest. A formal meeting was held between the President and the Crown Prince, along with their respective delegations.

The two sides expressed desire to further promote and deepen the bilateral ties.

"I was honoured to meet the president of Pakistan. I thank you for honouring me with Pakistan's highest award," prince Salman said in his address.

'Will try to de-escalate tension between neighbours'

AFP ■ ISLAMABAD

Saudi Arabia vowed to "de-escalate" rising tensions between Pakistan and India during a high-profile summit in Islamabad on Monday as Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman prepares to travel from Islamabad to New Delhi.

The kingdom's Foreign Minister spoke at a press conference in Islamabad as Pakistan recalled its envoy from Delhi for "consultations", the latest development in a fresh diplomatic crisis between the neighbours. India has vowed to retaliate after the suicide attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pulwama that killed 41 CRPF soldiers last week, the deadliest attack in the state in decades.

The attack has sparked widespread calls in the country for action against Pakistan.

"Our objective is to try to de-escalate tensions between the two countries, neighbouring countries, and to see if there is a path forward to resolving those differences peacefully" said Saudi Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir.

The pledge came as the crown prince, widely known as "MBS", prepared to head for India later Monday, at the conclusion of his two-day visit to Pakistan. The Pakistan-based terror group Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) claimed responsibility for Thursday's attack, and the vehicle was driven by a 22-year-old terrorist.

India is garnering diplomatic support after the attack and has vowed to "isolate" Pakistan diplomatically in the international community, saying it has "incontrovertible evidence" of Islamabad's role. Pakistan has rejected the allegations.

N Korea faces 'historic turning point', says state media ahead of summit

AFP ■ SEOUL

North Korea is facing a "significant, historic turning point", state media said on Monday, ahead of a highly-anticipated second summit between Donald Trump and Kim Jong Un.

The meeting between the two leaders — which will be the second time the pair have come together following their Singapore summit in June — is scheduled for Hanoi, Vietnam on February 27-28.

Attention has been focused on whether the US team will offer to lift some economic sanctions on North Korea, in return for Pyongyang taking concrete steps toward denuclearisation. "It is time for us to tighten our shoe strings and run fast, looking for a higher goal as we face this decisive moment," the Rodong Sinmun newspaper said in an editorial.



South Korean war veterans stage a rally supporting the United States' policy to put steady pressure on North Korea, near the US Embassy in Seoul, South Korea, on Monday. US President Donald Trump will hold a two-day summit with North Korea leader Kim Jong Un on February 27-28 in Vietnam to try to convince him to give up his nuclear weapons program.

"Our country is facing a significant, historic turning point," it added, without explicitly referencing the summit.

Earlier this month, US President Trump tweeted that North Korea will become a

"great Economic Powerhouse" under Kim. "He may surprise some but he won't surprise me, because I have gotten to know him & fully understand how capable he is," said Trump. The Rodong Sinmun com-

mentary called on North Koreans to make greater efforts to boost the country's economy. North Korea is rising as a "strong, socialist nation," and one's true act of patriotism begins at one's workplace, the commentary added.

"Each and every product should be made to make our country shine." North Korea, which holds most of the peninsula's mineral resources, was once wealthier than the South, but decades of mismanagement and the demise of its former paymaster the Soviet Union have left it deeply impoverished.

In 2017 the UN Security Council banned the North's main exports — coal and other mineral resources, fisheries and textile products — to cut off its access to hard currency in response to Pyongyang's pursuit of nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles.

US Senator warns Venezuelan soldiers to let aid enter

AP ■ CUCUTA (COLOMBIA)

US Sen. Marco Rubio visited a border staging point for US aid to Venezuela on Sunday and warned soldiers loyal to socialist President Nicolas Maduro that it will be a "crime against humanity" if they block entry of the goods that are being channeled through Maduro's rivals.

An enthusiastic throng of Venezuelan migrants, some chanting "Rubio! Liberty," met the Florida Republican as he visited Cucuta and held a news conference in sight of a border bridge that has been flooded in recent months by people fleeing the hardships of Venezuela's hyperinflation and severe shortages of food and medicine.

The US has used military and civilian aircraft to fly in food and personal care aid in an effort meant to undermine



A Venezuelan woman with a baby reads a flyer, given to her by Venezuelan politicians in exile, inviting people to come out to the streets on February 23 to support the planned aid delivery to Venezuela, in La Parada, on the border with Venezuela, Colombia

Maduro and dramatize his government's inability to overcome shortages of food and medicine. The aid is supposed

to be moved into Venezuela on February 23 by supporters of congressional leader Juan Guaido, who is recognized the US and dozens of other countries as Venezuela's legitimate president. Maduro is using troops to block the aid from entering, saying it is not needed and is part of a US-orchestrated attempt to overthrow him.

Rubio, who has been an

influential voice in advocating US measures against Maduro, noted that about 50 nations have declared Guaido the constitutional president of Venezuela, based on arguments that Maduro's re-election last year was fraudulent, and consider other government-stacked institutions such as the supreme court to have no legal authority.

While Russia, China, Turkey and a large number of Asian and African countries still back Maduro, Rubio dismissed them, saying in English: "The countries that support Maduro do not surprise us. All of them are corrupt and none of them is a democracy and many of them are owed billions of dollars that they want to get paid by the corrupt regime."

Rubio said the issue is "a humanitarian crisis, of human beings who have nothing to do with politics."

US-Taliban talks in Pak put off

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

The talks between the US and Afghan Taliban slated for Monday here have been postponed, according to the insurgent group which alleged that some members of its negotiating team could not travel to Pakistan for the meeting due to sanctions imposed by America and the UN.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid announced last week that talks with the US will take place in Pakistan's capital, while they will also meet Prime Minister Imran Khan.

"The Islamic Emirate had arranged for their representatives to participate but unfortunately, most members of the negotiations team were unable to travel due to the US and UN blacklist and the meeting was postponed," the Taliban said in a statement.

Security officials said that some of the members of the Taliban were still under sanctions but it was not the sole reason for the delay.

They said Afghanistan was not comfortable with these talks and the delay in the arrival of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman visit was another reason.

Now the next round of talks between rebel and US will be held on February 25 in Doha as planned earlier.

Last month the two sides held detailed talks and there were indications that they have come closer to end more than 17 years of conflict in Afghanistan.

Afghanistan's Foreign Ministry reacted strongly to the announcement of a meeting in Islamabad, saying it was in violation of a United Nations Security Council resolution.

"#Afghanistan complains to #UNSecurityCouncil on #Pakistan's engagements with the Taliban on which #Afg Government is not consulted," Tweeted Sibghatullah Admadi, a spokesman for the Afghan foreign office.

Previously, Afghanistan launched a similar complaint against Russia for allowing Taliban members to travel to Moscow for a conference in which nearly 50 Afghans, including various political leaders, were invited.

However, the Afghan government was not invited to that conference because the Taliban have so far refused to engage with Kabul despite pressure from the US, Saudi Arabia, and others.

Shahbaz Sharif convicted in corruption case

PTI ■ LAHORE

Pakistan's Opposition leader Shehbaz Sharif was indicted by an accountability court on Monday for corruption in a Rs 1,400 crore housing project.

Shehbaz, 67, the president of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) was indicted along with nine others in the Ashiana Iqbal Housing scam case.

He along with other suspects appeared before the accountability court in Lahore as Judge Syed Najamul Hassan heard the case, Dawn reported.

Judge Hassan then framed charges against Shehbaz and the nine other suspects, including former principal secretary to prime minister Fawad Hassan Fawad. Shehbaz and the other suspects rejected the charges and decided to contest the allegations. The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) had taken Shehbaz, the brother of jailed former prime minister Nawaz Sharif, into custody on October 5.

Abe mum on reports he nominated Trump for Nobel Peace Prize

AP ■ TOKYO

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe declined Monday to say if he had nominated US President Donald Trump for the Nobel Peace Prize, though he also emphasized he did not deny doing so.

Trump's assertion Friday that Abe had nominated him for the honor and sent him a copy of the letter has raised criticism in Japan.

Questioned in parliament about Trump's claim that he had done so, Abe said, "In light of the Nobel committee's policy of not disclosing recommenders and nominees for 50 years, I decline to comment."

Neither the prime minister nor his spokesman denied Trump's comment.

"I never said I didn't" nominate him, Abe said in response to a follow-up question by

Yuichiro Tamaki, a lawmaker for the opposition Democratic Party for the People.

Tamaki said in a tweet Monday that given the lack of progress on various issues with North Korea that he was concerned such a nomination would "send the wrong message to North Korea and the rest of international society."

In responding to Tamaki's questions in parliament, Abe praised Trump, saying he "has been decisively responding toward resolving North Korea's nuclear and missile problems, and last year he held historic US-North Korea summit talks."

Abe added that Trump had also passed on to North Korean leader Kim Jong Un Japan's own concerns about past abductions of Japanese citizens by the North, saying "he and the entire White House

also actively cooperated in resolving the issue."

"I highly praise President Trump's leadership," Abe said.

Trump's claim that Abe had sent him a "beautiful copy" of a letter sent to the Nobel committee could not be immediately verified.

The government's top spokesman, Yoshihide Suga, echoed Abe's remarks in refusing further comment.

The situation is awkward for Abe at a time when his government is under fire for allegedly manipulating data on wage increases to suggest his economic policies were yielding better results than was actually the case.

"Being Trump's closest friend among world leaders has not worked out too well for Abe," said Jeff Kingston, director of Asian Studies at Temple University Japan.

UK lawmakers slam Facebook, recommend stiffer regulation

AP ■ NEW YORK

British lawmakers issued a scathing report Monday that accused Facebook of intentionally violating privacy and anti-competition laws in the U.K., and called for greater oversight of social media companies.

The report on fake news and disinformation on social media sites followed an 18-month investigation. The parliamentary committee that prepared the report says social media sites should have to follow a mandatory code of ethics overseen by an independent regulator to better control harmful or illegal content.

The report called out Facebook in particular, saying that the site's structure seems to be designed to "conceal knowledge of and responsibility for specific decisions."

"It is evident that Facebook intentionally and knowingly violated both data privacy and anti-competition laws," the report states. It also accuses CEO Mark Zuckerberg of



showing contempt for the U.K. Parliament by declining numerous invitations to appear before the committee.

Facebook did not immediately respond to an email request for comment.

Facebook and other internet companies have been facing increased scrutiny over how they handle user data and have come under fire for not doing enough to stop misuse of their platforms by groups trying to sway elections.

The report by the Parliament's media committee echoes and expands upon an interim report with similar findings issued by the committee in July. And in December, a trove of documents released by the committee offered evidence that the social network had used its enormous trove of user data as a competitive weapon, often in ways designed to keep its users in the dark.

Facebook faced its biggest privacy scandal last year when Cambridge Analytica, a now-defunct British political data-mining firm that worked for the 2016 Donald Trump campaign, accessed the private information of up to 87 million users.

MANDHANA MAINTAINS TOP SPOT

PTI ■ DUBAI

India opener Smriti Mandhana maintained her pole position while ODI skipper Mithali Raj remained fifth in the latest ICC ODI Players' Ranking issued on Monday. Mandhana is leading the pack with 774 rating points ahead of Australia pair of Ellyse Perry and Meg Lanning. New Zealand's Amy Satterthwaite is placed fourth,

just ahead of Raj. The other Indians to feature in top 20 are Deepti Sharma, who jumped a place to 17th and Twenty20 skipper Harmanpreet Kaur at 19th. West Indies captain Stafanie Taylor has advanced two places and grabbed eighth position among batters even as a number of players from Pakistan and South Africa have also moved up in the ICC Women's ODI Player Rankings after winning their respective ICC Women's

Championship series. Taylor led the list of run-getters with an aggregate of 158, including two fifties, in a 2-1 loss here that enabled Pakistan to overtake the West Indies in the points table of the eight-team championship. It provides direct qualification berths to hosts New Zealand and four other top teams in the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2021. South Africa have kept in contention for a direct berth in the pinnacle event by com-



pleting a 3-0 triumph at home over Sri Lanka, a verdict that has helped them to catch up with the fifth-placed West Indies on 11 points, even though they remain behind on net run rate. Pakistan's victory over the West Indies has lifted them to 12 points and they are now in the fourth position, just behind India on the net run rate in the list led by Australia with 16 points from only nine matches and New Zealand second at 14 points from 12.

Among bowlers, veteran pacer Jhulan Goswami is the best-placed Indian at the third spot behind Megan Schutt of Australia and Pakistan's Sana Mir, who is leading the pack. Deepti Sharma and Poonam Yadav are two other Indian bowlers figuring at the top-10 at eighth and ninth positions respectively. Deepti also features in the all-rounders chart at a career-high third spot. Perry is at the pinnacle of the list followed by West Indies' Taylor.

No Indian woman has reached the top spot among all-rounders as all the former captains — Goswami (in July 2015), Purnima Rau (December 2000) and Shubhangi Kulkarni (January 1986) have attained the second position. The upcoming India-England series can be crucial in the final standings while defending champions Australia host second-placed New Zealand in another series that also starts on Saturday.



Pedro puts Chennai in drivers' seat

PTI ■ SHILLONG

Pedro Manzi scored two goals and set up another to guide table-toppers Chennai City FC to a 4-2 win over hosts Shillong Lajong in a return leg fixture of the Hero I-League here Monday. Pedro, the current highest scorer in the 12th I-League with 18 goals to his credit, changed the complexion of the match in a span of 12 minutes. Spaniards Sandro Rodriguez and Nestor Jesus were the other goal scorers for Chennai, while Kitboklang Pale and Samuel Lyngdoh scored for the home team. Chennai consolidated their position at the top with 37 points from 17 games, five points clear of their nearest rival East Bengal. Shillong remained at the bottom of the table with 10 points from the same number of games. Akbar Nawaz gave new recruit and Italian keeper Mauro Boerchio his first start under the

Chennai woodwork while Allison Kharsyntiew started with an unchanged XI. The game began with Chennai City pressing hard from the first minute. The Spanish duo of Pedro and Sandro along with Ajith Kumar combined well to threaten the young Lajong defence. It soon yielded results when Sandro curled in a corner into Shillong net past keeper Phurcha Lachempa in the seventh minute to hand Chennai the lead. Lajong then lost their keeper Lachempa to an injury. Shillong started to attack a little late in the half and made some threatening moves to keep debutant Mauro Boerchio busy. Phrangki Buam, Mahesh Naorem, and Kitboklang Pale combined well to create a few opportunities but could not convert any. Lajong's efforts finally paid dividends when Kitboklang Pale came up with a clinical finish, after a brilliant through ball from Phrangki Buam in the

23rd minute. The first half came to an end with the scoreline reading 1-1 for both the teams. In the second half, Lajong began on a more enterprising note but Phrangki Buam and Samuel Lyngdoh wasted some golden chances. However, as has been the case throughout the length of the league, Chennai's Spanish armada led by Pedro changed the complexion of the game in the last 12 minutes. Off a Sandro free-kick from the left flank in the 78th minute, Pedro headed in for his 17th goal for the league. He then latched on to a long ball four minutes later, from Josef Kaplan from inside the Chennai half and crossed accurately for countryman Nestor Jesus to head home. Samuel Lyngdoh then converted a penalty in the 85th minute to keep Shillong interested before Pedro's 90th-minute strike sealed the match in Chennai's favour.

Pulwama fallout: Minerva moves court, East Bengal wait & watch

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Minerva Punjab FC pulled out but refused to give up on points while East Bengal adopted a wait and watch approach towards its scheduled fixture after the Pulwama terror attack cast a shadow on their matches against Real Kashmir FC in Srinagar. Defending champions Minerva did not show up for their clash against a ready RKFC in Srinagar on Monday after asserting that the home club and the All India Football Federation (AIFF) failed in providing written security assurances. East Bengal, on the other hand, conveyed their concerns about the February 28 match to the AIFF but refrained from making an outright pullout threat. Their clash against RKFC is the last scheduled I-League match in Srinagar. The AIFF, meanwhile, has referred the Minerva issue to its League Committee and maintained silence on East Bengal's concerns. The entire sequence of events is a fallout of Thursday's attack in which at least 40 CRPF paramilitary troopers were killed while several others injured. It has been termed the deadliest terrorist strike in three decades in Jammu and Kashmir. Minerva claims it couldn't have travelled to Srinagar after its foreign players were specifically told by their respective embassies to avoid the J&K capital. The club has refused to offer a forfeiture and has moved the Delhi High Court after the AIFF refused to relocate their match.



"We have filed a writ petition in the Delhi High Court, seeking relief so that we are not forced to play in Srinagar at this volatile time," Minerva Punjab FC owner Ranjit Bajaj told PTI. "Even today there was a 12-hour encounter where four Army men have been martyred. And they are saying 'come and play football here'. Unless the court intervenes, we are not expecting natural justice." Interestingly, the AIFF has also not declared the match a forfeiture till now. According to the FIFA guidelines, in the event of a forfeiture, full points are awarded to the team turning up for the game. After the February 14 attack, East Bengal also wrote to the AIFF asking for a change in venue. "We have sent a letter to AIFF and we are awaiting the revert. Let them reply and then we will decide the next course of action," East Bengal CEO Sanjit Sen said. "AIFF has to let us know when and where the match is

going to be held. Once they let us know, we will decide our stance," he added. I-League CEO Sunando Dhar though said security was not an issue as the local authorities assured them of all the necessary arrangements. "The local security authorities in Srinagar have given a go-ahead to hold the match. The AIFF has assured of all the necessary arrangements for players and officials by the local authority," Dhar said. He added that "while the security arrangement of the players from the airport to the team hotel and from travelling from the hotel to the ground and return, everything was taken care of." While Minerva Punjab are not in contention, East Bengal and Real Kashmir are both title contenders this season, and it remains to be seen what the AIFF does in the matter. Real Kashmir FC co-founders Sandeep Chattoo and Shamim Meraj expressed disappointment that Monday's match did not take place.

Uttar Pradesh Towards New Heights of Development

Dedication to the Nation/
Inauguration of projects
worth more than 1289 Crore

Dedication to the Nation of

- 2 Escalators & 1 Lift on Platform no. 8/9 at Varanasi Junction
- Augmented Passenger Amenities on Platform no. 1, 6/7 & 8/9 at Varanasi Junction
- 1 MWp Solar Power Plant at Varanasi Junction
- Doubling of Lohta-Bhadohi (39 Kms.) & Bhadohi-Janghai (31 kms.) Rail Section
- Doubling of Sarnath-Manduadih Rail Section
- Electrification of Varanasi-Allahabad Rail section

Laying of Foundation Stone of

- 3rd Additional 10m. wide Foot Over Bridge with modern facilities including Escalators & Lifts on each platform at Varanasi Junction
- Chord line for arrival/departure of trains at Lohta & Bypass line for goods trains at Shivpur side

Inauguration of

- Integrated Running Room Complex for Loco Pilots & Guards at Varanasi Junction
- Second Entry at Manduadih Railway Station

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Prime Minister

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Gibbs back India, England as contenders for World Cup

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Former South African opener Herschelle Gibbs named India and hosts England as the two strong contenders to win the upcoming ICC World Cup starting May 30.

"It is always wide open. The two standout contenders will be England and India. But, who is going to make the other two places for the semi-finals? It is difficult to say. A lot depends on the weather in England. The bowling attacks will all play a

part (in the tournament)," the 44-year-old Gibbs said on Monday.

Asked about South Africa's chances, Gibbs said that it is not about AB de Villiers' absence that will be key but more so about the lack of quality all-rounder.

"We (South Africa) are always up there irrespective of ABD. We have got Faf (Du Plessis) and Quinton de Kock. The only issue for South Africa is not having an all-rounder," Gibbs said.

Recently, ICC chairman Shashank Manohar expressed his concerns about Test cricket's future but Gibbs begged to differ. "Test cricket is (still going) strong. I don't know why people say you need to revive it? I am a big fan of Test cricket finishing in four days. It need not go on for full five days." However the veteran of 90 Tests and 248 ODIs, wants batsmen to be challenged more in the longest format.

"The batsmen around the world get it easy in ODIs and

T20. If they need to fight on sporting tracks in Test cricket, so be it. Sometimes the game finishes in two days, when the pitch is offering turn. I don't mind that," the dashing right-hander said.

"It should not have to go for all five days. It is important that a batsman's technique gets tested all the time. The bowlers, they also have something in it, to get their confidence going. They don't get it from T20s or ODIs because flat decks are on offer," said the 44-year-old.

Komal impresses in BP XI loss against England XI

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Left-arm medium-pace Komal Zanzad impressed with a three-wicket initial burst but Board President's XI failed to defend their modest score of 154 and lost by two wickets against the visiting England XI in a practise game on Monday.

Komal who is yet to play for India but has taken an amazing 9 for 8 against Haryana in the domestic one-day tournament of the BCCI last season, rocked the visitors with her devastating spell of 3 for 9 in her first six overs at the Wankhede Stadium.

England XI were gasping at 11 for 4 by the fifth over triggered by the triple strike by the Vidarba captain before Heather Knight, with a steady, unbeaten 64 off 86 balls, lifted the team out of the rut and guided it past the finish line in the 38th over. England made 157 for 8.

Apart from Komal, Reemalaxmi Ekka and spinner Tanuja Kanwer picked up two wickets apiece.

Earlier, the local outfit lost wickets in clusters and were bowled out in 49 overs with lower order batswoman Minnu Mani emerging the top scorer with 28 in 57 balls that contained one of the two sixes struck in the innings.

Slight let up and you will get hurt: Finch on India series



PTI ■ MELBOURNE

Australia captain Aaron Finch feels that he doesn't need a Big Bash League triumph to "pep" him up as playing an away series against a formidable Indian team is a big enough challenge.

Finch will lead Australia in the upcoming limited overs series in India starting February 24 where they would play two T20 Internationals apart from five ODIs to fine tune their preparation for the ICC World Cup.

Finch's side Melbourne Renegades beat Melbourne Stars by 13 runs in the BBL final on Sunday.

"I don't think you need anything to put pep in your step when you're going on an Aussie tour, particularly to India," Finch was quoted as saying by official Cricket Australia website cricket.Com.Au.

"If you are slightly off the mark, you are going to get hurt. They (India) are the best side in one-day cricket in their own conditions, I think. So you've got to go there full of confidence and have a real clear game plan," said the 32-year-old opener.

Finch went through an eventful summer. He was appointed Australia's one-day captain in a World Cup year, before making his long-awaited Test debut. But he has since been dropped from the Test squad after failing to fire, and has not been as destructive as usual in the shorter form of the game.

India shouldn't play Pak in WC: Harbhajan

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Veteran off-spinner Harbhajan Singh doesn't want India to play Pakistan in the upcoming ODI World Cup in the aftermath of the ghastly terror attack in Pulwama.

Harbhajan said India is strong enough to win the World Cup even if they decide to forfeit the match against Pakistan in Manchester on June 16.

Harbhajan's statement came after the terror attack in Pulwama killed 40 CRPF personnel. Pakistan-based terror outfit Jaish-e-Mohammad had claimed responsibility for the ghastly act.

"India should not play Pakistan in the world Cup. India is powerful enough to win the World Cup without having to play Pakistan," Harbhajan said.



"This is a difficult time. The attack that has happened, it was unbelievable and it's very wrong. Strict action will surely be taken by the government. When it comes to cricket, I don't think we should have any relations with them otherwise they will keep treating us like this," he added.

Harbhajan said India doesn't need to revive any sort of sporting ties with Pakistan as a mark of respect for the armed forces.

"I don't think India should play the World Cup match against Pakistan. Country comes first and we are all standing behind our country. Cricket or hockey or sports, it should be kept aside because this is a huge thing and repeatedly our soldiers are killed.

"We should stand with our country. Cricket or hockey or any sport, we don't need to play with them," he said.

"We should not keep any kind of ties with Pakistan; we are powerful enough to feed the world on our own. Cricket, sports is not as important. We stand with every member of the defence force. Their sacrifices should not go to waste," Harbhajan said.

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15064	Lokmanyatilak Jn. - Gorakhpur Express	19 & 26.02.2019
11079	Lokmanyatilak Jn.-Gorakhpur Express	21 & 28.02.2019
11080	Gorakhpur Jn. - Lokmanyatilak Exprs	23.02.2019
11407	Pune Jn. - Lucknow Ne Express	21 & 28.02.2019
11408	Lucknow Ne Jn. - Pune Express	19 & 26.02.2019

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11123 Barauni Jn - Gwalior Jn Mail Exp.	Diverted via Kanpur Central - Etawah - Bhind - Gwalior Jn	Kanpur Central - Jhansi Jn - Gwalior Jn	19.02.2019 to 28.02.2019
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Need funds to play more Int'l tournaments, says Sourabh

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Reigning national champion Sourabh Verma has appealed for financial help, which will enable him to play more international tournaments in order to improve his current world ranking.

The 26-year-old had burst into the scene with his first senior national title in 2011 but over training led to frequent break downs, which stopped him from playing tournaments consistently.

It affected his ranking as from a career-best ranking of 30 in 2012 he now finds himself at 55.

"I don't have financial support to play international tournaments. Now due to the new rule, only top 25 players are getting financial help from BAI. That led to my international exposure being reduced and hence my ranking slipped," Verma said.

He said that BAI did sponsor him for the Dutch Open but he needs more funding.

Of course, Dutch was financed by BAI after my performance in two domestic events but if I get financial support, I can do well," he said.

"I need to play at least 10-12 tournaments to get more ranking points. I had a knee problem last year, which I had to take care by myself. I am playing tournaments on my own. As a player,



it becomes a big burden if you have to manage all by yourself," he said.

Verma said that he had to even pay for all his travel arrangements for his next two tournaments - Swiss Open and Orleans Open.

"I will be playing Swiss Open and Orleans Open next after Barcelona Masters. I have paid for my visa and financing everything (hotel and travel) all by myself. So I don't have much option to play bigger tournaments," he reasoned.

Last year, Sourabh recovered from a shoulder injury to win two Super 100 titles at the Russia Open and Dutch Open and clinched his third Senior National title at Guwahati last week.

"After 2017, I had frequent injuries due to training overload. So I worked on my body and now I am more aware about the

play-rest balance," said Sourabh, who will start his international season at the Barcelona Spain Masters. Starting with the qualifiers Tuesday.

"I also had a knee issue and I wasn't playing too many events. Now I'm stressing on fitness. I am looking at quality (of tournaments) and not quantity. I know if I can take care of my body, I can win tournaments," said Sourabh, who will start his campaign in the second round qualifiers after his first-round opponent Lu Guangxu withdrew. Sourabh had clinched his

maiden international title at Bahrain International Challenge in 2013, before claiming the TATA Open.

The Madhya Pradesh shuttler stitched a string of title wins at Iran Fajr and Austrian International, besides a runners-up at Malaysia Masters GPG in 2014.

Despite the injury setbacks, he had a good year in 2016, when he won the Chinese Taipei Masters, besides securing runners-up finishes at Bitburger Open, Polish International and Belgian International.

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Pursuant to taking possession of the secured asset mentioned hereunder by the Authorized Officer of Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited under the **Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002** for the recovery of amount due from borrower/s, offers are invited by the undersigned in sealed covers for purchase of immovable property, as described hereunder, which is in the physical possession, **'As Is Where Is Basis', 'As Is What Is Basis' and 'Whatever Is There Is Basis'**, Particulars of which are given below:-

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(Loan Code No. 00041772 / Lucknow Branch) Santosh Kumar Singh (Borrower) Mrs Lalita (Co-Borrower)	26-07-2017 Rs. 7,82,539/-	All the Part and Parcel of Property bearing No. Plot No. 03 Part Of Khasra No. 149 situated at Ward- Hussainganj, Pargana-Khairabad Tehsil & District-Sitapur Uttar Pradesh	Rs. 6,37,500/- (Rupees Six Lacs Thirty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Only)	Rs. 63,750/- (Rupees Sixty Three Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Only)	Rs. 9,61,022/- (Rupees Nine Lacs Sixty One Thousand Twenty Two Only)
(Loan Code No. 00003027 / Lucknow Branch) Rama Kant (Borrower) Mrs Shahi kala (Co-Borrower)	30-08-2017 Rs. 8,16,656/-	All the Part and Parcel of Property bearing No. Plot No. 05, Survey No.89, situated at Village-Tedwa Chhilaula, Pargana-Khairabad Tehsil & District-Sitapur Uttar Pradesh	Rs. 5,79,200/- (Rupees Five Lacs Seventy Nine Thousand Two Hundred Only)	Rs. 57,920/- (Rupees Fifty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Only)	Rs. 9,87,416/- (Rupees Nine Lacs Eighty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Sixteen Only)
(Loan Code No. 00004019 / Lucknow Branch) Abhay Pratap Singh (Borrower) Mrs Anuradha Singh (Co-Borrower)	12-09-2017 Rs. 11,74,679/-	All the Part and Parcel of Property bearing No. Plot No 30, Situated on Part Of Khasra No.1023 at Bharwara, WardChinhat, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	Rs. 10,72,000/- (Rupees Ten Lacs Seventy Two Thousand Only)	Rs. 1,07,200/- (Rupees One Lacs Seven Thousand Two Hundred Only)	Rs. 13,89,822/- (Rupees Thirteen Lacs Eighty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Two Only)
(Loan Code No. 00003387 / Lucknow Branch) Ajay Kumar Singh (Borrower) Mrs Poonam Singh (Co-Borrower)	24-02-2018 Rs. 15,51,561/-	All the Part and Parcel of Property bearing No. Plot No 60-D, Part Of Khasra No 2437, Village - Bijnour, Lucknow, Lucknow-226020, Uttar Pradesh.	Rs. 14,67,000/- (Rupees Fourteen Lacs Sixty Seven Thousand Only)	Rs. 1,46,700/- (Rupees One Lacs Forty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Only)	Rs. 17,51,937/- (Rupees Seventeen Lacs Fifty One Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Seven Only)
(Loan Code No. 00041959 / Lucknow Branch) Mithun Chakravarty (Borrower) Mrs Monika Chakravarty (Co-Borrower)	24-02-2018 Rs. 16,97,022/-	All the Part and Parcel of Property bearing No. Plot No 38A, Khasra No 1029 Vill. Khandvee, Pargana Bijnour Kanpur Road, Lucknow, Lucknow-226020, Uttar Pradesh	Rs. 13,40,600/- (Rupees Thirteen Lacs Forty Thousand Six Hundred Only)	Rs. 1,34,060/- (Rupees One Lacs Thirty Four Thousand Sixty Only)	Rs. 19,16,652/- (Rupees Nineteen Lacs Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Two Only)
(Loan Code No. 00005544 / Lucknow Branch) Vipul Kumar Bhatia (Borrower) Mrs Simmi Bhatia (Co-Borrower)	29-03-2018 Rs. 27,58,743/-	All the Part and Parcel of Property bearing No. Plot No E-7/192 Sector 7 Situated At Amrapali Hardoi Road Vojna, Lucknow, Lucknow - 226020, Uttar Pradesh	Rs. 17,82,900/- (Rupees Seventeen Lacs Eighty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Only)	Rs. 1,78,290/- (Rupees One Lacs Seventy Eight Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Only)	Rs. 30,88,957/- (Rupees Thirty Lacs Eighty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Seven Only)
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(Loan Code No. 00000125 / Gorakhpur Branch) Hamid Ali (Borrower) Mrs Noor Jahan (Co-Borrower)	24-02-2018 Rs. 8,38,345/-	All the Part and Parcel of Property bearing No. Arazi No 173, Mauja -hamidpur Pargana- Haveli, Tehsil-sadar ,Gorakhpur, Gorakhpur-273003, Uttar Pradesh.	Rs. 6,61,800/- (Rupees Six Lacs Sixty One Thousand Eight Hundred Only)	Rs. 66,180/- (Rupees Sixty Six Thousand Eighty Only)	Rs. 9,50,277/- (Rupees Nine Lacs Fifty Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Seven Only)

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Bayern braced for Klopp reunion

Struggling Bundesliga giants travel Anfield to face former opponent Klopp's in-form Liverpool side in round of 16 first leg

AP ■ BERLIN

Bayern Munich knows all too well how tough an opponent Juergen Klopp can be.

Now in his fourth season at Anfield, the former Borussia Dortmund coach is facing Bayern for the first time while leading Liverpool.

Bayern visits Liverpool for the first leg of their Champions League last-16 game on Tuesday, mindful that it didn't always come out on top against Klopp during his time at Dortmund.

While Bayern defeated Klopp's Dortmund side in the 2013 Champions League final, Klopp had the upper hand in the 2012 German Cup final, which Dortmund won 5-2. Klopp also led Dortmund to successive league titles at Bayern's expense in 2011 and 2012.

"Personally I like Juergen Klopp a lot," said Bayern president Uli Hoenes, who revealed that he almost signed Klopp to take over before the club decided on Jurgen Klinsmann in 2008.

Liverpool has not lost a European match at Anfield since

the 3-0 group stage defeat to Real Madrid in 2014 and Bayern has questions over its defense ahead of its trip.

The Bavarian powerhouse conceded twice to relegation-threatened Augsburg in the Bundesliga on Friday, when Leon Goretzka scored an own-goal after just 13 seconds - the quickest own-goal in 56 years of the league. Bayern won 3-2.

"We'll have to deliver a whole other performance on the day, especially in defense," Bayern coach Niko Kovac said, warning of the danger posed by "the three up front," referring to Liverpool's Mohamed Salah, Sadio Mane and Roberto Firmino.

Liverpool also had the luxury of a week without a game before Bayern's visit, due to its early FA Cup exit. The team spent four days at a training camp in Marbella, Spain.

"Our little preparation for the rest of the season," Liverpool defender Andy Robertson said.

Bayern winger Kingsley Coman is an option for Kovac after fears of an injury sustained in Augsburg proved unfounded.



FC Bayern Munich players train ahead of UCL round of 16 first leg clash against Liverpool at Anfield

FCB/File Picture

Coman scored twice, set up David Alaba's winner and struck the crossbar in Augsburg, while he also underlined his growing importance to the side with the winning goal against Hertha Berlin in the German Cup.

Liverpool will have to cope without central defender Virgil van Dijk as he serves a UEFA suspension for the first leg. Klopp faces the prospect of having to deploy midfielder Fabinho alongside Joel Matip with Joe Gomez and Dejan Lovren

both injured.

While Liverpool is accustomed to deep runs in Europe - winning the Champions League in 2005 and reaching the final in 2007 and last season - the club has not won the English league since 1990.



Barca, Messi look to break CL jinx

AFP ■ LYON

Despite an iron grip on domestic trophies, Barcelona have been haunted by their recent failures in the Champions League and there are concerning signs for the Catalans as they prepare for Tuesday's last-16 first leg away to Olympique Lyonnais.

Ernesto Valverde's side fly to France after an uninspiring 1-0 win at home to struggling Real Valladolid on Saturday which consolidated their lead at the top of La Liga but left plenty of doubts about their capabilities of winning Europe's top prize.

The drab victory over Valladolid, in which Lionel Messi scored a penalty and missed one, followed a goalless stalemate at Athletic Bilbao, a 2-2 draw with Valencia and a 1-1 draw with Real Madrid in a Copa del Rey semi-final first leg.

Barca have fallen at the quarter-final stage of the Champions League

each year since last winning it in 2015, suffering a particularly humiliating elimination to AS Roma last season after taking a 4-1 lead in the first leg of the tie.

They have looked on enviously as Real Madrid have won the last three editions of the big eared trophy, swelling their total number of European Cups to 13, which makes Barca's five look measly by comparison.

Despite winning three of the last four La Liga titles and collecting the Copa del Rey four years in a row, there is a widespread feeling that Barca should have fared better on the continent, especially while Messi has been at his peak.

The Argentine seems to think so too - in his first speech as captain back in August, he pledged to do "everything possible to bring that beautiful trophy back to Camp Nou".

Mbappe fires PSG 12 points clear

AFP ■ PARIS

Kylian Mbappe's excellent volley secured Paris Saint-Germain a hardfought 1-0 win at Saint-Etienne on Sunday as the runaway Ligue 1 leaders moved 12 points clear at the summit.

The 20-year-old Mbappe fired home his league-leading 19th goal of the campaign with 17 minutes remaining.

"He (Mbappe) shows his quality every day in training, he

has this hunger to score, score, score," said PSG coach Tuchel. "It's his quality. He is a special player."

Mbappe has now scored 45 goals for PSG since signing from Monaco at the start of last season.

"We lost to a goal from nowhere... A 20-year-old who will soon be the best player in the world," said Saint-Etienne coach Jean-Louis Gasset.

With a second straight French title all but secured,

Tuchel's men, who also have two games in hand on second-placed Lille, now have their eyes on breaking their own record tally of 96 points set in 2015-16.

Tuchel rested midfielder Marco Verratti after his excursions in the midweek Champions League victory at Manchester United, with Leandro Paredes handed his first league start for the club.

"Everyone was tired after Manchester United - physically, but also mentally," added

Tuchel. "It was necessary to control the game, to play focused."

PSG fashioned their first clear-cut chance in the 18th minute, as Julian Draxler turned and fired over the crossbar after a fine exchange of passes with Dani Alves. Mbappe saw a shot well saved by home goalkeeper Stephane Ruffier in an underwhelming first half.

The visitors always appeared in control of the game, but Draxler wasted another golden chance to put them

ahead shortly after the restart when he was denied by a sprawling Ruffier stop.

Angel Di Maria, who starred with two assists on his return to Old Trafford in midweek, dragged an effort wide as PSG continued to plug away in search of an opening goal.

It arrived in the 73rd minute, as Alves picked out the run of Mbappe, and the Frenchman caught out Ruffier with a fine first-time volley on the turn.

Amit, Nikhat in Strandja finals

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Asian Games Gold medalist Amit Panghal continued his quest for a second consecutive Gold medal as he reached the final of the prestigious 70th Strandja Memorial Boxing



Tournament in Sofia, Bulgaria on Monday. The 23-year-old, also a Silver medalist at the 2018 Commonwealth Games, showed his grit and determination in a hard-fought 3-2 win over Said Mortaji in the 49kg semi-finals.

Former world junior champion Nikhat Zareen (51kg) led 3 women boxers into the finals as India is now assured of a total of seven medals from this season-opening tournament. Zareen put up a dominating performance as she outclassed Drabik Sandra of Poland 4-1 to keep up her quest for the Gold. 48kg national champion Manju Rani too continued her dream run on her debut on foreign soil. The youngster, who turned to boxing to manage her anger, pummeled Emi-Mari Todorova 4-1 to enter the final.

But the best performer among the Indian women pugilists on Day 5 of this event was Maisnam Meena Kumari. The Nagaland boxer, a former Bronze medalist at the Asian Championships, did not give her opponent, Ekaterina Sycheva to settle down and was declared a 5-0 unanimous winner.

However, the journey ended for Neeraj (60kg), Lovlina Borgohain (69kg) and Pwllao Basumatary (64kg), all of whom had to settle for the Bronze medal following their losses in the semi-finals.

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Detail of Kumbh Mela Special Trains

As per decision of Railway Administration, No Mela Surcharge will be charged during Kumbh Mela

For the pilgrims of Kumbh Mela, Time Tabled Mela Special Trains will run upto 21 February 2019 as per following schedule :

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Ex. Allahabad Jn. Special Trains (Time Tabled) towards Kanpur						
S. N.	Mela Special Train No.	From	Dep. Time	To	Arr. Time	Date of Service
1	00101	Allahabad	0500	Fatehpur	0710	19.02.2019, 20.02.2019 & 21.02.2019
2	00102	Allahabad	0630	Kanpur	1130	19.02.2019, 20.02.2019 & 21.02.2019
3	00103	Allahabad	1015	Fatehpur	1220	19.02.2019, 20.02.2019 & 21.02.2019
4	00104	Allahabad	1415	Kanpur	1915	19.02.2019, 20.02.2019 & 21.02.2019
5	00105	Allahabad	1645	Kanpur	2130	19.02.2019, 20.02.2019 & 21.02.2019
6	00106	Allahabad	2015	Kanpur	0100	19.02.2019, 20.02.2019 & 21.02.2019

Ex. Allahabad Jn. Special Trains (Time Tabled) towards Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Jn./Chopan						
S. N.	Mela Special Train No.	From	Dep. Time	To	Arr. Time	Date of Service
7	00201	Allahabad	0600	Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Jn.	1000	19.02.2019, 20.02.2019 & 21.02.2019
8	00202	Allahabad	0730	Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Jn.	1300	19.02.2019, 20.02.2019 & 21.02.2019
9	00203	Allahabad	1200	Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Jn.	1600	19.02.2019, 20.02.2019 & 21.02.2019
10	00204	Allahabad	1500	Chopan	2310	19.02.2019, 20.02.2019 & 21.02.2019
11	00205	Allahabad	1830	Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Jn.	2300	19.02.2019, 20.02.2019 & 21.02.2019
12	00206	Allahabad	2100	Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Jn.	0300	19.02.2019, 20.02.2019 & 21.02.2019

Ex. Allahabad Jn. Special Trains (Time Tabled) towards Satna/Banda/Jhansi						
S. N.	Mela Special Train No.	From	Dep. Time	To	Arr. Time	Date of Service
13	00301	Allahabad	0830	Jhansi	2130	19.02.2019, 20.02.2019 & 21.02.2019
14	00302	Allahabad	1130	Satna	1730	19.02.2019, 20.02.2019 & 21.02.2019
15	00304	Allahabad	1430	Banda (Circular Service Allahabad-Mankpur-Banda-Kanpur Central-Fatehpur-Allahabad)	Band Arrival 2100	19.02.2019, 20.02.2019 & 21.02.2019

Ex. Naini Special Trains (Time Tabled) towards Satna/Jhansi						
S. N.	Mela Special Train No.	From	Dep. Time	To	Arr. Time	Date of Service
16	00303	Naini	1330	Satna	1930	19.02.2019, 20.02.2019 & 21.02.2019
17	00306	Naini	1800	Jhansi	0430	19.02.2019, 20.02.2019 & 21.02.2019

Ex. Allahabad Chheoki Special Trains (Time Tabled) towards Jhansi/Itarsi						
S. N.	Mela Special Train No.	From	Dep. Time	To	Arr. Time	Date of Service
18	00305	Allahabad Chheoki	1600	Jhansi	0300	19.02.2019, 20.02.2019 & 21.02.2019
19	00307	Allahabad Chheoki	1930	Itarsi	1530	19.02.2019, 20.02.2019 & 21.02.2019

Ex. Allahabad City Special Trains (Time Tabled) towards Manduadih						
S. N.	Mela Special Train No.	From	Dep. Time	To	Arr. Time	Date of Service
20	08004	Jhusi	0930	Manduadih	1300	19.02.2019, 20.02.2019
21	08008	Allahabad City	1645	Manduadih	2105	19.02.2019, 20.02.2019
22	08010	Jhusi	2115	Manduadih	0200	20.02.2019

Ex. Prayag Special Trains (Time Tabled) towards Lucknow/Faizabad/Ayodhya/Jaunpur						
S. N.	Mela Special Train No.	From	Dep. Time	To	Arr. Time	Date of Service
23	04247	Prayag	1105	Lucknow	1720	19.02.2019
24	04233	Prayag	1320	Faizabad	2100	19.02.2019, 20.02.2019
25	04235	Prayag	1940	Faizabad	0210	19.02.2019
26	04221	Prayag	0935	Ayodhya	1740	19.02.2019
27	04227	Prayag	1900	Ayodhya	0210	20.02.2019
28	04225	Prayag	2330	Ayodhya	0700	19.02.2019
29	04213	Prayag	1715	Jaunpur	2140	19.02.2019

Note: Apart from the above Time Tabled Mela Special Trains, additional Mela Special Trains will also run as per requirement.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Mela special trains towards Varanasi, Faizabad, Pratapgarh, Sultanpur, Basti are being planned to run from Prayag station of Northern Railway and towards Manduadih, Varanasi from Allahabad City (Rambagh)/Jhusi stations of North Eastern Railway

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