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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 Pinglena 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 gun battle which erupted shortly after midnight, about 12 km from where a suicide bomber belonging to the Jaish-e-Mohammad drove his explosives laden vehicle into a CRPF bus last week, killing 40 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 Pinglena area of Pulwama district in south Kashmir on Monday

the area at different intervals.

The martyred army personnel have been identified as Major Vibhuti Shankar Dhoundiyal, Hawaldar Sheo Ram, Sepoy Hari Singh and Sepoy Ajay Kumar. Major Dhoundiyal, who hailed from Dehradun, had married only last year in April 2018.

Hawaladar 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, UP. The 27-year-old 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.

## 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 due process

PTI ■ THE HAGUE

India on Monday tore 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.



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

### SALIENT POINTS

- The slain Abdul Rashid Ghazi alias Kamran, an Afghan war veteran, is believed to be one of the masterminds of the February 14 attack on CRPF convoy
- He 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
- A Brigade Commander Lieutenant Colonel and a Deputy Inspector General of the J&K Police were hurt in the encounter with the terrorists
- 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 reported



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

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 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 alliance partners, the BJP will contest 25 Lok Sabha seats, while the Shiv Sena will field candidates for the remaining 23 LS seats. 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 addressing 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 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." Expressing his happiness over the renewed alliance between the BJP and Sena, Fadnis said.

### 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.

## POLICE FIRING ON ANTI-SACRILEGE PROTESTERS

### SIT arrests Punjab police IG

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) on Monday arrested Inspector General Paramraj Singh Umrangal, who was commanding the police force when they allegedly opened fire on people protesting against desecration of religious texts in Punjab in 2015, citing "sufficient evidence" against him.

Two people were killed in police firing in Behbal Kalan and Kotkapura areas in Faridkot district in October 2015.

The Special Investigation Team, set up to probe the incidents, last month arrested former Moga district SSP Charanjit Singh Sharma, the first person held after the SIT was formed last year. He was

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leading a police team that allegedly opened fire at protesters in Behbal Kalan.

"I can confirm that Paramraj Singh Umrangal has been arrested from Chandigarh on the basis of sufficient evidence we have against him," SIT member Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh said.

"We have questioned a number of people, including police officials, as part of our investigation. He was questioned twice. We have got suf-

ficient evidence that...the procedure adopted (to open fire) was not correct," Singh said.

"It was proved that protesters were sitting peacefully and there was no provocation by them. It was also proved that firing was opened deliberately," he said.

The SIT member said Umrangal was posted as Ludhiana Police Commissioner when the incidents happened. "During investigation, it came to light that he was commanding everything and force in strength had gone there (the spot where protesters were sitting) from Ludhiana. He was managing everything," said the official.

Asked who ordered the firing, Singh replied, "As the investigation will progress, more things will come to light.

For now, it is sufficient to say we have enough evidence, sufficient base for arresting him".

Umrangal will be produced before a court in Faridkot on Tuesday, he said.

Replying to another question, the official said the SIT will question more people if required. "It is a transparent investigation, and things are being made available in public domain." Umrangal was previously questioned by the SIT last November.

Punjab government last year added the names of a few police officials, including former SSP Sharma, in an FIR registered in connection with the firing incident at Behbal Kalan.

The names were added on the recommendation of the Ranjit Singh Commission report.

## 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-1.

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.

## Petrol and diesel rates slashed in Punjab Budget

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Giving much needed relief to the people of the State, Punjab Government on Monday slashed the rates of petrol and diesel by ₹5 and ₹1, respectively in the annual budget presented for the State.

The reduced rates will be applicable from midnight, Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal said while presenting the Budget in the state Assembly.

"Starting midnight (today), petrol and diesel will be cheaper in Punjab. With the reduction, the diesel price will be the lowest in the region," he

said. Badal said that VAT (value added tax) had been reduced to effect the price reduction in the state. "Why should Chandigarh take advantage of the price variation. This was essential to promote trade in Punjab," Badal asserted.

The difference between petrol and diesel prices in Chandigarh and Punjab is around ₹9 per litre and over ₹2 per litre, respectively. Fuel pump owners had been demanding uniformity in taxes at par with other states in the region.

The Finance Minister presented the annual budget in

the Assembly on Monday amid protests by the opposition Shiromani Akali Dal and heated exchanges between the treasury benches and SAD legislators.

The Minister said that ₹3,000 crore was earmarked for the debt waiver scheme for farmers for the year (2019-2020).

He said the agriculture sector will get an enhanced grant of ₹13,643 crore in the budget. The budget for education, health and the social sectors has also been enhanced, he added.

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# 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.

The international community has united in its condemnation of terrorism following the Pulwama attack, with the USA telling Pakistan to stop providing a safe haven and support to terrorist organisations. India had earlier called its High Commissioner to Pakistan, Ajay Bisaria, to Delhi for consultations after the attack. Pakistan has since rejected all allegations, going as far as calling Mahmood back to Islamabad "for consultations" on February 18.

# I don't have magic wand: Priyanka tells partymen

'Strengthen party at booth level'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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 found 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 AMMK 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-

dening. 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 'dharna manchi' where West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee sat to protest the CBI arrest.

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 had 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."

The Ministry, in its August 7, 2018 circular, had advised that the media should refrain from using the word "Dalit" for members belonging to Scheduled Castes and had directed that 'Scheduled Caste' should alone be used for all official transaction, matters, dealings, certificates for denoting the persons belonging to the community.

## 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.

The court was hearing a plea by Vedanta group seeking a direction to Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB) to implement the NGT order which had set aside the Government's decision to close the plant.

On January 8, the apex

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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 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'



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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.

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".

"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.

"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 Biharincharge 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.

## RGI refuses to incorporate patient data in Census

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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 at 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-thirds 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
- By including the data in the census would help in getting to know their actual number and hence adequate attention to policies

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.

By including the data in the census would help in getting to know their actual number and hence adequate attention to

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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Kids as young as 10 and Kelders 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 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".

# 'Rajim Maghi Punni Mela' from today

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAJIM

Chhattisgarh State Assembly Speaker Charandas Mahant will inaugurate the 'Rajim Maghi Punni Mela' (Rajim Fair) on Tuesday at 7.00 pm.

Acharya Agni Pitadishwar Ramkrishnanand of Amarkantak will be present while Religious Endowment, Tourism and Culture Minister Tamradwaj Sahu will preside over the function.

The event will be participated by several cabinet ministers, local MLAs and public representatives.

As per scheduled programme on February 19, at 4.00 am at confluence of three-river, 'Maghi Punni' holy bath ceremony will take place. 'Sant Samagam' will be organised from February 26 to March 4, 2019. Different traditional folk



Religious Endowment, Tourism and Culture Minister Tamradwaj Sahu takes stock of preparedness of the 'Rajim Maghi Punni Mela' (Rajim Fair) site on Monday, a day ahead of its inauguration.

## 'Sant Samagam' will be organised from February 26 to March 4, 2019.

dance and music events will be to presented by local artists.

On eve of Rajim fair, religious endowment, tourism and culture minister Tamradwaj Sahu inspected the preparation undertaken at Rajim. He directed the officials to ensure security, arrangement for traffic and parking, entertainment for arriving devotees and organize local sports events.

Minister said that on February 26, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel will be arriving at Rajim.

# Rajesh Munat's anticipatory bail rejected

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

The local court in Raipur on Monday rejected the anticipatory bail plea moved by former PWD Minister Rajesh Munat related to an FIR registered (39/19) at Pandri police station related to Antagarh tape case.

Former Deputy Advocate General Ramakant Mishra who appeared for Rajesh Munat, said, "the anticipatory bail plea was moved before 4th Additional District and Sessions Judge Vivek Kumar Verma. The plea was on technical grounds mainly and

there is no evidence against petitioner's involvement in the case, there is no audio conversation linked to him, the Section 9, 13 of Corruption Act imposed has been amended in year 2018 where prior permission has to be sought and other points related to case."



Mishra said, "The court has rejected the anticipatory bail application on the ground that there seems no extraordinary situation and the case is in too early stage of investigation stage. The evidences are being collected."



Bohra community members are taking out a rally in Raipur on Monday to strongly condemn a recent attack on CRPF convoy at Pulwama in Jammu and Kashmir in which 40 para-military troopers were martyred. Photo by Santosh Sahu

# Oppn stages walk out over power tariff issue

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Alleging that ruling Congress has breached its pre-poll promise of making the power tariff completely half and now has set a cap of 400 units, the opposition members staged a walk out from state assembly on Monday.

During Question Hour, Leader of the Opposition Dharamlal Kaushik raised the issue and asked question in the house as what was the scheme of government regarding curtailment of power bill to half. After all, for whom and whom the power tariff would be slashed down, he questioned.

Replying to his query the Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel informed in the House that domestic as well as the below poverty line consumers of the state would get the benefit of curtailment of power tariff from the month of March. The power bill of which would be charged in the month of



April, he added. He further informed that power tariff till the consumption of 400 units would be charged half and thereafter which the existing rate would be levied. For farmers flat rates would be charged, he further added.

Dissatisfied over the binding of 400 units and no provision of relaxation for irrigation pumps for the farmers, the BJP members accused the state government of misleading the people of the state.

# Minister talks tough in white tiger death case

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Forest Minister Mohammad Akbar on Monday admitted in the state assembly that the death of a white tiger at Bilaspur's famous Kanan Pindari zoo was due to snake bite.

He further confessed that 37 of the enclosures in the zoo were not as per required standard and only 28 enclosures in the zoo were as per prescribed norms.

The minister further accepted that post-mortem report confirmed that the white tiger died of snake bite. He added that mismanagement in the zoo prevailed earlier but now things have been improved.

The minister made the remark in



response to a query raised by Janta Congress Chhattisgarh (JCC) Jogi (J) leader Ajit Jogi on behalf of legislator Dharamjeet Singh and demanded expansion of the zoo and for bringing back another white tiger there.

Replying to a query Chief Minister Baghel informed that there were 22 PSUs in the state out of which 11 were running on profit while 7 were in loss

To another question during the Question Hour, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel replying to the query of Bahujan Samaj Party legislator Indu Banjare informed that there were 22 Public Sector Units (PSUs) running in the state.

To a supplementary question by Congress MLA Mohan Markam, he further informed that 11 out of them were running in profit while 7 were in loss.

# Voters can seek info through free SMS service

RAIPUR: To facilitate the electors, Election Commission of India (ECI) has started short message services (SMS) and 'Voter Helpline' for Lok Sabha polls 2019.

As per free service provided, the elector through his mobile phone can send SMS to number 1950 and seek information registered on electoral roll.

The information provided will have constituency number, polling centre number, elector part/serial number and also the booth level officer mobile number. This can help elector to resolve the problems related to electoral roll before the polling. Chhattisgarh Chief Electoral Officer office informed that the information can be sought in Hindi or in local or in English language. The elector has to go to message box, type ECI then space then EPIC NUMBER and then type 1 for Hindi or local language and 0 for English. The message has to be sent to 1950. The message will have name of elector, age, constituency and name of state. Similarly, if elector wants details of polling centre then would have to type ECIPS give space and type EPIC NUMBER, to select the language elector will have to type for Hindi or local language 1 and for English 0. Electors to know the booth level officer, will have to type ECICONTACT, space and EPIC NUMBER, space then for language 1 (Hindi/local language) or 0 for English ECI is also running Voter verification and Information Programme (VVIP). Similarly, Voter Helpline android application has also been launched.

# Minor girl donates piggy bank deposits to Pulwama martyrs

STAFF REPORTER ■ BEMETARA

Kritika Soni, a five-year old girl and daughter of Jay Soni, resident of Bemetara donated her collection from piggy bank for the CRPF jawans martyred in Pulwama attack in Jammu and Kashmir recently.

She donated Rs 3217 from the piggy bank and handed it over to the Collector.

Bemetara Collector Mahadev Kawre when contacted said, "The girl through her father Jay Soni had approached for donating her piggy bank collection for the family members of martyred CRPF jawans in the Pulwama attack. As she was to celebrate her 5th birthday, she wanted to donate the money for nearest kin of mar-



tyrs." Overwhelmed by the move and to appreciate her, her birthday was celebrated at collector's official residence with other children by cutting a cake. She then handed over the money to Collector, for the relief fund.

# Cong MLA raises Arpa river pollution issue

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Congress legislator from Bilaspur Shailesh Pandey on Monday raised the issue of dumping of garbage and sewerage in Arpa, lifeline river of state's second most populous city Bilaspur.

By moving a call attention motion, Pandey drew attention of the house on contaminated water in Arpa. He also brought with him a bottle filled with Arpa water and claimed that the laboratory tests too have confirmed it is polluted.

"Big drains of the Bilaspur city are contaminating the river with 8 to 10 crore liter polluted effluent," he said.

Replying to his motion, the Urban Administration Minister Shiv Daharia informed the House that effluent from 11 big drains were the main reason for pollution



in the river. The government is planning to establish sewerage treatment plants and the treated water would be sold to National Thermal Power Corporation, he apprised.

# 'Charan-Paduka' Scheme scrapped

RAIPUR: State government had decided to wind up the Charan-Paduka scheme of previous Bharatiya Janata Party government in which foot-wears were provided to the tendu leaves pluckers of the state.

Making announcement about it, the Forest Minister Mohammed Akbar said the government would not provide foot wears from the financial year 2019-20. Replying to a query of BJP legislator Ajay Chandrakar he further informed that till then the government had not decided to provide any cash amount instead.



Shops remained closed on Monday in Raipur on a daylong shutdown call given by the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) in Chhattisgarh to pay rich tributes to the martyred CRPF jawans in the Pulwama attack in Jammu and Kashmir recently. Pioneer Photo

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Home Secy briefs EC about J&K situation on holding polls

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Head of the upcoming Lok Sabha polls and elections to some legislative assemblies, Union Home Secretary Rajiv Gauba on Monday briefed the Election Commission about the prevailing situation in Jammu and Kashmir in the wake of Pulwama terror attack in which 40 Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) jawans were killed.

Sources said that the meeting was held to help the EC in taking a decision on holding Lok Sabha elections as well as the Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir, which is currently under President's rule

decision on whether to hold Lok Sabha and Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir simultaneously or conduct the Assembly polls later in the year based on the assessment provided by the Home Ministry.

"The officials of Home Ministry also apprised the EC about the internal security situation in the country and the central forces it could make available for polling duties across the country," another official said.

The EC is expected to announce the schedule for Lok Sabha elections in the first fortnight of March. Assembly polls

are expected to be held with Lok Sabha elections simultaneously in Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh. A senior security officer, who is familiar with the situation in Jammu and Kashmir, said the Assembly polls in the State should be held simultaneously as such decisions cannot be held ransom to one incident or a couple of incidents.

Besides, the same number of forces will be required if Lok Sabha and Assembly polls are held simultaneously.

Some additional security personnel will be required only for giving protection of candidates, the official said, requesting anonymity.

The Governor's rule was imposed in Jammu and Kashmir on June 19, 2018 after the State plunged into a political crisis when the Mehbooba Mufti-led PDP-BJP coalition Government was reduced to minority following withdrawal of support by the 25-member

BJP in the State. The Assembly had been kept under the suspended animation then.

However, the Governor on November 21 dissolved the 87-member State Assembly after the PDP, supported by the Congress and arch rivals National Conference, tried to stake claim to form the Government.

He had cited "extensive horse-trading", the "impossibility" of forming a stable Government by coming together of political parties with "opposing political ideologies" and "serious doubts about the longevity of any such arrangement where there are competing claims of majority" as the reasons behind the decision.

When the Governor's rule expired on December 19, 2018, President's rule was imposed in the State as under the Constitution of Jammu & Kashmir, there is no provision for extension of Governor's rule.

BJP used ED fear to make Sena agree for poll tie-up: Congress

Pune/Mumbai: The Congress

might have forced the bickering ally Shiv Sena to agree for the poll tie-up by "showing it fear" of Enforcement Directorate (ED). Leader of Opposition in the state Legislative Assembly Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil dared Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray to reveal the reasons behind taking a U-turn on alliance with the BJP for Lok Sabha and Assembly elections.

"I have information that the BJP might have compelled Shiv Sena to form an alliance by showing it fear of the Enforcement Directorate," Vikhe Patil told reporters in Pune, hours after the Sena and the BJP sealed a seat-sharing pact in the presence of BJP president Amit Shah in Mumbai.

The senior Congress leader said the tie-up underlines that the ruling allies have come together out of fear of losing

As per the understanding between the two parties, the BJP will contest 25 seats, and Shiv Sena 23 of total 48 Lok Sabha seats in Maharashtra. The two parties will contest

an equal number of seats, after allotting allies their due share of segments, in polls for the 288-member state Assembly, due later this year. Taking potshots, Maharashtra Congress unit president Ashok Chavan said the poll tie-up was an alliance of the "Rafale thief and the party which is desperate for power."

"Tiger abhi bhi lachar hai," Chavan said ridiculing the Sena. Tiger is the emblem of the Uddhav Thackeray-led party.

Vikhe Patil wondered how could the BJP approach the Sena for an understanding when the Uddhav Thackeray-led party has been criticising Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Shah by "crossing all lines".

"The people of Maharashtra are mature enough and they will teach a lesson to both the parties. This alliance is a breach of trust of the people. It is ill-fated and opportunistic," he said.

In a tweet with a hashtag "GolmaalReturns", Vikhe Patil stated, "As per my information, Shiv Sena is subjugated by BJP with by threatening the action by Enforcement Directorate.

HP CM launches seven citizen Centric Services

PNS ■ SHIMLA

Himachal Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur on Monday launched seven citizen centric services of Shimla Municipal Corporation developed by the Information Technology Department under e-District Project.

The online services launched are online billing, water bill payment, and property tax payment, application for water connection, application for sewerage connection, application for NOC of electricity, application for permission of canopy and application for dumping debris.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that with the launch of seven services, total 59 services were now hosted on e-District Portal and the State government was going to host 136 more services during the next financial year 2019-2020. He said these services would facilitate the people besides lower footprint in government offices.

Thakur also launched availability of two documents through DigiLocker-- ration card and copy parivar register. These services have been integrated by the IT Department within a period of ten days, in collaboration with the food and civil supplies and panchayati raj department.

THAKUR FLAGS OFF ELECTRIC BUS

Himachal Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur on Monday flagged off the electric bus for Shimla town from State Vidhan Sabha Complex. He said fifty such buses would ply in Shimla town and these buses were equipped with latest equipments and have zero pollution emission.

This would go a long way in protecting the salubrious and pristine environment of Shimla city, he said, adding that these buses would be commuters delight as they would be able to enjoy noise free and comfortable journey. Transport Minister Govind Thakur, Chief Secretary B.K. Agarwal, amongst others were present.

Youth held for sexually assaulting minor in Delhi

New Delhi: A 27-year-old youth was arrested for sexually assaulting a minor girl here, a police officer said on Monday.

According to Deputy

Commissioner of Police (DCP) Jasmeet Singh, the incident occurred on Sunday night.

The victim, 10, later informed her mother that a youth staying in the neigh-

bourhood -- identified as Rohit Shrivastava -- sexually assaulted her at his residence, in New Ashok Nagar of the national capital.

"The accused was arrested

from his residence. He had also threatened the victim that he would kill her if she disclosed his crime to anyone," DCP Singh said.

IANS

BJP wants privilege motion, sedition case against Sidhu

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Opening a front against Punjab minister Navjot Singh Sidhu, Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) and the BJP on Monday urged the Assembly Speaker to initiate a privilege motion against him for his comments in the aftermath of the Pulwama terror attack.

In a letter to Speaker Rana K.P. Singh, SAD and BJP legislators said that Sidhu's statements defending Pakistan after the killing of 49 Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) troopers in the Pulwama attack on February 14 was a breach of privilege of a unanimous resolution moved by the Assembly in this regard.

"Navjot Sidhu spoke against the very essence of the

resolution passed by the Vidhan Sabha on the same day by giving a clean chit to the Pakistan government. This was not a one off event. Mr Sidhu has continued to defend the Pakistan establishment and has now even become the voice of Pakistan's ISI agency worldwide.

"This, as per rules, is a gross breach of privilege of the august House and you, Speaker Sahib, as its custodian, must initiate privilege proceedings against Mr Navjot Sidhu immediately," the letter said.

The Assembly saw acrimonious scenes between Sidhu and SAD leader Bikram Singh Majithia. Both leaders exchanged barbs, called each other names and gestured angrily while being just 2-3 feet

feet away as the SAD-BJP legislators demanded action against Sidhu for his "insensitive" comments after the Pulwama attack.

"The SAD-BJP members initiated corrective action because of the grave nature of the act which was bringing disrepute to the Vidhan Sabha and on all its members by their very association with it. It was decided to table a resolution today urging the centre to declare Pakistan a terrorist state and the need to take the strictest

possible action against the Pakistan government and its terror machine," the letter stated.

Talking to media here, five-time Chief Minister and SAD patron Parkash Singh Badal demanded that a sedition case be registered against Sidhu for his comments.

Badal also sought Sidhu's expulsion from the Punjab cabinet for giving a clean chit to Pakistan and its intelligence agencies in the Pulwama terror attack case.

"Navjot Sidhu had committed an anti-national act by stating Pakistan could not be held responsible for the act of terror despite the Pakistan government's open patronage and support to the Jaish-e-Mohammad outfit which has claimed responsibility for the same. A sedition case should be registered against him and he should be proceeded against immediately," he demanded.

Badal said it was strange that while Congress President Rahul Gandhi had condemned

Pakistan, his party's minister in Punjab was defending Pakistan's terrorist acts on Indian soil.

"The Congress party should make an example of Sidhu or so that in future no elected representative can ever indulge in any act which compromises the security of the nation and disrespects our armed forces personnel," he added.

Majithia said the entire country was one in grief after the Pulwama attack but Sidhu was speaking differently.

Punjab MLAs to donate month's salary to families of CRPF martyrs

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Assembly on Monday resolved to donate one month's salary of each legislator to the next of kin of CRPF personnel killed in the Pulwama attack.

A resolution to give one month salary by each MLA was adopted unanimously by the Punjab Assembly here.

The resolution was moved by Congress legislator Parminder Singh Pinki. Forty CRPF personnel were killed and five injured on Thursday in one of the deadliest terror attacks in Jammu and Kashmir when a Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad suicide bomber rammed a vehicle carrying over 100 kg of explosives into their bus in Pulwama district.

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'Sidhu a cricketer, I'm soldier, with different viewpoints'

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

After the discordant comments made by Punjab Cabinet Minister Navjot Singh Sidhu defending Pakistan on the Pulwama terror attack, Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Monday said everyone has the right to voice their mind and it is up to Sidhu to explain his stand.

Capt Amarinder said that Sidhu "must have realised that he had gone overboard with his Pakistan visit". "Sidhu was a cricketer while I was a soldier, and both have different viewpoints on things," Amarinder told reporters here.

"Sidhu does not understand defence intricacies and had possibly reacted out of

friendly motive," the Chief Minister said, adding that the Minister's "intentions were surely not anti-national and he must have got the message".

The Chief Minister lambasted the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) for creating ruckus on the issue in the Punjab Assembly on Monday for political gains.

"Budget presentation is a vital proceeding, which the people of the state await eagerly every year," the Chief Minister said, lashing out at the Akalis for targeting Navjot Sidhu to divert attention from such an important Assembly matter.

The chief minister said that the SAD leadership was making a mockery of democratic traditions for petty political gains.

"Such unconstitutional

behaviour is not only unbefitting of a party of national stature but actually exposed their anti-people mindset. They neither care for the traditions of the House nor are concerned about the welfare of the people," the Chief Minister said.

Sidhu, who takes every opportunity to harp on his friendship with Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan, a former cricketer like himself, had told the media on February 15: "Wherever wars are fought and such things (Pulwama-type attack) happen, dialogue also continues simultaneously.

"There is a need to find a permanent solution (to issues between India and Pakistan). Such people (terrorists) have no religion, no country and

no caste. When a snake bites, its antidote is also snake poison."

Sidhu has also justified his take on the dialogue between the two nuclear neighbours. Though Sidhu condemned the Pulwama terror attack on the CRPF convoy, he added that the entire nation (Pakistan) could not be blamed for the actions of a handful of people.

"This (attack) should be condemned by all. For a handful of people, you cannot blame an entire nation. Those behind the attack must be punished," Sidhu had said.

Sidhu on Saturday defended his comments claiming that his statement was "deliberately distorted" as the people were scared of him.

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Populist Punjab Budget ahead of Lok Sabha polls

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Just ahead of the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, Punjab Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal on Monday made sure that the budget was not taxing for the common man. Claiming "improved" fiscal indicators, Manpreet loosen his purse strings to announce slew of new schemes and initiatives covering almost all sections of the society in virtually populist budget, without imposing any new taxes.

With main focus of his Rs 1,58,493 crore budget on agriculture and allied activities, Manpreet announced loan waiver for the families of farmers who have committed suicide because of mounting debts along with the landless farmers in the next phase making an allocation of Rs 3000 crore for the purpose.

Manpreet said that the "effective budget size, after providing for a budget provision of Rs 32,000 crore towards ways and means transactions for the current year, is Rs 1,26,493, and the total receipts are expected to be Rs 1,54,170 crore".

At the same time, the Minister batted for rationalising VAT on petroleum products in line with the neighbouring states, while also announcing to

2 more Kashmiri students held in HP for 'anti-national' activities

Shimla: Two more Kashmiri students have been arrested in Himachal Pradesh's Solan district for their alleged anti-national activities, police said Monday.

Pirzada Tawish Fayaz and Aakib Rasool of Jammu and Kashmir were arrested Sunday night for their alleged involvement in "anti-national" activities, Himachal Pradesh Police spokesperson

and Superintendent of Police (law and order) Khushhal Sharma said. They were studying at the Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry in Nauni of Solan district, popularly known as the Nauni University.

Sharma said that they were arrested on the basis of a complaint from one Neeraj Bhardwaj of Ber village in Solan.

In his complaint, Bhardwaj alleged that Fayaz had posted anti-national comments on his Facebook page, the SP said.

A few comments had also been attached with the complaint, the police official said.

The complainant further alleged that both Fayaz and Rasool were involved in anti-national activities and were "supporting Pakistan in India's fight against terrorism", the SP added.

Bhardwaj said he had come to know about the duo's "anti-national" activities through his friend Vipul Sharma who is also a student of the Nauni university. Subsequently, they were arrested and a FIR was registered against them at Sadar police station in Solan, he said.

The matter is under investigation, the SP said. PTI

Rose Fest dedicated to martyred CRPF jawans

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The Municipal Corporation Chandigarh on Monday decided to dedicate the 47th Rose Festival to the martyred CRPF jawans at Pulwama terror attack and cancel all cultural events.

A meeting was held in the MCC office which was attended by K.K. Yadav, Commissioner, MCC, and others where detailed discussions were held in which it was unanimously decided that the whole festival will be dedicated to Nation and patriotism and all cultural events have been cancelled.

It was decided that patriot songs and instrumental performances will be showcased during the event.

A few traditional competitions for children will be organized in simple functions including Rose Prince & Princess, display of photography competition, kite flying competition (in tricolour only), Rose Quiz and on the spot painting competition. The money saved will be dedicated to the families of Martyrs of CRPF jawans.

# Pak bestows MBS with highest civilian award



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

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 Presidential 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 Presidential 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.

"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: Saudi after Pulwama

AFF ■ 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.

Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman meets Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan on Sunday night

**'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'**

After his arrival late Sunday, MBS signed \$20 billion in investment deals with cash-strapped Islamabad and vowed to free thousands of Pakistani prisoners in Saudi custody.

Islamabad is facing a serious balance of payments crisis and hopes the huge deals signed over the two-day visit — seven separate agreements and memorandums of understanding — will boost its struggling economy.

Pakistan has laid on a lavish welcome for the crown prince, including a 21-gun salute, fighter jet escort, and honour guard. He was also due to receive the country's highest civilian award Monday, the Nishan-e-Pakistan (Order of Pakistan), before heading to India to meet with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

MBS is staging a three-country Asian tour just five months after the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, a fierce critic, at the Saudi consulate in Istanbul ignited a diplomatic crisis.

After India, he is expected to finish with two days in China on Thursday and Friday.

Analysts have said the tour is part of a Gulf pivot to rising Asia as a growing oil market, but also a timely demonstration to the West that MBS is not an international pariah.

# Abe mum on Trump's claim of nomination for Nobel Peace Prize

AP ■ TOKYO

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe kept quiet Monday over President Donald Trump's claim that he had nominated him for the Nobel Peace Prize, but praised him and emphasised he did not deny doing so.

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

Questioned in parliament, Abe praised Trump for his dealings with North Korea but 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 he was concerned such a nomination would "send the wrong message to North Korea and the rest of international society."

Junya Ogawa, another opposition lawmaker, cited various policies and actions by Trump that he said ran contrary to the spirit of the peace prize, calling the nomination "an embarrassment for Japan."

In responding to Tamaki's questions in parliament, Abe lauded Trump for meeting with Kim and working to resolve the crisis over North Korea's nuclear programme and missile tests.

Trump had also addressed Japan's concerns over past abductions of Japanese citizens by North Korea, Abe said, adding "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. Nor could a report Sunday by the Japanese newspaper Asahi Shimbun, citing unidentified government sources, that Abe had nominated Trump at the US president's request.

# GLOBE TROTTER

**EX-LEADER YAMEEN HELD FOR MONEY LAUNDERING**  
Male: Maldivian authorities Monday ordered the arrest of former strongman president Abdulla Yameen over money laundering charges, officials said.

**RUSSIA PAVES WAY FOR 'ISIS CHILDREN' RETURN**  
Moscow: As the end nears for the IS enclave in Syria, the fate of jihadists' family members becomes a prescient issue, Russia can be seen as a pioneer in systematically returning children of Islamist fighters home.

**SHAHBAZ SHARIF INDICTED IN CORRUPTION CASE**  
Lahore: Pakistan's Opposition leader Shehbaz Sharif was indicted by an accountability court on Monday for corruption in a ₹1,400 crore housing project.

**US-TALIBAN TALKS IN PAKISTAN POSTPONED**  
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, the UN.

# Iran arrests three terrorists over suicide bomb attack

AP ■ TEHRAN

Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards arrested three 'terrorists' involved in last week's deadly suicide bomb attack on security forces in a region bordering Pakistan.

"Safe houses in (the cities of) Saravan and Khash were identified and eliminated, and the terrorists based in them were arrested," the force said on its official Sepah news agency. "Three of the terrorists were arrested and 150 kilograms (330 pounds) of explosives and 600 kilograms of explosive materials as well as weapons and ammunition were confiscated," it said.

The Guards said the three arrested had "produced, guided and supported" the vehicle used in Wednesday's suicide bombing.

The attack killed 27 members of Iran's Revolutionary Guards travelling on a bus in the volatile southeastern province of Sistan-Baluchistan, which straddles the border with Pakistan.

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Iran has provided Pakistani officials with "information on the terrorist groups' hidden and semi-hidden training centres", army chief-of-staff Mohammad Bagheri told Tasnim news agency.

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# EU states ponder Trump demand to take back ISIS men

AP ■ BRUSSELS

US President Donald Trump's demand that European countries take back their nationals fighting in Syria is receiving mixed reactions, as nations pondered how to bring home-grown Islamic State extremists to trial.

German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas told ARD television Monday that German nationals have the right to return, but that it's almost impossible to collect evidence in conflict-torn Syria.

Maas said late Sunday that "we need information, we need investigations. All that is not in place, and as long as it isn't, I think this is extraordinarily difficult to implement."

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**SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**  
Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 4(8) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Secured Creditor will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 07-03-2019, 12 PM, at Axis House, Tower-2, 2nd Floor, I-14, Sector-128, Noida Expressway, Jaypee Greens Westtown, Noida (U.P.)-201301 for recovery of Rs. 79,94,459/- due as on 07-02-2019 along with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred up to the date of actual payment and/or realization due to the secured creditor from Mr. Ajay Kumar Gupta and Mrs. Anila Gupta. The reserve price will be Rs. 53,35,780/- and the earnest money deposit will be Rs. 5,33,578/-.

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PHR079201755 298	Freehold property Entire Ground Floor Flat, Comprising of Three Bedroom, One Drawing-Cum-Dining Room, Two Toilets & One Kitchen, Having Total Covered Area 1650 Sq Ft (approx.), without roof rights, with the rights of front and rear lawn, except the common passage, with the rights to inspect and maintain the water, plumbing arrangements, TV antenna etc., on common stairs cases and common passage of building/plot constructed upon plot number 1355, sector B, Measuring 308.75 Sq. yards (268.11 Sq Mtrs) part of Khasra No 80/25, Situated in the residential colony known as GREENFELDS within revenue estate of Village Sarai Khawaja, Teshil & District Faridabad Haryana.

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Date: 19-Feb-2019, Place: Noida  
Sd/-, Authorized Officer, Axis Bank Ltd.

**APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION**

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male, Age: Approx 55 years, Height: 6', Complexion: Shallow, was wearing Sky colour Shirt and Brown colour Lower, was found at MM Plaza, Sector-20, Rohini, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 42-A, dated 10.02.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi.

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

SHO  
P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi  
DP/2513/RD/19 Ph.: 011-27581559, 27581223

**APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION**

General public is hereby informed that one person Name & address unknown, Age: about 30-35 Years, Height: approx 173 cms, without cloths/naked was found dead at Haiderpur, Water Treatment Plant, Kachi Nahar, Delhi on 01.02.2019.

In this regard a DD No. 38-A, dated 01.02.2019 has been lodged at PS K.N. Katju Marg, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this decease may kindly inform to the undersigned at the address or telephone nos. given below.

SHO  
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Office of the Executive Engineer (Generation), Khodri Power Station, Khodri, Dakpathar invites sealed tenders from reputed and experienced firms/bidders for the following work. Brief summary of tender is given below:-

**Tender no. & Name of work:** 12/EE(G)/KPS/TN/2018-19: Fabrication, fixing of new M.S. trench covers & associated works at Khodri Power Station.

**Tender no. & Name of work:** 13/EE(G)/KPS/TN/2018-19: Repairing & Overhauling of one No. rolling shutter gate at Khodri Power Station.

**Tender no. & Name of work:** 14/EE(G)/KPS/TN/2018-19: Comprehensive AMC of CO2 Gas fire Suppression and alarm System at Khodri Power Station.

**Estimated Value of work:** ₹242450/-, ₹240000/-, ₹490000/- (GST extra)  
**Earnest Money:** ₹28300/-, ₹9600/-, ₹19900/- respectively.  
**Tender Document Fee:** ₹590/-, ₹295/-, ₹295/- (GST inclusive) respectively.  
**Last date/Time of down loading the tender:** March 11, 2019 Upto 11:00 Hrs.  
**Last date/Time of submission of tender:** March 11, 2019 Upto 15:00 Hrs.  
**Date & Time of opening of tender:** March 12, 2019 at 11:00 Hrs

For eligibility criteria and full & further details, please visit our website i.e. [www.ujvnl.com](http://www.ujvnl.com). The tenders can only be obtained by downloading from our website and their cost is to be paid at the time of submission of the tender.

Executive Engineer (Generation)  
Date: 18.02.2019  
"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

**APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION**

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified body of a male namely Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, was found dead on 31.01.2019 from MCD near wine shop, Sector-4, Rohini, Delhi. In this regard DD No.37-A, dated 31.01.2019 has been lodged at Police Station, Vijay Nagar, Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

**Name: Unknown, Age: 28 Years, Height: 5'7", Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: Grey Dharidar T-shirt and Black Pant.**

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

SHO  
Police Station, Vijay Nagar, Delhi  
Ph.: 011-27061294, 8750870329  
DP/2524/RD/19

**The Executive Engineer, Belonia Division, PWD(R&B), Belonia, South Tripura invites e-tender against press NIT No. 14/EE(PWD)/BLN/2018-19 Dated 12-02-2019**

For

- Strengthening of road from Ratanpur to Manirambari via Shibpur ADC Village under Hrishyamukh R.D. Block. /SH/- Patch repairing, re-carpeting and allied works etc. under RIDF-XXIV of NABARD.

With

- Estimated cost: ₹ 1,33,93,420/-
- Earnest Money: ₹ 1,33,934/-
- Time of Completion - 12 (twelve) months.

- Replacement of Bailey Bridge by construction of RCC Box Culvert (3 x 8.00m) at Mujaffar Para on the road from Bishnupur AWC to Bagachatal Bazar during the year 2018-19 under RIDF-XXIV of NABARD.

With

- Estimated cost: ₹ 1,20,95,115/-
- Earnest Money: ₹ 1,20,951/-
- Time of Completion -06 (six) months.

- Replacement of Bailey Bridge by construction of RCC Box Culvert (3 x 8.00m) at Madhya Para on the road from Belonia-UBC Nagar road to UBC Nagar- Barpathari road during the year 2018-19 under RIDF-XXIV of NABARD.

With

- Estimated cost: ₹ 1,20,95,115/-
- Earnest Money: ₹ 1,20,951/-
- Time of Completion -06 (six) months.

**Last Date of bidding for bids - 16-03-2019 upto 15.00 Hrs.**

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tripura  
Sd/-  
(Er. Dilip Das)  
Executive Engineer  
Belonia Division, PWD (R&B)  
Belonia, South Tripura.  
ICA/C-2613/19

**SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL**

General public is here by informed that one girl Namely: Sweta Kumari, D/o: Buddhi Lal, R/o: H. No. 78/19, Gali No. 5, Vikas Kunj, Vikash Nagar, Ranhola, Delhi, Age: 16 Years , Height: 4'9", Face: Long, Complexion: Fair, Wearing: White Jacket-Blue Jeans Paint and white sports shoes in feet, has been missing/Kidnapped since 21.01.2019 from the area of P.S. Ranhola, Delhi.

In this regard a FIR No. 54/19 Us 363 IPC dated 22.01.2019 has been registered at P.S. Ranhola, Delhi.

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

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

SHO  
P.S. Ranhola, Delhi  
Ph. 011-28363001, 28363002, 28363003  
E-Mail: [cic@cbl.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbl.gov.in)  
Website: <http://cbl.nic.in>  
Ph: 011-24368639  
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641  
DP/1857/OD/19

**SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED**

General Public is hereby informed that one man namely Bihari Lal S/o Late. Sh. Shankar Lal R/o: H No. 2080, Mukim Pura, Subzi Mandi, Delhi, Age: 60 years, Height: 5'7", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Oval, Built: Thin, Wearing: Black T-Shirt & Black Pajama has been missing/ kidnapped from his house since 28.03.2017 from the area of P.S. Subzi Mandi, Delhi. In this regard a case vide DD No. 21-A Dated 28.03.2017 has been registered at P.S. Subzi Mandi, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the man but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this man please inform undersigned.

Website: <http://cbl.nic.in>  
E-mail Id - [cic@cbl.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbl.gov.in)  
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641  
Fax No. 011-24368639  
DP/8196/N/17  
SHO  
P.S. Subzi Mandi, Delhi  
Ph.: 011-23823161, 8750870126

**SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED**

General public is hereby informed that a female namely Raano Devi, W/o Nidhan Singh, R/o H.No- 451, Sona Singh Colony, Village- Jhangola, Alipur, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 17.01.2019 from the area of P.S. Alipur, Delhi. In this regard a case vide DD No. 31-A, dated 28.01.2019, has been lodged at P.S. Alipur, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped female but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing/kidnapped female is as under:

**Name:** Raano Devi, **Gender:** Female, **Age:** 30 years, **Height:** 5'1", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Long, **Wearing:** Pink colour Suit & Salwar and Black colour Jutti in Feet.

If anyone has any information regarding this missing/kidnapped female, kindly inform SHO/Alipur, Delhi.

E-mail : [cic@cbl.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbl.gov.in)  
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641  
Fax : 011-24368639  
DP/56/ON/19  
SHO  
P.S. Alipur, Delhi  
Ph. No.: 011-27202290, 27202265

**Appeal for Identification**

General public is hereby informed that one male dead body Name: Rambahadur, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: 55 Years, Height: 5'3", Face: Oval, Complexion: Shallow, Sex: Male, Built: Thin, Wearing: Brown Colour Jacket and Saleti Colour Pant and bare foot found dead on 10.02.2019, Place of Recovery: Shop no. 1860, Main Bazar, Turkman Gate, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 41 A has been lodged at PS Chandni Mahal, Delhi on 10.02.2019. Any clue come to notice please inform undersign.

SHO  
PS. Chandni Mahal, Delhi  
Ph.: 011-23279338, 23271751  
DP/6066/CD/19 & 23263967

## 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 split 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.

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# 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 Ullitalm (Srinagar bypoll) in May 2017, he grabbed an alleged ring-leader 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 Lutynens 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 terrorist kingpins like Saeed Hafiz and Azhar Masood can have a "bad accident".

“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”

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-Mohammed, 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); Sunjwan (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 do ghar wapsi and serve there.

Cricketer-turned-politician —Kirti Azad



It's extremely important to be emotionally strong and be 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 of civilians 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

### 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.

KR Srinivasan  
Secunderabad

### 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.

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**FIRST COLUMN**

## 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. Worrying 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)

**POINT COUNTERPOINT**

**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



**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 Sindh 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 *hijra* 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 Ataturk, 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, Sindh 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



KK PAUL

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 latter 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)

# 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 information 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 Trinamool Congress had been locked in a bitter turf war in Bengal which has only accel-



erated 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.

# Mamata writes to Modi, seeks probe into IL&FS crisis

Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi urging him to initiate a high-level probe into financial impropriety and possible misappropriation of savings of common people due to the debt crisis in Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services (IL&FS) Ltd.

The crisis has put to peril "lakhs and lakhs of employees" of private and public sector enterprises who had put their hard-earned money into the company, she said.

In her letter to Modi, Banerjee said the crisis in IL&FS calls into question the role of LIC and the SBI, along with that of major credit rating institutions of the country.

Both LIC and SBI are stakeholders in the infrastructure conglomerate.

The Chief Minister wrote, "These grave financial irregularities, which have continued unabated under the Union Government, have placed financial security of the people in even graver danger.

Demonetisation and hasty and unplanned implementation of the GST took away livelihood of common people. Now IL&FS' financial debacle is taking away their savings."

"I would, therefore, urge you to kindly initiate a high-level impartial and independent probe into the sordid affairs of financial impropriety and possible misappropriation of the life savings of the common people due to the IL&FS fiasco," she said.

"Such a probe and its findings must lead to the punishment of those guilty of defrauding the people and will also ensure that hard-earned savings of our common people are not further jeopardised," she added. The crisis had surfaced in October last year when IL&FS defaulted on payments to lenders, triggering panic in the markets.

The IL&FS group of companies is estimated to have outstanding loans of about ₹60,000 crore to banks and financial institutions, while the total debt is over ₹91,000 crore. PTI

## 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.

## BSF hands over Bangladeshi national to BGB

Shillong: A Bangladesh national, who was caught by BSF trying to cross the International border in Meghalaya's 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 had 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 Tuky, Nayabazar, Lyngkhat, Umsyiem, 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. PTI



# 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
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

By

## Narendra Modi

Prime Minister

Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 | Time: 10:00 A.M.  
Venue: Village - Audhe, Varanasi

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<b>Ram Naik</b> Governor, Uttar Pradesh	<b>Anupriya Patel</b> Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare, Government of India	<b>Yogi Adityanath</b> Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh
<b>Manoj Sinha</b> Minister of State for Railways & Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Communications, Government of India	<b>Suresh Kumar Khanna</b> Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Urban Development, Overall Urban Development, Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation, Government of Uttar Pradesh	

<b>Mahendra Nath Pandey</b> Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha	<b>Virendra Singh</b> Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha	<b>Shyama Charan Gupta</b> Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha	<b>Nagendra Pratap Singh Patel</b> Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha	<b>Krishna Pratap Singh</b> Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha	<b>G.V.L. Narasimha Rao</b> Member of Parliament, Rajyasabha	<b>Amar Singh</b> Member of Parliament, Rajyasabha
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## Assam Govt: No information 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.

He was replying on behalf of CM Sonowal who holds the Home portfolio, to starred questions of Ramendra Narayan Kalita of AGP and Nurul Huda of Congress. Asked if those who had been deported to Bangladesh came back to Assam, the Minister said there is no data immediately available on this matter. PTI

## 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 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 spearheaded the movement against the Bill, also issued a press statement condemning 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.

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PULWAMA ATTACK AFTERMATH

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...



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.

playing to the tunes of our enemies," they said in the appeal. They asserted that attacking the innocent because of their ethnicity or religion was "no way to honour the sacrifice of the CRPF men."

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.

"Deepest condolences to the families. This bloodshed will only stop when GoI (Government of India) overhauls its approach (rather lack of it) towards J&K," the former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister said in a tweet.

She expressed the need to "stop the obsession with Pakistan" and "set our own house in order." "Lets drop the obsession with Pakistan and get our own house in order. The current attitude will only worsen the situation & polarise the nation (sic)," she added.

Two Jaish terrorists, including a Pakistani commander of the group being investigated for his role in the February 14 CRPF bombing. PTI

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.

K Vijay Kumar and KK Sharma, advisers to the Governor, met him at the Raj Bhavan on Monday evening and briefed the Governor about the prevailing law and order situation in the aftermath of the recent terror attack in Pulwama district, a Raj Bhavan spokesman said.

He said the Governor discussed with advisers issues relating to effective maintenance of law and order and directed them that no anti-social element should be allowed to disturb peace and harmony in the State.

He also directed that avail-

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.

His statement comes a day after security cover of six separatist leaders, including Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, was withdrawn, a decision that comes in the aftermath of the Pulwama terror strike in which 44 CRPF personnel were killed. PTI

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

Jammu: Chairman of Peoples Conference and former Minister Sajad 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".

The security cover of six separatist leaders, including Sajad Lone's elder brother Bilal Lone, was withdrawn on Sunday, a decision that comes in the aftermath of the Pulwama terror strike in which 44 CRPF personnel were killed.

"It is their (Government's) decision (withdrawing security to separatists) but personally as far as I am concerned, I have lost my father and I cannot support it because I will never support violence of any sort against anyone," Sajad Lone, son of politician-turned-separatist leader Abdul Gani Lone, said.

The elder Lone, a prominent Hurriyat leader, was assassinated in 2002 during a rally to mark the death anniversary of former Mirwaiz of Kashmir Moulvi Mohammad Farooq in

Srinagar. Moulvi Farooq, father of Hurriyat leader Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, was assassinated in 1990.

"The security of my father was lowered in 2002 and after a few months, I received his body at home. 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."

Besides Bilal, security cover of Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, Abdul Gani Bhat, Hashim Qureshi, Fazal Haq Qureshi and Shabir Shah has been withdrawn. Referring to a question that the Hurriyat leaders are toeing the Pakistan line, Sajad Lone said it was also been said about him sometime back.

"Today I am being projected as an example... And give this example that had he not been given security, he should not have been alive today," he said. Sajad Lone was a Minister in erstwhile PDP-BJP coalition Government in the State. His party is an ally of the BJP. PTI

Two held for 'anti-India' remarks in UP

Shahjahanpur/Bhadohi: Two youths, one of them charged with sedition, were arrested in Shahjahanpur and Bhadohi districts of Uttar Pradesh on Monday for allegedly posting "anti-India" remarks on social media, police said.

A youth, identified as Farhan, was arrested in Shahjahanpur for allegedly posting the picture of a burning tricolour with a slogan denouncing India on social networking site Facebook, SP (City) Dinesh Tripathi said.

Members of a right-wing group lodged a complaint in this regard, following which Farhan was arrested, police said. In Bhadohi, Zeeshan Khan was arrested for allegedly posting an objectionable Facebook comment on February 15.

The post went viral after which a sedition case was lodged against Khan and he was arrested, police said. PTI

Probe against NC, PDP leaders for alleged anti-India statements: BJP

Jammu: Senior BJP leader Kavinder Gupta on Monday called for a probe against NC and PDP leaders for allegedly making anti-India statements.

"The BJP criticises the role of mainstream political parties which are giving anti-India statements and mislead the innocent Kashmiri people. The role of all such leaders from the National Conference and the PDP should be thoroughly examined and the culprits should be put behind the bars," Gupta said in a statement here.

His statement came a day after NC president Farooq Abdullah said the Kashmiris are not responsible for Pulwama attack, but such type of incidents will continue till the "Kashmir issue is resolved politically". Gupta said there is a need to formulate policy to check role of all those elements who were providing any type of assistance to "anti-national elements". PTI

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

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

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

Meenakshi Jethwa (22) had become worried about her husband Bhupendrasinh's safety especially in the wake of the attack on a CRPF convoy earlier last week, they said.

She was found to have hanged herself from the ceiling of her house in Khambhaliya town on Saturday.

Her husband, posted at Gulmarg in Jammu & Kashmir, was visiting home on leave when the incident took place.

The couple had got married only two years ago. Meenakshi did not want him to return to Kashmir, said a local police official.

Jethwa had told his wife about how he once narrowly



Her husband, posted at Gulmarg in Jammu & Kashmir, was visiting home on leave when the incident took place. The couple had got married only two years ago. Meenakshi did not want him to return to Kashmir, said a local police official

escaped an avalanche while on duty. This, in addition to the February 14 attack in which 40 CRPF jawans were killed, made her all the more apprehensive, the police official said.

"As the date of his departure neared, she got depressed and hanged herself," a police official said, adding that further probe was underway. PTI

Sikkim CM: Govt ready to sponsor education of martyrs' children

PTI ■ GANGTOK

Sikkim Chief Minister Pawan Kumar Chamling on Monday said the State Government would like to sponsor education of the children of 44 CRPF personnel martyred in the terror attack in Jammu & Kashmir's Pulwama district last week.

However, this will be possible only if the Central Government agrees to the proposal, Chamling said in the Assembly, without elaborating. The Chief Minister said his Government has also announced an ex-gratia of ₹3 lakh each to the next of kin of the CRPF personnel killed in the attack on February 14.

Members of the Sikkim Assembly also paid tribute to the martyrs and observed two-minute silence as a mark of respect to them. PTI

Mamata raises question on timing of Pulwama attack

Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday questioned the timing of the Pulwama terror attack, asking whether the Government wanted to go to war when Lok Sabha elections were round the corner.

She also accused the BJP and the RSS of fomenting communal tension in the wake of the terror assault that claimed the lives of 44 CRPF troopers.

"When elections are knocking on the door you are trying to stage a war... A shadow war. Amit Shah and Narendra Modi are delivering political speeches. Even after such a big mishap you do not resign taking responsibility and are instead delivering political speeches," she told a Press conference.

The TMC supremo also wanted to know why a large convoy of CRPF personnel was allowed to move on the highway despite the Government having Intelligence inputs about a possible terror strike. PTI

Why plebiscite was not held in J&K earlier, asks Kamal Haasan

Chennai: Makkal Needhi Maiam chief Kamal Haasan has said a plebiscite could have been an option in Jammu & Kashmir earlier to foster peace and disagree with calls for an immediate surgical strike to avenge the Pulwama killings.

Sharing some of his random thoughts on the Kashmir issue at an event here largely attended by students Sunday, the actor-cum-politician deprecated 'jihadis' being glorified in Pakistan.

He also indicated casualties can be avoided if the leadership of India and Pakistan "behaved properly".

"Why plebiscite — to get to know everyone's view — was not held there. Why it was not done? what is their fear? The country was ripped apart into

two (India and Pakistan). Why don't you ask them (people of J & K) again, they (political leadership) won't do it."

On the recent killing of 40 CRPF jawans at Pulwama in Jammu and Kashmir, he said: "If there is bleeding, the first job is to stop it... To talk immediately of surgery (indicating surgical strike was not an option) is... (pauses for a moment)."

In the same breath, he said, "Surgery should also be arranged... Okay but when there is blood loss, place cloth or ice to ensure coagulation, so that there is no further loss (of blood). "I mourn this day," he said and recalled that years ago when he ran a magazine he had predicted "exactly" that such things would happen in J&K. PTI

MNS asks private FM channels not to play songs of Pak artists

Mumbai: The Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) on Monday asked private FM channels in Mumbai not to play songs of Pakistani artists in the wake of the Pulwama terror attack in which 44 CRPF personnel were killed.

A leader of the Raj Thackeray-led party also asked international apparel brands not to sell clothes made in Pakistan.

MNS general secretary Shalini Thackeray said the party took the step in view of the terror strike.

"If music of Pakistani

artists is not stopped by these FM channels, then they should be ready to face the music," she said.

MNS leader Akhil Chitre wrote to some international apparel brands, asking them not to sell any clothes that were completely or partially made in Pakistan.

"We don't need to buy clothes made in Pakistan. I have written e-mails to several international apparel brands asking them to stop selling their merchandise here. If they don't follow it, they will face the consequences," he said. PTI

Bihar: 1 more held for objectionable comment on Pulwama attack

Samastipur: Police on Monday arrested another person in Bihar for posting a controversial message on social media about the CRPF personnel killed in the Pulwama terror strike.

The man was held from Rahimabad village under the jurisdiction of Tajpur police station area of the district, following complaints about the social media message, Superintendent of Police, Samastipur, Harpreet Kaur, said.

"The accused has been booked under sections of the IPC relating to sedition and disturbing communal peace, besides the IT Act," Kaur said. PTI

Engineering student in judicial custody for post related to Pulwama attack

Suri (West Bengal): A Birbhum district court on Monday remanded an engineering student, who had uploaded a controversial post on social media over the Pulwama terror attack, to three days' judicial custody.

The court of additional chief judicial magistrate Rampurhat remanded the youth to judicial custody after he was arrested on Sunday following a complaint against him.

The student belonged to Nalhati area in the district. He had uploaded the post on the

Pulwama terror attack that left 40 CRPF personnel dead on February 14 and it raised a hue and cry in the locality.

The Facebook post is not available now. Instead, the student of an engineering college in Kolkata had uploaded another post on Saturday tendering unconditional apology to all who might have been hurt by his earlier post.

He was charged under IPC Sections 505/1A (circulating statement with intent to cause defence personnel to mutiny) and 505/1B (circulating statement with intent to cause fear or alarm to the public).

Another person, who was also booked for similar kind of offence, is absconding. PTI

While condemning terror attack, BJP, Cong 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.

While the BJP claimed the "unresolved" Kashmir issue was the root cause of today's situation, the opposition party raked up the release of terrorist Maulana Masood Azhar.

Legislators cutting across the party lines condemned the terror attack in Pulwama last week in which 44 CRPF jawans were killed.

The Gujarat Government has called a five-day session of the Assembly from Monday to present a vote-on-account 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.

"This House, in one voice, condemns the terror attack on our jawans. All the political parties have come together to fight terrorism. Every citizen of this country is with our soldiers. People want a fight-to-finish to wipe out terrorists completely," he said.

Leader of Opposition Pareth Dhanani said while people extended unconditional support to the Centre to fight terrorism, several attacks have taken place on the armed forces in 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. We have to take decisive steps to eliminate terrorism," said the Congress leader.

Deputy Chief Minister Nitin Patel said the root cause of the current situation was the unresolved Kashmir issue.

"If Congress leaders had allowed (then Union home minister) Sardar Patel to handle the Kashmir issue... We may not have been facing this problem today," he said.

Responding to him, Congress' Amit Chavda said Congress leaders have committed several sacrifices to maintain India's unity and integrity. Referring to Modi, Chavda said people are now demanding decisive action, not just assurances. PTI

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# 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, contri-

but 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.

# Sensex sinks 311 pts; Nifty drops below 10,700-mark

Mumbai: Equity benchmarks wilted under selling pressure for the eight straight session Monday as risk appetite remained subdued amid sustained foreign fund outflows and geo-political concerns.

The 30-share BSE Sensex tumbled 310.51 points, or 0.87 per cent to finish at 35,498.44, while the broader NSE Nifty fell 83.45 points, or 0.78 per cent, to 10,640.95. FMCG, banking, IT, auto and pharma stocks bore the brunt of heavy selling.

Banking shares weakened after Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das said he will meet heads of public and private sector banks this week to discuss transmission of interest rate cuts to borrowers. Earlier this month, the Reserve Bank cut the benchmark interest rate by 0.25 per cent to 6.25 per cent.

However, only a handful of banks, including SBI, have reduced their rates, that too by just 0.05 per cent. Top losers in the Sensex pack included TCS, Yes Bank, ITC, Sun Pharma, Reliance, Coal India, Asian Paints, SBI, Maruti, HUL, HCL Tech and ICICI Bank, falling up

to 2.91 per cent.

However, ONGC, Tata Motors, Axis Bank, Vedanta, NTPC, IndusInd Bank and HDFC gained up to 1.48 per cent. "Market remained on a selling spree as reducing foreign inflows due to fear of escalation of tensions at the border impacted the sentiment.

"Rupee weakened, 10-year yield inched up and rising oil prices are expected to weaken domestic macros. Volatility in the market to continue due to lack of domestic triggers and investors are likely to remain cautious. Global market stands positive supported by hope in US-China trade deals," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services.

Sectorally, BSE bankex, auto, FMCG, healthcare, metal and tech indices declined up to 1.36 per cent. Only telecom and realty ended in the green, gaining up to 0.88 per cent. Broader indices ended lower, with the BSE Midcap and Smallcap losing up to 1.04 per cent. The rupee, meanwhile, depreciated 21 paise to 71.44 against the US dollar (intra-day). PTI

# IOC signs \$1.5 bn deal to buy US crude oil

New Delhi: In the first-ever deal by an Indian company, Indian Oil Corp (IOC) Monday said it has signed an annual deal worth USD 1.5 billion to import 3 million tonnes of crude oil in the fiscal year beginning April 1.

This is the first time any Indian refiner has signed an annual contract since the country in 2017 began importing crude oil from the US.

"IOC has finalised a term contract for import of up to 3 million tonnes of crude oil of US origin grades as a part of its strategy to diversify its crude sources," the company said in a statement.

The contract was finalised on February 15. The term contract follows IOC signing up to buy crude oil from the US through a term-tender deal in August last year.

It had at that time bought about 6 million barrels of US crude oil under single tender for delivery between November 2018 and January 2019. PTI

## Business Corner

### SAIL HOLDS CRICKET MATCH FOR STEEL INDUSTRY

New Delhi: Hon'ble Union Minister of Steel Chaudhary Birender Singh inaugurated a cricket match organized by Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) for the entire domestic Steel Industry at Major Dhyan Chand Stadium, in New Delhi today. This cricket match was a part of Diamond Jubilee celebrations by SAIL to commemorate its sixty years of production.



### BJP'S MANIFESTO WILL BE COMMITTED TO "NEW INDIA"

Lucknow: Senior BJP leader and Union Minister Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi today said here that the BJP's "Sankalp Patra" (Manifesto) will be the first manifesto of any party to be prepared with the help, suggestions and participation of crores of people. Shri Naqvi said that the BJP's "Sankalp Patra" will be committed to "New India". The BJP's "Sankalp Patra" will be a "Blue Print" of happiness and transformation in the lives of every section of the society.

### 32ND GARDEN TOURISM FEST ENDS ON HIGH NOTE

New Delhi: The 32nd Garden Tourism Festival ended on a high note at attracting thousands of visitors to the venue of Garden of Five Senses. People not only bought numerous varieties of plants but also were spell bounded by the beauty of Garden of Five Senses as they spent quality time with their friends and family in the lush green gardens. The festival enlightened the visitors on the importance of gardening and how small efforts can make a difference towards a greener Delhi.



### CANDLE LIGHT MARCH HELD FOR MARTYRS

New Delhi: A candle light march was organised by the CRPF Family Welfare Association (CWA) and member of civil society from Connaught place to Jantar Mantar New Delhi. Thousands of the members of CRPF family welfare association, ladies, Children and general public from neighboring locality gathered to express their solidarity with the martyrs and their families. The participants were dressed in black holding placards and national flags in their hands and shouting slogan "Bharat Mata Ki Jai, Jawano Ka Yah Balidhan Nahi Bhulega Hindusthan" and condemned dastardly militant attack.



### NLC HOLDS MINI MARATHON FOR MARTYRED JAWANS

The Mini Marathon for the cause of "Promoting Good Health and Fitness" was held in the Neyveli township on the 17 th of February 2019. The marathon was flagged off by the Chairman cum Managing Director, NLCIL, Shri. Rakesh Kumar from Bharathi Stadium. Homage was paid to the martyrs of the recent terror strike in Pulwama before the start and the run was dedicated to them. Salient points of speech of Union Minister for Minority Affairs Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi while chairing meeting of newly constituted Central Waqf Council (CWC) in New Delhi today:



# CIC pulls up RBI for non-disclosure of demonetisation records

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Central Information Commission has pulled up the Reserve Bank of India for "perfunctory handling" of an RTI application seeking records of its board meetings where the issue of demonetisation was deliberated, and issued a show-cause notice to its Central Public Information Officer.

Activist Venkatesh Nayak had sought records of all meetings of the RBI Central Board of Directors along with the papers, presentations or other documents placed before it, which led to the decision of demonetisation announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November

8, 2016.

Not getting any information from the RBI, which cited an exemption clause to deny the records, Nayak approached the commission, the highest adjudicating body in matters pertaining to the Right to Information (RTI) Act.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced on November 8, 2016 that ₹1,000 and ₹500 notes, which constituted about 86 per cent of total currency in circulation then, would cease to be legal tender.

They were replaced by new ₹2,000 and ₹500 notes. Several restrictions were also placed on the withdrawal of currency notes from banks during demonetisation.

# GoM favours uniform tax on lottery, GST Council to decide rate on February 20

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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-authorised 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-authorised 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-authorised 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. PTI

**बिहार सरकार**

बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि०, पटना  
(बिहार राज्य का उपक्रम)

अभिरूचि की अभिव्यक्ति का आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या-139/2018-19

पुरातात्विक स्थल चिरांद (सारण) में प्रागैतिहासिक संस्कृति के विकास के विभिन्न चरणों को प्रदर्शित किए जाने हेतु पुरातात्विक स्थल पर नवनिर्मित भवन एवं पुरातात्विक स्थल के संरक्षण एवं विकास कार्य हेतु विस्तृत योजना प्रतिवेदन (DPR) तैयार करने के लिए राष्ट्रीय/अंतर राष्ट्रीय ख्याति प्राप्त फार्म से मुहरबंद प्रस्ताव आमंत्रित किया जाता है।

प्रस्ताव अद्योहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय में दिनांक-25.03.2019 के अपराह्न 3.00 बजे तक प्राप्त किये जायेंगे। विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए महाप्रबंधक (परामर्शी सेवा) के कार्यालय अथवा में संपर्क किया जा सकता है अथवा बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि०, पटना के वेबसाइट [www.bsbcl.bih.nic.in/www.prdbihar.gov.in](http://www.bsbcl.bih.nic.in/www.prdbihar.gov.in) पर देखा जा सकता है।

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# Infosys settles case with Sebi, pays ₹34 lakh towards settlement

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

IT major Infosys has settled with Sebi a case of alleged disclosure lapses regarding severance payment made to its former chief financial officer Rajiv Bansal.

The company paid ₹34.35 lakh to settle the case with the markets regulator, according to an order. The watchdog had issued a notice seeking to initiate adjudication proceedings against the company in November 2017.

The notice related to Sebi examining the scrip of Infosys during which the issues pertaining to severance payment to Bansal was also looked into. Bansal resigned from the company on October 11, 2015, according to the order.

During the examination, prima facie, it was found that the severance payment was made without prior approval of audit committee as well as nomination and remuneration committee.

These were violations of various listing norms. In December 2017, Infosys filed an application under the settlement mechanism. PTI

# Modi Govt reappoints AK Sharma as IOC Director (Finance)

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

New Delhi: The Government has reappointed A K Sharma as the Director (Finance) of Indian Oil Corp (IOC) - a first under Prime Minister Narendra Modi when a PSU director has been reemployed in the same position after retirement. Sharma, who superannuated as Director (Finance) of IOC on January 31, has been appointed for three months in the same position, IOC said in a regulatory filing.

The reappointment is with effect from February 18, the company said without giving reasons for the reemployment. Officials said Sharma, who is the finance head of IOC was also in charge of pricing of petrol, diesel and other fuels, has been reemployed keeping in mind the impending general elections. PTI

# Reliance Group shares in demand; zoom up to 11.3%

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

New Delhi: Stocks of Reliance Group companies Monday zoomed up to 11.3 per cent after the Anil Ambani-led group reached a 'standstill agreement' with more than 90 per cent of its lenders under which they will not sell any of the shares pledged by promoters till September.

Shares of Reliance Power zoomed 11.27 per cent and Reliance Communications advanced by 10.91 per cent.

Reliance Infrastructure jumped 7.40 per cent while Reliance Home Finance gained 6.71 per cent. Reliance Naval and Engineering soared 5.15 per cent on BSE.

Reliance Capital gained 2.86 per cent and Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management 2.64 per cent.

Under the pact, the Group will pay the principal and interest amounts to the lenders as per the scheduled due dates.

It has also appointed investment bankers for part placement of the group's direct 30 per cent stake in Reliance Power to institutional investors.

When contacted, a Reliance Group spokesperson said: "We are grateful to our lenders for believing in the intrinsic and fundamental value of our companies, and granting their in-principle approval to standstill arrangements." PTI

# PARIJAT PAPER MILLS LIMITED

CIN : L21012UP1989PLC010589  
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## POSTAL BALLOT NOTICE

Members are hereby informed that pursuant to Section 110 & 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, the Company has on Monday, February 18, 2019 completed the dispatch of the postal ballot notice, along with the postal ballot form through electronic mail to the members whose email IDs are registered in the records of depository participants as on Friday, February 08, 2019 and through physical mode, along with a postage prepaid self-addressed Business reply envelope to the other members (whose email IDs are not registered) for seeking approval of the shareholders of the Company by postal ballot, including remote e-voting by electronic means or, for the following matter:

- | Item No. | Description of the Special Resolution   |
|----------|---|
| 1.       | To appoint Mr. Amrish Kumar (DIN : 05243828) as Whole Time Director of the Company                            |
| 2.       | To approve increase in remuneration of Mr. Amrish Kumar, Whole Time Director (DIN: 05243828) of the Company   |
| 3.       | To approve increase in remuneration of Mr. Amit Mittal, Whole Time Director (DIN: 00754471) of the Company    |
| 4.       | To approve increase in remuneration of Mr. Neeraj Jain, Whole Time Director (DIN: 00389539) of the Company    |
| 5.       | To approve increase in remuneration of Mr. Himanshu Gupta, Whole Time Director (DIN: 08067691) of the Company |

The Company has engaged the services of Link Intime India Private Limited (LIPL) for the purpose of providing e-voting facility to all its members. Members are requested to note that the voting through postal ballot shall commence from Tuesday, 19th February, 2019 and shall end on Thursday, March 21, 2019 (05:00 PM) and for electronic mode voting shall commence from Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2019 (9:00 A.M) and shall end on Wednesday, 20th March, 2019 (05:00 P.M.).

The Board of Directors has appointed M/s Vikas Verma & Associates, Company Secretaries as the Scrutinizer for conducting the Postal Ballot/e-voting process in a fair and transparent manner. Members are requested to note that duly completed and signed postal ballot form should reach the Scrutinizer not later than 05:00 PM on Thursday, March 21, 2019. All members may kindly note that voting on the aforesaid resolution done through e-voting/postal ballot forms after the aforesaid date shall not be considered valid. Any member who does not receive the Postal Ballot form may either send an email to or may apply to the registrar and Share transfer Agent of the Company/Company and obtain a duplicate postal ballot form. The notice of postal ballot has also been placed on the website of the company (i.e. [www.parijatpapermills.com](http://www.parijatpapermills.com)). The result of the voting by postal ballot will be announced on or before Saturday, March 23, 2019 at the registered office of the Company. The result will be displayed at the registered office and on the website of the company and intimate stock exchange on which the shares of the company are listed.

In case you have any queries or issues regarding e-voting, shareholders are requested to contact, Link Intime India Pvt. Ltd. at C-101, 1st Floor, 247 Park, Lal Bahadur Shastri Marg, Vikhroli (West) Mumbai-400083, email: [insta.vote@linkintime.co.in](mailto:insta.vote@linkintime.co.in)

By order of the Board  
For Parijat Paper Mills Limited.

Sd/-  
Amit Mittal (Whole Time Director)  
Date: 18.02.2019  
Place: Muzaffarnagar  
DIN: 00754471

## SEARCH FOR MISSING LADY WITH HER DAUGHTER



General public is hereby informed that one lady namely Archana, W/o Shri Ram Kumar, R/o Village Nangri Lidhaura, PS Jatara, District Tikamgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Age 23 years, Height 5'5", Complexion Wheatish Round Face, Thin Built, Wearing Red colour saree & blouse, red colour shawl and hawai chappal in feet with her daughter namely Anjo, Age 1 year & 1 month, Height 1'5", Complexion Fair, Round Face, Thin Built has been missing/ kidnapped from Near Ganda Nala, Nangli Poonna Village, Delhi since 30.01.19. In this regard a vide DD No. 34-A dated 31.01.19 has been lodged at PS Swaroop Nagar, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about these missing lady and with her daughter may kindly inform to the following.

E-mail ID: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) SHO  
Tele: 011-24368638, 24368641 PS: Swaroop Nagar, Delhi  
Fax: 011-24368639 Ph.: 27811415, 27811738  
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## SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that one woman namely Poonam, W/o: Jitender, R/o: H.No. 656, Gali No.-2, Bada Shiv Mandir, Alipur, Delhi, Age: 24 years, Complexion: Fair, Height: 4', Face: Round, Built: Thin, wearing Yellow colour Saree with Hawai Chappal in feet, has been missing/kidnapped along with her daughter namely Janvi, D/o Jitender, Age: 01 year, Height: 2', Complexion: Fair, from the area of P.S. Alipur, Delhi since 21.01.2019. In this regard a DD No. 11-A, dated 23.01.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Alipur, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the woman but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about her please inform undersigned.

Website : <http://cbi.nic.in> SHO  
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Sub: Advertisement for maintenance of Roundabout of Sector-26, Panchkula.

Applications are invited from interested Government Departments or reputed private organizations or industries or individuals who are interested for maintaining the following HSVP rotary as per the terms and conditions hosted on the HSVP Website [www.hsvp.org.in](http://www.hsvp.org.in) / [www.huda@hry.nic.in](http://www.huda@hry.nic.in). The maintenance shall be out-sourced initially for a period of three years which may further be extend for another three years, if the maintenance is found to be in conformity with the HSVP norms. It is further notified that HSVP reserves the right to accept or reject any application without assigning any reason. The applications from the interested parties should reach in the office of undersigned before 5th March-2019:-

- Maintenance of Rotary/Roundabout Sector-26, Panchkula.
- (Vinay Kumar Lohan),  
Executive Engineer,  
HSPV, Hort. Division,  
Panchkula.
- RO NO. 75530 Dt. 18-02-2019

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1	BCT/18-19/582 dtd. 14.02.2019	Valsad - Divisional Engineering Depot - Transporting, loading & unloading of PWay material from various depot such as Nagda, Derol, Sabarmati, Rajkot etc. to Mumbai Division in connection with sanction Track work of Mumbai Division.	93,01,864.36	1,86,000/-	On 18.03.2019 till 15.00 hrs. at 15.00 hrs.	On 18.03.2019 till 15.00 hrs. at 15.00 hrs.
2	BCT/18-19/583 dtd. 14.02.2019	Andheri - Proposed 6.00 m wide new FOB towards north side.	10,92,84,467.6	696400/-	On 22.03.2019 till 15.00 hrs. at 15.00 hrs.	On 22.03.2019 till 15.00 hrs. at 15.00 hrs.
3	BCT/18-19/584 dtd. 14.02.2019	Naigaon - Proposed 6.00 m wide new FOB towards north side.	3,76,67,127.28	3,38,300/-	On 22.03.2019 till 15.00 hrs. at 15.00 hrs.	On 22.03.2019 till 15.00 hrs. at 15.00 hrs.
4	BCT/18-19/585 dtd. 14.02.2019	Virar - Proposed 6.00 m wide new FOB towards north side.	7,53,26,329.87	5,26,600/-	On 22.03.2019 till 15.00 hrs. at 15.00 hrs.	On 22.03.2019 till 15.00 hrs. at 15.00 hrs.

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# MANDHANA MAINTAINS TOP SPOT



## 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 Phurca 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 of 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 pull-out 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 Armymen 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 the "whole 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.

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



## DEEPTI SHARMA AND POONAM YADAV ARE TWO OTHER INDIAN BOWLERS FIGURING AT THE TOP-10 AT EIGHTH AND NINTH POSITIONS RESPECTIVELY

contention for a direct berth in the pinnacle event by completing 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.

## Gibbs back India, England as contenders for WC

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. Sometime 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.

## Pak shooters granted visas for World Cup

PTI ■ NEW DELHI/KARACHI

Pakistan's shooters were on Monday granted visas to participate in the New Delhi World Cup, a top Indian shooting official said, ending speculation about their presence in the event in the wake of the Pulwama terrorist attack.

The ISSF (International Shooting Sport Federation) event, which will offer 16 quota places for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, starts at the Dr Karni Singh Range on Thursday.

"Their visa has been cleared and we have received communication from the Indian High Commission and the Pakistan shooting federation. The two shooters and the manager's tickets are also being booked," National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) secretary Rajiv Bhatia said.

## Slight let up and you will get hurt: Finch on Ind 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 terrorist 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.

## 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 cam-

## Komal impresses in BP XI loss against England XI

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Left-arm medium-pacer 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 Vidarbha 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.



paign in the second round qualifiers after his first-round opponent Lu Guangzu 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.

He also claimed his second senior national in 2017, beating Lakshya Sen in the finals.

Lakshya Sen, who finished runners-up at Guwahati after losing to Sourabh again, will also play at Barcelona Spain Masters -- his first international tournament of the season in a year where he is making his transition into senior from junior.

The 17-year-old from Uttarakhand, who is an Asian Junior Champion and a bronze medalist at the world junior championship, will have to play at the qualifiers to make his way to the main draw.

Among others, former Commonwealth Games champion Parupalli Kashyap and Ajay Jayaram will begin against Hong Kong's Wong Wing Ki Vincent and Malaysia's Cheam June Wei respectively.

Subhankar Dey, who was defeated by Mumbai's Harsheel Dani at the Nationals, will play a qualifier in the opening round.

National championship silver medalists Arjun MR and Ramchandran Shlok will take on Korean eighth seed Kim Won Ho and Seo Seung Jae, while Krishna Prasad Garaga and Dhruv Kapila face France's Christu Popov and Toma Junior Popov in another men's doubles match. Women's doubles pair of Pooja Dandu and Sanjana Santosh and mixed doubles combination of Venkat Gaurav Prasad and Juhi Dewangan are also in the fray.

# 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 clash

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



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

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HEAD TO HEAD						
	Games	L'pool	Draw	Bayern	LG	BG
Friendlies Clubs	1	1	0	0	3	0
Champions League	2	0	2	0	1	1
Europa League	2	1	1	0	4	1
UEFA Super Cup	1	1	0	0	3	2
Cup Winners Cup	2	0	1	1	1	3
Overall	8	3	4	1	12	7

**VENUE: ANFIELD, LIVERPOOL**  
**Kick-off: 1:30 am IST**  
**Live Telecast: Sony Ten 2 Network**  
**PLAYERS BATTLE**  
 Mohamed Salah vs Robert Lewandowski  
 Alisson Becker vs Manuel Neuer  
 Sadio Mane vs Kingsley Coman  
**PLAYERS MISSING**  
**Bayern:** Jerome Boateng, Thomas Muller.  
**Liverpool:** Virgil Van Dijk.  
**TOP SCORERS**  
**UCL** Robert Lewandowski (8) Mohamed Salah (3)  
**Overall** Robert Lewandowski (25) Mohamed Salah (20)

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.

"You can't make mistakes in these games, but I think we can cause Liverpool problems," said Bayern midfielder James Rodriguez.

"We have a team that's good enough to go through, if it goes well."

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. Coman scored twice, set up David Alaba's



# Barca, Messi look to break CL jinx

AFP ■ LYON

**Venue:** Groupama stadium, Lyon  
**Kick-off:** 1:30 am IST  
**Live Telecast:** Sony Ten 2 Network

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".

For that ambition to be realised, Barca must improve on a dismal away record which has seen them win only one of their last six visits in the Champions League knockout rounds, scoring three goals while conceding 13.

Barca will be boosted by the return of France's World Cup winning defender Samuel Umtiti after nearly three months out with a knee problem, while defender Thomas Vermaelen and Arthur Melo are injured.

The game could go a long way to deciding Lyon coach Bruno Genesio's chances of keeping his job.

Although Genesio guided Lyon to the last 16 without losing a group game, long-serving club president Jean-Michel Aulas has yet to say whether Genesio will stay on next season.

Genesio will have to find a way to beat Barca without Nabil Fekir, the main provider and scorer in Lyon's attack, who is suspended.

With Fekir absent, Netherlands forward Memphis Depay has the chance to put in the kind of performance to help him fulfill his wish of joining a bigger club next season.



# 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.

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

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 mid-week Champions League victory at Manchester United, with Leandro Paredes handed his first league start for the club.

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.

Saint-Etienne started to show more ambition with time running out, but the best they could muster was Kevin Monnet-Paquet's long-range strike which flew harmlessly over, with the winger injuring himself in the process.

# Nainggolan seals Inter win

AFP ■ MILAN

Napoli's title hopes took a further blow as Carlo Ancelotti's side was held to a goalless draw for the third time in four league matches to drop further points against Torino and trail champions Juventus by 13 points.

Napoli had drawn at home against AC Milan two weeks ago and at Fiorentina last time out and will face a top-of-the-table clash against Juventus on March 3 with their Serie A bid already all but over.

"We played with focus, motivation, determination, but it's unacceptable to have 18 scoring opportunities over two games and not score any of them," Ancelotti told Sky Sport Italia on Sunday.

Napoli proved wasteful at the San Paolo Stadium with Arkadiusz Milik missing a string of chances to break the deadlock as Lorenzo Insigne hit the post in the 74th minute.

On-loan Chelsea defender Ola Aina threatened for Torino in the dying minutes but was chased down by Brazilian Allan as Walter Mazzarri's side stayed ninth - three points off the Europa League places.

Earlier Sunday, Radja Nainggolan scored the winner for Inter Milan to consolidate third position with a 2-1 win over Sampdoria at the San Siro, while Lazio's Champions League hopes took a knock with defeat by Genoa.

Nainggolan rifled in low on 78 minutes after Danilo D'Ambrosio had opened the scoring five minutes earlier, with Manolo Gabbiadini equalising for Sampdoria in between.

It was the Belgian's third goal this season and gave Inter a third straight win after a recent slump as Luciano Spalletti's side sit seven points adrift of Napoli in third.

# 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 Mainsam 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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