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NDA's Rafale deal 2.86% cheaper than UPA's: CAG

Audit indicts Govt for useless India-specific enhancement that led to price escalation

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The much-awaited Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) report on the acquisition process of 36 fighter jets on Wednesday said the NDA Government deal was 2.86 per cent cheaper than the UPA's offer in 2007, but the Government made major concessions to the French vendor by including unwarranted India specific enhancement that led to price escalation.

The report said that as per the deal signed by the NDA regime the delivery of the aircraft would be faster by just one month compared to the UPA schedules.

While the CAG report contradicted the claims made by several Government Ministers that the current price of Rafale jets in flyaway condition was nine per cent cheaper than the UPA's deal, it said the price of the 36 fighter jets was 17.08 per cent cheaper after equipping it with India Specific Enhancements under the new deal.

The report tabled in Parliament, noted that the Government overruled the IAF suggestion to postpone six enhancements till more Rafale aircraft were procured in future.

The IAF proposal was not accepted by the Defence Ministry which said this would

tantamount to dilution of Air Staff Qualitative Requirements (ASQRs). The Ministry said this was also not in consonance with the basic framework provided by the Joint Statement of April 10, 2015 by the Defence Acquisition Council that aircraft must have same configuration.

Moreover, during negotiation of 36 aircraft in 2015, in view of the huge cost escalation and the reduced number of aircraft to be purchased, the Indian negotiation team headed by the Deputy Chief of Air Staff proposed to reduce the number of Indian specific enhancements. But the Dassault Aviation, manufacturer of Rafale jets, stated since its price was a total package the Defence Ministry would have to take up the matter with the French Government.

The Defence Ministry, while rejecting the IAF suggestion, said reduction of Indian specific enhancements was not considered after due deliberation as it was a temporary deferment only for cost reduction measure.

The CAG noted that four of these enhancements were stated to be not required in the technical and staff evaluations. The cost of these four enhancements constituted about 14 per cent of the Indian specific enhancements contracted cost.

The Ministry stated that "scaling down the requirement to limit cash outgo cannot be considered as saving," the CAG report said.

The Rafale deal was inked in 2016 after Prime Minister Narendra Modi and then French President Minister Francois Hollande in a joint statement on April 10, 2015 announced an inter-governmental agreement (IGA) to procure 36 jets from France in fly away condition.

The NDA Government went in for the IGA after scrapping the nearly decade long negotiations under the UPA regime for procuring 126 medium multi-role aircraft (MMRCA) often termed as mother of all deals then. Rafale, manufactured by Dassault Aviation of France emerged as the lowest bidder but differences over various issues delayed the final inkling of the deal. The MMRCA envisaged buying 18 jets in flyaway condition and the remaining to be manufactured by the public sector aviation giant Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) under a transfer of technology pact. The overall deal at that time was pegged about ₹45,000 crores.

While the Congress has all along alleged wrongdoing in the Rafale deal claiming that the NDA Government bought the each aircraft at a huge cost of ₹1,600 crore as against the UPA offer of ₹560 crore. However, the Government in Parliament two years back said the cost of each aircraft without weapons was ₹670 crores.



Congress president Rahul Gandhi, former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, former party president Sonia Gandhi and other party leaders during a protest over the Rafale deal at Parliament in New Delhi on Wednesday

Report questions Centre for not insisting on sovereign guarantee

In case of breach of pact, India would have to first settle issue via arbitration with French vendors

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Taking exception to the Indian Government not insisting on sovereign guaran-

tee as suggested by the Law Ministry while inking the ₹59,000-crore deal for 36 Rafale fighter jets, the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) has questioned the wisdom of settling for a 'Letter of Comfort' from France and highlighted the drawbacks in its report tabled in Parliament on Wednesday.

The audit report noted that the 2007 UPA proposed deal included a 15 per cent bank guarantee against advance

payments.

Flagging concerns over this issue, the CAG in its report said in case of a breach of agreement, India would now have to first settle the matter through arbitration directly with the French vendors.

If the arbitration award goes in favour of India and Dassault Aviation, the manufacturers of Rafale, fails to honour it, India will have to exhaust all available legal remedies, it said.

Report a cover-up, not worth the paper: Rahul

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Opposition and ruling party crossed swords over the CAG report on the Rafale deal on Wednesday.

Continuing with his questioning of the Rafale deal, Congress president Rahul Gandhi noted that the CAG report did mention the dissent note by negotiators and said he didn't think it's worth the paper it's written on. However, he said the report demolished the Government's argument on price and faster delivery of the fighter jets.

"The CAG report is a cover-up. It ignores the cost of the missing Bank Guarantee and glosses over the suspect costs for India-Specific Enhancements," Rahul said.

Contending that Congress argument of "all institutions were wrong" and only "Dynast is right" cannot stand on its leg, Union Minister Arun Jaitley responded by saying that the Congress and Opposition parties stand exposed following the CAG report.

"The Government's argument on price and faster delivery of Rafale jets has been demolished. The only reason for the new deal is to give ₹30,000 crore to Anil Ambani," the Congress chief alleged at a Press conference.

It can't be that the SC is wrong, the CAG is wrong, and only the dynast is right

— Arun Jaitley

"The argument given by the Prime Minister for the new Rafale deal was price and faster delivery. This has been demolished," he said, citing a note by officials. "You say there was no scam, then why are you afraid of ordering a JPC," he said, reiterating his demand for a joint parliamentary committee to look into the deal.

On Tuesday, Rahul had accused the PM of "treason" and violating the Official Secrets Act by acting as Anil Ambani's "middleman" in the Rafale jet contract, citing an email to claim Ambani was aware of the deal days before India and France finalised it.

Reliance Defence, in a statement, had refuted Congress allegation saying the "proposed MoU" mentioned in the email referred to its cooperation with Airbus Helicopter.

But even the CAG couldn't hide that it may take up to 10 years for the 36 Rafale jets to be delivered," Rahul alleged at Press conference on Wednesday.

CM launches 'Mera Parivar Bhajapa (BJP) Parivar' drive

No houses would be demolished in any of the urban slums, promises Das

PARVINDER BHATIA ■ JAMSHEDPUR

In a move to garner mass support ahead of elections, Chief Minister Raghubar Das on Wednesday kicked off 'Mera Parivar Bhajapa (BJP) Parivar' (My Family BJP Family) campaign in his home constituency (Jamshedpur East). He also embarked on a whirlwind visit of three urban slums - Chhayanagar, Chhandinagar and Deonagar interacting with locals.



Chief Minister Raghubar Das pastes a 'Mera Parivar - Bhajapa Parivar' sticker at a party workers residence after the launch of the campaign ahead of the Lok Sabha elections at his home constituency (Jamshedpur East) in Jamshedpur on Wednesday

During over one and half hour drive that started from Chhayanagar at around 10 am Das along with party activists pasted stickers containing pictures of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, party national president Amit Shah, State president Laxman Giluva and Raghubar Das with party symbol 'lotus' with the tagline 'Mera Parivar Bhajapa Parivar' in several houses and installing party flags at houses.

It may be mentioned that BJP national president Amit Shah had started the campaign on Tuesday at Ahmedabad putting up party flags and stickers at their home. "I am here to spread party's

vision of growth and progress. Indian Tricolour is the life of the country and BJP flag is the pride of the country," said Das. He also asked party workers to increase party's reach and message to every corner.

The CM also visited a community hall at Chhayanagar and addressed the people. "I would ask residents of these urban slums to reap benefits of Government schemes. I would like to assure that no houses would be demolished in any of the urban slums. Our Government has made it clear that demolition, if at all made necessary for development projects, will be done only after rehabilitation of affected families," said



Chief Minister Raghubar Das holds a baby girl during the launch of 'Mera Parivar - Bhajapa Parivar' ahead of the general elections at his home constituency (Jamshedpur East) in Jamshedpur on Wednesday

infrastructure in each of the urban slums like proper lights, road, drinking water, drains and sewage facilities. Work has already started with Jusco agreeing to provide electricity and waters. I would like to encourage women to form sakhri mandals and obtain benefit of State Government schemes to improve their financial condition," said Das.

The CM also interacted with inmates of leprosy ashram at Deonagar in Baradwari and distributing party flags and

stickers before leaving for his residence at Agrico.

He reiterated that the Government is dedicated towards development of State with special focus on rural areas. He said that the people will reap the benefits of the several welfare schemes is his Government's priority.

He also motivated the workers to get ready for next election. He deliberated minutely on issues pertaining to the strengthening of the booth committees.

Modi mocks Rahul hug, quake jibe, calls out for majority Govt

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday took potshots at Congress president Rahul Gandhi over the Rafale issue and made a strong pitch for electing a majority Government in national interest.

He said the majority Government brings pride to the country in the world forum. Modi was addressing the last sitting of the 16th Lok Sabha on its last day. He said the House did not witness any earthquake, an apparent reference to claims of Rahul that his revelation on Rafale would create tremors.

Taking a swipe at Rahul, who was not present in the House at that time, the PM referred to the Congress president's hug and "winking" episode, saying it was a new thing he witnessed as a first time member of Parliament. "We heard that there would earthquake. The five-year tenure is coming to an end but we did not witness any earthquake," he said, on a day the much-awaited CAG report on the controversy-hit Rafale deal was tabled in Parliament. "Kabhi hawai jahaz ude. Bade bade logo ne hawai jahaz udaye. Lekin lok-tantra aur Lok Sabha ki maryada itni oonchi hai ki earthquake



Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaks in the Lok Sabha during the Budget Session of Parliament in New Delhi on Wednesday

ko bhi pachha gaya aur koi jahaz bhi utni oonchi par nahai jaya. (They tried to fly aeroplanes but our strong democracy and the dignity of Lok Sabha did not allow it or any earthquake)," he said. The PM also referred to an incident in the house in the Monsoon Session when Rahul hugged him and later winked after returning to his seat during a no-confidence motion against the Government in July last year.

"Pahli baar mujhe pata chala ki gale milna or gale padne mein kya antar hota hai. Ye pahli baar mujhe pata chala. Pahli baar... Aankho se gushtakhoy wala khel bhi pahli baar iss sadan mein dekhen ko mila (It is the first time that I realised the dif-

ference between embracing someone and imposing oneself...The insolence reflected through eyes... This game was seen in this House," he said.

Narrating another incident, the PM said when "I was responding to Motion of Thanks on the President's speech, I was witness to 'athaa-has' (loud laughter)." Entertainment industry, he said, can learn something as many actors cannot do such kind of acting.

Besides recalling several anecdotes, the PM in his 30-minute address also praised Speaker Sumitra Mahajan and leader of Congress Mallikarjun Kharge for playing their respective roles in Lok Sabha.

Dumka Admin scripting women empowerment through Shagun Sutam

SR AKHTER ■ DUMKA

In a bid to empower women, to build their capacity to earn livelihood and to lead a life which encompass self respect, the Dumka district administration has begun a new initiative Shagun Sutam. To upgrade the skills of women and provide avenues to earn livelihood the Dumka administration had earlier found expression in Bali Footwear, Basuki Agarbatti and Mayurakshi Silk.

The district administration has in the first phase opened training centres at three places Babupur in Dumka block, Bhairavpur in Jama block and Aamgachi in Kathikund Block. The villages are adopted by DC, Mukesh Kumar. "Providing employ-

ment opportunities is the main challenge and we are always on a lookout for devising new ways and means, which have the potential of either absorbing them or enhancing their capacity," said Kumar.

At these centres, women will be imparted training in stitching clothes. The entire process like cutting, stitching, designing, buttoning, ironing and packaging will be mastered by them. These centres are equipped with state-of-the-art automatic sewing machines, automatic embroidery machines and latest ironing devices. Initially district administration has provided 30 sewing machines in each centre.

"Earlier we used to do manual labour, which did not ensure regular income and



DC Dumka Mukesh Kumar hands over sewing machine to a women under the (Shugun Shatun) training programme in Dumka on Wednesday

coupled with this the payment was not on time which created hardships. Now, we are skilled enough to earn a better

living," said Soni K. Hembrom, who hails from Babupur village of Dumka Block.

"We thank the district



Women get training of sewing under Shagun Sutam programme in Dumka

administration for providing us this wonderful avenue which inspired me to give up selling liquor and lead a dignified life," said Seventi Soren of

Thandar Dumaria of Jama block. The lady was earlier engaged in selling local liquor (Hadia).

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Kathikund block said that she had been unemployed and had no source of earning. The Shagun Sutam centre with machines has opened up avenues and now she is in a position to earn meals for her family.

In the initial stages, these women are being trained in making uniform for the Government schools. "We have ready market for uniforms and there is a requirement of lakhs

of uniforms in Government schools," said Mukesh Kumar. "Right now the focus is on imparting the best possible training so their output (uniform) is of good quality in terms of stitching, designing and durability. Later on the administration hopes to manufacture shirts and other apparels for the market. For this, professional designers will be employed and marketing of products will be done," he added.

Shagun Sutam has the potential of throwing up women entrepreneurship and making Dumka a hub of garment industry. Women have awoken from the deep slumber and now they have firm belief in the adage 'sky is the limit and horizon its boundary', said the DC.

Inter-State top cops meet at Jamshedpur, new check posts to come up

PARVINDER BHATIA ■ JAMSHEDPUR

With elections due any time from now the police administration is not willing to take any chance whatsoever, with regard to the Maoist activities.

Top cops of West Bengal, Odisha and Jharkhand held a high-level meeting along with superintendents of police of different districts to review the law and order situation. East Singhbhum Senior SP Anoop Bitharaj was present at the meeting along with senior officials of CRPF and Cobra.

"During the meeting the officials of police and paramilitary forces exchanged of information regarding the naxals movement in areas of concern like Ghatshila, Patamda, Nimdih, Chandil, Saranda, and Kiriburu in Kolhan areas with Purulia, Burdwan and West Midnapore districts in Bengal



Senior police officials during meeting at Jamshedpur on Wednesday Pioneer photo

and also with Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar and Sundergarh districts in Odisha," said an official.

He said out that during the meeting officers-in-charge of adjoining police stations between Bengal and Odisha also exchanged the lists of naxals as well as dreaded criminals.

"We have decided to set up 14 check-posts and revive around 20 police pickets in East Singhbhum district for 24x7 vigil on illegal movement of arms, liquor and money in the bordering areas between East Singhbhum district, Odisha and Bengal. Similar action would be initiated by Seraikeela-Kharsawan police in their areas," said East Singhbhum SSP Anoop Bitharaj.

Sources said that out of 14, eight check-posts would be set up in bordering areas of Bengal and East Singhbhum, while six check posts would be set up in bordering areas of Odisha

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The officials said that additional check posts would be set in bordering areas to put a check on movement of ultras. Adequate security arrangements would be made during elections to curb any untoward incidents.

The district administration has gone busy working out the security arrangements for the Maoist infested areas of the constituency.

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Youth found dead in Giridih Trafficking, child marriage survivors to spread awareness in villages

PNS ■ GIRIDIH

Body of a youth was discovered at Barasoli village near Bengabad in Giridih on Wednesday morning. The 22-year-old youth was later identified as Anil Modi, who was found brutally murdered at Bengabad area in Giridih. The youth's throat had been slit open by a sharp weapon, which led to his death, Bengabad police said.

A case of murder has been registered at Bengabad police station against unidentified persons. Giridih SDPO Jit Wahan Oraon and Officer in-Charge Faiz Rabani and other sleuths of the crime branch are investigating the case.

According to cops, the deceased youth is aged between 20 and 22 years. He was wearing a yellow t-shirt and blue jeans when his body was found. He was missing since last afternoon.

The incident came to light when an

unknown person informed the Bengabad police around 6 am that a body was lying outside boundary wall near Barasoli more in the area. Police suspect that the youth was murdered at some other location and his body dumped outside the village.

Till Wednesday afternoon, police were trying to look for evidence by examining closed circuit television (CCTV) camera footage from nearby areas. Bengabad police said missing complaint has been filed at nearby police station. They have appealed to the public to come forward if they have any information about the case. A road blockade by several villagers disrupted vehicles movement on the busy Karnpura - Barasoli NH-114 Road. According to local police officials, several people from different parts of Bengabad sat on the road from 8am, disrupting vehicles movement.

PNS ■ RANCHI

Trafficking survivors or girls who have fought against child marriage will soon be seen moving around villages spreading awareness against these social evils and at the same time informing villagers about the various government schemes.

Chairperson of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) Priyank Kanoongo will be in the city on Saturday to inaugurate the programme Swabhimani Betiyan, an initiative of social organization Action against

Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Children (ATSEC) to not just educate villagers on social issues but also help the survivors get respect they deserve.

State head of ATSEC, Sanjay Mishra said, "Initially 10 such survivors who are now adults and studying in college after their rescue will be given the position of info didi. These girls will be provided cycles, phones with all the important apps and all information they need to pass on to the villagers regarding social security schemes of the Government."

The pilot project will com-

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Modi, will also be distributed among students of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBV) during the programme.

"Five girls from each KGBV of the State will be called in the programme and given the books so that they can take it back to their schools and share it with their classmates. This will not just motivate them for studying but also help them fight the exam fear," Mishra said.

Kanoongo will also participate in the first discussion of stakeholders involved in the research work on trafficking in

Jharkhand.

Dr. Ramdayal Munda Tribal Welfare Research Institute along with Bharatiya Kisan Sangh (BKS) is conducting a first of its kind research on trafficking from Jharkhand. Director of the institute, Ranendra Kumar said, "This holistic research would include all aspects of trafficking, right from reasons, to the roles played by placement agencies and psychological impact on survivors. We called out for expression of interest and after a lengthy selection process BKS was selected to work with us on the research."

GST paid for inspection of medical college Palamu SER notifies new stoppages for two trains

PNS ■ DALTONGANJ

GST (Goods & Services Tax) for medical college. It should not sound any bizarre. It is and it has been paid for the upcoming medical college in Palamu.

According to the principal of the medical college Palamu H K Singh "The Government has paid ₹54,000 as GST for an inspection fee worth ₹3 lakh for Medical Council Of India on whose receipt of 3.54 lakh only then the Medical Council of India sent its three member team here in the mid week of December last year, which carried out intensive inspection for two days here."

Singh said, "This 3 lakh is the mandatory fee for inspection by Medical Council of India on which comes 18 per cent of the GST." The 120 bed Sadar hospital in Daltonganj has been attached to this medical college.

Ground floor and first floor of the three wings of the upcoming Medical College at



Pokhraha about 12 Kms away from Daltonganj in Palamu district are 'ready for occupancy' said the project in-charge Amit Bhowmik.

Bhowmik said The G plus 1 are fit for being class rooms

while tools and equipments when brought in here the necessary labs too would be ready to use.

He said by May end the construction of this medical college building will be complete. Two hostels one each for

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

In view of passengers' Idemand, the South Eastern Railway (SER) today notified new stoppages for two trains.

As per the directives, the Hatia-Puri Tapaswani Express will stop for one minute at Kalunga station from tomorrow while the Rourkela-Koraput Express will stop for the same duration at Rajgangpur from February 15.

Both, Kalunga and Rajgangpur railway stations fall between Rourkela and Jharsuguda railway section of Chakradharpur division. According to a railway schedule the 18451 Hatia-Puri Tapaswani Express will depart from Kalunga station at 7.33 pm after a one minute halt while the return train-18452 will depart from Kalunga at 7.12 am. The 18107 Rourkela-Koraput Express will leave Rajgangpur railway station at 6.36 pm after a one minute halt while the return train -18108 will depart from Rajgangpur



station at 5.41 am.

"In view of the long standing demands of passengers the decision has been taken. Both the trains are important as passengers from wide cross-section travel on these trains. The stoppages at both the stations would be on an experimental basis," said an official of South Eastern Railway.

Chakradharpur is the highest revenue earning railway division in terms of freight in

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Several trains to get affected due to traffic-cum-power block

Ranchi: Following traffic-cum-power block carried out at Tatanagar railway station, train services will remain affected in Chakradharpur division of South Eastern Railway (SER) on Thursday (February 14). The traffic-cum-power block will start at 8.30 am and continue till 3 pm resulting in cancellation of three passenger trains and short termination of three trains.

The trains which will remained cancelled includes— 08011/08012 Chakradharpur-Tatanagar-Chakradharpur Special, 58031/58032 Chakulia-Tatanagar-Chakulia Passenger and 58024/58023 Barkakana-Tatanagar-Barkakana Passenger.

Similarly, there will be short termination or short origination of three trains. 58662 Hatia-Tatanagar Passenger will be short terminated at Gamharia and will short originate as 58661 from Gamharia. The services of 58661/58662 will remain cancelled between Tatanagar-Gamharia-Tatanagar. 58104 Barbil-Tatanagar Passenger will be short terminated at Chaibasa and will short originate as 58103 from Chaibasa. The services of 58104/58103 will remain cancelled between Chaibasa-Tatanagar-Chaibasa section. Also, 13301 Dhanbad-Tatanagar Subarnarekha Express will be short terminated at Kandra and will short originate as 13302 from Kandra. The services of 13301/13302 will remain cancelled between Kandra-Tatanagar-Kandra.

For passenger convenience, the SER has made additional stoppages of some trains on Thursday. 12443 Haldia-Anand Vihar Express will stop at Kandra to give connection to passengers of 13302 Tatanagar-

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'Govt taking proper care of children home inmates'

PNS ■ RANCHI

The Government of India is serious about providing protection to unclaimed children and those released from the clutches of traffickers.

In order to provide protection to children, the Government is providing funds to children's homes after taking control of such homes. The real reason for the occasional delay in the allocation of funds is the delay by states in sending proper and timely details of the utilization of the amount allocated to them. Making a written reply to a question by MP

Mahesh Poddar in the R a j y a S a b h a, t h e information was given by the Minister of State for Labour and Employment (Independent Charge) Santosh Kumar Gangwar.

Gangwar said that the Ministry of Women and Child Development of the Government of India has been implementing the National Child Home Scheme from January 1, 2017 through the States and Union Territories. As

on date, 7,316 child homes have been taken under the control of the states and union territories on the basis of 'As is - where is'. To ensure that there is no shortage of infant homes in the absence of funds, the Ministry has given ₹48.25 crore for the fourth quarter of the year 2016-17 for the States and Union Territories and ₹46.23 crore for the first quarter of the year 2017-18. The grant amount was released. Apart from this, on the basis of the details of use of the grant released earlier, the Ministry has released a grant of ₹8.76 crore for the year 2018-19.

6 shops gutted in fire at Bokaro Railway station

PNS ■ BOKARO

A major fire broke out on Wednesday in a row of shops near Bokaro railway Station, police said.

Six shops were gutted and five partially damaged in the fire, which was noticed at about 2:30 AM. No one was injured in the incident.

Local people and police along with Fire and Rescue team fought for nearly two hours to put of the fire, police said. Fire fighting units from nearby places near Nayamor, Bokaro, were summoned to douse the blaze.

The shops gutted include a fruits, Hotel 'Saloon', shoes and others goods selling shops. Electric short circuit is suspected to be the cause for the fire, police said, adding, the loss is yet to be assessed.

Sources said that after knowing the incident local MLA Biranchi Narayan visited the spot around 10 am. He assured the local traders of full assistance.

The local traders, however, have not been able to provide the exact amount of losses, which are expected to run into ₹2 lakhs.

CM blesses 27 couples in mass marriage ceremony

PNS ■ RANCHI

Chief Minister Raghubar Das today attended Mass Marriage cum Jatra Programme in Gumla, in which 27 couples tied the knot. The CM said on the occasion that such programmes will benefit the poorer section of the society. The concept of mass marriage has the concept of development in it.

Das said that people of the State should be covered with the Government schemes. "Chief Minister Sukanya Yojana has been implemented for the daughters of the State. Parents should enroll their daughters in school. The Government will give a total of ₹70,000 to each girl from birth till marriage. He appealed to

the parents to take benefit of the scheme. The Government will give ₹30,000 for marriage of poor adults (girls). That is, for education ₹40,000 and for marriage ₹30,000," he said.

The CM said that the Government is conducting surveys in other divisions including the Santhal Pargana for reservations for backward class people.

The list has been sent to TRI to give benefits of reservation to backward castes. The decision will be taken as soon as the report received. The government's endeavour is that all the backward castes get valid reservation in the jobs.

Das said that Government jobs are less. "Now with degree, skill is being demanded in the whole world. That's why the



Chief Minister Raghubar Das greets newly wedded couples during the Tel Jatra and mass marriage ceremony programme at Gumla on Wednesday

State skilled. As many as 69 skilled youth will get jobs in Dubai in a few months," he said.

The CM said that till 2014 there were only 8,000 self-help groups in the State. "Within 4 years 1 lakh groups were formed.

This is an example of women empowerment. Bank linkage is being given to empower them. Now the Poultry Federation will be constituted for empowerment of women," he said.

Das said that some powers are trying to ruin the culture of tribals. "We have to fight them. Government respects all religions but conversion will

not be tolerated in the lure of money or anything. Culprits will come in the realm of law," he added.

On the occasion, the CM announced to give ₹2,000 for each marriage to the organizers from State Government's fund. He also announced to give Rs 1 lakh to the family of deceased Malakar from discretionary fund. He directed Gumla DC to provide the amount immediately.

The programme was attended by Union Minister of State for Tribal Welfare Sudarshan Bhagat, Vidhan Sabha Speaker Dr. Dinesh Oraon, Deputy Commissioner Gumla Shashi Ranjan, Superintendent of Police Gumla, Educationist Dineshwar Anup and others.

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INBRIEF

PRADEEP YADAV GETS BAIL

A court in Ranchi has granted bail to Jharkhand Vikas Morcha leader Pradeep Yadav in a case registered in connection with protest staged on November 23, 2016 against the proposed amendment in CNT and the SPT acts. Lawyer said that judge SS Prasad granted bail to Yadav while asking him to surrender before a lower court within two weeks and furnish bond of Rs 10,000 each. It may be stated here that Yadav along with 54 opposition leaders and 1500 unknown political workers were booked for staging a demonstration against the proposed amendments. The case in this connection was registered with the Jagannathpur police station under section 147, 148, 188, 159, 353, 427, 151, 323, and 152 of IPC.

DRM INAUGURATES GYM



Ranchi DRM Vijay Kumar Gupta today inaugurated a Gymnasium at the Loco Pilot Lobby. SERWO president Vishal Gupta was also present on the occasion. A carom board and Chess was also provided by SERWO. ADMR (OP) MM Pandit, ADMR (Infra) Ajeet Singh Yadav, SR DOM Neerak Kumar alongwith several other officers were present on the occasion.

ORIENTATION CEREMONY AT DPS

DPS, Ranchi organised the orientation ceremony of Class Nursery here on Wednesday. The parents were welcomed with a joyful song by class Nursery children. These little buds also play dance and song on Unity followed by the students of DEEPTABH who sung a group song. The programme was addressed by the Principal Dr. Ram Singh, whole heartedly and thus the parents got acquiring with their visionary guide of the school. Parents were familiarized with rules and regulations of the school along with other necessary information. The excited parents were all set to let their children make a better tomorrow with the support and guidance of the best institution of the zone.

SCREENING CAMP UNDER RBSK

A medical screening camp under Rashtriya Bal Suraksha Karyakaram (RBSK) initiative was held at Shankar UMS here on Wednesday. The camp was inaugurated by school principal Shyama Kumari in presence of Dr. Kumar Manish, MO, CHC, Jaridih, besides officials from education, health and Child Development Programme office. A team of doctors and medics from Block Hospital, Jaridih attended the camp and screened students for specified diseases. Around 140 children in age group of 5-10 years were screened under the programme. Pamphlets and other IEC material having details of causes, symptoms, preventive measures and treatments of the diseases were distributed among the students.

RMC workers submit demand list to senior officials

Plans to stage massive protest from Feb 26

PNS ■ RANCHI

The protesting members of Ranchi Municipal Corporation (RMC) Workers' Association on Wednesday submitted their list of demands to the senior officials and chalked out further strategies. Putting all essential services of the civic body at stake, the members of the Workers' Association will go on indefinite strike from February 26.

"As per the strategy, the workers will stage three hours long demonstration at the RMC office till February 16. On February 17, a delegation will meet Minister, Department of Urban Development, Housing and Planning - CP Singh and submit their demand lists," said president, RMC Workers Union - Naresh Ram. Over 300 workers of the Municipal Corporation are expected to support the strike.

The major demands of the union includes payment to employees in accordance to seventh pay commission norms, appointment of more numbers of staffs on contractual basis including clearance of arrears.

Increment in the family and regular retirement pensions and providing jobs on compensation grounds are among few other major demands that are included in the list.

According to the union members, the retirement pension of both grade 3 and 4 is comparatively less, which must be increased. The workers' union has been putting the demands for last two years but nothing has been done yet by the concerned authorities.

This is for the third time, the association members have called for an indefinite strike. Earlier in 2014 and 2016, both contractual and permanent employees had protested against the autocracy of the Municipal Corporation, demanding intervention of senior authorities.

Also, Ram asserted that the permanent sanitation workers will also join the protest besides the contractual sanitation workers hired to manage, segregate and disperse solid wastes from across the city.

"Sanitation workers are also expected to lend support to the protest, bringing the cleanliness work to complete standstill. Their demands too have been pending since long now," he added.

BJP deploys ST front to expose 'lies' of Opposition



President (BJP) ST Morcha Ram Kumar Pahan alongwith MLA Hare Krishna and other during a press conference at party headquarter in Ranchi on Wednesday

PNS ■ RANCHI

Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP), State General Secretary Dharampal Singh said on Wednesday that the responsibility of Scheduled Tribe Front has increased in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. "The Opposition parties are working to mislead the tribal community in the State. Therefore, the workers of the Tribal Front must go to the tribal society and expose these lies," said Singh while addressing the party workers meeting here on Wednesday.

Addressing a press meet after the meeting Schedule Tribe Front president, Ramkumar Pahan said that the State and

the Central Government has done a lot of work for the tribal society. Through the 'Jan Choupal' programme, the workers of the Front will visit the villages and spread the party message. "The workers will also run awareness drives among voters about welfare work done by the Government. The public meeting through 'Jan Choupal' will run from February 15 to 25. For this the divisional in charge has been appointed," he added.

Pahan said, the Government has constituted Schedule Tribe Commission. "The Government is also constructing concrete house for all in the village of martyrs' under 'Aadarsh Gram Yojna'. The State Government will provide

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Applauding the ongoing welfare programme, Pahan said, the State Government has given respect to the freedom fighters of the State at Birsa Munda Jail by making statue of them. "The State Government is giving ₹Five lakh for those committees who are by forming Tribal Village Development Committee for development of village. The government is providing fund for the girls under 'Sukanya Yojna' from birth to marriage. The wholly places like - Sarna- Masna are getting boundary wall" he added.

"By 2022 all house will be constructed as concrete house. The Government is also providing facility for the people of Jharkhand by providing 'Luguburu Festival' as State fair. The Government is also giving ₹five lakh for health facility for the poor of the State under 'Ayushman Bharat Yojna'. The government is also giving honorarium fund for tribal community's Pahan, Gram-Pradhan, Hadam, Padma Diwan to ₹2,000 to ₹3,000," Pahan said.

3 persons including couple commit suicide

PNS ■ RANCHI

A couple, including a boy and a minor girl, allegedly committed suicide in Lahtaria forest under McCluskieganj police station area of Ranchi district on Wednesday morning.

The boy has been identified as Samir Ansari (19). Police said Ansari's father informed that his son had gone out saying he required a hair cut while the girl left her house on the pretext of going to college.

At around 9 am the girl's father got information that his daughter and Samir had gone towards a nearby forest. He along with other family members launched a search operation to track the girl only to find her hanging by a tree along with Samir.

DSP Khelari Purushottam Singh said that investigation so far suggests that couple committed suicide because they faced opposition from family members over their love affair.

As the boy and the girl were from different religion the family members were opposed

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to it, he said.

Meanwhile a teacher of the Girl's Polytechnic college Ranchi Neelam Kumari was found hanging in her house in Nagratoli area under Lalpur police station in Ranchi city on Wednesday.

Lalpur officer in charge Ramod Singh said, "The deceased was facing financial crisis while her health conditions were also bad. Due to delays in payment of her salary she had taken also loan from several persons. A case of unnatural death has been registered on basis of statement made by the deceased woman's son, Singh said.

Party involve in MP scam is teaching ethics: BJP

PNS ■ RANCHI

Replied to the allegations levelled by Jharkhand Mukti Morcha General Secretary, Supriyo Bhattacharya on Wednesday, State BJP Spokesperson Pratul Shaddeo today said that JMM has no right to talk about ethics.

Hitting hard on the Opposition party Shaddeo said that in democracy the credit for writing black chapters goes to JMM through MP bribery scandal. The Supreme Court had held guilty its MPs in the bribery case but they were absolved only because this was the case of parliament, he added.

While exposing Soren family's property Pratul said that the Soren family is among the largest landholder families of



Jharkhand Mukti Morcha working president Hemant Soren during his fourth phase of 'Sangharsh Yatra' at Giridih on Wednesday

family should return the land of poor which was grabbed by them," he added.

While terming JMM's allegation as baseless Pratul said, "The allegation is baseless that the work of medical colleges is incomplete. In fact, the leaders of the anti-development JMM can't predict that the work is completed before the time under the leadership of Raghubar Das. Lakhs of young people got jobs through the employment fair in Jharkhand. This was the first major effort of its kind. Through Momentum Jharkhand, thousands of young people got jobs. In reality, JMM has never attempted such a thing during his tenure. That is why the JMM cannot digest it and is in his habit of spoiling even the good things."

Govt duping people with false promises: Hemant Soren



Local women present a bouquet to JMM working president Hemant Soren during his fourth phase of 'Sangharsh Yatra' at Giridih on Wednesday

MRIUANJAY KUMAR ■ RANCHI

Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), on Wednesday, alleged that the State Government is duping people by repeatedly making several false promises.

Addressing a gathering in Giridih during fourth phase of 'Sangharsh Yatra' JMM Executive President, Hemant Soren said that this is the place where Chief Minister (CM) Raghubar Das had said on July 31, 2017- "If the Government will not provide electricity for 24 hours then I will not come to demand votes".

"When the CM will come for vote then you people should ask the question why you are demanding for votes," he appealed to the gathering.

While mocking at the NDA government Soren said, "You should also ask the CM that he favoured for liquor ban, then why started selling alcohol himself."

On June 4, 2018, 58-year-old Savitri Devi also died of hunger in the Madhuban Police Station area and the shameless government had said that she died due to illness."

Lambasting on the Government the JMM executive president said, "Our ancestors sacrificed their lives with the objective that no one dies of hunger in Jharkhand after the struggle, every household and farms will get water, youth will not be unemployed, but what got - exploitation, fear, hunger, corruption, unemployment, rape. In 2014, the BJP formed the government by purchasing MLAs and since then, they have given a lot of fear, terror and loot in Jharkhand."

Soren said, "The State was under possession of the moneylenders, our ancestors struggled with them and made the State free from money lenders. Now, this party of the

moneylenders (BJP) is remaining in power with money and falsehood and is capturing our waters and forests."

Hitting hard on State government's policy on government workers Soren said that over 70,000 policemen of Jharkhand are now working with a black badge due to the policies of the BJP Government.

"Every employee, whether it is a Para teacher, Anganwadi workers, homeguard, revenue worker, MGNREGA worker is not getting justice, with this insensitive Government," he added.

While concluding his address Soren said that he will work for all sections of society after the formation of government in 2019, and added that he will take whatever is the best step for your honorarium and betterment.

Meanwhile JMM, General Secretary, Supriyo Bhattacharya said that when JMM will come in power then it will surely conduct inquiry on Chief Minister, Raghubar Das's property after where gone all the money of the scams including blanket, job, coal and infinite in numbers.

Addressing a press meet on Wednesday, Bhattacharya said, that the Government officers should make it clear on what direction the CM has given them if the officers will not work on BJP workers then the officers will have to face dire consequences.

Speaking on the occasion Bhattacharya said, CM is saying repeatedly on several occasions that he will conduct inquiry on former CM Hemant Soren's property.

"We are ready for the inquiry and will support the inquiry. We are asking that why Debashish Gupta Committee report was not published. Why the CM is afraid, if he has courage then he should begin an inquiry," he added.

'Obesity rate doubled in State in 10 years'

Malnutrition rates high too, say experts

PNS ■ RANCHI

Lack of nutritious food or unhealthy eating habits, both seem to have a major impact on the population of Jharkhand. Sharing data on obesity and malnutrition in State, Deepika Anand, nutritionist at World Bank, informed obesity and overweight has doubled in both men and women in a decade.

Comparing the data of National Family Health Survey (NFHS) 3 conducted in 2005-06 and NFHS 4 conducted in 2015-16, she said, "When in 2005-06, 4.9 per cent men and 5.4 per cent women were overweight, it has increased to 11.1 and 10.3 per cent respectively in 2015-16."

She also shared non communicable diseases like diabetes, hypertension and heart problems are responsible for 48 per cent of total disease burden

of the State and cardiovascular diseases are among top 10 leading cause of death in the State for people above 40 years of age.

At the same time under nutrition indicators in the State also show that underweight children and anemia among the population in general is a major problem in Jharkhand.

"Anemia among women in Jharkhand is 65.2 per cent, which is much higher than the national average of 53 per cent. However, a more shocking indicator is anemia among men, which is 29.9 per cent in State, as compared to 22.7 per cent in the country," Anand said.

As far as children under the age of five is considered, 45.3 per cent children are stunted (low height for age) in Jharkhand as compared to 38.4 per cent in country, 29 per cent are wasted (low weight for



Nutritionist Deepika Anand addressing the media during a workshop organised by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) at Ranchi Press Club in Ranchi on Wednesday

height) against 21 per cent in country and 47.8 per cent children are underweight against the average of 35.7 per cent at national level.

A programme organised by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) and World Bank in the city on Wednesday focused on the Eat

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Right India Movement in order to prevent the citizens from falling prey to malnourishment, overweight or other health issues caused by unhealthy eating habits.

The Swasth Bharat Yatra to spread the message of Eat Right Movement was flagged off from six districts across coun-

try, including Ranchi on October 16, 2018 and culminated at New Delhi on January 27, 2019.

Anand said, "Now that the yatra is over, we are aiming to spread the message of healthy eating through awareness programmes like these. Our three focus areas are eat healthy, eat safe and eat fortified."

She pointed out that the largest increase in the disease burden from 1990 to 2016 was observed for diabetes with a growth of 80 per cent.

"Of the total disease burden, 1/10th was caused by a group of risks including unhealthy diet, high blood pressure, high blood sugar, high cholesterol and overweight," she said.

The data further showed that the per capita consumption of sugar has risen from 22 gm/day in 2000 to 55.3 gm/day in 2010. Likewise, salt consumption ranges from 9 to 12 gm per capita per day which is twice the recommended dietary intake of 5 gm/day by World Health Organization.

The programme focused on reduction of health risks by eating healthy. Some of the major tips shared included gradual reduction of oil in daily diet, tracking the consumption of oil in the home on monthly basis, measuring cooking oil with spoon rather than pouring directly from bottle, avoiding reheating the oil, choosing lean meat over red meat among many others.

Anand said, "Follow 7Cs, check for spoilage, clean hands and food, cover food, cook properly, control temperature, consume food hygienically and avoid cross contamination in order to provide food contamination."

JAC readies to conduct board examinations

PRAGYA PALLAVI ■ RANCHI

The Jharkhand Academic Council (JAC) is all prepared to conduct the annual board examination slated from February 20, 2019. All mandatory arrangements at the examination centers across the State have been ensured by the examination conducting body. As per the officials of the Council, installation of CCTV cameras for smart surveillance has been made mandatory at the examination centres, besides ensuring other facilities.

Approximately, 7,154 students have increased in Matric whereas in class 12, around 1,577 students have decreased, considering all the three streams," said JAC Chairperson, Arvind Prasad.

"In the first half from 10 AM to 1 PM, class 10 board examinations will be held at different exam centers while in the second shift – from 2 PM to 5:15 PM, class 12 exams will be conducted. This year, 4,39,892 students will take Matric examination. Nearly, 3,14,832 students will take the intermediate examination from across Jharkhand. The practical examination will get over on February 15," Prasad further added.

From Ranchi district as many as 80,000 students will take class 10 and 12 board exams. Over 130 examination centers have been demarcated here in the State Capital.

"Ranchi district registers maximum number of examination centers for both Matric and Intermediate examination.

Covering all exam centers, 1800 CCTV cameras have been installed with the assistance of Unique Foundation. All Centre Superintendents have been instructed to ensure all basic amenities or before February 18 at each centre," said Regional Deputy Director of Education, South Chotanagpur Division, Ashok Kumar Sharma.

This academic year too, through online mode all examination related activities were carried out successfully. Meanwhile, considering the previous year's record that showed a massive dip in Matric and Intermediate examinations, JAC has introduced the concept of model test paper series, multipurpose examination halls at all the five commissioners, besides smart surveillance systems – installation of CCTV cameras at the examination centers and setting up of centralized control rooms, OMR sheets, helpline number including academic calendar.

For students counseling a toll free number – 18003456523 has been released by JAC. Students can take tips, de-stress themselves through consulting experts between 2 PM to 3 PM on all working days. The toll free assistance service will be made functional soon.

CEO office holds awareness drive on EVM, VVPAT use

PNS ■ RANCHI

The State Chief Electoral Office, Jharkhand on Wednesday carried out an awareness drive for media personnel on the use of Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT). The State Chief Electoral Office for the first time in upcoming general elections is to introduce the VVPAT.

The VVPAT is a paper slip which will come out of the electronic voting machine (EVM) when a voter casts his vote. The slip will show on which symbol and candidate the voter cast his vote.

The slip will automatically drop in a sealed box attached to the EVM for use by the election commission. It can only be seen by the concerned voter.



Chief Electoral Officer Jharkhand, L. Khaingte shows voter verifiable paper audit trail (VVPAT) machine ahead of Lok Sabha elections during media orientation programme at Nivachan Sadan, Dhurwa in Ranchi on Wednesday.

He can know that the vote he cast went to the candidate or not. A voter can see the paper in the VVPAT screen for seven seconds followed by which it will automatically drop in the box.

Chief Electoral Officer-cum-Principal Secretary L. Khaingte said, "The introduc-

tion of VVPAT will make the election process more transparent, as the voter can see to which candidate or political party he or she has voted." Khaingte, further said, "In the new process there is little scope for tampering of machine. If any external agencies try to tamper the EMV or VVPAT machine, the two devices will go to factory mode, leaving lit-

elections at Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and other state elections held after 2014.

The other facilities of VVPAT machine is that counting of votes pooled in EVM and voters receipts can be counted.

According to sources in State Chief Electoral Office, the Election Commission introduced VVPAT machine as there were allegations about tampering of EVM machine in the election.

The Opposition parties after the 2014 general election had alleged that results of 2014 general elections was marked by tampering of EVM machines. Such allegations by Opposition became louder, after BJP successive victories in Assembly elections.

After the Uttar Pradesh (UP) Assembly elections, Delhi chief minister and AAP leader Arvind Kejriwal had raised doubts over the BJP's assembly poll victory and asked the Election Commission to release electronic voting machines (EVM) for investigation into allegations of tampering and rigging.

the scope to tamper with the machine." The VVPAT device was last introduced in the Assembly Elections in seven constituencies in Jharkhand, but the Chief Electoral Office in upcoming general election has planned to introduce in all assembly constituencies. The VVPAT machine was also introduced in the Assembly

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सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर पंचायत, लातेहार क्षेत्र के अन्तर्गत निम्नलिखित सैराटों की बन्दोबस्ती वर्ष 2019-2020 (01 अप्रैल, 2019 से 31 मार्च, 2020 तक) के लिये खुली डाक बोली द्वारा दिनांक-25.02.2019 को 11.30 बजे पूर्वाह्न नगर पंचायत, लातेहार के कार्यालय प्रकोष्ठ में की जायेगी। उस दिन बन्दोबस्ती नही होने की स्थिति में दिनांक 26.02.2019 एवं दिनांक- 27.02.2019 को 11.00 बजे पूर्वाह्न खुली डाक द्वारा बन्दोबस्ती की जायेगी।

क्रं सं०	सैराट का नाम	पूर्व की बन्दोबस्ती राशि	वर्ष 2019-2020 की न्यूनतम डाक की राशि	जमानत की राशि सुरक्षित जमा राशि का 10%
01	बस स्टैण्ड लातेहार	1300000.00	1300000.00	130000.00
02	मुरुवार सप्ताहीक बाजार डुरुआ	34500.00	34500.00	3500.00
03	बानपुर सप्ताहीक मंगलवार बाजार लातेहार	1116000.00	1283400.00	128400.00
04	कानी हाउस, लातेहार	5700.00	6270.00	650.00
05	मुख्य सब्जी बाजार, घग्ग्पुर	233000.00	233000.00	23300.00
06	नगर पंचायत, लातेहार अन्तर्गत चलने वाले रिक्सा, साईकिल एवं टेला पर कर निधारण (टोकन लगाने) हेतु डाक।	8000.00	8000.00	800.00
07	कन्या मध्य विद्यालय, लातेहार के चाहर दिवारी के बाल में घयनित दो पहीया एवं चार पहीया पार्किंग स्थल हेतु डाक।	48500.00	48500.00	4850.00

नोट:- कार्यालय अधि में कार्यालय सूचना पट्ट/कार्यालय से सम्पर्क कर इस कार्य हेतु लागू किये गये नियम एवं शर्तों को देखा जा सकता है या लातेहार जिला के वेबसाईड www.latehar.nic.in पर देखा या डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक पदाधिकारी, नगर पंचायत, लातेहार।
P.R.202055 Urban Development(18-19):D

कार्यालय : जिला दण्डाधिकारी-सह-उपायुक्त, धनबाद (सामान्य शाखा)

:- आदेश :-
आगामी लोक सभा चुनाव- 2019 के अवसर के मद्देनजर सुखा के दृष्टिकोण से शस्त्र नियमावली- 1962 के नियम- 63 एवं शस्त्र अनुज्ञापिका का शर्त- 9 के तहत धनबाद जिला के सभी शस्त्र अनुज्ञापिकाधारियों को शस्त्रों एवं अनुज्ञापिका का भीतिक सत्यापन कराने हेतु निचे अंकित निर्धारित तिथियों के दो चरणों के अनुसार शस्त्र/अनुज्ञापिका का भीतिक सत्यापन संबंधित थाना में कराया जाना है। इस निर्मित निचे अंकित अधिकारी/प्रबंध विकास पदाधिकारी को उनके नाम के समुच्च अंकित थाना में शस्त्र अनुज्ञापिकाधारियों के अनुज्ञापिका पर धारित शस्त्रों का भीतिक सत्यापन कराने हेतु प्राधिकृत करते हुए प्रतिनियुक्त किया जाता है।

संबंधित थाना क्षेत्र के थाना प्रभारी अपने-अपने थाना/ओपीओ के अन्तर्गत शस्त्र अनुज्ञापिकाधारियों को निर्धारित तिथि के पूर्व उन्हे सूचित करते हुए शस्त्रों का भीतिक सत्यापन प्रतिनियुक्त दण्डाधिकारी के देख-रेख में कराते हुए सत्यापनोपरांत उनके शस्त्रों को पावती रसीद देकर थाना में सुरक्षित जमा लेना सुनिश्चित करेंगे।

सभी प्रतिनियुक्त दण्डाधिकारी संलग्न प्रपत्र (प्रपत्र पीछे अंकित है) में शस्त्रों के सत्यापनोपरांत सुरक्षित जमा लिये जाने से संबंधित प्रतिवेदन सामान्य शाखा, धनबाद समाहरणालय को उपलब्ध कराते हुए उसकी एक-एक प्रति अपर समाहर्ता (विधि-व्यवस्था), धनबाद एवं अनुमण्डल पदाधिकारी, धनबाद को भी उपलब्ध कराना सुनिश्चित करेंगे।

क्र०	प्राधिकृत दण्डाधिकारी का नाम	थाना क्षेत्र	स्थान जहाँ शस्त्र निरीक्षण किया जायेगा।	शस्त्र सत्यापन की तिथि प्रथम चरण द्वितीय चरण
1.	अंचल अधिकारी, धनबाद	1-धनबाद थाना क्षेत्र 2-बैकमोड़ थाना क्षेत्र 3-सरायदेला थाना क्षेत्र	धनबाद थाना	18.02.2019 23.02.2019
2.	अंचल अधिकारी, धनबाद	1-धनबाद थाना क्षेत्र 2-केन्दुआडीह थाना क्षेत्र	धनबाद थाना	25.02.2019 28.02.2019
3.	प्रखण्ड विकास पदाधिकारी धनबाद	1-पुटकी थाना क्षेत्र 2-जोगता थाना क्षेत्र 3-लोयाबाद थाना क्षेत्र	पुटकी थाना	18.02.2019 23.02.2019
4.	प्रखण्ड विकास पदाधिकारी, झरिया	1-झरिया थाना क्षेत्र 2-जोरपोखर थाना क्षेत्र	झरिया थाना	18.02.2019 23.02.2019
5.	अंचल अधिकारी, झरिया	1-सुदामडीह थाना क्षेत्र 2-पाथरडीह थाना क्षेत्र	पाथरडीह थाना	18.02.2019 23.02.2019
6.	अंचल अधिकारी, झरिया	1-तिसरा थाना क्षेत्र 2-धनुआडीह थाना क्षेत्र	तिसरा थाना	25.02.2019 28.02.2019
7.	प्रखण्ड विकास पदाधिकारी, बलियापुर	1-बलियापुर थाना क्षेत्र 2-सिन्धी थाना क्षेत्र	बलियापुर थाना	18.02.2019 23.02.2019
8.	अंचल अधिकारी, निरसा	1-निरसा थाना क्षेत्र	निरसा थाना	18.02.2019 23.02.2019
9.	प्रखण्ड विकास पदाधिकारी, निरसा	1-चिरकुण्डा थाना क्षेत्र	चिरकुण्डा थाना	18.02.2019 23.02.2019
10.	अंचल अधिकारी, गोविन्दपुर	1-गोविन्दपुर थाना क्षेत्र 2-चरवाअड्डा थाना क्षेत्र	गोविन्दपुर थाना	18.02.2019 23.02.2019
11.	अंचल अधिकारी, टुण्डी	1-टुण्डी थाना क्षेत्र	टुण्डी थाना	18.02.2019 23.02.2019
12.	अंचल अधिकारी, बाघमारा	1-करास थाना क्षेत्र 2-राजगंज थाना क्षेत्र	करास थाना	18.02.2019 23.02.2019
13.	प्रखण्ड विकास पदाधिकारी, बाघमारा	1-बाघमारा थाना क्षेत्र 2-बरोरा थाना क्षेत्र 3-तेतुलमारी थाना क्षेत्र	बाघमारा थाना	18.02.2019 23.02.2019
14.	अंचल अधिकारी, बाघमारा	1-महुदा थाना क्षेत्र 2-मधुबन थाना क्षेत्र	महुदा थाना	25.02.2019 28.02.2019
15.	अंचल अधिकारी, तोपपौंची	1-तोपपौंची थाना क्षेत्र 2-हरिहरपुर थाना क्षेत्र	तोपपौंची थाना	18.02.2019 23.02.2019

शस्त्रों का भीतिक सत्यापन निर्धारित तिथियों को दो चरणों में पूर्वाह्न 11.00 बजे से अपराहन 3.00 बजे तक किया जायेगा। निर्धारित तिथि एवं समय पर सत्यापन या शस्त्रों को जमा नही करानेवाले अनुज्ञापिकाधारियों के विरुद्ध शस्त्र नियमावली के सुसंगत नियमों के तहत अनुज्ञापि निर्मित/रद्द करने की कार्रवाई की जायेगी।

आगामी लोकसभा चुनाव-2019 के समाप्ति के उपरान्त संबंधित शस्त्र अनुज्ञापिकाधारियों को शस्त्रों को विमुक्त करते हुए उन्हे उपलब्ध करा दिया जायेगा।
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जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार, पलामू सूचना राष्ट्रीय लोक अदालत शनिवार, 09 वीं मार्च, 2019

व्यवहार न्यायालय, पलामू में निःशुल्क सुलभ एवं त्वरित न्याय के लिए
सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नालसा के निर्देशानुसार, एवं झारखंड राज्य विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार, रॉंची के तत्वावधान में जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार पलामू के द्वारा दिनांक-09वीं, मार्च, 2019 को व्यवहार न्यायालय परिसर, पलामू, डालटनगंज में राष्ट्रीय लोक अदालत का आयोजन किया जा रहा है। इस राष्ट्रीय लोक अदालत में समझौता योग्य निम्नलिखित वाद जो किसी न्यायालय में लंबित हैं या नहीं का निपटारा किया जा सकता है:-
बैंक संबंधी मामले, धारा 138 परकाम्य लिखित अधिनियम 1881, वसूली संबंधित मामले, सुलहनीय आपराधिक मामले, मोटर यान दुर्घटना से संबंधी दावे, कुटुंब न्यायालय से संबंधित मामले, श्रम से संबंधित मामले, जमीन अधिग्रहण से संबंधित मुकदमें, बिजली एवं जल से संबंधी मामले, दीवानी मुकदमें। विचाराधीन तथा मुकदमें के पूर्व के मामले।
लोक अदालत विवादों का त्वरित निपटारा तथा अंतिम निपटान, सर्वमान्य समाधान तथा अदालत में अदा की गई फीस के लौटाये जाने को सुनिश्चित करता है। अगर आप का उपरोक्त कोई मामला व्यवहार न्यायालय, पलामू में विचाराधीन है और अगर आप उस मामले का निपटारा कराना चाहते हैं तो 09वीं, मार्च, 2019 से पूर्व स्वयं या अपने वकील के जरिए व्यवहार न्यायालय, पलामू में उपस्थित होकर आवेदन दाखिल करें। इस हेतु समझौता पूर्व बैठक सभी बैंक एवं सभी संबंधित न्यायालयों में दिनांक-05.03.19 से 08.03.2019 तक कार्यालय अधि के पूर्व एवं पश्चात कार्यरत रहेंगे।
राष्ट्रीय लोक अदालत दिनांक- 09वीं, मार्च, 2019 को 11.00 बजे पूर्वाह्न से प्रारंभ होगी। इस संदर्भ में किसी भी प्रकार की जानकारी हेतु किसी भी कार्य दिवस पर 11:00 पूर्वाह्न से 4:30 अपराहन तक जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार, पलामू में आ कर सचिव (दूरभाष सं०: 06562-222767, मोबाइल सं० 8757269596) से सम्पर्क किया जा सकता है।

निवेदक-
(इंद्रजीत महथा) आरक्षी अधीक्षक (डा० भांतनु कुमार अग्रहरी) उपायुक्त (विजय कुमार) प्रधान जिला एवं सत्र न्यायाधीश -सह-अध्यक्ष जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार, पलामू जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार, पलामू
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कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, चाईबासा

अति अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना (प्रथम आमंत्रण)
अति अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना संख्या-24 / 2017-18

क्रम सं०	कार्य का नाम	युप/ संख्या	प्राक्कलित राशि (रुपये में)	अंतिम जमानत की राशि (रुपये में)	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य (रुपये में)	कार्य अवधि
1	Hiring of one no. light goods carrier motor vehicle Like Mahindra Pick up Van or Equivalent with all applicable P.O.I including Driver and one no. T/W Mistry with two nos. of Labour for ordinary repairing of T/W in different block for four months (March 2019 to June 2019) under Drinking water and Sanitation Division., Chaibasa (Year -2018-19)	CBSA/RM DT-01	668795.36	13400.00	1250.00	04 (चार) माह
		CBSA/RM DT-02	668795.36	13400.00	1250.00	
		CBSA/RM DT-03	668795.36	13400.00	1250.00	
		CBSA/RM DT-04	668795.36	13400.00	1250.00	
		CBSA/RM DT-05	668795.36	13400.00	1250.00	
		CBSA/RM DT-06	334397.68	6700.00	750.00	
2	परिमाण-विपत्र बिक्री की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय		20.02.2019 को 2.00 बजे अपराहन तक।			
3	निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय		21.02.2019 को 3.00 बजे अपराहन तक।			
4	निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय		21.02.2019 को 5.00 बजे अपराहन तक।			
5	परिमाण-विपत्र बिक्री का स्थान		कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, चाईबासा 2 औषुक्षण अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, चाईबासा।			
6	निविदा प्राप्ति का स्थान		कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, चाईबासा के कार्यालय में।			
7	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता		कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, चाईबासा			
8	निविदा खोलने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता		कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, चाईबासा			

कार्यपालक अभियंता पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, चाईबासा।
P.R. 201991 West Singhbhum(18-19):D

कार्यालय : जिला स्वास्थ्य समिति, RNTCP पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर

अल्पकालीन "इच्छा की अभिव्यक्ति"
एतद द्वारा सूचित करना है कि RNTCP के अन्तर्गत National Guide line for partnership 2014 में वर्णित प्रावधान के अलागे नही, को Private Sector में Patient provider support Agency (PPSA) के तहत Involvement किया जाना है।
Activity of PPSA & Specific objectives निम्नवत है।
Activity of PPSA
1 ACSM at Community Level.
2 Improving TB Control in Urban Slums.
3 Sputum Pickup & Transportation.
4 Promoting adherence of TB cases.
Specific objectives
• Mapping of Private Providers.
• Networking with and sensitization of Private health facilities.
• Continued Medical Education (CME) for the Private Providers.
• Service Delivery Linkages in private sector-
• Sample collection and transportation.
• Recording and reporting support to private sector.
• Logistic support for free FDC support to private sector
• Facilitate free diagnostic and drug to private sector
• Treatment initiation and adherence support for patient in private sector
• TB notification and treatment outcome reporting
• Facilitate RNTCP provisioned incentives to patients and private providers.
अतः इच्छुक NGOs, Private sector में Patient provider support Agency (PPSA) के तहत Involvement हेतु आवेदन आमंत्रित किया जाता है। आवेदन जिला यक्षा केन्द्र, राजेन्द्र नगर साकची, जमशेदपुर - 831001 में Speed Post/Registered Post के माध्यम से दिनांक 05.03.2019 अपराहन 4 बजे तक प्राप्त किये जाएंगे। निर्धारित तिथि के पश्चात प्राप्त आवेदन स्वीकार्य नहीं होगा।
आवेदक आवेदन एवं National Guide line for partnership 2014 मार्गदर्शिका को tb india.gov.in Website से अथवा जिला यक्षा केन्द्र, जमशेदपुर से प्राप्त कर सकते हैं।
शर्तें :-
1. NGO, Registered under Society Registration Act.
2. NGO are registered in planning commission NGO portal <http://ngo.india.gov.in>
3. तीन वर्षों का अंकेक्षण प्रतिवेदन सलान करना है।
4. संस्था स्वास्थ्य विभाग द्वारा काली सुची में दर्ज नहीं है, का शपथ पत्र सलान करना होगा।
5. स्वास्थ्य विभाग में तीन वर्षों का कार्य अनुभव (Preference in TB Control Program) का प्रमाण पत्र सलान करना होगा।
6. राशि की भुगतान National Guideline for Partnership 2014 में वर्णित प्रावधान के अलागे नही संतोशजनक कार्य/उपलब्धि के आधार पर किया जाएगा।
7. प्रकाशित इच्छा की अभिव्यक्ति को बिना कारण बताए शर्तों में परिवर्तन एवं इसे रद्द करने की अधिकार चयन समिति के समक्ष सुरक्षित रहेंगा।
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CM directs DCs to implement Krishi Samman Nidhi

PNS ■ RANCHI

Chief Minister Raghubar Das today issued guidelines to Deputy Commissioners (DCs) through videoconferencing for implementation of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Samman Nidhi (PM Kisan) so that larger number of farmers from State are benefitted.

The Chief Minister directed that respective DCs should monitor the implementation of scheme. While holding a meeting cum video conferencing here on Wednesday, the CM directed that small farmers those having agricultural land less than 5 acres too get benefit of the scheme.



Das gave three deadlines to his officers for uploading the name, bank account number and Aadhar number of beneficiaries of the scheme. The three deadlines issued by the Chief Minister are February 20, 26 and March 1.

Those farmers who don't have Aadhaar number there Aadhar enrolment number along with mobile number will be uploaded. Poor and marginalised farmers of the country, holding land up to two hectares, will get ₹6,000 annually under the scheme, announced in the interim budget by the Modi Government.

The payment will be made in three equal installments of ₹2,000. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will formally launch the scheme on February 24.

The farmers' income support will be transferred directly in the bank accounts of beneficiary. Sources said that under programme around 12 crore small farmers are expected to be benefit from the scheme.

The programme would be effective from 1 December 2018 and the first installment for the period upto 31 March, 2019. The programme will entail an annual expenditure of ₹75,000 crore.

The CM stated that with the scheme farmers income will go up and they dont have to depend upon middleman for their agrarian needs.

He thanked the Prime Minister for launching the scheme which aims to benefit the farmers.

During the video conferencing, Chief Secretary Sudhir Tripathi, Development Commissioner D.K Tiwari, Principal Secretary to CM Sunil Kumar Barnwal, Revenue and Land reforms secretary KK Soan, Agriculture Secretary Puja Singhal among others were present on the occasion.

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Bluff, bluster, intimidation Modi Govt's mantra: Sonia

Says our democratic and secular Republic has come under systematic assault

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi on Wednesday alleged that "bluff, bluster and intimidation" have been Modi Government's philosophy and hailed Congress president Rahul Gandhi for taking opponents "head-on".

Addressing the Congress Parliamentary Party's general body meeting, Sonia Gandhi also praised her son for bringing in fresh energy and putting together a team which blends experience and youth. In a blistering attack on the Centre, Sonia Gandhi alleged that there is an "all-pervasive atmosphere of fear and strife" across the country.

"We go to the forthcoming Lok Sabha polls with renewed confidence and resolve. Our victories in Rajasthan,

Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh have given us new hope," she said at the meeting attended by Rahul Gandhi, former prime minister Manmohan Singh, Congress leader in Lok Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad among others.

"Our opponents were earlier projected as being invincible. The Congress president took them head-on, mobilising and motivating lakhs of our workers who, with him, gave their all. We won in what were believed to be their strongholds," she said.

Slamming the Modi dispensation, the Congress Parliamentary Party leader said the foundations of "our democratic and secular republic" have come under "systematic assault" by the Government. "Institutions have been subverted. Political opponents have been hounded. Dissent has been suppressed. Freedom of speech — the most basic of all freedoms — has been sought to be curtailed and silenced," she



Congress President Rahul Gandhi, former party president Sonia Gandhi, former PM Manmohan Singh and other leaders stage protest over the Rafale deal outside Parliament in New Delhi on Wednesday. PTI

UPA chairperson said. "Bluff, bluster and intimidation have been the governance philosophy of the Modi Government. Truth and transparency have been brazenly tossed aside," Sonia Gandhi alleged.

The last five years have been a time of unprecedented economic stress and social strain for the country, the former Congress president said. "The northeast is burning. Alienation in Jammu and Kashmir has scaled new heights. Dalits, adivasis and minorities are being targeted. Farmers are facing unprecedented distress. The youth is staring at the abyss of despair with jobs being destroyed on a scale that has never happened before," she said, lashing out at the Modi Government's policies.

Addressing the CPP, Rahul Gandhi asserted that his party was winning the "ideological fight" against the BJP. "We are defeating the BJP in the ideological fight. We are defeating the BJP on the daily news cycle and the Congress party is now, firmly entrenched in the

mood and spirit of the people," he asserted. There is only one party that speaks for the entire country, the Congress chief said, adding that every other party speaks for a part of the Indian society.

He described the Rafale deal as a "systematic robbery" from the Indian defence forces and alleged that not just the fighter jet contract, but every single deal under the Modi government had been managed in the same way.

"So there is not a single step for the prime minister to stand on, you can see it in his face, you can see the expression, you can see that, that bluster has gone and that is not Rahul Gandhi, that is the Congress party, Congress workers and all of you," he said addressing his party's lawmakers.

"You will get a shock as to what is going to happen in 2019 and this would not have been possible if you had not defended our position in Parliament," the Congress chief, lauding the Parliamentarians for their perseverance.

Amid TMC-CPM fight in LS, Bill to tackle Ponzi operators OK'd

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Amidst heated exchanges between Trinamool Congress and CPM members, the Lok Sabha on Wednesday passed a Bill to protect investors from Ponzi schemes. Finance Minister Piyush Goyal informed the House that of the total 978 unauthorised deposit schemes, 326 are from West Bengal.

Goyal said the Government will ensure that no loophole is left while framing rules to implement the bill provisions.

2018 and was referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

Sudip Bandyopadhyay (TMC) said that even though party supports the bill, but ponzi cases like Sahara were not being investigated properly.

As the bill was discussed members of TMC, CPM and Congress used strong words including that of "mafia don", "looter" etc to attack each other.

While speaking on the issue Mohammad Salim said some of the members (from TMC) should have been in jail for the Chit fund scam and berated Chief Minister Mamta Banerjee. He said TMC came to power due to corruption.

Members from the TMC were protesting in the Well when the discussion on 'The Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Bill, 2018' was taken up.

Participating in the discussion, Congress member Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said the TMC which is in power in West Bengal, looted the people of the state. He also said that lakhs of people were looted and that their money should be returned. Treasury benches thumped in approval when he was speaking.

Later, TMC members were seen shouting slogans against Salim. Some members of the TMC are under the lens for their alleged role in chit fund scams.

TMC leader Saugata Roy said chief minister Mamata Banerjee took the trouble of getting arrested the main person in Saradha scam and wanted to know from the central government as what they were doing in the last five years with respect to the scam. He described one of the Congress MP who spoke against TMC as 'Mafia don'.

Agusta co-accused likely to turn approver

Enforcement Directorate did not oppose Rajiv Saxena's bail plea in court

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Co-accused in the AgustaWestland VVIP copter scam Rajiv Saxena is likely to turn an approver in a moneylaundering case under probe by the Enforcement Directorate.

The move is expected to help the prosecution in unearthing the larger conspiracy and nailing other accused persons in the case, including names of politicians who are suspected to be beneficiary of the 'proceeds of crime'.

"Rajiv Saxena is a close aide of the prime accused in the

case Christian Michel and has been operating a dozen a bank accounts in different Swiss banks with the slush money generated from the vexed copter deal. Saxena knew about the bribes that were paid to Indians and the shell companies created to route the bribe money in the AgustaWestland case. He is likely to turn approver and may reveal significant details on the role of Michel in case," said an ED official.

Michel, alleged British middleman in the ₹3,600 crore chopper deal was extradited by UAE authorities to India in December last year and is presently undergoing judicial custody. Saxena was picked up by Dubai authorities last month in connection with the money laundering case relating to the copter deal and deported to India.

ED is negotiating with Rajiv Saxena to turn a witness

in the case, said an agency source.

"The ED suspects that Saxena has information on the bribe that was paid to certain politicians in India, besides officials of the Indian Air Force and bureaucrats," said another official.

The agency on Wednesday did not oppose Saxena's bail plea in a Delhi court provided he does not leave Delhi.

Special Judge Arvind Kumar, who on Tuesday sent Saxena to jail till February 18, said he will hear the matter after AIIMS submits the report on Saxena's health.

Saxena sought bail on medical grounds stating that he was suffering from a "heart disease" and "advanced-stage leukaemia" (blood cancer).

"The present application is being filed in grave urgency, keeping in mind the medical condition of the applicant (Saxena), as any further cus-

tody will have grave and irreparable damage on his medical condition, which is fragile, and there is likelihood of contracting other diseases because of his low immunity level," the bail plea stated.

While sending Saxena to judicial custody for two days in its order on Tuesday, the court had directed Tihar jail authorities to take him to All India Institute of Medical Sciences for a medical check-up.

Saxena, who was in ED's custody since January 31 after his deportation from Dubai before being sent to judicial custody on Tuesday, said in his plea that when all the other accused in the case, including Gautam Khaitan, Ritu Khaitan, S P Tyagi, and others were out on bail, there could be "no justification" to deny him the same relief.

Since his passport is with ED, there was no likelihood of him absconding, the plea

added.

Saxena, a Dubai-based businessman, is one of the accused named in the chargesheet filed by ED in the AgustaWestland case.

Maintaining that AgustaWestland had paid 58 million euros as kickbacks through two Tunisia-based firms, the ED has alleged that "these companies further siphoned off the said money in the name of consultancy contracts to M/s Interstellar Technologies Limited, Mauritius and others, which were further transferred to M/s UHY Saxena and M/s Matrix Holdings Ltd, Dubai and others".

It was alleged by the probe agency that the two Dubai-based firms were the entities "through which the proceeds of crime have been routed and further layered and integrated in buying the immovable properties/shares, among others".

e-AUSHADHI portal launched for licensing of AYUSH medicine

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Minister of State for AYUSH, Shripad Yesso Naik on Wednesday launched the e-AUSHADHI portal, for online licensing of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homeopathy drugs and related matters here.

The e-AUSHADHI portal aims increased transparency, improved information management facility, improved data usability and increased accountability, said the Minister here at an event.

"Timelines will be fixed for processing of application through this portal with SMS and e-mail status updates at each step of the process," said the Minister while underlining that such an initiative is a reflection of the Government's commitment towards e-governance, ease of doing business and Make in India.

Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH said that the Ministry endeavours to come out with new initiatives and solutions to address the problems faced by practitioners, manufactures and consumers of AYUSH medicines.

"In this direction, this new e-portal is an acronym for Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy Automated Drug Help Initiative.

"This portal will not only aid the licensing authority, manufactures and consumers, it will also provide real time information of the licensed manufactures and their products, cancelled and spurious drugs, contact details of the concerned authority for specific grievances," said Kotecha.

In Delhi, Didi gifts welfare centre to Gorkha community

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

After a long wait, Gorkha community can now finally hope to have their own Gorkha Welfare Centre at Saket in the national Capital where they can avail multifarious facilities like gym, accommodation and library.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamta Banerjee on Wednesday inaugurated and laid foundation stone of the proposed Centre with a click of a button from the lawns of West Bengal State Guest House (Bangla Bhavan) at Chanakya Puri here.

The proposed Gorkha Welfare Centre is to be con-

structed at an estimated cost Rs. 20 crore and will have around 40 rooms and suites along with multifarious facilities like conference room, library, gym, recreational room and medical facilities etc. It aims to cater to the needs of Gorkha students, officials and general populace visiting Delhi for various purposes, said a statement here.

Among those present on the occasion at Chanakya Puri venue was Chairman of GTA Binoy Tamang while at Saket, the programme was officiated by Indranil Sen, MoS, Information and Cultural Affairs and Tourism, WB and Anit Thapa, Vice Chairman, GTA.



Limca Book of Records holder Rajiv Kumar (Johny) rides his custom-made bicycle near India Gate in New Delhi enroute from Chandigarh to Mumbai on Wednesday. He planned his journey to raise awareness for the environment. PTI

Descendants of pure Aryan race cry for attention

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

Well aware of the demands to preserve the cultural and identity of the rare Dard Aryans tribe — believed to be the original descendants of "pure Aryan race" — from the Jammu & Kashmir's lower Ladakh region, the Union Tribal Ministry awaits for a formal communication from the State Government to give them the status of tribal community.

The Union Culture Ministry has already shared with the Tribal Ministry the concerns of the artists from the Dard Aryans community who at an event held here had expressed fears that modernization, migration, and religious conversion, etc., threaten to wipe away their traditions and culture.

"Dard Aryan" is not among the list of notified Schedule Tribes. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has not formally received any charter of demands from the concerned State Government for seeking financial help for preservation of cultural heritage of 'Dard Aryans', said Jaswantsinh



Bhabhor, Minister of State for Tribal Affairs in a written reply in Rajya Sabha on Thursday.

However, he admitted that a delegation of artists from the community had presented a charter of demands regarding preservation of their culture and

other grievances to the Minister of State of Tribal Affairs.

As informed by the Ministry of Culture, during the Seminar on Dard Aryans at IGNCA from 16-21 January, 2019, artists from Dard Aryan Community raised the issues

that due to modernization, migration, and religious conversion, etc., their traditions and culture are at threat. However, no formal communication has been received by MoTA from the concerned State in this regard.

The Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA) had organised Dard Aryan Festival (Aryan Utsav) last month. Virendra Bangroo, an INGCA scholar and curator of the exhibition showcasing their culture and coordinator of the Arya Utsav said, "So far, the Government has not been able to do anything for this community. Its policies and programmes are yet to reach them. Not many people in the country know about this rich colorful legacy, which today stand threatened."

The IGNCA has also taken up various initiatives to preserve cultural heritage of the Dard Aryans including assistance in setting up a few museums in the regions of Dard Aryans in Leh, Laddakh, Kargil, etc., with the help of local community.

In addition, the cultural organization, with a view to preserve the cultural heritage of 'Dard Aryans', had also organised a seven-day long workshop at Dha-hanu, Laddakh, Jammu & Kashmir last year for documentation of traditions of Aryan Valley.

Newly floated BAP by 50 IITans to field 100 candidates in LS polls

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Bahujan Azad Party (BAP) created by a group of 50 IITans on Wednesday announced to field nearly 100 candidates in nine States including Uttar Pradesh and Bihar in the forthcoming Lok Sabha polls . The party launched in 2017 announced that the Election Commission of India has allotted it "slate" as election symbol.

"We are here to announce that our party (BAP) has got its Election symbol from election commission and that is Slate". This symbol fits well in the vision and mission of this party. We also announced to contest 2019 Lok Sabha elections from nine states- Bihar, UP, Punjab, Maharashtra, Telangana, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, J&K on about 100 seats," said Naveen kumar, a pass-out of IIT Delhi, who is leading the party.

At a Press conference, Kumar said that he ventured into politics realising that this

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nation has invested a lot on him and he must pay back to India by serving it. He also stated that BAP is gradually growing to realise the meaning of Bahujan and now BAP has become inclusive and unique party for all progressive citizen, mainly youths, farmers, workers and businessmen with a dream to contribute in nation building.

"The party said the main issues in the election campaign will be focus on agenda of employment for all, equal education for all, better and free health facilities, reviving the economy," said Sarkar

Akhilesh, who graduated from IIT Kharagpur in 2014. Others who are part of this new party are Sumeet Kumar Jatav, an IIT graduate from Kharagpur, Anand Kumar Maurya, 2006 IIT Delhi graduate, now in a businessman in Bangkok.

Others who are part of this unique political initiative are Amit, a graduate from IISc Bangalore, Dr Komal from KGMCO, Lucknow and Professor Arun Kumar Chaudhary, who worked in the movement of Kanshi Ram for 27 long year and now is mentor of BAP.

It will be RaGa vs NaMo: Priyanka

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Congress general secretary and east UP in-charge, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Wednesday asserted that the fight in the forthcoming parliamentary elections would be between Rahul Gandhi and Narendra Modi.

Replying to a question on her 'muqabla' (contest) with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Priyanka said, "Kar to rahe hein Rahulji, Modiji se muqabla (Rahul Gandhi is already taking on Modi)." Confident of her party's victory, she claimed that the 2019 hustings would essentially be a Modi versus Rahul battle of ballots.

Priyanka also played down the questioning of her husband Robert Vadra in connection with a land scam in Rajasthan's Bikaner district by Enforcement Directorate in Jaipur, saying, "These things will keep on happening, I am doing my own work."

On Tuesday, Priyanka had accompanied husband Robert Vadra to ED's Jaipur office where he was questioned in a case related to a land scam in Bikaner. Vadra was interrogated for over eight hours by the ED on Tuesday while his mother Maureen Vadra was also present.



Congress UP East general secretary Priyanka Vadra leaves the hotel for UPCC office to meet the representatives of village and district workers in Lucknow on Wednesday PTI

Talking about her meetings with party leaders from districts, Priyanka said, "It is nice to see the enthusiasm of party workers. They waited for me for so long. I thank them. I am learning a lot about the organisation, how it works in the region and how district and block committees function. I am taking down details."

The Congress leader told the waiting media persons, "I am learning a lot about the outfit and how it is structured. I am getting views on how to fight the elections."

Besides meeting party delegations, Priyanka also met representatives of a pensioners' association to discuss their

demand for revival of a pension scheme replaced by a new during the Atal Bihari Vajpayee regime.

Head of National Movement for Old Pension Scheme (NMOPS), Ajay Kumar Bandhu, said that the employees were against the new scheme under which a part of their fund was invested in stocks.

Bandhu said that Priyanka Gandhi assured the delegation that the old system would be restored if the Congress was voted to power.

She also assured that the issue would be made part of the Congress party's manifesto.

ED questions Vadra for nine-hours on Day 2

PTI ■ JAIPUR

Robert Vadra, Congress rpresident Rahul Gandhi's brother-in-law, was quizzed by the Enforcement Directorate officials here for nine-hours on Wednesday after he appeared before the agency for the second consecutive day in connection with an alleged land scam in Bikaner district of Rajasthan.

Vadra's questioning resumed after he reached the ED's zonal office at Bhawani Singh road at 10.26 am. He was given a one-hour lunch break and he left the ED office at around 8.40 pm for the airport.

Vadra and his mother Maureen had appeared before the ED on Tuesday. While his mother was allowed to go after some time, Vadra was grilled for nearly nine hours.

The Rajasthan High Court had asked Vadra and his mother to cooperate with the agency after they approached it seeking directions that no coercive action be taken against them by the ED. A case was registered by the ED in 2015, taking cog-

nizance of a clutch of FIRs and charge sheets filed by the Rajasthan police after the Bikaner tehsildar complained about alleged forgery in land allotment.

It is understood that the agency wanted to question him about the operations of Skylight Hospitality Private Limited, allegedly linked to him, which purchased land in the area.

It also wanted to confront Vadra with the statements of those said to be linked to him.

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

AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra had on Tuesday dropped off her husband and mother-in-law at the ED office here, taking time off from her four-day Uttar Pradesh trip.

In a Facebook book, Vadra had accused the Narendra Modi Government of being vindictive ahead of the Lok Sabha elections.

Raj House passes Gujjar quota Bill

Gujjars yet to call off stir

PTI ■ JAIPUR

The Rajasthan Assembly Wednesday passed a Bill giving a five per cent quota in Government jobs and educational institutions to the Gujjars and four other communities agitating for it. The Gujjar protests led by community leader Kirori Singh Bainsla continued in the State for the sixth day even after the Bill was passed.

Gujjar protesters have blocked the Delhi-Mumbai railway track in Sawai Madhopur district and several highways since Friday. Traffic is also held up on several roads in the State.

Bainsla said the community will wait for more clarity on the Bill before calling off the stir. The Rajasthan Backward Classes (Reservation of Seats in Educational Institutions in the State and of Appointments and Posts in Services under the State) (Amendment) Bill, 2019 was introduced by the new Congress Government earlier in the day.



Gujjar community members block railway tracks in support of their demand for reservation in Sawai Madhopur on Wednesday PTI

The Bill sought to increase the backward classes' reservation from the present 21 per cent to 26 per cent with a five per cent quota for Gujjars, Banjaras, Gadia Lohars, Raikas and Gadarla communities.

The statement on the objective and reasons for the bill said the five castes are the most backward and required separate reservation in Government jobs and educational institutions.

"We will remain on dharna till there is clarity that the Bill passed in the Assembly is legally sound," Bainsla said.

"It is a sacred document for us and we will take the next decision only after taking the

opinion of intellectuals of the community working in different fields," he added.

A North Western Railway spokesperson said two trains were cancelled on Wednesday due to the dharna.

While introducing the Bill, Rajasthan Energy Minister Kalla said the Centre has provided only 27 per cent reservation for the backward classes while their proportion in the population is 52 per cent.

Since the population of backward classes in Rajasthan is estimated by the State Backward Classes Commission to be about 52 per cent, the percentage of reservation for them needed to be increased, he said.

Didi ropes in Rina Mitra to advise her

Kolkata: In a smart move the Mamata Banerjee Government has appointed Rina Mitra — who was reportedly deprived of the chance of being the first woman IPS officer to head the Central Bureau of Investigation — as the State's principal Adviser, internal security.

Rina a 1983 batch IPS officer of the MP cadre was serving as a special secretary internal security in the Ministry of Home Affairs since March 2017.

Rina earlier wrote in a newspaper that she qualify on all parameters to be considered for the selection to head CBI

One of the 12 officers shortlisted for the CBI top job Mitra missed the chance on account of an "easily avoidable delay of just one day in the selection process" ensuring that she was "bumped out of the race."

Winner of Police Medal in 1999 and President's Medal in 2008 for outstanding service Rina earlier wrote in a newspaper that she "qualify on all parameters to be considered for the selection to head the premier investigation body of the country." She added she was "indeed the senior-most officer fulfilling all the four essential criteria including experience in CBI and anti-corruption," but on account of an "easily avoidable delay of just one day in the selection process ensured that I was bumped out of the race."

Rina's appointment is likely to come in handy for the State Government on many counts, sources said adding the TMC might now become privy to various irregularities during the BJP rule in MP "which in turn can be used in the election campaigning." PNS

TMC MLA KILLING Calcutta HC grants protection from arrest to Mukul till March 7

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Bengal BJP leader Mukul Roy tended to get a temporary respite after a division Bench of Calcutta High Court on Wednesday restrained the Bengal Police not to arrest him till March 7. Roy had been named in the FIR for the murder of Satyajit Biswas, a Trinamool Congress from Krishnaganj in Nadia district.

The Division Bench of Justices Joyimalya Bagchi and M Mandal would not grant the original prayer for the anticipatory bail immediately and postponed the matter to be heard on March 5. However the court allowed an interim prayer against arrest directing the police not to arrest the former Railway Minister until the matter was disposed off.

The order notwithstanding, the saffron leader was restrained by the court from entering Nadia district till further orders for the purpose of investigation or attending court proceedings

Biswas a rising leader and popular organiser from the Matua community that accounted for more than a million population in the neighbouring districts of North 24 Parganas, Nadia of was shot dead on February 9 while he was inaugurating a Saraswati Puja pandal at Majdia village barely 10 km from his home.

The two suspected assailants Kartik Mondal and Sujit Mondal were arrested soon after the murder but the third and prime accused fled the area, police said not ruling out his sneaking into the neighbouring Bangladesh barely a few miles away.

In a sharp reaction Roy had said "in each and every case of murder or in Bengal BJP was being implicated," adding in most of the cases it was the internal conflict — for the share of the booty from various sources — among the TMC leaders which was responsible for such murders.

In the past more than month at least five small or middle-rung TMC leaders have been assassinated in Bengal with the ruling party pointing at the undercover BJP assailants for such attacks.



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NORTHERN RAILWAY
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Name of work and its location:- Tender No.: 30-ELECT-47-T-R1-18-19-E3 Provision of lift in 15 new patients cabin and separate food lift in Central Hospital, Northern Railway, New Delhi. **Approx cost of the works in :-** Rs. 57.22 lacs, **Address of the office :-** Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi. **Earnest Money :-** Rs. 114500.00. **Date & time of submission of tender :-** 07.03.2019, 15.00 Hrs. **Opening of tender :-** 07.03.2019, 15.30 Hrs., **Website & notice board :-** www.ireps.gov.in & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi. **429/19**

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Tel. No. 011-23967889
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Mayawati drops 'Sushri' from Twitter handle after criticism

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

After she came in for a lot of flak from social media users for using 'Sushri' in her Twitter handle, BSP Supreme Mayawati on Wednesday dropped the title from her user name on the microblogging platform.

When the former Uttar Pradesh chief minister made her debut on Twitter earlier this month, she used the handle @SushriMayawati.

"Sushri" is a title used before the name of a woman to expresses respect and reverence. She was criticised by several social media users for using the title in her handle with some alleging she was eulogising herself.

"My twitter account opened as @SushriMayawati but now it is @Mayawati," she posted on Wednesday. She joined the Twitter the "first time" on February 6 to interact with the media and masses.

Local OBC outfit allies with Cong

Lucknow: The Congress on Wednesday roped in a little known local outfit Mahan Dal in an alliance in Uttar Pradesh for the Lok Sabha polls.

The announcement was made in the presence of Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, the newly appointed Congress general secretary for east Uttar Pradesh. Jyotiraditya Scindia, another general secretary of the Congress looking after western UP, and Keshav Dev Maurya of the Mahan Dal announced the alliance at the state Congress office here.

"I welcome Keshav Maurya ji. We will fight the elections jointly. Rahul ji has given us the task of creating a political atmosphere in which everyone is taken along and all sections of the society are represented," Priyanka Gandhi said.

"We will contest with full might," she asserted. Maurya said, "The Congress has always thought about the welfare of Dalits and backward castes. It is the only party which thinks of taking everyone along with itself."

"At present, there is an atmosphere of anarchy in the entire state. The alliance between Congress and Mahan Dal will last long," he said.

The Mahan Dal had forged an alliance with the Congress for the 2009 and 2014 polls. It had joined the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance in 2014 but contested the 2017 UP Assembly elections separately. In the western Uttar Pradesh, the Mahan Dal contested three Lok Sabha seats of Badaun, Nagina and Etah, though it faced defeats in all these constituencies.

S Korean paraglider dies in glider crash in Panchgani

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In a tragic mishap, a South Korean professional paraglider was killed after his glider crashed on a stony terrain at the hill station of Panchgani in Satara district of western Maharashtra.

Giving the details of the incident that took place on Tuesday evening, Station officer of Panchgani Police station RN Kaple said on Wednesday that the paraglider, identified as one Sang Taek Oh (45) had taken off in his glider from Rajpuri point located on the outskirts of Panchgani.

"While in the air, he could not control his glider because of the strong winds coming from the opposite direction. He lost track of his route. Instead of landing at the pre-determined point, he went round the circles and crashed on stony terrain in the forests located in the vicinity of Panchgani," Kaple said, quoting a team of paragliders that spotted Sangh Oh and rushed him to a nearby hospital.

Late on Tuesday, a local mountaineering team tracked him down to the spot where the glider had crashed and rushed to Government hospital at Wai town, where he was declared dead upon admission. "He had suffered severe injuries. He had succumbed to the injuries before he was brought to the hospital," a doctor who examined him said. After a post mortem, the Panchgani police handed over Sang Oh's body to the officials of the South Korean Consulate.



A trained paraglider, Sang Oh was training for an international solo paragliding competition that began at Panchgani on Tuesday. More than 100 paragliders from different parts of the are participating in the competition which will continue till Sunday.

Paragliding, which has become a popular adventure-cum-recreational sport in hill resorts and tourist destinations of Maharashtra, has been attracting professionals, amateurs and tourists from the across world for more than five years now.

Following the mishap, the Maharashtra Government is likely to impose restrictions and lay down guidelines for paragliding sport to ensure against mishaps like the one witnessed on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the Panchgani police have registered an offence under section 304 A (Causing death by negligence) against one of the organisers from a Mumbai-based company.

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7.	NBPDCCL/2018-19/PR/18	Purnea	33,33,43,921	43,33,439	20,000/-
8.	NBPDCCL/2018-19/PR/19	Begusarai	26,91,18,283	36,91,183	20,000/-
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Extract of Un-Audited Financial Results (Standalone) For the Quarter Ended December 31, 2018

Particulars	Rs. In Lakhs					
	Quarter ended 31 st December 2018 (Un-Audited)	Quarter ended 30 th September, 2018 (Un-audited)	Corresponding Quarter ended 31 st December 2017 (Un-Audited)	Nine Months Ended 31 st December 2018 (Un-Audited)	Corresponding Nine Months Ended 31 st December 2017 (Un-Audited)	Year Ended 31 st March, 2019 (Audited)
Total income from operations (net)	927.88	3170.70	783.74	6954.02	3216.07	13327.72
Net profit before Exceptional and extraordinary items and tax	4.36	7.32	(25.26)	15.82	6.02	4.91
Net Profit / (Loss) before extraordinary items and tax	4.36	7.32	(25.26)	15.82	6.02	4.31
Net profit after tax, Exceptional and extraordinary items	3.01	5.63	(25.26)	11.26	6.02	4.69
Total Comprehensive Income for the period	(130.21)	(90.65)	(25.26)	11.26	(6.02)	229.52
Equity Share Capital (Rs.)	7,97,60,720	7,97,60,720	3,06,00,000	7,97,60,720	3,06,00,000	3,06,00,000
Earnings Per Share (of Rs. ___/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) -						
1. Basic:	(1.63)	(1.14)	(0.32)	0.14	(0.08)	2.88
2. Diluted:	(1.63)	(1.14)	(0.32)	0.14	(0.08)	2.88

Notes:

- The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full formats of Quarterly and yearly ended Financial Result are available on the website of the Stock Exchange www.bseindia.com.
- The above results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and were approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 11th Feb, 2019.

Date: 11th Feb, 2019
Place: New Delhi

By order of the Board of Directors
For Sahyog Multibase Limited
Sd/- Vishesh Gupta
Managing Director

Mukesh Ambani at Stalin's house creates ripples in TN

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

Two recent events underplayed by the media has caused ripples in political Tamil Nadu and are being discussed in a hush-hush manner by all political parties in the State. Monday saw Reliance Group Chairman Mukesh Ambani calling on DMK president MK Stalin at the latter's residence in Chennai. The entire Stalin clan was in attendance to receive the billionaire businessman Mukesh Ambani and his wife Nita Ambani.

The Reliance Group chairman and his wife called on the Stalins to invite them for the marriage of their son Akash to be held in the month of March. Later in the day Stalin tweeted the pictures of the country's richest man's visit to his home in Chennai. "It was a pleasure to receive a courtesy call from Thiru Mukesh Ambani, Chairman Reliance Industries Limited, in Chennai earlier this evening," Stalin tweeted. But what surprised the political commentators in Tamil Nadu is the timing of the visit. The Reliance Group Chairman did not call on Chief Minister Edappadi Palaniswamy or any other political bigwigs in the State. Moreover they pointed out that Mukesh Ambani had not invited Stalin for the wedding of his daughter which was solemn-



Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani meets DMK president MK Stalin in Chennai on Monday

The visit of Mukesh Ambani to Stalin's residence comes at a time when there are media reports about the strained ties between the Reliance Group Chairman and the BJP top leadership

nised earlier this year. The fact that the Reliance Group did not attend the last month's Global Investors Meet convened by the AIADMK Government too has not gone unnoticed. Yet another VIP who made it to the residence of the DMK chief in late January was Ratan Tata, chairman emeritus of the Tata Group. This visit too was described by the DMK office as a courtesy call. Ratan Tata is a business baron who does not call on political leaders and that too at their residences. Hence

his visit to Stalin's house is being watched seriously but without any hype in the media. The Tata Group which is headed by Tamil Nadu born Natarajan Chandrasekaran, too was conspicuous by their absence during the GIM held at Chennai. The only link that connects the Tata Group honcho to the DMK was the Neera Radia Tape of the infamous 2G Spectrum Scam in which the telephonic conversations featured Ratan Tata and Kanimozhi, Stalin's step-sister. The visits of Mukesh Ambani to Stalin's residence comes at a time when there are media reports about the strained ties between the Reliance Group Chairman and the BJP top leadership.

Tej Pratap Yadav's private bodyguards spotted inside Bihar House premises

Patna: A posse of private bodyguards, hired by RJD MLA Tej Pratap Yadav, were on Wednesday found roaming inside the Bihar Assembly premises, prompting the State police chief to order an enquiry into the security breach. The mercurial elder son of RJD supreme Lalu Prasad, however, defended himself saying "who would provide



security to me if I do not take care of my own safety?" The muscle-bound safariclad private bodyguards were spotted by lens men of news channels and when asked what they were doing inside the campus, well inside the area to which entry is prohibited without valid passes, they replied with a terse "no comments."

Top Maoist leader, wife surrender

PTI ■ HYDERABAD

A key member of the banned ACPI (Maoist) Central Committee surrendered before the Telangana Director General of Police (DGP), M Mahendar Reddy here Wednesday, along with his wife. Sudhakar and his wife decided to give themselves up as they were frustrated with the 'wrong trends' developing in the outfit and also due to their health problems, Reddy told reporters. Sudhakar carries a reward of ₹1.25 crore on his head in Jharkhand region and ₹25 lakh in Telangana, while his wife carries a reward of ₹10 lakh on her head.



Communist Party of India (Maoist) leader Sathwaji, alias Sudhakar, standing left, and his wife Vydyugula Aruna, alias Neelima, are produced in front of the media by Telangana Director General of Police (DGP) Mahender Reddy in Hyderabad on Wednesday

The DGP said Sudhakar had disclosed that there were internal differences among top leaders and also between leaders of local tribes and Telangana leaders. Sudhakar also revealed that Maoists were ill-treating women cadres and putting

them under all sorts of pressure. Due to the domination of the male cadres, some women were committing suicide, he said. Sudhakar also said the functioning of the CPI (Maoist) leadership in Bihar and

Jharkhand was totally antagonistic to revolutionary ideology and not people centric. The party functioning had deteriorated and was more on the lines of criminal gangs who loot people and amass wealth for their development,

using the party as a platform, Reddy said. The DGP said that after Sudhakar's surrender, the CPI (Maoist) Central Committee has 20 members, the Polit Bureau seven members and the Central Military Commission, four.

Sudhakar also said that many cadres, sensing the fast deteriorating standards in the functioning of the CPI (Maoist) due to lumpenisation trends, were willing to give up extremism. Reddy said the party was unable to conduct or implement any programmes based on Marxist Leninist Maoist ideology in their Eastern Regional Bureau area.

Most of the leadership and cadres were interested only in making money, he said on the current status of the party. The DGP asked other Central Committee members to surrender and join the mainstream and added that most of the CC members were suffer-

ing from age related health problems. In their Eastern Regional Bureau area, the total armed underground cadre strength was about 500 while in Dandkaranya, the armed cadre strength is about 2,000 and militia strength, about 7,000. However, in Sukma and Bijapur districts (of Chhattisgarh) militia is strong, Reddy said. The DGP said Sudhakar had grasped the reality that the erstwhile Maoist Communist Centre cadres are autocratic and encouraged lumpen elements in the party, who worked only to provide financial aid to their families by extorting huge sums of money from contractors and businessmen as 'party levy'.

The couple also disclosed that there are groups in the party on caste basis. Nepotism and regionalism which had crept into party organisation roots was also the reason for them to surrender, the top police official said.

Body of man from PoK exhumed, handed over to Pakistan Army

PTI ■ JAMMU

The body of a man from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, who died while trying to sneak into India six months ago, was exhumed and handed over to the Pakistan Army at the LoC in Poonch district on Wednesday, officials said. The body of 34-year-old Mohamad Arshad, a resident of Kotli Gujran area of PoK, was exhumed from a graveyard at Mohra Kampala in Noushera sector of Rajouri district on the orders of DM Mohamad Aijaz Asad, the officials said.

They said Ahmad was found dead near the LoC at Sair-Jhanger in Laam sector on July 23 last year and was subsequently buried at the graveyard after his identity could not be established. He died reportedly due to electrocution when trying to sneak through wires into the Indian side. District magistrate Asad ordered that the body be exhumed after the Indian Army, on humanitarian gesture, forwarded a request by their Pakistani counterparts for handing over the body to his family across the LoC, the officials said. They said the body was exhumed in presence of senior police and civil officers from the graveyard on Tuesday and handed over to the Army to be sent to his family, the officials said.

2 Hizbul terrorists killed in Budgam gunfight

PTI ■ SRINAGAR

Two Hizbul Mujahideen terrorists, including one of the main recruiters of the outfit, were killed in an encounter with security forces in Jammu & Kashmir's Budgam district on Wednesday, police said. "Based on a credible input about the presence of terrorists in Gopalpora area of Chadoora in Budgam district, a cordon and search operation was launched in the intervening night (of Tuesday and Wednesday)," a police spokesman said.

He said when the search operation was underway, the terrorists fired on the security forces. The search party retaliated and it led to a gunfight in which the two were killed, he added. The spokesperson said the duo have been identified as Hilal Ahmad Wani and Shoaib

Mohammad Lone, alias Mursi. "Incriminating material, including arms and ammunition, was recovered from the site of encounter," he said, adding that police have registered a case and initiated an investigation. As per police records, the official said, both terrorists were affiliated to Hizbul Mujahideen. "They were wanted by the law for their complicity in a series of terror crimes, including attack on security establishments and civilian atrocities. Wani had a long history of terror crime records and was involved in several terrorist cases," he said.

"He was the main person responsible for recruitment into the terrorist fold and was the longest surviving terrorist who was operating across the southern and central belts of the valley ever since he had joined terrorist ranks in 2015.

CBI allows Kumar to return to Kolkata after 5-day grilling

PTI ■ SHILLONG

The CBI on Wednesday allowed Kolkata Police Commissioner Rajeev Kumar to return to Kolkata after questioning him for five consecutive days here in connection with chit fund scam cases, an official said. A team of 12 senior CBI officers examined Kumar for his alleged role in tampering of evidences in the ₹2,000 crore Saradha chit fund scam, which the agency is probing. Kumar was also questioned about the Rose Valley ponzi scam. After examining him for over 30 hours since Saturday, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Wednesday afternoon allowed the senior IPS officer to return to Kolkata, the official told PTI.

On Wednesday, he had arrived at the CBI office around 9.30 am and he was let off around 12.30 pm, he said. According to official sources, the Kolkata Police chief had written to the probe agency seeking a "break" as he is required to prepare a reply to the contempt petition filed by the CBI against him and two other senior officers in the Supreme Court. Kumar left for Guwahati from where he is scheduled to fly to Kolkata. Two other senior Kolkata Police officers who had been with Kumar since Saturday also left with him, sources said. The CBI had also questioned former Trinamool Congress MP Kunal Ghosh separately and along with Kumar on Sunday and on Monday.

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01	Make Provision of Transfer of Raw Sewage from 10 MGD STP Yamuna Vihar Ph-I to 10 MGD STP Yamuna Vihar Ph-II.	I/ Rate 62000/-	2019_DJB_168292_1 /11.02.2019	22.02.2019

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person (depicted in the photo) name: **unknown**, residence and family is **unknown** about 50 years of age was found dead at Footpath of Dental Hospital, Maulana Azad Medical College, Near Delhi Gate, Delhi on **28.01.2019**. In this regard a DD No. **55-A**, dated **28.01.2019** has been registered at Police Station I.P. Estate, Delhi.

Delhi. The dead body has been got preserved for 72 hours in the mortuary of Maulana Azad Medical College, Delhi.
His physical description is as under:-
Sex: Male, **Age:** 50 years, **Height :** 5'5" ft., **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face :** Oval, **Build:** Thin, **Wearing:** Blue Colour Pant.
Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or Telephone Numbers.
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MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one girl, **Namely: Jyoti Kumari, D/o: Sudhir Prasad, R/o: E-83-A, Mahavir Vihar, Kanjhawala, Delhi** has been missing since 18.01.2019 from the area of P.S. Kanjhawala, Delhi. In this regard, a Case Vides FIR No. 14/19 u/s 363 IPC, Dated 19.01.2019, has been lodged at P.S. Kanjhawala, Delhi. Investigations has been carried out but despite best efforts, the girl could not be traced. The description of the missing girl is as under:
Name: Jyoti Kumari, **D/o:** Sudhir Prasad, **R/o:** E-83-A, Mahavir Vihar, Kanjhawala, Delhi, **Age:** 14 years, **Height:** 4'8" feet, **Face:** Round, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Wearing:** Red Frock, Pajama and Black Jacket. If anyone has any information about the missing girl, then please inform P.S. Kanjhawala, Delhi.
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PAPER WITH PASSION

Old isn't gold

Russia's offer to sell India MiG-29 aircraft shows how ineffective our defence acquisition has become



The Mikoyan Gurevich 29 fighter jet was an example of brilliant 1970's technology; it was a fighter that was capable of extreme aerobatics and was highly effective as a weapon in its time. Actually, even when India began to induct the planes in the late 1980s, it was still a modern fighter. But as the wrangling over the acquisition of 36 Dassault Rafale jets continues, India finds itself in a position where it does not have enough fighters to protect its airspace or the capacity to develop and build its own warplanes. And on this front, successive governments should take the blame

than passing the buck.

Russia's offer of 21 MiG-29 aircraft built anew on unused old airframes is a way for the Putin government to dispose of old assets. And given the critical situation of India's air force fighter capacity, this ought to be taken up. But it should not be forgotten that India's main requirement is for new fifth-generation fighter aircraft and these have to be acquired quickly. The crashes of a Mirage-2000 and MiG-27 aircraft in just a couple of weeks highlight how critical the situation is for this country that has two well-armed enemies on either side. Besides, we cannot afford to lose any more pilots during something as routine as test runs.

India remains one of the largest military forces in the world without adequate home-grown technology or manufacturing capacity and while new defence acquisition processes try to redress that problem, it will take years if not decades to change. In the meantime, the row over defence deals, which may or may not be manufactured due to political expediency, is continuing and unless a bipartisan approach to acquire new hardware is taken, this will not change. On this front, adapting Indian parliamentary committees to be more similar to those in the United States will be a good move. Public committee hearings on big defence deals will help allay fears of corruption. In the Rafale case, for example, some accuse Congress president Rahul Gandhi of manufacturing a scam while others accuse Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his government of being arrogant. And in the last two years, this slanging match seems to have brought India's acquisition process to a standstill while soldiers, aviators and sailors continue to deal with old, often dilapidated equipment that often lead to needless accidents.

As this newspaper has noted, even some of the most advanced military forces in the world use old equipment, the United States being a case in point. Often for economic reasons and also the fact that old weapons systems are the best suited for modern post-Cold War warfare. But they are modified extensively to keep up with modern technology. So even if we accept the Russian offer to boost our fighting force, we should ensure that what we get is not a throwback to the past but as modern as it can be. At the same time, come May, the future government of this country has to ensure that new defence acquisition deals are concluded fast and India's home-grown abilities are bolstered.

Cut the noise

NGT pulls up Delhi Government for noise pollution but we have to discipline ourselves first



The trouble with pollution in Delhi is that we circumscribe everything in terms of the air that we breathe in. Seldom do we talk about other atmospherics that impact our daily existence like water and sound. Till the National Green Tribunal reminds us now and then. And so it has slapped a fine of ₹5 lakh on the Delhi government for its failure to check noise pollution in the western part of the city despite a compliance order issued four months ago. A quarterly report on the noise pollution in Delhi's Rajouri Garden found that despite citizens' crusades and complaints, bars and restaurants in the area were using loudspeakers and DJ systems during weddings and other celebratory functions. Violating time limits, such pleasurable activities were disturbing the lives of residents in a clustered locality, particularly infants and the aged. But given the noise pollution that continues unabated on Diwali nights despite Supreme Court rulings on bursting crackers, little wonder this neighbourhood complaint was not considered serious enough as a concern. Fact is noise pollution is actually as serious as air pollution. Research data by independent decibel survey agencies have shown that Delhi had some of the country's noisiest roads. And citizens had the maximum amount of hearing loss proportionate to their age. Noise pollution in cities is directly linked to 64 per cent of hearing loss, said one study.

Most traffic junctions here record plus 70 decibels on a regular day, almost 10 over the limit allowed in commercial areas. In fact, ENT specialists have a separate marker as to what constitutes hearing loss here than what it is for the rest of the country. Noise pollution is now linked to many health issues, from irreversible hearing loss, anxiety attacks to hypertension and heart disease. Most importantly, loud honking, construction clatter, industrial hum and the thud of music from boom boxes have an overall impact on a person's sanity and well-being, the quantum of which cannot be ascertained simply because it is not scalable. Often we train ourselves to be immune to sounds without realising we are upping our tolerance threshold and alertness levels and not simmering down even in a resting state. Data compiled by both the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) have shown that sound levels in neighbourhoods at night too were above recommended levels. Which is why last October, the Delhi police declared 60 stretches of road as "no honking zones." However, while it is easy to identify violations, it is the curbing mechanism which is difficult and frankly low priority. A fine is just ₹100, there are very few noise meters and there are more cars on the roads than speed cams to check limits and consequent volumes. We can all blame administrative will and the lack of a disciplinarian mechanism but the biggest control has to come from citizens themselves. If we are conscientious enough to modify our lifestyles and be more sensitive to our surroundings, follow rules willingly and not just because they are imposed on us, decongest routes and can lower our sound requirements since the city is always in the middle of an infrastructural overhaul, we would sleep in peace. It is the silence about our behavioural change that is truly deafening. And no amount of PILs and activism can change that.

Map of aggression

Before making any outrageous claims on border issues, Chinese officials are better advised to do their homework well about history and geography



CLAUDE ARPI

Hua Chunying, the spokesperson of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, has a poor knowledge of history and even geography. Once again, she claimed recently that Arunachal Pradesh is a part of Chinese territory. Soon after the Indian Prime Minister visited Arunachal Pradesh, she affirmed: "The Chinese Government has never recognised the so-called Arunachal Pradesh and is firmly opposed to the Indian leader's visit to the East Section of the China-India boundary."

As usual, South Block issued a weak rebuttal. One wonders why can't New Delhi speak of the "so-called Tibetan Autonomous Region" or lodge a strong protest each time China does repair work on the road cutting across the Aksai Chin region of Ladakh? Indian diplomats are probably too shy for this. But we should learn from China to defend our interests more vociferously. Hua's sharp tongue expressed hopes that "India will cherish the momentum of warming bilateral ties and not take any provocative action." What provocative action? Just the Prime Minister's visit to an Indian state? Hua may not be aware but China's refusal to acknowledge the McMahon Line is a relatively new phenomenon.

Let us go back to 1956. As India prepared to celebrate the 2,500th anniversary of the birth of Buddha, communist China was extremely nervous; eastern Tibet was on fire with the Khampa rebellion, while central Tibet was slowly getting contaminated by the revolt. After months of prevarication, Beijing finally allowed the Dalai Lama and the Panchen Lama to visit India for the celebrations. But Chinese premier Zhou Enlai was really febrile, he was aware that many Tibetans wanted the Dalai Lama to stay on in India; as a result, he visited Delhi thrice in a period of two months.

During one of his numerous encounters with Zhou, Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru asked him: "But I do not quite understand what you meant when you said that Tibet in the past had not become a province of China?" The premier answered: "That Tibet is part of China is a fact but it has never [been] an administrative province of China and has kept an autonomous character." For Beijing, the autonomous character would remain on paper only. Zhou even admitted that India knew more about Tibet's past history: "For example, I knew nothing about McMahon Line until recently when we came to study the border problem after the liberation of China."

Hua would be surprised to learn that China's premier did not know about the line delineating the border between Indian and Tibet till the early 1950s. Nehru unnecessarily asserted that historical



knowledge was not important: "History is gone." He, however, added: "My impression was that whatever it may be in theory, for all practical purposes, Tibet has all along been autonomous."

The clever Zhou repeated that though people like him never knew about the McMahon Line till recently, the Kuomintang regime knew about it. Referring to the McMahon Line, he spoke of a "secret" pact between British India and Tibet at the time of the Simla conference.

The Chinese do not like to remember that the Tibetans sat on an equal footing with them during the Simla conference between October 1913 and July 1914. To give an example, the proceedings of the third meeting of the Tibet conference held on January 12, 1914, mentioned the presence of Sir Henry McMahon, GOVO, KCIE, CSI, British Plenipotentiary and staff; Monsieur Ivan Chen, Chinese Plenipotentiary and staff and Kusho Lonchen Shatra, Tibetan Plenipotentiary and staff. They officially sat together for nine months; China suffers from selective amnesia today.

To come back to the Nehru-Zhou meeting, the

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Premier continued on the McMahon Line: "And now that it is an accomplished fact, we should accept it. But we have not consulted Tibet so far. In the last agreement, which we signed about Tibet [in 1954], the Tibetans wanted us to reject this Line but we told them that the question should be temporarily put aside."

The Chinese Premier bluffed: "But now we think that we should try to persuade and convince Tibetans to accept it." Then, Nehru went on his favorite argument: "The border is a high mountain and sparsely populated." He further asserted: "Apart from the major question, there are also small queries about two miles here and two miles there. But if we agree on some principle, namely, the principle of previous normal practice or the principle of watershed, we can also settle these other small points."

It is a fact that it is the nationalist government which made the communists realise the extent of the Chinese territory in the area. It is Ren Naiqiang, an influential scholar during the Republican era, who first included parts of the north-eastern borders of India into the Chinese territory. In 1926, long before the beginning

of the Japanese war, Ren had started wandering through Kham. In 1936, as the Nationalist Government formally established the new province Xikang (corresponding to Kham province of Tibet), Ren Naiqiang was encouraged by Liu Wenhui, the Governor of the North East Frontier Agency (NEFA) in China.

At the end of 1949, Ren Naiqiang met Marshal He Long, one of the seniormost generals of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) and explained why his map was dependable; the Marshal was convinced and ordered the distribution of copies. On January 10, 1950, He Long sent his report to Mao Zedong strongly recommending that Ren's map should be accepted and circulated amongst the PLA. It is after this encounter that China started "claiming" India's NEFA (today Arunachal Pradesh). Before making outrageous claims, Hua should do her homework and know her country's history. China has not always claimed NEFA.

(The author is an expert on India-China relations.)

SOUNDBITE

I want to congratulate the PM that he tried to move ahead taking everyone along. I hope all members win and you become PM again.



SP Leader
—Mulayam Singh Yadav

Bluff, bluster and intimidation have been the philosophy of the Modi government. Truth and transparency have been brazenly tossed aside.



Congress Leader
—Sonia Gandhi

Things are going well with China. I want it to be a real deal, not just a deal that makes (it) — you know, cosmetically look good for a year.



US President
—Donald Trump

I think this is a great opportunity for me to play the role of Amit Shah. This is one of the most important roles in the film.



Actor
—Manoj Joshi

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Unmatchable spirit

Sir — This refers to the article, "Does Priyanka have *sanjeevini*?" (February 13) by Kalyani Shankar. The huge turnout at the Priyanka Gandhi-Rahul Gandhi roadshow in Lucknow was a demonstration of the undiminished charisma of the Gandhis. By holding aloft a Rafale replica at the roadshow, the Gandhis showed their determination to take on Prime Minister Narendra Modi relentlessly.

Priyanka Gandhi's full-fledged entry into the political arena in Uttar Pradesh seems to have raised the hope of reviving the Congress' fortunes in India's most populous and politically most crucial State. This is not to say that her appeal is limited to Uttar Pradesh alone; she certainly has a pan-Indian appeal. In fact, Congressmen and women regard her as a new version of Indira Gandhi. Importantly, her spontaneous connect with the masses will force the other parties, mainly the Samajwadi Party and Bahujan Samaj Party, to re-strategise on the ground.

G David Milton
Maruthancode

Congress needs a new narrative

This refers to the article, "Does Priyanka have *sanjeevini*?" (February 13) by Kalyani Shankar. Interestingly, despite being downplayed by the ruling party, Priyanka Gandhi's instrumental role in politics, especially in the electionally significant Uttar Pradesh, has hogged media headlines and ruffled a few feathers. Her entry has disturbed all parties' political strategies as well as vote-share equations ahead of the Lok Sabha poll. After taking charge as the Congress' general secretary and in-charge of eastern Uttar Pradesh, Priyanka's first pub-



lic event was a big draw. A huge crowd welcomed her fervently even as her Twitter handle registered over one lakh followers on day one.

The writer is spot on in observing that Priyanka has to bolster her party's revival that began from Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. The strategy of exploiting the anti-incumbency factor, demonetisation and the faulty implementation of the Goods and Services Tax may help the grand old party but it also needs to build a new, cogent narrative.

Azhar A Khan
Rampur

Radio gaga

Sir—By its very nature, radio shapes our lives, informing and even uniting us. By bringing together people and far-flung communities, it can help usher in positive change. World Radio Day this year was celebrated on February 13 with the theme,

"Dialogue, tolerance and peace."

One hopes that in a world with alternative media of communication, radio can still find the valuable space to help serve as a platform for dialogue and democratic debate and encourage listeners to think of forward-looking action. Perhaps All India Radio, which has been serving the masses in the fields of education,

information and entertainment with distinction, can take the lead in this.

TS Karthik
Chennai

Grave concern

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Another inferno" (February 13). The tragedy that engulfed

the Karol Bagh hotel Arpit Palace in the wee hours in Delhi snuffed out 17 lives besides injuring many others. Casualties could have been avoided had the hotel authorities followed fire safety norms. The fire, which erupted on the first floor of the hotel, spread like wild fire to the fourth floor. It has been learnt that the guests were unable to use corridors to escape because of the wooden panels. Equally disturbing was the fact that the hotel did not have proper fire escapes and the emergency exit door, too, was locked. To avert further mishaps like this, authorities in the Capital must strictly enforce fire safety norms in each and every hotel.

While the Delhi Government has ordered a magisterial probe into this massive fire incident, it must ensure that action is taken against those found guilty so that no hotel dares to repeat the mistake of oversights in the future. Norms are flouted brazenly and we need to set an example.

TK Nandan
Chennai

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FIRST COLUMN

More women have lost jobs

The shrinking women labour force will prevent India from meeting sustainable development goals. Make it a poll plank



BALWANT SINGH MEHTA

The unreleased first Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) in 2017-18 shows a decline in the labour force participation rates (LFPR) — part of the population who are willing to work — from 39.5 per cent in 2011-12 to 36.9 per cent in 2017-18. The fall in LFPR in rural areas, from 67.7 per cent to 58.7 per cent, is substantially higher than in urban areas, from 49.3 per cent to 47.6 per cent. A large part of this decline in LFPR is attributed to withdrawal of a huge number of women from the labour force, which constituted nearly half of India's population but make up only one-sixth of the labour force. Women's LFPR has come down from 22.5 per cent in 2011-12 to 17.5 per cent in 2017-18, while men's LFPR was stable at 55.5 per cent. The female LFPR in urban areas stayed at the same level, at 20.4 per cent in 2017-18. It declined sharply by more than 11 percentage points in rural areas.

In absolute terms, the size of labour force has increased from 485 million in 2011-12 to 494 million in 2017-18. But the economy has lost 11 million jobs during these six years i.e. 475 million in 2011-12 to 464 million in 2017-18. The female labour force has reduced by 20 million, while male labour force has increased by 29 million. Similarly, 27 million females have lost their jobs, while 13 million males have got job during the same period. The NSSO report also reveals that female unemployment rate is higher than their male counterparts particularly among urban youth (15-29 years) and educated seekers. In rural areas, unemployment rate among female youth stood at 13.6 per cent compared to 17.4 per cent for male youth, while unemployment rate among urban female youth was at 27.2 per cent compared to 18.7 per cent among male youth. The unemployment rate among female youth went up more than twice in six years, both in rural and urban areas. For the educated female, unemployment rate in rural areas was at 17.3 per cent compared to 10.5 for males in 2017-18.

Similar trends of labour force participation rate and unemployment rate, particularly among women, were also reported by Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE). The CMIE reports revealed that female LFPR fell dramatically in both rural and urban areas after mid-2016. In rural areas, it fell to 14.4 per cent in late 2016 and then to an average of 12 per cent in 2017 and around 11 per cent in most of 2018. In urban areas, it fell from 16.4 per cent to 11 per cent in the first eight months of 2018. In addition, the CMIE report confirms that during 2018, there were job losses in both rural and urban areas. But, the loss in rural areas was more than urban areas. Out of total 11 million jobs lost estimated, 9.1 million jobs were lost in rural areas while 1.9 million jobs were lost in urban areas. The fall in jobs is concentrated among women, who lost 8.8 million jobs while men lost 2.2 million. Women lost three times more jobs in rural areas (6.5 million) than urban areas (2.3 million).

Commentators are citing various reasons for these outcomes. These range from women pursuing higher studies, opting for home-making due to rise in family income, abandoning formal work due to workplace discrimination, social and cultural factors such as patriarchy, care work or a combination of all these. It is argued that women comprised half of the total enrolled students within the 15-24 year age-group, which was more than 50 per cent for the year 2017-18. In a few years, it is very likely that women students will outnumber male students, a pattern already evident in most parts of the world. In other words, the increase in education enrolment of women explains the entire decline in LFPR of women. In addition, there is a mismatch in the labour market between the jobs educated women and youth are aspiring and what is available. They don't want to enter into a low-productive work. However, these arguments do not fully explain the large drop in women's labour force, job losses and youth unemployment in recent times. It is difficult to correlate the current poor employment scenario in the country with demonetisation and goods and service tax implementation directly but the stoppage of economic activities and agricultural distress has certainly contributed to it. This has stopped many people, mainly rural women, from participating in or willing to be part of the labour market. The women's participation rate in the labour market in India is already far below than the world average of 40 per cent. In South Asia, only Pakistan has a lower female labour force participation rate. This will surely detract India from achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and eliminate gender inequalities by 2030. The declining women labour force should become a key electoral plank.

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POINT COUNTERPOINT

IT CAN'T BE THAT THE SUPREME COURT IS WRONG, THE CAG IS WRONG AND ONLY THE DYNAST IS RIGHT.
SATYAMEVA JAYATE – THE TRUTH SHALL PREVAIL.

—UNION MINISTER
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DON'T YOU KNOW WHAT KIND OF FINDINGS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY CAG IN THE PAST AND HOW MANY OF THEM WERE PROVED WRONG?

—CONGRESS LEADER
 DIGVIJAYA SINGH

In search of a *thalaiva*

During earlier elections, there was clarity of thought and ideas among the lead players. But the absence of Jayalalithaa and Karunanidhi has made the State look like a rudderless ship



KUMAR CHELLAPPAN

As Tamil Nadu is getting ready for the "festival of democracy" or the general election, the scenario is that of watching Shakespeare's *Hamlet* without the Prince of Denmark. The absence of Jayalalithaa from the electoral scene has taken the sheen away from the fire and fury associated with campaign season. Whether she was fighting with her back to the wall or leading her chariot all over Tamil Nadu, Amma was the lead star in the arena. The same could not be said about Karunanidhi, who reminded one of a hungry jackal in search of its prey. With both of them leaving the world in quick succession to meet their makers, politics in Tamil Nadu has lost all charm and character.

The general election is the first major political battle in the State to be fought without Jayalalithaa and Karunanidhi or such marked polarities. M K Stalin, the second son of Karunanidhi who was appointed president of the DMK following the death of his father, is a pale shadow. His first public declaration a la Karunanidhi that he was proposing Rahul Gandhi as the prime ministerial candidate fell flat as there were no takers for the announcement even in the Congress party.

Stalin, who became the party president only because of the fact that he was the son of Karunanidhi, wanted to replicate what the latter did in the run-up to the 1980 Lok Sabha polls. The AIADMK led by MGR had contested the 1977 Lok Sabha poll in alliance with the Congress. The general feeling at that time was that the AIADMK and the Congress were natural allies because of the dubious approach of Karunanidhi towards Indian nationalism and the DMK's demand for a separate Dravidian nation. The AIADMK-Congress-CPI alliance won 34 out of the 39 seats leaving just five seats to the DMK-Janata alliance. But after the election, MGR preferred to extend support to the Janata Party government at the Centre led by Morarji Desai.

Karunanidhi, who was in political wilderness since 1976 following the dismissal of his government by Indira Gandhi for opposing the internal Emergency and was struggling to unseat MGR, saw this as a golden opportunity. By the time MGR declared his support to Morarji Desai Government, Karunanidhi had built a flyover from Gopalapuram in Chennai to the Safdarjung Road residence of Indira Gandhi. "*Nehravin Makale... Varuka... Varuka... Indiaye Kaappathidungo*" (Daughter of Nehru... welcome... please save India) was the war cry coined by Karunanidhi, whose penchant for writing dramatic dialogues knew no bounds. The 1980 general elections necessitated by the fall of the Morarji Desai and Charan Singh Governments saw the DMK-Congress alliance sweeping the State by winning 37 of the 39 seats leaving MGR's AIADMK with just two seats. Indira Gandhi returned to power with a massive mandate and she helped Karunanidhi for the favours received by dismissing the MGR Government though its term was to expire only in 1982. But in the mid-term election held to the Assembly, MGR staged an impressive comeback with the front led by him winning 162 seats out of the 234 at stake. The Congress-DMK alliance could win only 69



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seats and Karunanidhi's dream of returning to Fort Saint George (Tamil Nadu's seat of power in Chennai) remained unfulfilled. But he made it a point to remind the world that it was his slogan "*Nehravin Makale*" which worked wonders in 1980.

Later in 2004, after dumping the BJP over the Prevention of Terrorism Act (POTA) 2002, Karunanidhi sent feelers to Sonia Gandhi for a possible alliance with the Congress because he was being hunted by the then Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa over corruption cases. The only difference was that Karunanidhi had given a small twist in his slogan of 1980. This time it was "*Indiravin Marumagale... Indiravin Marumagale... Varuka... Varuka...*" (Daughter-in-law of Indira and India, welcome, welcome). It worked in 2004 too and Karunanidhi emerged as a pillar and trusted ally of the Congress. The alliance lasted up to 2013 when Karunanidhi came out of the UPA following the Congress' non-cooperation in extricating his daughter Kanimozhi from the 2G spectrum corruption scam in which she was a prime accused. Publicly, the DMK claimed that it snapped the ties with the UPA because of the latter's refusal to extend support to a resolution in the UN Human Rights Council meeting condemning the Sri Lankan government for atrocities on Tamils in the island nation. The Sri Lankan Tamil issue had been over in 2009 itself with

the elimination of LTTE chief V Prabhakaran. But Karunanidhi was adept in finding out explanations and reasons for any kind of situation.

Stalin thought that he would find a place in history books by making a declaration at Chennai that Rahul Gandhi would be the prime ministerial candidate. He made use of the proven slogan coined by his father and declared, "*Sonia Gandhiyin Makane... Varuka... Varuka...*" To add power to his slogan, he reminded the nation that he, son of Karunanidhi, was re-enacting what his late father did from Chennai. But in a changed context, it looked like the southern dynasty extending support and servility to the Delhi dynasty. Karunanidhi would not have made such a bloomer. Though he took over as party chief in August 2018, Stalin is yet to sort out the issues with his estranged brother M K Azhagiri. There are a lot of challenges within the DMK which remain unresolved.

The AIADMK is a house of chaos and confusion since the passing away of Jayalalithaa in December 2016. Though a churning process is on in the party, it has not thrown out any hopeful leadership material. The party is disintegrating by the day and that too soon after the birth centenary of M G Ramachandran, the party founder.

2017 marked the birth centenary of MGR (as he is known) and the 40th anniversary of his coming to power in the State. Jayalalithaa was particular that

Tamil Nadu should have a government led by the AIADMK in the birth centenary year of MGR and she made it happen through a shrewd move. But her untimely demise in 2016 resulted in the beginning of the end of the AIADMK.

There are three factions of the party functioning in Tamil Nadu. The original AIADMK is headed by chief minister Edappadi Palaniswamy and his deputy O Panneerselvam. The AMMK, formed by V K Sasikala, Jayalalithaa's former live-in partner at Veda Nilayam and her nephew TTV Dhinakaran, is hoping that the AIADMK leaders would come around once the party is wiped out in the Lok Sabha election. It is true that Dhinakaran won the by-poll held at R K Nagar, a constituency which was represented by Jayalalithaa, demolishing the AIADMK and the DMK. But there are people who suspect that there was a secret deal between Stalin and Dhinakaran to ensure the defeat of the AIADMK candidate.

During earlier elections, there was clarity of thought and ideas among the lead players. But the absence of Jayalalithaa and Karunanidhi has made the State look like a rudderless ship. Confusion, chaos and commotion mark the politics in Tamil Nadu. Yes, the Dravidian land is in search of a leader and an institution to sail through the troubled waters.

(This is the first part on Tamil Nadu politics to appear in this column.)

The age of environmental breakdown

India must focus on all elements of degradation and seek solutions that can fundamentally transform key social and economic systems and make them resilient to changing climate patterns



KOTA SRIRAJ

High incidence of climate-related events such as flash floods and droughts has increased dramatically over the past few decades. Nature-related flash-points are now assuming disturbing proportions and can be listed as a part of a pattern relating to the breakdown of the environment. Consequent changes in the environment at the national and international level have immense ramifications for indigenous societies and economies. Marked changes, for the worse, do not fail to register on the general public, who are scrambling to adjust to changing scenarios. But damage is still being done.

Nations across the world have failed to recognise that human

impacts on the environment have reached a critical stage and have the potential to erode conditions upon which socio-economic stability is dependent. Human-induced environmental change is occurring at an unprecedented rate and the window of opportunity to avoid catastrophic outcomes in societies around the world is closing rapidly. These outcomes include economic instability, large-scale involuntary migration, conflict, famine and the potential collapse of social and economic systems.

Historical disregard to environmental considerations in most areas of policy has been a catastrophic mistake and is now spawning undesirable dividends in the form of temperatures, which have risen to such an extent that the 20 warmest years on record have been in the past 22 years, with the past four years being exceptional. Coupled with this is the fact that vertebrate populations have fallen by an average of 60 per cent since the 1970s and more than 75 per cent of the Earth's land areas have been degraded substantially.



The fact that environmental breakdown is occurring in real-time is proven by the fact that since 2005, the number of floods across the world increased by 15 times, extreme temperature events by 20 times; and wildfires seven-fold. Wildlife extinction rates, on the other hand, have increased by 100-1,000 times. Apart from this, top soil is now being lost 10 to 40 times faster than it is being replenished by natural processes. And since the mid-20th century, 30 per cent of the world's arable land has become unproductive due to erosion; 95 per cent of the Earth's land areas

could become degraded by 2050. Even as these disconcerting developments are gaining momentum, measures to arrest the same are at best feeble. As environmental breakdown becomes more of a reality every passing day, complex natural systems are becoming more destabilised. Consequences of this destabilisation are manifesting in the form of extreme weather events and soil infertility, which in turn impact human systems from local to global levels. This process is already under way, damaging human health and driving forced migration and

conflict around the world. This phenomenon is set to accelerate as breakdown increases. Due to the high levels of complexity, the scale of breakdown and systemic nature of the problem, responding to the age of environmental breakdown may be the greatest challenge that humans have faced in their history.

The consequences of environmental breakdown will fall hardest on the poor, who are most vulnerable to its effects and least responsible for the problem. It is estimated that the poorest half of the global population are responsible for around 10 per cent of yearly global greenhouse gas emissions; with half of emissions attributed to the richest 10 per cent of people. Within rich countries, the wealthiest 10 per cent contribute far more to greenhouse gas emissions than other income groups. In the UK, for instance, per capita emissions of the wealthiest 10 per cent are up to five times higher than those of the bottom half. In addition, environmental breakdown interacts with other inequalities,

such as class, ethnicity and gender. This makes environmental breakdown a fundamental issue of justice.

There is an urgent need to see the environmental problems around us as a part of an evolving pattern in order to find a solution. This will help fast developing countries like India to avoid the ill effects of this breakdown. We must, hence, seek solutions that can fundamentally transform key social and economic systems and make them resilient to changing climate patterns. This will also make societies and communities at the grassroots level robust enough to face the increasingly severe consequences of the breakdown. Additionally, India must also rally the support of the world in fighting for the cause of global environment that has paid the price for growth of the developed nations. Degraded environment will take hundreds of years to recuperate. Hence, it's important to stop the environmental breakdown now.

(The writer is an environmental journalist)



FOREIGN EYE



INSECTS GO, WE GO

The threatened extinction of insect populations around the world raises the prospect of a much more general catastrophe, which would implicate plants, birds, fish, small mammals, and everything else that depends on insects. Other species, and we ourselves, depend on the animals and plants that need insects. When they go, we go. Insect biomass is decreasing around the world at 2.5% a year. Half the insects in the world will be gone in 50 years.

—The Guardian editorial

Lohani to take charge as AI chief for second time

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Government on Wednesday called back the retired technocrat Ashwani Lohani to head the cash-strapped national carrier Air India as chairman and managing director for a second time within two years.

Lohani, who will assume office on Thursday, headed the carrier from August 2017 to September 2017 when he was moved to the Railway Board as the chairman, from where he retired in December 2018. He is a 1980-batch IRSME (Indian Railway Service Mechanical Engineering) officer hailing from Madhya Pradesh.

"I will take charge tomorrow," Lohani told PTI over phone from New Delhi.

It was during his tenure that Air India made its first operating profit of ₹105 crore in FY17 since the merger of Indian Airlines and Air India in 2007. Earlier in the day, the Cabinet committee on appointments cleared his re-induction on a contract basis for one-year tenure.

"The appointments committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Ashwani Lohani to the post of chairman and managing direc-

tor of Air India on contract basis for one year or until further orders," the department of personnel and training said.

Lohani succeeds the 1985-batch Karnataka cadre IAS Pradeep Singh Kharola, who earlier this month was appointed as the civil aviation secretary following the superannuation of RN Choubey.

Lohani was appointed as the Railway Board chairman in August 2017 and retired in December 2018. He also headed ITDC and the Rail Museum in New Delhi, previously.

As the attempt to sell Air India, which has a debt pile of around ₹51,000 crore, came a cropper last May, the Modi Government is now working on many initiatives, including hiving off a significant chunk of its over ₹55,000-crore debt into an special purpose vehicle and selling 98 percent stake in the ground-handling arm AIATSL to turn around the ailing airline.



The carrier's net loss narrowed to ₹5,337 crore in FY18 from ₹6,281 crore a year ago, as per the latest Public Enterprises Survey 2017-18.

One of Lohani's first decisions as the Railway Board chairman was to ban gifts and ceremonial welcomes and farewells. He is also the man behind Train 18, the country's fastest train that will have its inaugural run from New Delhi to Varanasi on February 15.

As the Railways' senior-most bureaucrat, he was also part of the team that worked on the Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train project.

As the head of both the Railways as well as Air India, he was able to bridge the gap between his office and employees, using WhatsApp groups mostly, say those who have worked with him.

₹ snaps 6-day rise, settles 10 paise down

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Snapping its six-day winning run, the rupee on Wednesday settled 10 paise lower at 70.80 against the US dollar amid rising crude prices and heavy foreign fund outflows.

Forex traders said dollar buying by oil importers and strengthening of the greenback against major currencies overseas weighed on the domestic unit.

At the Interbank Foreign Exchange (forex) market, the rupee opened on a strong footing at 70.48 and rose further to touch the day's high of 70.40.

However, it pared the initial gains and finally closed at 70.80 per dollar, down by 10 paise against its previous close.

The rupee had surged 48 paise to end at a one-month high of 70.70 against the US dollar Tuesday. In the last six trading sessions, the rupee had gained a hefty 110 paise.

"Dollar buying by the state-run banks on behalf of oil importers has dragged the rupee lower from the day's high of 70.40," HDFC Securities Head, PCG and

Capital Markets Strategy, V K Sharma said.

Sharma further noted that crude oil prices are on an uptrend on expectation of lower supply by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and this could also weigh on the domestic currency in the short term.

Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, was trading at \$63.46 per barrel, higher by 1.67 per cent.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.09 per cent to 96.79.

Extending its fall for the fifth consecutive session, the BSE Sensex gave up early gains to end 120 points lower Wednesday. In similar movement, the NSE Nifty fell below 10,800 and settled 37.75 points, or 0.35 per cent, lower at 10,793.65.

Foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) sold shares worth a net ₹76.63 crore, while domestic institutional investors (DIIs) bought equities to the tune of ₹713.10 crore Wednesday, provisional data showed.

GST Act violation: HC dismisses advance bail pleas

PTI ■ CHENNAI

Observing that the Central Goods and Services Act was enacted with the laudable object of "one country one tax", the Madras High Court on Tuesday dismissed the anticipatory bail applications filed by nine persons apprehending arrest under the provisions of the Act.

Justice Anand Venkatesh, in his order, said, "Where the accused persons are charged of violations of the CGST Act, involving colossal loss of revenue to the exchequer and the investigation is at a very nascent stage, prudence demands that this court should lay off its hands from investigation and allow complete independence to the prosecuting agency to proceed further with the investigation."

According to the prosecution, various organised firms and people have involved themselves in issuing fake invoices, without actual supply of goods or services, and are also receiving fake invoices without receipt of goods and availing input tax credit to cheat the exchequer.

In the present case, the companies concerned had involved in issuing fake invoices without the supply of goods and received fake invoices without receipt of goods and thereby, committed offences under the CGST Act, 2017, it said.

Operators can't charge TV viewers more than current monthly outgo under: TRAI



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Telecom regulator TRAI on Wednesday asserted that operators cannot charge TV viewers more than their usual monthly outgo under the 'best fit plan' to be offered during the transition period, and cautioned that the regulator will take action on any such complaint.

"TRAI has clearly asked distribution platform owners (DPOs) to ensure that for consumers, the monthly outgo under the best fit plan should not exceed the payout per month of existing plan of the subscriber," TRAI Secretary SK Gupta told PTI.

Gupta said Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) is monitoring the situation and will take action on consumer complaints, if any, on

the issue.

"TRAI has directed DPOs to give best fit plan to customers who have not exercised their option as of now, in order to protect their interest and ensure that they do not face any inconvenience," Gupta said.

The regulator had Tuesday extended the timeline for consumers to make their channel preferences till March 31, 2019.

TRAI had said that the best fit plan should be designed based on consumers' usage pattern and language spoken.

The regulator had said that subscribers will be free to change their best fit plan at any date and time on or before March 31, 2019 and the DPO will convert their best fit plan into a desired pack (opted by the consumer) within 72 hours of subscribers making their channel preferences known.

INDIAN POWER STATIONS 2019 COMMEMORATES 36 YEARS OF OPERATIONS BY NTPC LTD

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Union Power Minister, RK Singh on Wednesday said "The power sector is witnessing an increased demand which is further expected to go up in the near future. The current consumption of 1200 units per capita is expected to grow 2-

3 times at par with the international consumption after each and every individual of the country has access to electricity."

RK Singh was addressing the Indian Power Stations 2019, an international operation and maintenance conference organised annually by NTPC.

Ghoshn shakes up legal team from Japanese cell

AFP ■ TOKYO

Former Nissan boss Carlos Ghosn on Wednesday shook up his top legal team as

he vowed to prove his innocence and defend himself with vigour against charges of financial misconduct.

In the latest twist to a saga that has gripped Japan and the business world since his stunning arrest in November, Ghosn confirmed in a statement from his detention centre that he had hired a new lead counsel.

He replaced former prosecutor Motonari Otsuru with hot-shot lawyer Junichiro Hironaka, who has a history of taking on high-profile cases and enjoys an enviable acquittal rate in a country where almost every trial results in a guilty verdict.

"I look forward to defending myself vigorously, and this represents the beginning of the process of not only establishing my innocence but also shedding light on the circumstances that led to my unjust detention," said Ghosn, 64.

Earlier Otsuru's firm issued a brief statement saying only that he and another lawyer had "submitted letters of resignation to the court as the defence lawyers for the case of Mr. Ghosn".

The surprise shake-up came on the eve of an expected first meeting between the Tokyo District Court, prosecutors, and defence lawyers to discuss the outlines of Ghosn's eventual trial.

Ghosn thanked Otsuru and his team for their "tireless and diligent work and courage during the interrogation phase of my incar-

ceration" and hailed his former counsel as a "very capable and intelligent man and lawyer".

The Franco-Lebanese-Brazilian tycoon has languished in a Tokyo detention centre since November 19 on three charges of financial misconduct and has seen two bail requests refused, with the court judging him a flight risk.

In an interview with AFP and France's Les Echos last month, he slammed his ongoing detention, saying that the refusal to free him "would not be normal in any other democracy." He faces charges that he under-reported his income between 2010 and 2015 to the tune of five billion yen (\$46 million) and continued to do so for a further three years.

Ghosn also stands accused of a complex scheme to try to pass off personal foreign exchange losses to Nissan and using company funds to reimburse a Saudi contact who stumped up collateral for him.

He told AFP in January that the allegations against him and his arrest were "a story of betrayal," insisting "there is not one yen that I have received that was not reported".

Speaking outside his office, Hironaka, 73, confirmed that he had been asked to join the legal team after consulting with the tycoon and his family. "I believe he (Ghosn) remains consistent about fighting," Hironaka said.

Used cooking oil may be made mandatory feedstock for biofuel

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan Wednesday said the Government is considering mandating biofuel from used cooking oil as advanced biofuel which can be blended with biodiesel.

The Government has set a target of 20 percent blending of ethanol with gasoline and 5 percent blending of biodiesel with diesel by 2030 under the biofuel policy.

"We have set a target of blending 5 percent of biodiesel with diesel by 2030. But today the biggest challenge is availability of the feedstock. We have recognised the hazards of used cooking oil and also realised that it can be used as feedstock for biodiesel."

"This will help us meet the demand for feedstock to some extent," he said while inaugurating a facility that converts used cooking oil into biodiesel.

The facility at the Midc estate in Nerul, near here is set up by Muenzer Bharat, the local subsidiary of the Austrian clean energy major Muenzer Bioindustrie Gmb, which is the largest player in this segment in the Central Europe. The company was set up in 2016.

Admitting that unlike European nations, we do not have any regulations for used cooking oil (UCO), Pradhan said "we, however, are now taking various measures in this regard and hope that with these initiatives we can generate nearly 2 million tonne of feedstock for biodiesel."

NLCIL LIGNITE PRODUCTION GROWS 60.97 LT

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Lignite production in the Lcurrent quarter ending on 31st December, 2018 is 60.97 LT compared to 63.05 LT in the corresponding period of 2017-18. Lignite production was restricted to requirements for power generation and outside sale. Power sale in the current quarter ending on 31st December 2018 is 5430.78 MU as against 4992.37 MU in the corresponding period of previous year registering a growth of about 9%.

Profit after tax for the period for current quarter ended 31st December 2018 is ₹329.49 crore compared to ₹313.80 crore in the corresponding period of previous year, registering a growth of about 5% over the corresponding period of previous year.

FILM FEDERATION SEEKS GOI SUPPORT TO REALIZE INDUSTRY'S FULL POTENTIAL

New Delhi: Film Federation of India proposes a formula for a reinforced PPP (Public Private Partnership) with GOI (Government of India) towards boosting footfalls in cinema houses, creating more jobs, realising the industry's true potential as a contributor to the national economy and expanding its footprint and strengthening its presence in India and across the world. PNS

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EXTRACT OF THE STANDALONE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER/ NINE MONTHS ENDED 31.12.2018 (Rs. in Lacs)					
S. No.	Particulars	STANDALONE			
		Quarter Ended 31.12.2018 Unaudited	Nine Months Ended 31.12.2018 Unaudited	Quarter Ended 31.12.2017 Unaudited	Year Ended 31.03.2018 Audited
1.	Total Income from Operations	30.87	101.20	47.93	254.99
2.	Net Profit/(Loss) from Ordinary Activities for the Period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(20.53)	(11.33)	28.89	212.43
3.	Net Profit/(Loss) from Ordinary Activities for the Period before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(20.53)	(11.33)	28.89	212.43
4.	Net Profit/(Loss) from Ordinary Activities for the Period after Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(26.87)	(31.27)	18.00	157.30
5.	Equity Share Capital (Face Value of Rs.10/-)	222.39	222.39	222.39	222.39
6.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves as shown in the Balance sheet of previous year)				2389.39
7.	Earning Per Share (EPS) Face value of Rs.10/- each, (from Continuing and discontinued operations) Basic & Diluted	(1.21)	(1.41)	0.81	7.07

NOTE : The above is an extract of the detailed format of the Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure requirements) Regulation 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange website i.e. www.bseindia.com and Company's website : <http://www.owmnahar.com/kovalam/investor.php>

For Kovalam Investment and Trading Co. Ltd. Sd/- (PAWAN KUMAR SHARMA) DIRECTOR (DIN : 07163131)

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Extract of Standalone Unaudited Results for the Quarter Ended 31/12/2018 (Rs. in lakhs)							
Particulars	Previous year ended	Quarter ended		Nine Months ended			
		3 months ended	Preceding 3 months ended	Year to date figures for current period ended	Year to date figures for the previous year ended		
		(31.12.2018)	(30.09.2018)	(31.12.2017)	(31.12.2017)		
Total Income from operatin (Net)		5463.38	2582.63	4659.67	10577.31	7719.76	9973.52
Net Profit / (Loss)for the period before Tax and Exceptional items		213.66	90.19	232.74	367.34	336.35	386.86
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax and after Exceptional items		213.66	90.19	232.74	367.34	336.35	386.86
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax and Exceptional items		177.24	74.92	186.15	304.94	256.94	245.74
Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]		177.24	74.92	186.15	304.94	256.94	250.70
Equity Share Capital (Face value Rs 10 each)		1025.98	1025.98	1025.98	1025.98	1025.98	1025.98
Other equity		-	-	-	-	-	2608.26
Earnings per share for discontinued & continuing operations (of Rs. 10/-each):							
(a) Basic		1.73	0.73	1.81	2.97	2.50	2.40
(b) Diluted		1.73	0.73	1.81	2.97	2.50	2.40

Notes:

- The above results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their respective meetings held on February 12, 2019.
- The standalone results have been prepared in accordance with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 (Ind AS) prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 and other recognised accounting practices and policies to the extent applicable.
- The company is engaged in the blankets business, therefore, there is only one reportable segment as defined in Ind AS- 108. Hence segment reporting is not applicable to the company.
- The blankets business is seasonal in nature and accordingly financial results for the quarter are not representative of the whole year.
- Previous year/ quarter figures have been regrouped wherever required.
- The above is an extract of the detailed format of the standalone financial results for Quarter and nine months ended 31st December 2018, filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the same is available on the website of the Stock Exchange (www.bseindia.com) and on Company's website (www.prakashwoollen.com)

By Order of The Board For Prakash Woollen & Synthetic Mills Limited Sd/- Vijay Kumar Gupta Whole Time Director & CFO Place : Village Amhera (Amroha) Date : 12-02-2019 DIN: 00335320

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Extract of Statement of Standalone Un-audited Financial Results for the quarter and nine months ended on December 31, 2018 (Rs. In Lacs)					
SI No.	Particulars	Quarter ended	Nine Months ended	Corresponding 3 months ended in the previous year	Year Ended
		31-12-18 Un-audited	31-12-18 Un-audited	31-12-17 Un-audited	31.03.2018 Audited
1	Total Income from operations	-	3.04	1.45	10.21
2	Net (Loss) for the period (Before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	-4.46	-17.99	-4.54	-26.51
3	Net (Loss) for the period Before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	-4.46	-17.99	-4.54	-27.29
4	Net (Loss) for the period After Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(4.45)	(17.95)	(4.53)	(27.27)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising (Loss) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(4.45)	(17.95)	(4.53)	(27.27)
6	Equity Share Capital	400.05	400.05	400.05	400.05
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet as shown in the previous year				10.89
8	Earning Per Share (of Rs.10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)				
	(a) Basic and Diluted EPS (in Rs.)	(0.11)	(0.45)	(0.11)	(0.68)
	(b) Basic and Diluted EPS (in Rs.)	(0.11)	(0.45)	(0.11)	(0.68)

Note: The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly and nine month results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Results are available on the Stock Exchange Website (www.cse-india.com and www.bseindia.com) and Company's website www.sparklingfinshares.com.

FOR SPARKLING (INDIA) FINSHARES LIMITED Sd/- (Cheruku Sagarika) Director Date : February 13, 2019 Place : New Delhi DIN: 07167996

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INVITATION FOR TENDERS

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E-Tender Notice No. 117/2018-19

Short Tender Notice

Online Item Rate tenders in B1 Form are invited by the Executive Engineer, Public Works Division No. 1, Nagpur for the following work form experienced Contractor. It is not necessary that the Contractor should be registered with P.W.D. The name of work, estimated cost, time limit for completion etc. are as under.

Sr. No	Name of work	Estimated cost (Rs. In lakh)	Cost of Blank Tender Form	Time limit in Tender (Calendar Months)
1	Construction and Widening of Kelibagh Road, Gandhi Putala Reshimbagh Chouk Via Tulshibagh in Taluka Nagpur and District Nagpur (Kelibagh road Work in Nagpur City)	4660.22	3360/-	18 (Eighteen) Month

- Detailed tender notice can be seen on web sit www.mahapwd.com and <https://mahatenders.gov.in>.
- Detailed tender notice can be seen on the Notice Board in the office of the undersigned.
- Right is reserved to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
- In this Tender Notice, Tender downloading, Tender opening etc information available on web site.
- The bidder shall submit the hard copy of tender document (Technical and financial Envelope) in sealed envelope with in 3 days from last date of submission at the office of tender opening authority.

Sd/- Executive Engineer P. W. Dn. No.1 Nagpur DGIPR/2018/2019/6709

Sensex drops 120 points in late selloff; bank, auto stocks drag

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Extending its fall for the fifth consecutive session, the BSE Sensex gave up early gains to end 120 points lower on Wednesday, as investors booked profits in banking, auto, metal and pharma stocks in the last hour of trade.

The index finally ended 119.51 points, or 0.33%, lower at 36,034.11. The gauge had lost over 720 points in the previous four days. In similar movement, the NSE Nifty fell below 10,800 and settled the day 37.75 points, or 0.35%, down at 10,793.65 after shutting between 10,891.65 and 10,772.10 during the day.

Top losers included ONGC, SBI, PowerGrid, L&T, Yes Bank, Asian Paints, Bajaj Finance, Maruti and NTPC, falling up to 2.84%. On the other hand, gains included Tata Motors, TCS, HDFC, HCL Tech, Infosys, ITC, HDFC Bank and HUL, rising up to 2.18%.

Sectorally, BSE bankex, auto, metal and healthcare indices ended up to 1.1 per cent lower. Tracking overall trends, the broader markets too faced selling pressure as the BSE midcap index fell 0.52%, and smallcap index shed 0.38%.

Skechers buys out Future Group's 49% stake in Indian JV

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Skechers USA has bought out Kishore Biyani-led Future Group's 49% stake in its Indian joint venture (JV) for an undisclosed sum. With this, Skechers India has become a wholly-owned subsidiary of the American footwear major.

QUARTERLY RESULTS

ADANI TRANSMISSION'S Q3 PROFIT DROPS 77.52% TO ₹189.22 CRORE

Adani Transmission on Wednesday reported a 77.52% drop in its consolidated net profit at ₹189.22 crore in the quarter ended on December 31, 2018, mainly due to higher base last fiscal on account of factoring in one-time income of ₹742 crore. The company's consolidated net profit was ₹841.88 crore in the third quarter last fiscal, the company said in a statement.

ter last fiscal, Bharat Forge said in a regulatory filing. Total income during the quarter under review stood at ₹1,740.37 crore as against ₹1,412.47 crore in the year-ago period, it added.

RENAISSANCE JEWELLERY Q3 NET PROFIT UP 27% TO ₹37.59 CRORE

Renaissance Jewellery on Wednesday posted 27% jump in consolidated net profit at ₹37.59 crore for the December 2018 quarter. The company had posted a net profit of ₹29.6 crore in the year-ago period, the company said in a statement.

BOSCH Q3 NET PROFIT RISES 19.34% ₹335.37 CRORE

Auto component maker Bosch on Wednesday reported 19.34% rise in standalone net profit at ₹335.37 crore for the third quarter ended December 31, 2018. The company had posted a standalone net profit of ₹281.01 crore in the year-ago quarter, Bosch said in a regulatory filing.

BHARAT FORGE Q3 PROFIT UP 36% AT ₹310 CRORE

Auto component major Bharat Forge on Wednesday reported 35.79% increase in standalone net profit at ₹309.83 crore for the third quarter ended December 31, 2018. The company had reported a profit of ₹228.17 crore in the same quarter last fiscal.

RUCHI SOYA Q3 NET PROFIT AT ₹6.29 CR

Crisis-hit Ruchi Soya, which is facing insolvency proceedings, on Wednesday reported a net profit of ₹6.29 crore for the third quarter of the 2018-19 fiscal. The company had posted a net loss of ₹1,956.59 crore in the same quarter of the previous fiscal, according to a regulatory filing.

Natural gas price to be hiked by 10% for ONGC, Reliance

New Delhi (PTI): In a boost to firms like ONGC and Reliance Industries, the government is likely to raise the price of domestically produced natural gas by over 10% to over USD 3.72 per million British thermal unit with effect from April 1, sources in know of the development said.

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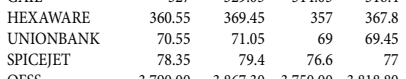
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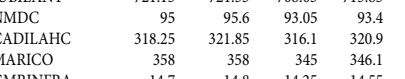
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GLOBE TROTTER

SAUDI CROWN PRINCE TO VISIT PAKISTAN ON FEB 16
Islamabad: Pakistan on Wednesday said that Saudi Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman will arrive in Islamabad on Saturday on a 2-day visit during which a number of agreements would be signed.

DRUG LORD 'EL CHAPO' CONVICTED BY NY JURY
New York: Mexican mobster Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman has been convicted of crimes spanning a quarter-century in a trial that laid bare his lavish lifestyle and penchant for extreme violence as head of one of the world's most powerful gangs.

KENYAN, 4 FOREIGNERS KILLED IN PLANE CRASH
Nairobi: A Kenyan pilot, 4 foreigners have died after a small plane carrying them from Kenya's Maasai Mara nature reserve crashed in the west of the country, police said on Wednesday.

'UPSKIRTING' BECOMES CRIMINAL OFFENCE IN UK
London: Upskirting, which involves offenders taking a picture under a person's clothing without their knowledge, has now become a criminal offence in the UK after an 18-month campaign.

Russia's Lavrov warns Pompeo against US using force in Venezuela

AFP ■ MOSCOW

'Lavrov has warned against all interference in Venezuela's domestic affairs including the use of force threatened by Washington and which is in violation of international law'

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov has warned his US counterpart Mike Pompeo against any American interference, including using force, in Venezuela which is facing a major leadership crisis.

"Lavrov has warned against all interference in Venezuela's domestic affairs including the use of force threatened by Washington and which is in violation of international law," the Russian Foreign Ministry said in a statement Tuesday.

"He is ready for talks regarding the Venezuelan issue in line with UN principles," it added.

The remarks came after US President Donald Trump reaffirmed earlier this month that military intervention in Venezuela was "an option," as international pressure ramped up on embattled head of state Nicolas Maduro to step down.

Maduro is facing a challenge from Opposition leader Juan Guaido who declared

himself acting president in January.

Taking his authority from the constitution National Assembly leader Guaido views Maduro's reelection last year, in a poll widely viewed as fraudulent, as illegitimate.

He is trying to force the socialist leader from power so he can set up a transitional government and hold new presidential elections.

The European Union and a group of European and Latin American ministers have called for a fresh presidential election, but Maduro has rejected the suggestion.

The US has presented a draft resolution to the UN Security Council calling for international aid deliveries and new presidential elections.

Venezuelans have faced shortages of basic necessities such as food and medicines as the economy went into meltdown under Maduro's leadership.

Some 2.3 million Venezuelans have fled since 2015, as hyperinflation rendered salaries and savings worthless.

US aid has been piling up in Colombia at the border with Venezuela but until now the bridge border crossing has been barricaded by the military, under Maduro's orders.

But the president denies there is a humanitarian crisis and has branded the whole affair a "political show" and a pretext for a US-led invasion.

The Venezuelan military meanwhile announced it had started conducting exercises, set to run until Friday, to "reinforce the country's defensive capacity."

China most significant threat to US: Experts

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

With its "unprecedented military build up and predatory economics", China poses the most significant, long-term strategic threat to the United States, top American Senators and commanders told a Senate panel.

They made the deposition on Tuesday while seeking a mechanism to address the challenge from the east Asian nation.

"China represents the greatest long-term strategic threat to a Free and Open Indo-Pacific and to the United States," said US Indo-Pacific Command chief Adm Phillips Davidson, while testifying before the Senate's Armed Services Committee during a Congressional hearing.

Through fear and economic pressure, Beijing is working to expand its form of Communist-Socialist ideology in order to bend, break, and replace the existing rules-based

international order," he alleged.

"In its place, Beijing seeks to create a new international order led by China and with Chinese characteristics — an outcome that displaces the stability and peace of the Indo-Pacific that has endured for over 70 years," he told the Senators.

In remarks that they made over Davidson's deposition, the Senators too appeared to be on the same page and asked the US Government to take a strong stand on these issues.

"China presents the most significant, long-term strategic threat that this country has faced in many, many years. China's Belt and Road Initiative has left several countries, notably Sri Lanka and Malaysia, severely indebted to China," said Senator Jack Reed, Ranking Member of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Beijing, he alleged, often targets corrupt local Governments that personally profit from inflated loans that

leave their state treasuries bankrupt and beholden to Chinese President Xi Jinping's administration.

"It is an economic initiative with significant national security implications for the United States. Countering Chinese aggression globally requires to rely on our partners and allies to a greater degree in the decades to come," he said.

Davidson told the Senators that the US is working to help ASEAN in this discussion about code of conduct negotiations with China.

"China has essentially delivered a draft that dictates to those ASEAN nations when and where and who they would sail with in the South China Sea," he said.

"Helping them protect the international freedom of the seas and airspace that have been long established in maritime law that the United States and others have fought for over the centuries is quite important," he added.

China wants a deal with US very badly: Trump

Washington: Amid the ongoing Beijing visit of a high-powered US delegation led by its Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer to hammer out a deal with the Chinese, President Donald Trump has said China wants a trade deal with the United States very badly.

"Things are going well with China. China wants to make a deal very badly. I want it to be a real deal, not just a deal that makes (it) — you know, cosmetically look good for a year. We have a chance to make a real deal with China," Trump told reporters Tuesday after his Cabinet meeting at the White House.

A high-powered American delegation led by Lighthizer is currently in China for negotiations with his Chinese counterparts on a bilateral trade deal, which, the US says, needs to bring down the bilateral trade deficit, stop Chinese theft of intellectual property and end coercion of American companies in China. **PTI**

Trump not 'thrilled' with border deal

Govt shutdown seems unlikely

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump has said he was not "thrilled" by a border security deal reached by a bipartisan group of lawmakers but appeared to express openness to the agreement to avert another Government shutdown, suggesting that he will find sources of money for his

controversial border wall other than Congress.

Democrats and Republicans have struck a deal to offer \$1.375 billion for 88.5 kilometers of new barriers along the southern border, as well as other border security measures to avert another crippling Government shutdown over Trump's wall along the US-Mexico border.

The funding offer is far less than the \$5.7 billion Trump demanded late last year when he triggered a record partial Government shutdown that

'Will be getting almost USD 23 BILLION for Border Security. Regardless of Wall money, it is being built as we speak'

lasted 35 days. Building a wall along the US-Mexico border is a campaign promise of the 72-year-old Republican President.

Trump said that he is looking at getting USD 23 billion for border security from various sources.

"We'll be getting almost USD 23 BILLION for Border Security. Regardless of Wall money, it is being built as we speak!" Trump tweeted as the lawmakers entered into the agreement to prevent another

government shutdown after February 15.

"Was just presented the concept and parameters of the Border Security Deal by hard working Senator Richard Shelby. Looking over all aspects knowing that this will be hooked up with lots of money from other sources..." Trump said, indicating that he will be bringing money for the border wall from other sources as well.

Earlier in the day, during a Cabinet meeting, Trump said the wall is being built.

"We're doing a lot of wall right now. Just started a big portion of the wall in the Rio Grande Valley, which is now the biggest area for people coming in. We've sealed up a lot

of the areas where people come in," he said. Referring to the deal among lawmakers on the border security, he said he is not happy with it.

"I can't say I'm happy. I can't say I'm thrilled. But the wall is getting built, regardless. It doesn't matter. Because we're doing other things beyond what we're talking about here. So we'll see what happens," he told reporters.

"The Democrats want everybody to be able to come into our country. We have many criminals. When you look at the numbers of criminals that are nabbed," he said and accused the Democrats of being "obstructionists".

Philippine agents arrest journalist critical of president

AP ■ MANILA

The award-winning head of a Philippine online news site that has aggressively covered President Rodrigo Duterte's policies was arrested Wednesday by Government agents in a libel case.

Maria Ressa, who was selected by Time magazine as one of its Persons of the Year last year, was arrested over a libel complaint from a businessman which Amnesty International has condemned



as "brazenly politically motivated." Duterte's Government says the arrest was a normal step in response to the complaint.

Rappler Inc., the news site which Ressa heads, said

National Bureau of Investigation agents served the warrant and she was escorted from the Rappler office to NBI headquarters.

"We are not intimidated. No amount of legal cases, black propaganda, and lies can silence Filipino journalists who continue to hold the line," Ressa said in a statement. "These legal acrobatics show how far the Government will go to silence journalists, including the pettiness of forcing me to spend the night in jail."

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CONSTRUCTION & REPLACEMENT OF ESCALATOR
 Tender Notice for e-tendering is invited by Principal Chief Engineer, Metro Railway for and on behalf of the President of India for the following work:
 (1) Name of work: Construction of escalator pit by penetrating RCC Raft and other ancillary civil engineering works in connection with provision of 03 nos. escalators from mezzanine to surface at Esplanade Station (i.e. at Molsisi Gate, Peerless South Gate and S.N. Banerjee Road Gate) and 01 no. of escalator from platform to mezzanine at Shyambazar South End including replacement of 15 nos. escalators at different stations of Metro Railway, Kolkata. (2) Tender Value (Rs.): 1,44,20,296/-. (3) Cost of tender document (Rs.): 5,000/- (4) Earnest Money (Rs.): 2,22,200/-. (5) Completion Period: 12 Months. (6) Date of Closing: 19.03.2019 at 12.00 hrs. The Tender Document and other details can be obtained from the website: www.ireps.gov.in. The bidding for the tender is to be submitted only through e-tendering on above website. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any manual offer, if received shall not be accepted and will be summarily rejected.
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 Ph: 0135-2538330, email: diritda-uk@nic.in
 Ref: 1381/ITDA-630/2019 Dated: 13.02.2019
Corrigendum-1
 Please refer Tender Notice No. 10/ITDA-630/2019 dated 08/01/2019 for Selection of Service Provider for Providing Project Management Cell (PMC) for Uttarakhand State Data Centre. In this regards the following dates has been amended:
 1. The last date for submission of bid is extended to 21/2/2019 at 1.00 PM.
 2. The date of opening of PQ/Technical Bid is extended to 21/2/2019 at 3.00 PM at ITDA Office.
 Director ITDA reserves the right to cancel the tender at any point of time, without assigning any reason thereof.
 DIRECTOR

SEARCH FOR MISSING

 General Public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Aarti D/o Digamber Paswan R/o H.No. K-9/175, Behind SBI Bank Rithala, Delhi Age- 16 years Height-4'9", Face: Round, Complexion- Sallow, Wearing: Blue colour Top & Jeans and Juti in her feet is missing since 21.09.2018 from the area of P.S. Vijay Vihar, Delhi. In this regard a FIR No. 606/18 U/s 363 IPC dated 22.09.2018 has been Lodged at P.S. Vijay Vihar, Delhi.**
 Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this girl please inform undersigned.
 E-mail : cbc@cbl.gov.in SHO
 Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 P.S. Vijay Vihar, Delhi.
 Fax : 011-24368639 Ph.: 011-27052772, 27052773
 DP/2474/RD/19 8750870329

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED
(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)
 Whereas complaint has been made before me that **Digamber Singh S/o Sh. Vijay Singh R/o Village Kondal Faridabad, HR and Village Doulatabad Distt. Gurgaon, HR** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 99/06 u/s 354 IPC PS Kanjhawala, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Digamber Singh** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Digamber Singh** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).
 Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Digamber Singh of FIR No. 99/06 u/s 354 IPC PS Kanjhawala, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 27.03.2019.
 By Order
Ms. Riya Guha
Ld. Metropolitan Magistrate-02(N)
Room No. 104, Rohini Courts, Delhi
 DP/2485/RD/19

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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE UN- AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018 (Amount in Lacs)

Sl. No.	Particulars	STANDALONE				
		QUARTER ENDED		NINE MONTHS ENDED		YEAR ENDED
		Dec 31, 2018	Dec 31, 2017	Dec 31, 2018	Dec 31, 2017	March 31, 2018
		(Un Audited)	(Un Audited)	(Un Audited)	(Un Audited)	(Audited)
1.	Total Income from operations (Net)	134.94	143.91	389.57	432.89	592.59
2.	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period (before Tax and Exceptional items)	(349.60)	(653.12)	387.75	(623.19)	(181.35)
3.	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the Period before Tax (after Exceptional Items)	(349.60)	(653.12)	387.75	1,427.11	1,868.95
4.	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the Period after Tax (after Exceptional Items)	(349.60)	(653.12)	387.75	1,157.15	(284.08)
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (after Tax)	(504.65)	(500.02)	548.24	1,190.14	(263.41)
6.	Equity Share Capital (Face value of share is Rs. 10/- each)	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A
8.	Earnings per share (EPS) (of Rs. 10/- each) (Not Annualised)					
	(a) Basic and Diluted EPS (before Exceptional Items) (in Rs.)	(1.40)	(2.61)	1.55	(3.57)	(7.05)
	(b) Basic and Diluted EPS (after Exceptional Items) (in Rs.)	(1.40)	(2.61)	1.55	4.62	(1.13)

NOTE:
 1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/ Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulations 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/ Annual Financial Results are available on the stock exchange website, www.nseindia.com, www.bseindia.com and on the Company website www.modirubberlimited.com.
 2. The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their respective meeting held on February 13th, 2019. The Statutory Auditors of the Company have carried out a limited review of the aforesaid results.
 3. Previous quarter/ nine months figures have been rearranged and / or regrouped, wherever necessary, to make them comparable with those of the current quarter/ nine months.

Place : New Delhi
 Date : 13th February, 2019

By order of the Board
 Sd/-
 (Alok Kumar Modi)
 Managing Director

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Extract of Unaudited Ind AS Financial Results for the Quarter & NINE MONTHS ended on 31st December, 2018
(Standalone Financial Results under Regulation 47(1)(B) Of Listing Regulations) (₹ in lakh)

Sl No	Particulars	Quarter Ended		Nine months Ended		Year Ended	
		31.12.18	30.09.18	31.12.17	31.12.18	31.12.17	31.03.18
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
1	Total Income from Operations.	3927.64	3983.00	3665.58	11928.87	10620.31	13512.98
2	Profit before Interest, Depreciation & Taxes (EBITDA)	467.55	358.67	294.62	1179.09	894.79	1339.67
3	Net Profit for the Period (before Tax and Exceptional Items)	327.97	217.64	182.03	766.03	513.48	821.54
4	Net Profit for the Period before Tax (after Exceptional Items)	327.97	217.08	215.48	765.47	514.72	809.77
5	Net Profit for the period after Tax (after Exceptional Items)	236.73	156.53	143.51	552.36	340.14	536.83
6	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [(Comprising Profit) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	236.73	156.53	143.51	552.36	340.14	536.40
7	Equity Share Capital	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00
8	Reserves	3970.04	3733.32	3191.07	3970.04	3191.07	3417.68
9	Earnings Per Share (of ₹10/- each)	2.09	1.38	1.27	4.88	3.00	4.73
	Basic & Diluted:						

Notes :
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 sd/- (J. K. GARG)
CHAIRMAN & MANAGING DIRECTOR
 Sonapat, 12th February 2019

SEARCH FOR MISSING

 General public is hereby informed that one female (depicted in the photo) namely **Vandana, W/o Sahil, R/o Gali No. 4, Bhim Colony, Bakhtawar Pur, Delhi,** has been missing since Dated 02.10.2018. In this regard a D.D. No. 46-A, Dated 03.10.2018 has been registered at Police Station - Alipur, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-
Age: 19 years, Complexion: Wheatish, Height: 5'3", Face: Round, Clothing: Wearing pink colour Suit-Salwar and plastic Chappal in feet.
 Any person is having any information/Clue about this missing female, may inform undersigned.
 Website: http://cbl.nic.in
 E-mail: cbc@cbl.gov.in SHO
 Ph.: 011-24368639 P.S. Alipur, Delhi
 DP/2475/RD/19 Ph.: 011-27202290, 27202265

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

 General public is hereby informed that an **unidentified dead body of a male namely Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, was found from 03.02.2019 from at Kudesiya Ghat No. 1, Ghadiwala Park, Civil Lines, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 19-A, dated 03.02.2019 has been lodged at**
 Police Station, Civil Lines, New Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:
Name: Unknown, Age: 50 Years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Shallow, ID Mark: Tattoo Mark on the right hand written in English "A.K.S.", Wearing: Black Pant with brown Belt, Purple Shirt & Black Sweater.
 If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.
 SHO
Police Station, Civil Lines, Delhi
 DP/9650/N/19 Ph.: 011-23815444, 8750870127

Trend Blazer

Want to set an example: Vicky

Riding high on the success of *Uri: The Surgical Strike*, actor **VICKY KAUSHAL** says he has never cared about following the norms in the film world — whether it is for the protagonist's part, a secondary part or debuting with a film like *Masaan*.

The actor, whose next projects include **Karan Johar's** grand ensemble film *Takht*, believes in setting his journey as an example for others and not really to follow others' journey. Asked what makes him a game changer, Vicky said, "I guess following my gut and not really going by the rules of the book. As an actor, I have not really been stuck up with the kind of work that people around me are doing."



'I am having a great time while filming Kabir Singh. I think the film is very special and Arjun Reddy (Telugu film) was amazing. It's very stressful working on a remake, especially when it's iconic and has been loved so much. I am playing a very challenging role. It releases on June 21 and I am super excited.'
—Shahid Kapoor



Actress **VAANI KAPOOR** said that she wants to show her versatility as an actress in her forthcoming films.

Talking about how she wants to see herself on-screen, the *Befikre* actress said, "I want to show my versatility as an actress in my films. In both my forthcoming films, whether it is *Shamshera* or the one where I am sharing screen space with Hrithik Roshan and Tiger Shroff, both are very different roles and stories. As an actress, I want to live many lives. So, I hope people can see me in a different avatar."



Roma star faced discrimination

Roma star **YALITZA APARICIO** says she has faced discrimination because of the colour of her skin. She said, "I felt it quite strongly. I've been discriminated against because of the colour of my skin. When I was a kid, I wasn't allowed into certain groups, for example. Also, my mother works in a house. Sometimes people didn't see her work as dignified, and that was hard." The first-time Oscar nominee was planning to pursue a career as a school-teacher when she auditioned for Alfonso Cuarón's film *Roma*, which tackled the discrimination she endured growing up in Mexico. She is glad that she did the film.



SIGNATURE HOMES

A walk at the India Design Fair threw up new trends that will change the way we look at our living spaces in a blatantly customised manner. By **AYUSHI SHARMA**

Price consciousness and not mindless extravagance, organic paints, tribal and folk motifs on wallpapers, gender-neutral kids' rooms and adapting the world to our confines rather than bending backwards to look European...the way we live is about to undergo a radical change as we have come to terms with our identity and put an individual stamp in our rooms and outdoors.

Decor lovers are constantly revamping their homes and thankfully every year, there are new trends to consider and go for. The seventh edition of the annual India Design Fair brings together more than 135 exhibitors from India as well as abroad under one roof to showcase new collections and the fluidity of designs which has ensured that our homes are an extension of high art. Day one had speakers on various panels running parallel to the show, such as Gauri Khan with Regis Mathieu, Yoko Shizumu from Japan, founder of innovation studio Lab +1e, Austrian architect and designer Chris Precht, co-founder of Penda and founder of Precht and Partners. The discussions ranged from sustainable urban planning to bio-designs. Meanwhile, a paint company chose the colour of the year as 'Awakening' — a shade of plum, alive with the dynamism of being woke. The dignity and power of purple fused with the humility of brown, personifying the strength to stand up when it matters, and to dig in your heels with confidence. It initiated a dialogue towards sustainability and nature. And also of Indianness.

GREEN IS THE COLOUR
Walking across the three pavilions, there were a number of podiums displaying all moods a room can have through a variety of colours. However, one of the most striking turned out to be shades of green. It spoke of how the colour has been a significant trend for the interiors as well as in regional fashion over the past two years.

Austrian architect and designer Chris Precht talked about the sustainable architecture and how the design incorporates urban farming on the roof of each installation. He reasoned that an increase in the demand of green colour has come due to a collective desire for more greenery and connection with nature. He pointed out, "Many city dwellers feel that it's because of increasing pollution and deteriorating air quality index. With the introduction of more plants and flowers, balcony and micro-gardens in apartments as well as the popular 'green vertical walls,' this concept is here to stay."

The designer, who himself carries a

highly-sustainable approach when it comes to giving shape to his exterior ideas, by using bamboo to build walls and living spaces, said, "The rooftops can be used for planting food for the owners. In addition to fresh and healthy food, plants on the roof are also used for energy consumption and conservation. They cool down the space and reduce greenhouse gas. The roof can also be used to place solar energy equipment for electricity and irrigation channels through which rainwater can be collected and distributed within the building."

While 2017 saw a rise in the use of green across interior design, the trend master pointed out how it graduated to a deeper forest green since last year. According to interior experts at the fair, "There is a possibility that 2019 will continue to develop this experimentation further with a mix of natural green hues, floral and forest textural walls, which could be seen in residential and commercial interiors."

A podium showcasing a personal living space pointed towards how today one can simply add more plants to any living space or can repurposed a bed's headboard with green velvet or even scatter green and floral cushions across the couches.

NO SPACE IS TOO SMALL

'Mini' presented its vision of an urban living concept at the fair. It showed how an urban nest has become more than just a residential building through balcony and rooftop gardening, given its open and flexible character.

It is inviting the public in and becoming an urban micro neighborhood, beating at the heart of the city. It showcased how even mini compartment-like areas and studio apartments can be given a creative shape now that spaces have been shrinking.

Beyond the installation, people can become creators, in keeping with the idea of participative architecture, visitors were encouraged to build their own miniature mini living unit according to their personal preferences, using abstract building blocks made from a variety of high-quality materials.

THE APPEARANCE AND TEXTURE

Residential interiors are becoming increasingly softer with more nature-inspired palettes that have different textures. There are many wood-look porcelain tiles, matte velvet finish joinery, backsplashes, and feature walls with mosaic and carved forms that

reflect the new look and feel. "The trend points out towards glossy finishes which are gradually starting to be replaced by a more humble and gentle interiors," said a spokesperson from Loco design.

Another installation at the fair by Sunil Sethi, however, screamed of a luxurious lifestyle that has traversed all boundaries and homes. His *Naag* chair is inspired from the powerful and splendid organic shape of the king cobra, which holds a significant place in Indian mythology symbolising a creative life force. The giant-size chair is polished with silver, giving a royal feel and is a statement piece.

LIGHTER COLOUR PALETTES

When there is an array of colours around, you can't choose which one appeals the most. However, the colour palette at the design fair clearly highlighted the lighter tones and paints. These are not just being preferred for walls and backgrounds but also for doors that through the ages been dark browns and blacks. The traditional dark, heavy doors and joinery are being substituted for lighter-coloured, more contemporary woods, and paint finishes.

The trends spoke about the use of light palettes and wood colours that provide an uninterrupted floor to ceiling block tones, helping to create an impression of extensive space in a typical studio apartment or villa. Avoiding darker colours will help keep spaces livelier and vibrant.

MONOCHROMES AIN'T BORING

There is something about the simplicity yet illuminosity of white walls. While providing a shade for everyone's tastes, the white palette is bright, clean and easy to blend with almost every style. Admit it, the monochrome concept for baby rooms or even the whole house has been popular for a long time, and it is not going to stop yet. Using colourful bedsheets and cover, even cushions in the living room is the trend of the hour, while white walls still remain intact.

The idea of monochromes is being used when it comes to nursery trends. The rooms are usually filled with black, white and grey.

Baby Select, a brand for children's room decor, highlighted that it's finally time when we are shifting from the conventional blues and pinks for children's rooms. It showed that their rooms are not gender-specific anymore but are rather based on personal preferences. Well, breaking stereotypes do begin from household, so why not colours and gender first?

"We are finally moving away from the

pinks and blues and are turning neutral as per kids' choices. It's not blue for just boys or pink for just girls anymore," said a spokesperson.

BRUSH YOUR INTERIOR WITH ORGANIC PAINTS

Paints release low level toxic emissions into the air for years after application. The source of these toxins is a variety of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) which, until recently, were essential to the performance of the paint. Consumer demands have led to the development of zero-VOC paints and finishes. Most paint manufacturers like Asian Paints are now going the eco-friendly way with natural pigments minus chemicals.

So what makes a paint organic? For example, milk paint is a healthier alternative that is not a water-based latex or oil-based paint like many commercial options. It's made from milk protein and is often sold as a powder you can mix with water or ready to go in liquid form. Another safe alternative to conventional paints are mineral and plant-based pigments that are sustainably harvested from the earth.

And while organic is often used in terms of being earth-friendly, Asian Paints also showcased an entire series of wallpapers that draw on our tribal and folk motifs, from the northeast to the heartland, and use earth colours like indigo and moss green.

PRICE CONSCIOUSNESS

Angie Kripalani, who has been in the business of doing up VIP homes for the last 20 years, has tracked some trends that define the modern Indian outlook. "Previously it was about collecting top international brands, no matter what the cost. Now, my clients are more price conscious and definitive about the look they want, even if the styling involves ₹1000 lamps," she told us. She senses a return to classicism. "That is never out of style but the fusion is more organic, absorptive and interpretative than screaming." She has put together a layout of free-flowing spaces with minimalism, an elaborate butterfly work of artist Michelle Poonwalla offset by a muted silk sofa with Indian motifs. She even had Hitkari plates in her dining arrangement. "What's wrong with our own brands if they have the intended effect?" she asks, leaving us with more options of our kind of innovation.

(The design fair is on till February 15.)
Photo: Pankaj Kumar

The Valentine rush

While the world celebrates the day of love, surveys reveal how people are finding new ways to spend it with their loved ones

What's better than finding out new ways to celebrate one of the purest forms of emotions with another equally powerful passion? That of the wanderlust. And demonstrably caring your partner.

SURGE IN TRAVEL BOOKINGS

A research study by travel company, Thomas Cook India, found out that there was a 27 per cent surge in travel bookings among people around Valentine's Day in India.

Since the day has fallen on a Thursday, this has allowed travellers to take their Fridays off and avail of an extended weekend (a four-day break) to celebrate day of love by travelling with their loved ones.

While the day has been viewed more as a phenomenon in metro cities, the country's tier two and three cities also displayed strong demand. Metro cities like Mumbai, Delhi accounted for approximately 60 per cent bookings, where as around 40 per cent bookings came from tier two and three cities like Kochi, Lucknow, Chandigarh.

A significant rise was also observed among the millennial segment and DINK/SINK (double/single income no kids) couples, which accounted for a 47 per cent contribution to the bookings chart.

Even though conventional romantic experiences such as champagne brunch and candlelit dinners, sunset cruises and couple spas continued to be the chosen flavours, even the non-traditional ones, like quad-biking, snorkelling, sailing trips, bungee jumping, seaplane tours, scenic self-drives, thrived. They saw a growth of around 45 per cent against last year.

Moreover, culinary experiences and activities stayed on the top of international travellers' lists. The most commonly chosen activities were vineyard tours and sampling new age wines in South Africa, cooking classes with a local chef in Malaysia or indulging in chef Hawker Chan's Michelin-starred street food in Singapore, outdoor experiences like a self-drive in a super car through Tuscany's countryside or the ultimate experience of an F1 ride around the Yas Marina Circuit, an



igloo stay in Finland to witness the Northern Lights, a Vespa city sightseeing tour in Singapore, a sunset cruise or kayaking along the mangroves in Abu Dhabi and road trips to Manali and Leh.

The research also noticed that in order to optimise the day's extended weekend easily, travellers capitalised more on visa-free or visa-on-arrival destinations like Bali, Jordan, Thailand and islands like Maldives and Seychelles.

While the statistics of the couple travellers were comparatively high, interestingly, solo travel also turned out to be on an increase with 20 per cent. A sizeable demand was seen from the single women's segment travelling to safer destinations like Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Dubai-Abu Dhabi, Japan, Korea, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Shillong and Coorg.

Talking about the changing trends on Valentine's Day, Rajeev

Kale, president and country head, leisure travel, MICE, Thomas Cook (India), said, "Travel for Valentine's Day is a strong and growing opportunity for us — across our outbound and domestic business lines. We have observed a significant increase in travel bookings of over 27 per cent this season."

He listed a few places which were high in demand, "Noteworthy is the increasing demand for experiential and engaging travel this Valentine's Day. Couples are demanding fun activities, be it self-drive holidays, wildlife trails and jungle safaris or wine and cuisine experiences, and exhilarating mountain sports. We have also created unique itineraries with experiences like undersea walks in the Andamans, learning to cook Malabar cuisine in Wayanad, nature treks in the Himalayas (Kausani), tiger safaris at Corbett, trying out Kalaripayattu in Munna

and Ayurvedic spa therapy in the Nilgiris."

SURGE IN MATRIMONY REGISTRATIONS

While couples are all around, there are also bachelors who look for love this Valentine's Day.

A survey conducted by a matrimonial site, Bharat Matrimony among 6,809 of its members, revealed a that whopping 92 per cent singles were ready to marry and said that they're looking for the "love of their life" and not just a life partner.

When asked about how they wanted their partner to express their love on Valentine's Day, 52 per cent female participants wished that their partner expressed love to them by saying 'I found my equal.' Where as, only 23 per cent females opined that they wanted a gift.

However, the case with males was opposite. When asked about

expressing love to their partners on Valentine's Day, around 34 per cent said 'by gifting her something she loves.'

Around 86 per cent participants said they would celebrate the day with their spouses after marriage while 14 per cent denied to the same.

Among the respondents, around 55 per cent female participants and 47 per cent male participants opined that celebrating the day "helps strengthen marital bonds." Around 35 per cent females and 46 per cent males believed that it was a "special day to express love." Among those who said that they will not celebrate the day post marriage, 43 per cent of them reasoned that "anniversaries and birthdays are more important days," while 32 per cent believed the day was "just a marketing gimmick."

So what is the best day of the year to express love post marriage?

Interestingly, around 44 per cent of the participants answered wedding anniversary, while 32 per cent felt that partner's birthday was the best day to express love. While only 22 per cent preferred the most important day to express love to partner. In response to who should plan for Valentine's Day after marriage, 30 per cent said the husband while 22 per cent opined the opposite.

Rajasekar KS, GM, marketing at Matrimony.com, said, "We're constantly studying the changing aspiration of millennials with regard to matrimony. This survey proves that young singles are not only seeking a life partner but looking to find "the love of their life." The widest choice of nearly three million bride and groom profiles, availability of detailed information about a member's interests, features like secure chat and the option to directly call matches one likes, help members discover love that leads to a happy marriage."

SOUTH AFRICA COMES CALLING

South African Tourism is introducing newer destinations to the discerning Indian travellers and reach its target of 100,000 tourist arrivals from India in 2019. It is aggressively marketing adventure sports and unique experiences at the destination along with a focus on the destination weddings

In an attempt to reconnect and develop new business ties with the travel trade fraternity in India, the South African Tourism conducted its annual roadshows in the key metro cities like Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata and Delhi. During this year's roadshow, the tourism board unveiled its strategy charted to surpass 100,000 Indian visitors in 2019. The roadshows were intended to capitalise on the strong potential of consumer demand in India.



Recognising the evolving demands of the Indian traveller and in continued efforts to enable trade partners, the 66-member South African trade delegation, that included six new SMMEs, reiterated the tourism board's emphasis on expanding the destination and product offering. In addition to experiences, representatives from accommodation establishments, destination management companies, airlines, tourism associations displayed their products and engaged with the Indian travel and trade partners.



Neliswa Nkani, Hub Head, MEISEA, South African Tourism with Ben Joubert, Minister Plenipotentiary, South African High Commission

For the period of January to September 2018, Mumbai contributed 45 per cent to the overall Indian arrivals to South Africa while Delhi was at 17.4 per cent, Chennai at 7.7 per cent and Kolkata at 1.6 per cent. "Our brand research shows that Indian travellers prefer South Africa as a holiday destination, due to the memorability and value for money it offers. We will continue to drive this demand by introducing a wider geographical area, thus allowing us to introduce new experiences. We remain focused on cus-

tomising our engagements and product offerings to suit the unique requirements from each of our target regions within India," said Neliswa Nkani, Hub Head for the Middle East, India and Southeast Asia, South African Tourism.

With iconic cities like Cape Town, Johannesburg and Durban as draw cards, the tourism board is growing efforts to promote the engaging surrounds of newer regions like Stellenbosch, George, Simon's Town, Oudtshoorn, Knysna, Plettenberg Bay, Port Elizabeth and East London in

the current year. In 2018, there was a higher uptake in the demand for and travel to new and off-beat provinces like Mpumalanga, Northern Cape and Free State.

In response to the need for introducing new experiences, the tourism board will lay special emphasis on promoting the diversity of activities and experiences. With Indian travellers consuming the highest adventure activities outside of South Africans, the board will deepen focus to promote the 3000+ adventure activities that the country offers including off-beat activities like long

tom toboggan rides, fatbike tours, mountain boarding and walking safaris, along with popular activities like abseiling and paragliding.

Along with building, cementing and sustaining two-way tourism ties between India and South Africa, the brand is also seeking new and creative ways to enhance the destination's USP. "We are keen on optimising our collaboration with complementary African nations to enhance our value proposition. In particular, we have been exploring partnerships with Mauritius and Seychelles that will enable us to co-promote both destinations," added Nkani.

While consolidating its position in wildlife, adventure and cultural offerings, the destination will also target the niche wedding market, for which South African Tourism has seen an upswing in enquiries. For this, the tourism board is engaging aggressively to educate trade partners about the variety of world-class facilities, distinctive

attractions, unforgettable and value for money experiences available at the destination.

Nkani further said, "As India plays a key role in achieving our 5-in-5 target, which includes four million international visitors, we are now looking to double our marketing efforts and enhancing destination marketing support within the region. While we are already widely known for our wildlife offerings, the 5-point strategy for 2019 will ensure that we incorporate certain measures and leverage partnerships to position and cement ourselves as the 'Adventure Capital of the World', while building preference as a wedding destination for the India market."

To make travel easier to the destination, the South African Tourism has been working closely with the Consulate General of South Africa in Mumbai to introduce an updated visa procedure. For this, they are collaborating to accredit select travel agents and tour operators to allow fast-tracking visa applications from preferred partners. At present, the visa process takes 5-7 days, which is a lot shorter than some of their competitors.

With 86,405 arrivals as of November 2018, the destination board shared a positive outlook for the Indian market, noting that as of June 2018, the total spend by Indian travellers in South Africa had increased by 20 per cent and that there was an upswing in the average length of stay, a growth of 7.7 per cent and the total bed nights increased by four per cent.

KIIT founder to address a global stage

The 16th edition of the 'India Conference 2019', has invited Dr Achyuta Samanta, Member of Parliament, (Rajya Sabha) and the Founder, Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) to deliver a talk during the conference to be held at the Harvard Business School and the Harvard Kennedy School in the United States of America on February 15, 2019.

This conference, to be held from February 16 to 17, is one of the largest student-run conferences in USA, bringing together India's thought leaders for discussions and brainstorming sessions to unravel the interesting times that lay ahead of the country.

The theme of the conference this year—'India at an inflection point', will see eminent speakers where Dr Samanta will also share his

experiences of struggle and growth in Odisha, as India tread on the direction towards a significant position in the global village.

The conference will have an eclectic mix of politicians, business leaders, entertainment intellectuals, spiritual leaders, philanthropists, government officials, educationists among many other who will gather to discuss key issues and India's path towards global leadership.

The illustrious list of other co-speakers with Prof Samanta includes Sadhguru, Barkha Dutt, Aruna Roy, Tanushree Dutta, Asaduddin Owaisi, Pinky Anand and many more. He is one of the first Odias to deliver the talk.

Hailed as a social reformer who brought about a revolution in education for the poor and underprivileged, Dr Samanta has taken the long road of hardships and challenges to bring forth the two institutions of



repute—KIIT and KISS.

While KIIT has become the most acclaimed and recognised Indian university that provides professional education to more than 30,000 Indian students and nearly 40 from other coun-

tries, KISS is the world's largest tribal educational university which is completely residential and free of cost. KISS is home to more than 27,000 poorest of the poor tribal children who are given education from kindergarten

to post graduation along with other avenues for comprehensive development.

Dr Samanta's hard work and social service has impacted the society in a big way. It is not difficult to imagine the number of children who could be prone to join Maoists or become naxalists or be trafficked. Many would have died due to malnutrition or become a liability for their parents. However, with these institutes, Dr Samanta has managed to arrest these unfortunate events by way of educating the children and giving them a decent life. Today they are being groomed to become world leaders and are offered an equal opportunity to work in the mainstream and earn a good life.

Dr Samanta's efforts towards improving the social fabric of the country is a story of success and paves the way for the brighter future of India as a global power.

Steps to combat misselling

The Bharti AXA Life Insurance, a joint venture between Bharti Enterprises, one of India's leading business groups, and AXA, one of the world's largest insurance companies, has embarked upon a public awareness drive to fight against spurious calling and mis-selling across India.

Misselling refers to certain unfair business practices and a sales practice in which a product or service is deliberately misrepresented or a customer is misled about its suitability. Spurious calling refers to a group of wrongdoers who contact people posing as employees of insurance firms and allure them to buy policies through fake offers and higher returns.

"Misselling and spurious calling have become a significant problem in the domestic insurance industry. As a responsible insurance company, we have a zero tolerance policy towards misselling or any illegitimate inducements. Our sales teams help customers take an informed decision on the back of full product and services disclosures. Besides, we have also set up all required checks and balances to address the concerns and issues of customers at utmost priority," said Vikas Seth, the managing director and chief executive officer, Bharti AXA Life Insurance.

fighting the increasing incidences of misselling and frauds on two fronts. "Firstly, we are making policy holders and customers alert and aware through our public awareness programmes, and also informing them about the modus operandi and modus vivendi of perpetrators involved and spurious callers, who lure people through misleading information and bogus offers. Secondly, we are registering complaints with the police wherever it is required and seeking their assistance to act against these offenders," added Seth.

The company is also organising customer care camps and programmes across all its branches in the country on regular intervals for sensitising insurance buyers against misleading offers and gains. It has also set up a pre-issuance video verification call system to help customers understand the terms and benefits of the insurance policy and empower them to take an informed decision.

The company's chief operating officer, Ishita Mukherjee added, "It is our endeavor to ensure that customers are provided with adequate information required to take a well-informed decision. We have taken several steps, including policy onboarding stage, post-issuance call for welcoming policy holders and formation of grievance redressal cell, during the policy life cycle to reduce misselling."



IWAI shortlists DP World, IL&FS to maintain logistics hub across NW-1

The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) has shortlisted bidders, including DP World and IL&FS, who could be responsible for operating and maintaining multi-modal logistics hub at Varanasi.

The Authority had completed tendering process till request for qualification (RFQ) stage in November after which four bidders were shortlisted—IL&FS, JM Baxi, Dubai based DP World and a joint venture between Singapore based Portek and Indian ACTL. According to an official from IWAI, in a few months' time, the Authority will take the proposal to the cabinet after which request for proposal (RFP) will be done. IWAI, under the aegis of Ministry of Shipping, has planned three multi-modal logistics hub across National Waterways-1 (NW-1), each at Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh), Sahibganj (Jharkhand) and Haldia (Kolkata). Of these, the first two hubs will be operated and maintained by private players.

These logistics hubs will act as 'freight aggregation and distribution hubs' to enable long-haul freight movement between hubs on large-size trucks, rail and waterways. The work will now

resume only after the cabinet meetings happen under a new government which will be elected to power after the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

These logistic hubs are to be given to the private player for a period of 30 years, on a royalty per tonne of cargo and revenue sharing basis. The private players could also be entrusted with development/expansion of the hubs at an estimated cost of ₹350 crore.

The official informed that the tender process for the logistics hub at Sahibganj will happen based on a 'landlord model' "For Sahibganj, we will follow a landlord model, which will be a public-private-partnership (PPP). IWAI will acquire about 250 acres of land, request for which has already been filed, from the Jharkhand government. Once that land is acquired, we will lease out the land to private players, through tender process, to the highest bidder. That player will develop the hub on that land," the official said.

Development of these hubs is part of Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP), which is expected to be completed by 2023 and aims at development of NW-1 at a cost of nearly ₹5,369.18 crore.

CORPORATE BRIEFS



AL-FALAH UNIVERSITY WINS KIIT PREMIER LEAGUE

Al-Falah University has become the winner of the 12th edition of the KIIT Premier League (KPL) All India (D&N) T-20 Cricket Tournament, after defeating the Guru Nanak Dev University (GNDU), Amritsar. Organised by the KIIT Deemed University, the tournament saw the Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University (JNTU) clinching the third position while the University of Mumbai stood at the fourth position. The winning team bagged the champion's trophy and ₹200,000 cash prize while the runner's up, GNDU, received ₹100,000 along with a trophy. JNTU received ₹50,000 and the University of Mumbai received ₹25,000. It is worth mentioning that this edition of KPL has the distinction of being the highest prize money tournament in the history of university sports in India.

RECOGNITION TO PRACTISING COMPANY SECRETARY UNDER SEBI LODR REGULATIONS



In a significant move towards developing the profession of Company Secretaries, SEBI has inserted the 'Regulation 24 A', providing for Secretarial Audit in SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015. As under the 24A: Secretarial Audit, "every listed entity and its material unlisted subsidiaries incorporated in India, shall undertake secretarial audit and shall annex with its annual report, a secretarial audit report, given by a company secretary in practice, in such form as may be prescribed with effect from the year ended March 31, 2019". "This is a significant recognition to ICSI professional fraternity and endorsement to the Secretarial Audit/ Compliance Reporting Mechanism. The Institute assures that the members of ICSI shall continue to serve as an extended arm of SEBI," said CS Ranjeet Pandey, President, ICSI.

GAIL'S HAWA BADLO CAMPAIGN REACHES OVER 60M INDIANS

To ensure a greener and cleaner tomorrow, GAIL (India) Limited is creating awareness and sensitising the masses towards a healthy environment through its movement—'Hawa Badlo'. The movement attempts to mobilise collective societal efforts to improve the deteriorating air quality, by encouraging sustainable and environment friendly lifestyle habits such as planting trees, cycling and walking, carpooling, using public transport, conserving energy and using cleaner energy sources like Natural Gas for industries, CNG for automobiles, PNG for commercial uses. Under this movement, initiatives like 'Hawa Badlo School Warrior Contest', 'Change the Habit Change the Habitat' 'Bring Back the Blue Skies', 'Gift an AirLens' and a short film—'Kadvi Hawa Badlo', have been successful to reach the Indian masses and are major contributors for reaching 60 million people.

MAERSK LINE MOVES CONTAINERS ON GANGA FROM VARANASI TO KOLKATA

The world's largest container shipping company—Maersk Line, is moving 16 containers on the River Ganga (National Waterway-1) from Varanasi to Kolkata. Maersk Line moves 12 million containers yearly across the globe and has partnered with India's inland waterways for the first time. The container movement follows similar movements already done by firms like PepsiCo, Emami Agrotech, IFFCO Fertilisers and Dabur India. With Maersk Line on board, the cargo from the hinterland will move directly to and from Bangladesh and the rest of the world through the Bay of Bengal.



CA Prafulla P Chhajed



CA Atul Kumar Gupta

The 24th Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) was recently elected for a term of three years (2019-22) and has been notified in the Gazette of India. The ICAI elected its new torchbearers—CA Prafulla P Chhajed as the president and CA Atul Kumar Gupta as the vice president for the year 2019-20.

CELEBRATE LOVE IN MONACO



Monaco, a charming destination which inspires couples from all over the world to celebrate romance in the beautiful Principality, provides the perfect scene to be alone together. The destination has a dream range of options in store for a romantic, passionate, intimate or festive Valentine's Day this year. From gastronomic delights, candlelight dinners, memorable wedding proposal, luxurious stays, to wellness treatments and parties, Monaco has something for everyone. Here are some of the things you can look forward to.

Michelin-starred Chef Marcel Ravin at the Blue Bay. For an unforgettable candlelight dinner, opt for the romantic setting of the Salle Belle Epoque at Hotel Hermitage Monte-Carlo, with its special menu for the V-Day. Discover the new OMER restaurant at the Hotel de Paris Monte-Carlo with its menu that offers a rich diversity of Mediterranean influences, designed especially by chef Patrick Laine.

EXOTIC STAY

Enjoy with your loved one in Hotel Columbus Monte Carlo, a lover's paradise. It is not just a hotel, but a lifestyle choice. In a privileged setting, overlooking the Princess Grace Rose Garden, close to the Saint-Nicolas church, and a few minutes' walk from the marina, the Columbus is the perfect place for this Valentine's day.

RELAX & UNWIND

Treat yourself or a loved one to an exceptional experience at the Thermes Marins Monte-Carlo. Enjoy a combination of relaxation and beauty treatments for a real break and magnificent skin and unwind at the beautiful heated pool filled with seawater.

PARTY HARD

As soon as the sun has dipped below the horizon, the Principality's nightlife starts to stir. Of all the places that have made Monaco the legendary destination, it is the Blue Gin, La Rascasse, Jimmyz and the Twiga that are undoubtedly famous for their parties. The glamorous atmosphere, famous DJ nights and the signature cocktails, have all contributed to the renown of these party places.

ROMANTIC DINNERS

Discover the gourmet and sophisticated menus to awaken your romantic senses. Admire the incredible view of the Mediterranean Sea and the exotic gardens while savouring the innovative cuisine of

Injured Parisians hurt Ole's United

Kimpembe and Mbappe score within seven minutes to help PSG beat Red Devils 2-0 and end Solskjaer unbeaten run

AFP ■ MANCHESTER

Manchester United caretaker manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer admitted his side were shown how much they still have to improve after being swept aside by an injury-hit Paris Saint-Germain 2-0 in the first leg of their Champions League last 16 tie on Tuesday.

Presnel Kimpembe and Kylian Mbappe struck in a seven-minute spell just before the hour mark as PSG displayed their credentials to finally become champions of Europe for the first time, especially once they get the world's most expensive player Neymar and Edinson Cavani back from injury.

After a run of 10 wins and one draw in 11 games since Solskjaer replaced the sacked Jose Mourinho in December, a first defeat for the Norwegian is a reality check for United's revival and they have a mountain to climb when the sides meet again for the second leg on March 6.

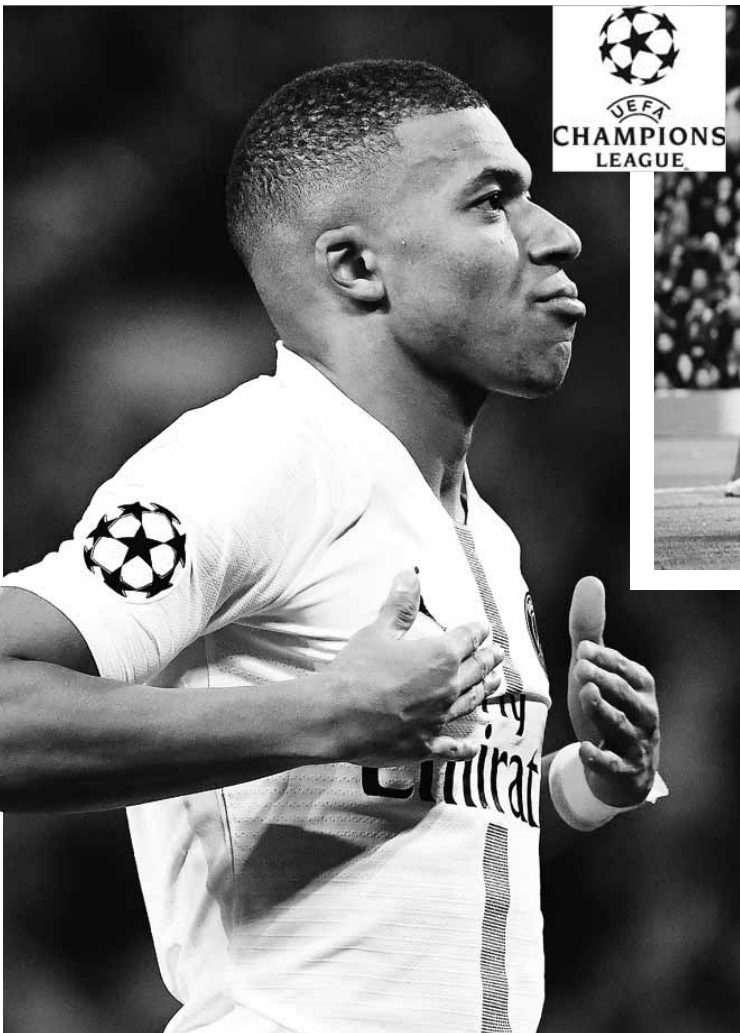
The English giants will also have to cope without Paul Pogba in three weeks' time as he was sent off a minute from time to round off a terrible night for the hosts.

DI MARIA SILENCES

PSG showed they still retain plenty of world class talent despite their big name absentees as United struggled to contain the slick passing of Thomas Tuchel's men in midfield and the pace of Mbappe in attack.

Angel di Maria was roundly booed by the home support on his return to Old Trafford after an unhappy one-season spell with United after signing for a then club record £60 million in 2014. But the Argentine silenced his detractors by setting up both goals and also mocked the throwing of a beer bottle at him by pretending to drink from it.

For all PSG's injury problems, a double blow also rocked United in the seconds before half-time and at the



Kylian Mbappe celebrates after scoring during Round 16 1st leg match against Manchester United UCL

break as Jesse Lingard and Anthony Martial limped off to be replaced by Alexis Sanchez and Juan Mata.

The home side never recovered their composure as PSG produced a stunning second-half display to all but book their place in the last eight despite David de Gea's best efforts in the United goal.

Kimpembe was left completely

unmarked to side-foot home Di Maria's corner from point-blank range on 53 minutes.

A brilliant team goal then doubled United's trouble soon after when Mbappe was again too quick for Victor Lindelof and Eric Bailly to meet Di Maria's low cross.

"The first goal is always going to be



Presnel Kimpembe celebrates with Marquinhos after scoring opening goal for PSG against Man U AP

UTD GIVEN A 'REALITY CHECK'

AFP ■ MANCHESTER

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer admitted Manchester United had been handed a reality check after Paris Saint-Germain cruised to a 2-0 win.

It was a dispiriting evening for Solskjaer, who had sparked such enthusiasm among United's players and fans since replacing the sacked Jose Mourinho in December.

"Today is a reality check for us on the level of top teams. They had the momentum after the first goal and controlled the game," Ole said.

"You could see that we hadn't

played at this level for a while and we will have to learn.

"It was an experience that can go either way, it's not going to be a season-defining one, it's one we have to learn from."

United now face a huge task to reach the quarter-finals and Solskjaer called on his stars to produce a vastly improved display in the French capital.

"Mountains are there to be climbed aren't they? You can't lay down and say this is over," he said.

"We will go there, play our game and improve from today."

important and the way we concede it is disappointing," added Solskjaer.

"The second goal was quality by them. The ground he (Mbappe) makes up that boy to get in the box, to all the strikers that want to be poachers that's how to get in the box."

Thereafter only De Gea stood in the

visitors' way as he stayed big to block Mbappe's attempted chip as he bore down on goal again before Juan Bernat's rising drive was then diverted wide.

And any hope of a United comeback in Paris suffered another huge blow when Pogba was dismissed late on for catching Dani Alves with a raised boot.

Zaniolo scripts Roman triumph

AFP ■ ROME

Teenage sensation Nicolo Zaniolo bagged a brace as Roma beat Porto 2-1 in their Champions League last 16, first-leg clash at the Stadio Olimpico on Tuesday.

The 19-year-old got his first Champions League goal in the 70th minute in Rome, adding a second six minutes later to inflict a first defeat on Porto in this year's top-tier European competition.

But Adrian Lopez pulled a vital goal back for the Portuguese club after 79 minutes to ensure they remain in the hunt going into their home leg on March 6.

"It's an incredible night, I'm speechless and never would have expected such a thing," Zaniolo told Sky Sport Italia.

"But we've got the second leg coming up, we shouldn't have conceded the goal."

The night belonged to the youngster from Tuscany who has become a fan favourite since arriving from Inter Milan, where he never played a top-flight game, in exchange for Radja Nainggolan last summer.

On Tuesday, he was given an ovation by an ecstatic home crowd who see him as the heir to club legend Francesco Totti.

The match sparked into life midway through the second half as Zaniolo netted with a precise finish after Edin Dzeko's lay-off.

He soon had his second when Dzeko went on the counter-attack, his shot bouncing off the post with Zaniolo on hand to tap in the rebound.

"Celebrating under the 'curva' is an extraordinary feeling," said Zaniolo. "I can't describe it. I hope to score many more."

"Zaniolo is not a surprise any more," said Roma captain Daniele De Rossi. "His physical strength is incredible for a guy of his age and he combines it with great technique. He is already a great player, but he will become a great champion."



"We are a team with Neymar and Cavani, two international class players, but we are a team without them as well."
—JULIAN DRAXLER (PSG midfielder)

"People need to stop being afraid. Of course Neymar is hugely important and Cavani is fundamental to us, but football is played on the pitch and we showed that."
—KYLIAN MBAPPE (PSG attacker)

"To win at Old Trafford, against a team who had won 10 out of 11 and were unbeaten under Solskjaer, deserves a mention among the best away results for a French side."
—VINCENT DULUCIN (Veteran commentator via sports daily L'Equipe)

"I think this result is not going to hurt us because of the way we lost. The game was tight until the first goal. We couldn't say we were the better team, but they were not better than us either."
—ANDER HERRERA (Man Utd midfielder)

"Today is a reality check for us on the level of top teams. They had the momentum after the first goal and controlled the game."
—OLE GUNNAR SOLSKJAER (Man Utd caretaker manager)

"We lost too many easy balls in the first half but the second half was really excellent. We deserved to win, and to do so here at Old Trafford just now, I congratulate my team - but it's only half-time and we still have to play at the Parc des Princes."
—THOMAS TUCHEL (PSG coach)

"I think Angel (Di Maria) is very competitive, like all South American guys. If you tease him it does not make him weaker."
—THOMAS TUCHEL (PSG coach on Di Maria's performance)

Indian shuttlers get tough draw

PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

Indian shuttlers, including P V Sindhu and Saina Nehwal, have been handed tough draws at the All England Championships, where the country has not won a title in the last 18 years.

Olympic and World Championship Silver medalist Sindhu, who had reached the semifinals here last year, will open her campaign against South Korea's Sung Ji Hyun, while Indonesia Masters champion Saina takes on Scotland's Kristy Gilmour in the first round of World Tour Super 1000 tournament, which begins on March 6.

Sindhu will have to be cautious against Hyun, who had defeated her at the Hong Kong Open last year. If she gets past Hyun, the Indian is likely to face third seed Chen Yufei in the quarter-final.

Former world No 1 Saina, who had reached the All England final in 2015, made a good start to the new season with a semifinal finish at the Malaysia Masters and a title win at Indonesia.

But the London Olympics Bronze medalist is expected to face world No 1 Tai Tzu Ying of Chinese Taipei in the quarter-finals. Saina had lost her last 11 encounters against Tai, who had

an injury-marred end to the last season.

The Indian duo will also fancy their chances after three-time world champion Carolina Marin of Spain has been ruled out due to the knee injury.

In men's singles, Kidambi Srikanth will take on Frenchman Brice Leverdez in the opening round. He is likely to meet world No 1 Kento Momota in the quarters. The seventh seeded had lost to Momota five times last season.

Sameer Verma, who reached the semifinals at World Tour Finals, will start his campaign against former world No 1 Viktor Axelsen of Denmark.

Among others, B Sai Praneeth and H S prannoy will face each other in the opening round with the winner likely to take on Anthony Ginting.

Indian women's doubles pair of Ashwini Ponnappa and N Sikki Reddy will be meeting seventh-seeded Japanese duo of Shiho Tanaka and Koharu Yonemoto, while Meghana Jakkampudi and Poorvisha S Ram will square up against Russia's Ekaterina Bolotova and Alina Davletova.

In men's doubles, Manu Attri and B Sumeth Reddy will face China's Ou Xuanyi and Ren Xiangyu in the first round.

I'm still learning, says Sindhu

PTI ■ GUWAHATI

Olympic Silver medalist P V Sindhu on Wednesday said she still has lots to learn and needs to add a few more shots to her repertoire to dominate world badminton.

With Silver medals at all the major events, including the Olympics, World Championship, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games, Sindhu has been a formidable force in the world in the last three years.

But the world No 1 tag has eluded her with Chinese Taipei's Tai Tzu Ying stamping her authority at the top with 14 title triumphs since 2016.

Asked if she needs to add strokes and deception to dominate world badminton, Sindhu said: "Definitely yes. It is only the starting for me. I have a lot more to learn. I have good strokes but I have to keep learning new strokes everyday."

"But I think only one player can't dominate badminton, because the game is changing right now as a lot more players are coming up. Also on a particular day, you have to be 100 percent, can't be even 1% here or there, if you count 1 to 20 in the world, all are of the same standard, so have to be



focused all the time."

One of the favourites to claim the All England trophy next month, Sindhu said she is working hard to break India's 18-year-old title jinx at the prestigious tournament.

"After this week, only two weeks will be left for the All England. I know Carolina Marin will not be there (due to injury) but it won't be easy, because there are some very good players and on that day who gives best will win," Sindhu said. "Each round will be comparatively very tough. Each point is important for me. I am playing Sung Ji Hyun in the first round and it would be important for me to focus from the first round," added the 23-year-old, who had reached the

semifinals of the All England Championship.

Asked about ending the title drought for India, Sindhu said: "Hopefully yes, I think it will be really good if someone breaks it someday and definitely we will work for that."



Hamilton fires F1 title warning

PARIS: Lewis Hamilton has delivered an ominous warning to his Formula One rivals by vowing to improve on his almost flawless championship-winning campaign in his Mercedes car.

The British driver emerged from his winter hibernation at Silverstone on Wednesday to see the car he hopes will fire him to a sixth world title.

The 34-year-old won 11 of the 21 races in 2018 to beat Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel and secure his fifth championship with two rounds to spare.

And as he enters the first campaign of the new two-year deal that will earn him \$52 million a season, a fully refreshed Hamilton is ready to extend his dominance of the sport.

"2018 was a great year, but I feel like 2019 can be even better," he said. "I want to achieve more, I want to continue to keep pushing. I feel energised and I am ready to attack." AFP

Lakshya eyes top 30 ranking

PTI ■ GUWAHATI

Making a transition into the senior circuit this year, India's teen badminton sensation Lakshya Sen says he needs to work on his speed and stamina as he eyes to break into the top 30 BWF ranking by the year end.

"My target is to break into top 30 by this year," the 17-year-old shuttler said.

"It is an Olympic qualification year, so entry into tournaments will be difficult. Depending on my performance and ranking I will pick events. For the time being I will play the Super 100 and Super 300 events mainly."

"Olympic qualification is extremely tough. Last year, my ranking was 69-70 early in the year

but I missed out on many senior tournaments since I played a few junior events. So my ranking went down," he added.

Lakshya, who had reached the finals at the 2017 edition and semifinal at last edition of the Nationals, is eager to get the senior national title under his belt.

"Senior national championship is a big event for me. I have played 3-4 times before, in fact, last two years I have been playing both junior and senior and so it is one of my target this year," he said.

Lakshya had a fabulous 2018 where he won the Asian Junior C'chip and a Silver and Bronze at the Youth Olympics and World Junior Championship respectively before capping the season with a title at the TATA Open.



Nishikori rallies to overcome tough Rotterdam opener

AFP ■ ROTTERDAM

Top seed Kei Nishikori was tested by a stubborn opponent before finally putting away Pierre-Hugues Herbert 3-6, 6-1, 6-4 on Tuesday at the Rotterdam Open.

The Japanese world number seven needed an hour and a quarter to get on track against a player who had reached the Montpellier final barely 48 hours earlier against Jo-Wilfried Tsonga.

Second seed Karen Khachanov, winner of the Paris Masters title last November, fell in a shock to Dutch wildcard Tallon Griekspoor, who recovered for a 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 upset of the Russian.

The defeat leaves Khachanov winless here in three attempts.

Victory marked the second Rotterdam upset for the 211th-ranked local, who put out Stan Wawrinka a year ago in his hometown for his first career ATP Tour-level win.

Nishikori next faces Ernests Gulbis, who beat Marius Copil 6-2, 6-4 in a battle of qualifying lucky losers. Milos Raonic and Denis Shapovalov scored a first-round double for Canada, with both powering ahead in



straight sets.

Raonic, the fourth seed, fought past German Philipp Kohlschreiber 7-6 (10/8), 7-5 on the back of 21 aces.

Shapovalov, seeded 10th, defeated Croatian Franko Skugor 7-5, 6-3.

Raonic had to work to get past a 2016 semi-finalist at the Ahoy stadium. The Canadian set up a second-round meeting with Wawrinka, whom he

beat in an Australian Open marathon last month.

Shapovalov dominated Croatian qualifier Skugor in their first-time meeting as both made Rotterdam debuts.

Gael Monfils earned an upset of Belgian eighth seed David Goffin 7-6 (7/5), 7-5, while former champion Tomas Berdych beat Frenchman Gilles Simon 7-6 (10/8), 6-4.

Amit Panghal aims 2nd successive Gold

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A busy international calendar unfolds for Indian boxing on Thursday with the 70th Strandja Memorial Tournament in Sofia, Bulgaria where Asian Games Gold-medallist Amit Panghal (49kg) will be eyeing a second successive top finish.

India will have a 19-strong representation, 10 of them women, in the annual show-piece of the European calendar which gets underway following a draw on Thursday morning.

Amit has not competed after picking up Gold at the Asiad in Jakarta.

Gaurav Solanki (52kg),



who won Silver at this event last year, will be aiming for a better finish on the podium this time around.

Gaurav Bidhuri (56kg), on the other hand, will be seeking a strong return to top-flight competition after recovering

from a back injury that kept him out of action for most of the last year.

In the women's team, Sonia Lather (57kg) would be eager to put behind a disappointing 2018, during which she ended medal-less at the Asian Games.

Also there in the squad are Pinki Rani (51kg) and Lovlina Borgohain (69kg). Missing from the line-up is the celebrated MC Mary Kom, who won Silver in the last edition.

The Indian boxing contingent had clinched its best ever medal haul of 11 in the last edition of Strandja Memorial.

After this, India will compete in the International Boxing

Tournament at Chababar city of Iran from February 22 to 28.

The team for this tournament features Manish Kaushik (60kg) and India Open Gold-medallist Sanjeet (91kg).

Close on the heels will be the 38th Gee Bee International Tournament at Helsinki, Finland from March 7 to 10.

The squad for this tournament comprises, among others, Shiva Thapa (60kg), Sachin Siwach (52kg) and Sumit Sangwan (91kg).

The performances of the male boxers in these three tournaments will be crucial to their chances of making the squad for the Asian C'ships, which will be held in April.

BACKED MYSELF TO HIT SIX AFTER REFUSING SINGLE, SAYS KARTHIK

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

I genuinely believed that I could hit a six," Indian wicketkeeper-batsman Dinesh Karthik said as he reflected on refusing a single to non-striker Krunal Pandya in the series-deciding third T20 International against New Zealand.

On Sunday night at Hamilton, things did not go as per plan in the final over, in which India needed 16 runs, and the 33-year-old has no qualms in accepting that. Karthik refused a single to the big-hitting Krunal off the third ball of the over leading to some debate on whether he took the right decision.

"I think Krunal and I batted really well from that situation (145/6). We were able to bring the match down to a place where the bowlers were under pressure. We backed ourselves to do the job. And at that stage (after refusing the single), I genuinely believed that I could hit a six," Karthik said on Wednesday.

Over the last couple of years, Karthik has emerged as one of the most effective finishers for India in the shorter formats.

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the game to the final over after India were 145 for six in the 16th over, needing another 68 off 28 balls.

"As a middle-order batsman, a lot of times you have to trust your ability to play those big shots under pressure. It is also important to trust your partner at that time. It did not come off on that occasion but those things happen in the game of cricket."

Both Krunal and Karthik shared an unbeaten 63-run stand off 28 balls but it was not enough to save the series. India lost the game by four runs and series 1-2.

"Some days you are able to hit a boundary, some days the bowler does a good job. And there, you have to give credit to Tim Southee for the way he executed those yorkers under pressure. One mistake there and I am sure we would have taken him down," said Karthik.

Asked if the team management had a word with him on not taking that single, Karthik said: "They were all aware of the situation and knew we both did the best we could. On that day, we were not good enough. But the support staff, as it has been around

for a long time, understood it (our game plan).

"As I said, you keep practising those situations and because the belief I had in overcoming those situations in practice, I trusted myself to do the job in the middle. I was not able to deliver that day. That is what sport is. The more you back yourself, the more consistent you become in finishing the game."

Having made his international debut almost 15 years ago, Karthik has managed to play only 26 Tests, 91 ODIs and 30 T20s.

But over the last 24 months, his stop-start career seems to have found second wind and he has featured in as many as 20 ODIs and 21 T20s besides making a Test comeback after more than eight years.

Karthik, who has credited Mumbai stalwart Abhishek Nayar for his recent success, can't recollect days when he has batted better.

"If you go by the results, definitely yes (his best run in international cricket). There is some continuity and that feels good. The team has also done well so it has been a great couple of years to be

a part of."

Despite consistent performances, Karthik will have to be on top of his game in the upcoming T20 and ODI series against Australia, India's last before the World Cup in May-July. And he is ready to prove himself again.

"As an international cricketer, you have to keep reinventing the wheel, being consistent is part of it. There will be questions asked and you have to keep answering them (with your performances)."

"If you read into those things too much (of proving yourself repeatedly), it only pulls you down. It is important that whatever opportunities you get, you do the best you can."

Has team management told him that number six is the spot for him in the batting order?

"Not really. They are also very flexible in their approach. I don't think they have fixed me at number five or six."

"They just believe that whatever opportunity they will give me at any position, they know that I will do the best that I can. They know that I am able to finish games, irrespective of the batting position," added Karthik.

Warne wants Pant to open with Rohit against Aus

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Spin great Shane Warne feels the young Rishabh Pant can play as a specialist batsman in the Indian ODI team and even backed the talented youngster to open alongside Rohit Sharma.

With India closing in on their final 15 for the World Cup, Pant has got a solid endorsement from Warne.

"There has been talk if Rishabh Pant can play in the side. I think Dhoni and Pant both can play. I can't see why Rishabh Pant can't play as a batsman, he is outstanding. Maybe even open the batting with Rohit Sharma," Warne told India Today.

"I know Shikhar Dhawan does a great job but Rishabh Pant opening the batting with Rohit Sharma could be pretty cool too for India. Go with some of these X-factor type things and tactical battles, where you surprise the opposition," said the Australian legend.

Warne wants India to experiment with their top-order in the upcoming home series against Australia, starting February 24 with the first T20.

"It could be worth throwing Rishabh Pant at the top of the order for a couple of games and see how he goes. Maybe against Australia now and experiment and see how he goes for the World Cup."

"Dhawan may have a role to play somewhere else. But I am really looking forward to seeing what India have because they have a lot of players who can do a lot of roles," said the 49-year-old.

Talking about Indian cricket, Warne said its national team can dominate the world for years.

"I think India can now have a dominant time in world cricket if they can keep their players on the park, the players stay hungry and value the opportunity and be grateful to play Test cricket."

"Yes they can make money from IPL and make a fortune. But if they can keep the hunger up to compete in the highest form of the game, that is tests, they can dominate world cricket for a long time," Warne added.

India peaking at the right time before WC: Laxman

ANS ■ KOLKATA

Putting India and England as favourites to win the forthcoming ICC World Cup, batting great VVS Laxman on Wednesday said Virat Kohli and Co are peaking at the right time after their historic ODI series triumphs in Australia and New Zealand.

"It's all about peaking at the right time which is so important. The World Cup is a long format so every player should be at his best physically and mentally if India has to win the World Cup. They start as favourites. For me, India and England start as favourites," Laxman told reporters.

The World Cup kicks off in England from May 30 with India taking on South Africa in their opening game on June 5 in Southampton.

The Indian team edged Australia 2-1 in the three-match series and then went on to thump New Zealand by a healthy margin of 4-1 in the 50-over format.

India will now take on Australia at home in five ODIs and two T20s starting February 24.

"I think brilliant. The way they played, I would like to congratulate the entire team," Laxman said.

"The way they played right from the



Australia series to the New Zealand series... and it's not only one or two players who have put their hand up. Everyone has contributed. So it's great to see bowling and batting departments contribute," he added.

Talking about the Bengal team which failed to make the final at home last season after finishing third in the Super League Group B of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, Laxman said: "The preparation has been really good. We had a lot of match simulation. In T20 cricket, better than nets is match simulation. It has been a very realistic practice. We played a couple of games too."

Bengal open their domestic T20 campaign against Mizoram in group D tie at the Barabati Stadium in Cuttack on February 21.

Pak can break India jinx: Moin

PTI ■ KARACHI

Former Pakistan captain Moin Khan believes the present national team has the firepower to break its World Cup jinx against India and register the country's maiden win over the neighbours in the upcoming ICC 50-over mega-event in the UK.

In six times in the World Cup so far, Pakistan have never defeated India.

And India and Pakistan will meet again in the World Cup at Old Trafford on June 16.

"This present team is very capable of recording a first win over India in a World Cup because there is talent, there is depth and variety and Sarfaraz Ahmed has now gelled the squad well," Moin said on GTV News channel on Tuesday night.

But Moin, who featured in many famous matches against India and was a member of the 1992 and 1999 World Cup teams, said this time he is con-



fidant of Pakistan win. "I say this because our boys beat them (India) in the Champions Trophy two years back and I just feel that in English conditions in June we have better bowlers," he said.

Moin feels India and England would be the teams to beat in the World Cup.

"This should be a very

interesting World Cup and I am backing Pakistan to beat India. Our boys are in good spirits and it is good they will go into the competition after having played ODI matches against South Africa, Australia and England," he said.

He also supported the move to have three weeks training camp in England

before the World Cup, saying this would help the players in acclimatising comfortably to the English conditions.

"Pakistan has been one team which has done well in England in the last many years and in May-June the weather can be unpredictable and there is moisture in the pitches," said Moin.

Guptill outclasses B'desh in 1st ODI

AFP ■ NAPIER

Martin Guptill returned to form with an unbeaten century as New Zealand powered to an eight-wicket win over Bangladesh in the first one-day international in Napier on Wednesday.

Bangladesh set New Zealand a modest run chase of 233 after suffering an early collapse and the Black Caps overhauled it in 44.3 overs, finishing at 233 for two.

It is Bangladesh's fifth tour to New Zealand and they are yet to win a match in any format, with their next chance coming in the second ODI in Christchurch on Saturday.

Bangladesh captain Mashrafe Mortaza said his team were adjusting to New Zealand conditions and still hoped of a breakthrough victory.



"We bowled well but we were struggling batting. We just lost too many wickets early," he said.

Guptill and Henry Nicholls pressed their case to open the batting at the World Cup as New Zealand

made light work of the target.

Guptill, returning from injury, put a poor run of scores behind him with a commanding 117 not out.

His 15th ODI century came off 103 balls and

included six fours and three sixes.

Nicholls looked comfortable in just his third outing since being promoted up the order, scoring 53 before a tame dismissal when the ball hit his pad and rolled onto the stumps.

Veteran batsman Ross Taylor also contributed an unbeaten 45.

Mohammad Mithun was the pick of Bangladesh's hitters, grinding out a hard-fought 62 after coming to the crease with Bangladesh reeling at 42 for four after a decision to bat first backfired.

Mohammad Saifuddin provided support with a gritty 41 as Bangladesh were bowled out for 232 with seven balls of their allotted 50 overs remaining.

Spinner Mitchell Santner and paceman Trent Boult took three wickets apiece for New Zealand.

Wadkar keeps Vidarbha in hunt

PTI ■ NAGPUR

Wicketkeeper Akshay Wadkar led Vidarbha's fightback with an unbeaten half-century as the Ranji champions remained in hunt for a first innings lead after the second day of their Irani Cup match against Rest of India.

After restricting Rest to a modest 330 on the opening day, Vidarbha ended the second day at 245 for 6 with Wadkar and Akshay Karnewar (15 not out) holding fort. The hosts still trail by 85 runs.

Vidarbha openers skipper Faiz Fazal (27) and Sanjay Ramaswamy (65) looked comfortable in the beginning and put up a 50-run stand.

But as things were looking good, Karnataka spinner Krishnappa Gowtham struck, removing Fazal, who was caught behind by rival wicketkeeper Ishan Kishan.

One down Atharva Taide (15) did not last long after being trapped in front of the wicket by young leg-spinner Rahul Chahar, who impressed everyone with his sharp leg breaks.

However, Ganesh Satish (48) then joined hands with Ramaswamy as the duo tried to resurrect the Vidarbha innings with their 64-run third wicket stand.



Satish struck four boundaries and a six, while Ramaswamy's innings was laced with nine fours. However, after Ramaswamy's departure, Vidarbha lost two quick wickets — Mohit Kale (1) and Satish — as they slumped from 146 for 3 to 168 for 5.

Then wicket-keeper Wadkar, who took time to settle, started the fightback as he built his innings first in company of Aditya Sarvate (18) and later on with Karnewar.

Wadkar conjured an important 58-run stand with Sarvate and then has added 19 runs for the unbroken stand for the seventh wicket with Karnewar.

For ROI, five wickets were shared by the spinners, two each by Gowtham (2-33) and Dharmendrasinh Jadhav (2-66) while Chahar returned with figures of 1-68.

FERNANDO SHINES AS SL DEFY ODDS

AFP ■ DURBAN

Vishwa Fernando took four wickets as underdogs Sri Lanka heeded new captain Dimuth Karunaratne's call to "compete in every session" on the first day of the first Test against South Africa at Kingsmead on Wednesday.

South Africa, overwhelming favourites against a team seemingly in disarray, were bowled out for 235. Sri Lanka was 49 for one at the close.

Left-arm opening bowler Fernando dismissed both South African opening batsmen cheaply as the hosts found them floundering at 17 for three after being sent in on a pitch which offered bounce and swing on a partially overcast morning.

Fernando, 27, playing in his fourth Test, went on to claim career-best figures of four for 62. Kasun Rajitha took three for 68.

Wicketkeeper Quinton de Kock, batting at number six because South Africa picked five specialist bowlers, gave the South African innings some respectability by hitting 80 off 94 balls before he was last man out.

Sri Lanka lost Lahiru Thirimanne, caught behind off Dale Steyn for nought, but Karunaratne batted confidently to be 28 not out at the close, while new cap Oshada Fernando went on the attack when South African captain Faf du Plessis turned to spin bowling as the light faded to finish on 17 not out.

Vishwa Fernando arguably owed his place in the team to the fact that three of Sri Lanka's leading fast bowlers were missing because of injury. But he produced a superb opening spell, having Dean Elgar caught behind and bowling Aiden Markram with a ball which swung back into the stumps.

Temba Bavuma and Du Plessis rode out the early storm and gradually started to change the momentum in a 72-run partnership which was ended in the last over before lunch when Du Plessis was caught down the legside by wicketkeeper Niroshan Dickwella off Rajitha for 35.

Bavuma looked the most assured of the South African batsmen but was run out for 47, when a straight drive by De Kock ricocheted off bowler Fernando's boot into the stumps at the bowler's end.

Eng thrash WI to claim consolation win

Gabriel suspended for four ODIs

PTI ■ ST LUCIA

The International Cricket Council (ICC) on Wednesday suspended West Indies fast bowler Shannon Gabriel for four ODIs in the wake of his "inappropriate" comments directed at England captain Joe Root.

Gabriel's remarks were in breach of the ICC Code of Conduct, for which he was also docked 75 percent of his match fees.

Gabriel, who received three demerit points, had accu-

mulated a total of eight demerit points during a specified period of 24 months, the ICC stated.

While what exactly Gabriel said wasn't audible, but according to a BBC report, the England captain Root was heard saying, "Don't use it as an insult. There's nothing wrong with being gay."

Gabriel admitted the offence after the end of the match on Tuesday and accepted the sanction proposed by match referee Jeff Crowe and no formal hearing took place.

AFP ■ GROS ISLET

England ended a disappointing Test series with the consolation of a comprehensive victory over the West Indies on the fourth day of the third and final Test in St Lucia on Tuesday.

Thrashed in the first two matches of the series to surrender the Wisden Trophy after ten years in English possession, the tourists gained a measure of consolation in completing a 232-run victory with a day to spare.

Set an improbable target of 485 after Joe Root declared his side's second innings at 361 for five following his dismissal for 122, the home team were eventually dis-



missed for 252 deep into the final session when Ben Stokes had Keemo Paul caught and bowled.

Paul, hobbled by a leg injury which prevented him from bowling throughout most of the England second innings, only came out to bat as last man to allow Roston Chase to complete a deserved fifth Test century.

Chase was on 97 when Shannon Gabriel was ninth out, but the young all-rounder hung around long enough for the tall right-hander to reach three figures, cutting Joe Denly to the backward-point boundary to achieve the landmark.

He finished unbeaten on 102 off 191 balls with 12 fours and one six embellishing his innings.

James Anderson, who blew away the West Indies top order

with three wickets before lunch, had no more success with the ball but his devastating early impact ensured that it was only a matter of when, not if England would have completed a massive victory on the fourth day.

Moeen Ali also claimed three wickets while Mark Wood, the tearaway fast bowler who took five wickets in the first innings, snared the important scalp of Shai Hope.

His six wickets and impact on the game earned him the 'man of the match' award.

West Indies' only period of relative comfort at the crease came in the afternoon session when Chase and Shimron Hetmyer put on 45 runs for the fifth wicket.