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Hailstorm, rain pelt down on rabi crops

IMD predicts more farm damage as raging blizzard likely in J&K, HP, Uttarakhand today

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

The hailstorm and rainfall that lashed Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh on Tuesday may damage the ongoing standing rabi crops, including wheat cultivation. The national Capital was also whipped by severe hailstorm and downpour since early on Tuesday.

According to Agriculture Ministry officials, while the production of wheat and other rabi crops was expected to come down this year as the sowing area has reduced as compared to that of the last year, the hailstorm will further damage the rabi crops.

"However, it is too early to estimate the damage from hailstorm. The State Government's Agriculture Department will assess the damage and inform the Ministry," said officials.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted widespread rainfall, hailstorm with gusty wind and snowfall along with heavy rainfall over Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand on Wednesday.

The IMD said rain and thunderstorm will continue on Wednesday in northern and northwest parts of the country due to intense western disturbance bearing down on North West India and cyclonic circulation developed over Afghanistan and Central Pakistan.



Rain lashed the plains while higher reaches of Kashmir witnessed fresh snowfall for the second day. The snowfall and rain blocked the 300-km long Srinagar-Jammu national highway. The flight operations at the airport here were also affected. Four flights were cancelled and 11 delayed due to poor visibility. The Himachal Pradesh capital and picturesque Manali and Dalhousie on Tuesday witnessed more snow than snapped road links, however tourists made merry by hurling snow-

balls at one another. Director of the Punjab Agriculture Department Jasbir Singh Bains advised wheat growers to not let rainwater stagnate in the field as it could be harmful to the crop.

Naseeb Singh, a farmer from Jind district, said rain at this time will help in containing the fungal disease yellow rust, but hailstorm will destroy crop. Wheat is the main rabi crop in Punjab and is grown in over 35 lakh hectare area in the State, also known as the food bowl of the country. In

Haryana, 25.01 lakh hectare are under wheat cultivation.

As per latest Agriculture Ministry's data, sowing of winter or rabi crops, an indicator of the pace of farm activities, is down by nearly 5 per cent compared to last year. A significant fall in sowing in Gujarat, Maharashtra, West Bengal and Rajasthan has affected wheat and other crops, bringing the overall area under rabi crops down by nearly 5 per cent to 588 lakh hectares. The total area cultivated in the corresponding week in 2017-18 was around 618 lakh hectare.

Rabi cultivation data released by the Agriculture Ministry showed the area under rice is about 21.5 per cent lower than the same period last year due to a drop in rice cultivation in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. Despite favoured conditions for the rabi crops, wheat cultivation, on the other hand, reported a 2.5-per cent deficit as compared to last year. As against an area of around 304 lakh hectare sown in 2017-18, the area under wheat cultivation is around 296 lakh hectare, mainly because of drop in sowing in drought-hit Maharashtra and Gujarat, as well as West Bengal.

There is nearly a 10 per cent drop in the sowing of gram, a major pulse crop of the season. This deficit has pulled down the overall pulses area by over 5.5 per cent. As compared to the 157.8-lakh hectare covered in the corresponding week



Military police officials ride their motorcycles with headlights as visibility becomes poor due to rain at 8:27 am, during a rehearsal for the Republic Day parade, in New Delhi on Tuesday

in 2017-18, the pulse has been grown only in 95 lakh hectare so far. Coarse cereals, too, are faring badly, with an overall drop in area of nearly 14 per cent.

The area under jowar cultivation at 24.6 lakh hectare is around 19 per cent lower than the 30.27 lakh hectare last year; maize is down by 9.5 per cent to 14 lakh hectare.

Silver lining in downpour: No speck of pollutants in Delhi

Air quality at year's best

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

Torrential rain washed away Suspended Particulate Matter (SPMs) from Delhi air and the air quality improved to year's best on Wednesday. This was the first time in New Year when Delhi's map was coloured "green" with satisfactory levels of Particulate Matters (PMs) on the National Ambient Air Quality Index (NAAQI).

Good news for Delhi and National Capital Region (NCR) is that the levels of PM 10 and PM 2.5 were recorded under the permissible limit with values 73 and 51 against 100 and 60 in microgram per cubic respectively.

As Indian Meteorological Department's (IMD) prediction proved correct, the national Capital breathed easy after hazardous pollution levels for the past few months gave way to the rainfall.

In its weekly weather forecast, the Regional Weather Forecast Department, New Delhi (RWFC) has forecast generally cloudy sky with drizzle. The minimum temperature will remain at eight degrees Celsius while the maximum temperature will fluctuate between 18 and 19 degrees Celsius.

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People walk on a road during rain on a cold morning at Raisina Hills in New Delhi on Tuesday

Forecasting And Research (SAFAR), a unit of Ministry of Earth Sciences (MOES), has forecast satisfactory for Thursday, for Friday, air quality will turn moderate, this further means that air quality will remain "good" till Friday.

According to SAFAR in air quality forecast, the concentration of PM 10 will oscillate between 74 and 141 microgram per cubic while levels of PM 2.5 will remain under the permissible limit.

According to IMD official, the Safdarjung observatory recorded 14.8 mm rainfall, Palam 22.8 mm rainfall, Lodhi Road 15 mm and Aya Nagar recorded 26.1 mm rainfall.

Forecasting was recorded at 12.5 degrees Celsius, five notches above the normal," the official said. The humidity level was recorded at 100 per cent at 8.30 am. According to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) data, the overall air quality index (AQI) in the city was 133, which falls in the moderate category.

It affected 15 trains which ran late with an average delay of two to three hours. These included Howrah-New Delhi Poorva Express, Malda-Delhi Junction Farakka Express and Mumbai Amritsar Express. The Puri-New Delhi Purushottam Express was late by six hours, according to the Northern Railways.

EC orders FIR against expert for 2014 poll rigging claim

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With controversy erupting over allegations made by a self-proclaimed cyber expert who alleged Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) can be hacked and the 2014 Lok Sabha polls were rigged, the Election Commission on Tuesday filed a complaint with the Delhi Police, asking it to register an FIR against him for his false claims which, it said, can "create fear" in voters' minds.

In its complaint to the Deputy Commissioner of Police (New Delhi District), the poll panel asked police to investigate the matter "promptly" for violation of certain sections of the Indian Penal Code dealing with spreading rumour to alarm the public and other provisions of related laws. Syed Shuja had on Monday claimed at an event in London that the EVMs can be tampered with and that the 2014 Lok Sabha elections were rigged.

Detailed report on P5

Cong did nothing to stop loot: Modi

Varanasi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday referred to former premier Rajiv Gandhi's remarks on corruption in the country to attack the Congress, saying the party that ruled for years did nothing to stop the "loot", while his Government put an end to it and transferred about ₹5,80,000 crore directly to the people under various schemes.

Without naming Gandhi, he alluded to the former Prime Minister's remarks that only 15 paise of ₹1 reaches the masses and said Congress Governments over the years did nothing to stop the "leakage".

Addressing NRIs and Indian-origin people at the inauguration of the 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas convention in his parliamentary constituency of Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh, Modi described the diaspora as India's brand ambassadors and said they were the symbols of the country's capabilities.

The Government has



Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaks at inauguration of the 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention 2019 in Varanasi on Tuesday

changed the perception that India cannot change, he said in the presence of Mauritian Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth, External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj, Minister of State for External Affairs VK Singh and UP Governor Ram Naik among

others. Chief Ministers of UP, Haryana and Uttarakhand — Yogi Adityanath, Manohar Lal Khattar and Trivendra Singh Rawat — attended the meet.

Modi said India's contribution was being recognised at the international level, especially its role with regard to

PM slams Cong at Pravasi meet, says BJP Govt ended corruption culture

environment. Taking a swipe at the Congress over the issue of corruption, Modi said it got to know about the disease, acknowledged the disease, but neither thought about it, nor did anything in the direction of curing the ailment.

"Many people here would have heard what a former Prime Minister had said about corruption. He had said that the money that the Central Government sends, only 15 per cent of that reaches the people. If one rupee is sent from Delhi, only 15 paise reaches the villages, 85 paise disappear," Modi said, alluding to Gandhi's remarks.

"The party that ruled the country for so many years had given the system to the country, a truth that was accepted by the then Prime Minister. But what is regrettable is that later in its rule of 10-15 years, there was no effort made to end this loot and leakage," Modi said.

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IPS officer's brother among three ultras shot in Shopian encounter

KHURSHED WANI ■ SRINAGAR

Three Hizbul Mujahideen terrorists including younger brother of a serving Indian Police Service (IPS) officer were killed in an encounter with security forces in Shirmal village of south Kashmir's Shopian district on Tuesday.

The encounter took place a day after three ultras were gunned down in a similar operation in Hapatnar area of central district Budgam. Clashes erupted at the site of the encounter resulting to injuries to several persons including four journalists.

A police spokesman said that the operation was carried out on the basis of "credible inputs about the presence of terrorists" that followed a cordon and search operation jointly by police and security forces in the area.

Security sources said that one of the slain terrorists was identified as Shamsul Haq Mengnoo, a resident of Draggad village in Shopian district. Mengnoo was pursuing bachelors course in Unani Medicine and Surgery (BUMS) at a Government college here before joining militancy. Belonging to a well-off family of orchardists, his elder brother Inamul Haq is a 2012 batch IPS officer, presently posted in North-East.

Security sources said soon after the cordon was intensified in Shirmal village, terrorists hiding underground in an open area tried to escape while opening fire on the security forces. During the retaliatory action, three ultras were killed.

Inspector General of Police (Kashmir range) Swayam Prakash Pani said the security forces conducted "two good" operations in Budgam and

Pulwama district on two consecutive days. "These were difficult operations to conduct. They (terrorists) were hiding in open area," Pani said.

A large number of protesters gathered around the encounter site in a bid to hamper the operation and help terrorists escape. Reports also said that four journalists were hospitalised after they suffered pellet injuries while covering the gunfight. They received pellets on face, neck and other body parts. Police said six security personnel were also injured in the clashes.

"Only five cases of injuries were reported and three of them were discharged after preliminary medical attention. Separately six security force personnel injured during the clashes have been discharged after medical attention," police said in a statement.

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102 one-horned rhinos killed in 10 years

Assam hogs list of casualties; 209 poachers arrested

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Poachers killed at least 102 one-horned rhinos during the last ten years with Assam topping the list followed by West Bengal, according to data obtained under the Right to Information (RTI) Act. Two hundred nine poachers were arrested for their involvement in such wildlife crime during the same period.

The RTI reply also showed that incidents of rhino poaching have shown sharp decline in the recent past. While 22 rhinos fell to the poachers in 2013, the number came down to two in 2017.

Data provided by the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB), under the Ministry of



Environment and Forests, showed that the maximum number of killing of 84 one-horned rhinos was reported from Assam.

West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh are the only two States which have reported such killings, with 17 and one deaths, respectively, during the

period, according to data.

Noida-based lawyer Ranjan Tomar had sought State-wise data on the number of one-horned rhinos killed by poachers in the last 10 years and offenders arrest from the WCCB, a statutory body formed to combat organised wildlife crime in the country.

"As per data available in the records of the bureau based on the information from the state forest and police departments, 102 one-horned rhinos have been killed and 209 poachers have been arrested in the last 10 years in India," the WCCB said in a written reply.

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SENSEX	36,444.64 (-134.32)
NIFTY	10,922.75 (-39.10)
GOLD	32,133.00 (+90.00)
SILVER	39,000.00 (+113.00)
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14 DEAD AS SHIPS WITH INDIAN CREW CATCH FIRE
Moscow: Two ships carrying Indian, Turkish and Libyan crew members caught fire in the Kerch Strait separating Crimea from Russia, killing at least 14 sailors.

BENGLI REFUGEES TO BE GIVEN CITIZENSHIP: SHAH
Malda: Party chief Amit Shah said all Bengali refugees will be granted citizenship with the passage of the Citizenship Bill.

CEO asks officers to gear up for LS polls



PNS ■ HARIDWAR

The Chief Election Officer (CEO) Uttarakhand Soujanya and Additional Chief Electoral Officer Uttarakhand Shannmugam took a review meet with the officers concerned on Tuesday and asked the election officers and the nodal officers to ready for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

In course of the meeting, Soujanya directed District Magistrate Deepak Rawat, SSP Janmejay Khanduri and other senior administrative and police officers present to review the functioning of EVMs and VVPATs.

Soujanya also said all the divyans, irrespective of the status of their disability, must be enabled to cast their votes sans the least glitch.

"All the required arrangements must be made to ensure that the especially abled people come to the polling booths and cast their votes without facing the least difficulty," she said. She asked the officers concerned to firm up the training calendar of the electoral

personnel.

"The transport department must compile and send the details of the vehicles to be required for holding the election to the district election officer," she added.

She also directed the district election officer to conduct a market survey on the actual expenses to be incurred during the public meetings so that it is easier to assess the expenditures as presented by the political leaders.

The CEO inspected several offices related to the election to take stock of the poll preparations along with the district officials. "We must now go all-out to ensure that the LS election is held in the district glitch-free with the participation of all," she stressed.

A number of senior officers were present at the meeting.

acquainted with the process of the postal ballots.

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Unauthorised vendors eviction drive slows down in city

MCD on denial mode

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The drive meant to evict unauthorised roadside vendors launched by the Municipal Corporation of Dehradun (MCD) has slowed down over the days. Moreover, the result of the eviction is not tangible at the bustling places in the city where the drive was mostly launched.

The drive which was started by Mayor Sunil Uniyal 'Gama' accompanied by the municipal commissioner Vinay Shankar Pandey nearly two weeks ago with a fanfare took no time to slow down as apprehended by many.

Things have come back to the square one with the vendors, removed by the officials, have got back in place once the civic body team turned back. The people sound angry over the drive fizzling out with no effect being seen on the bustling roads. "Traffic is again crawling thanks to the vendors. We have received no respite from the problems," said a denizen of the city. However, putting on a brave face, the officer in charge MCD claimed that the drive has been going on in full swing in the city.

A local vendor trading from near Dispensary Road Salim said, "We are here for at least three months. Police do take rounds sometimes, but the officers rarely visit these places. However, in case we are evicted by MCD the civic body must arrange alternatives for us. Otherwise our survival would be at stake as this is the only



thing through which we make our living."

Another vendor Chand Shah said, "The civic body officers sometimes come to the places we are trading from and remove us. However, generally, they make us to cough up fine and we are allowed to be where we are. If MCD is serious in removing us we must be provided with appropriate alternative sites from where we can continue our trade. This is the only source of our income and we cannot survive if things are snatched away from us."

Anchal, a visitor to the city,

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"There is no question of the drive slowing down. It has been going on in full swing since the day it was launched in the city. It would not stop unless and until all the unauthorised vendors are removed from the city. The places marked by us are mainly the busy roads around places like the Clock Tower and Gandhi Park. The bustling roads with heavy traffic are being freed from the unauthorised vendors. We have seized around 12 wooden carts and the goods seized have been transported in two trucks. More is in the offing."

sounded annoyed over the State of things here. "The roads in the market are very narrow. The two-wheelers which ply here in a very large number make things frightfully difficult for the pedestrians. Things are further compounded when the vendors occupy space on the

roadsides. The civic body here must do something to ease things for us. And they must be serious," she said.

Quizzed over people's annoyance over the much-hyped drive petering out over days, the MCD officer in charge was on the denial mode.

All you can buy & acquire doesn't really bring happiness: Bhagawati Saraswati

RADHIKA NAGRATH ■ HARIDWAR

From Hollywood to the holy woods, journey of **Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswati** is an interesting one. Raised in an American family in Hollywood, California, she graduated from Stanford University before leaving America in 1996 to come and live permanently at Parnarth Niketan Ashram in Rishikesh. Clad in an ochre cotton sari, looking after diverse humanitarian projects, she is an important part of the ashram and the surroundings, especially during the International Yoga Festival held here annually. She spoke about her beliefs on spirituality, aspects of life and the Ganga while talking to *The Pioneer*. Some excerpts from the interview:

What brought you to India and has kept you here for so many years?

I came to India as a 25 year old tourist with a backpack but divine plan brought me here for something more. First place I visited after Delhi was Rishikesh. I had such a profound spiritual experience on the banks of mother Ganga

that I knew where I had to be. Whatever I had owned, achieved, relations developed in 25 years was on one hand and being on Ganga banks on another. After this special experience I looked around and found beautiful people. It was fascinating to know that the people here who were living far below western standards of poverty were happier and content than the people I had known where I grew up in Beverly Hills, Los Angeles. If you asked any westerner, how are you, they would have a list of things that were wrong but if you ask someone on the banks of Ganga, even a sweeper said, "Ma Ganga ki kripa". A woman carrying a load of firewood on her back in the mountainous region of Uttarakhand was much happier than those living in metros with riches so I had realised that all you can buy and acquire does not actually bring happiness. A spiritual connection to the divine within ourselves is paramount.

What is your view on spirituality in Indian culture?

Spirituality in India is inextricably linked to Indian culture. You can't pull culture



away from spirituality. Everything we do in our lives from morning till evening, how we wake up, interact, sleep- everything is interlinked to spirituality. So spirituality is not just a dogma or confined to book or our houses of worship, rather it's actually about every breath we take, every word we speak and every action we perform. It is rooted deep in the philosophy 'who we are' which is pure and divine at the core. All suffering is due to ignorance, identifying ourselves with the body, with our ego which leads us to lust, anger, frustration, greed and competition. The solution is go back to the Vedas, go back to the Self and that is applicable to people of every walk of life, religion and culture which has transformed me and many known to me.

You have been chosen as co-chair of the Faith-Based Advisory Council to the United Nations. What do you think about women of faith as agents of transformation?

Women, the divine feminine is the creating principle. In Sanskrit we say that 'Shakti' creates 'Srishti' (creation). Prakriti (Nature) that is created is feminine. That which creates and which is created is feminine so women not just in physical form but as embodiment of energy are agents of creation and transformation. What is crucial is that we utilise this energy for positive transformation and that task has been bestowed upon me as co-chair because women of faith have unique role in bringing changes.

Is renunciation necessary to realise God in your opinion?

Renunciation is definitely necessary to connect with God. But it doesn't have to be by way of becoming a sanyasi, you can be a family person and be in the world and still attain god realisation. Renunciation is actually in my minds and that is most important. If you renounce money or possessions, pleasure or family, and spend your life regretting or longing for those things, feeling depressed, then you're not experiencing god, you are not benefiting in any way. The real renunciation for divine reali-

sation is renunciation of our false egos, identities, histories which keeps us stuck in the world.

Do you sometimes wish to enjoy life, dressed up like other common people? How do you resist worldly temptations?

To be very frank, I really do not have worldly temptations, I never have urge to wear something different. The reason is that because of the incredible fullness which I have experienced on this spiritual path due to which I feel there is nothing lacking in my life which colourful dresses or worldly objects would provide. The only thing I find myself longing for is deeper connection with God and constant awareness. I do enjoy my life. When you take sanyas, you are not renouncing joy, you are just renouncing focus on the temporary external objects and sensual pleasures because you are able to experience fuller, deeper and lasting joy.

How much time did you take to adapt to Indian culture? What were the major hassles in bridging the culture gap?

I feel I adapted right away.



If you asked any westerner, how are you, they would have a list of things that were wrong but if you ask someone on the banks of Ganga, even a sweeper said, "Ma Ganga ki kripa"

I feel I adapted right away. It felt as if I had come home, my own land, so culture was not difficult to adapt to at all. The only major challenge I faced was the language because you cannot learn to speak Hindi overnight. I committed myself to learning, even while I was busy in sadhana and sewa. I tried to understand and speak to people by interacting with them

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Living on the banks of Ganga, do you feel the focus on cleaning the Ganga by the government and NGOs has achieved anything worthwhile?

Everything that we are doing for the Ganga is worth it. I wish we could do more. I wish I could engage every single person on earth to work for Ganga and water. Ganga is our mother, the goddess. Is there anything you wouldn't do for your mother goddess especially when the need is so great? Not only from spiritual perspective but also from logical perspective, considering the 500 million plus people who live on the banks of Ganga and on its river basin.

They are dependent on Ganga not only for moksha but also for their drinking water, bathing and irrigation needs. But if our actions are harming our family members living in different villages (as per philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam), it is incumbent for us to ensure that our global family is healthy, happy and sustainable.

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प्रबन्ध निदेशक, गणमण्डल/निगम, 74/1 राजपुर रोड देहरादून की ओर से अधोस्वाहाारी द्वारा "पुआओगु बडकोट (दरिद्र सॉज) का रेस्टोरेंट एवं मरम्मत के अवशेष कार्य" हेतु समस्त सरकारी/अर्द्धसरकारी विभागों में भवन निर्माण कार्य हेतु "डी" एवं उच्चतर श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से मुहुरबन्द निविदाएं दिनांक 06.02.2019 को अपराह्न 3.00 बजे तक आमंत्रित की जाती हैं, जो उसी दिन अपराह्न 3.30 बजे निविदा समिति द्वारा निविदायताओं की उपस्थिति में खोली जायेगी। कार्य की घोरेर राशि: ₹ 22,500.00 एफडीआर/सीडीआर / एनएससी के रूप में अधोस्वाहाारी के पक्ष में बंधक होगी। निविदा प्रारंभ का मूल्य ₹ 1500.00 + (एपीएसटी अतिरिक्त). कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि क्रमशः 3 माह तथा निविदा की वैधता 3 माह होगी। निविदा प्रारंभ निविदा खोले जाने की तिथि से एक दिन पूर्व तक प्रत्येक कार्य दिवस में कार्यालय से प्राप्त किये जा सकते हैं। कार्य का विस्तृत विवरण, नियम व शर्तें किसी भी कार्य दिवस में कार्यालय में देखी जा सकती हैं।

प्रधान प्रबन्धक (निर्माण)

Public relieved, affected shopkeepers still protest months after demolition

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Scores of shops and other encroachments were razed amidst heavy police presence in Premnagar market area on September 14 last year. Following the demolition undertaken in pursuance of High Court orders, the area is considerably free of encroachment.

However, some of those who lost their shops have put up temporary shops while some other shopkeepers have been demonstrating in support of their demand for alternate sites to set shops. In addition to this, some of the space vacated after demolition of the encroachments has been taken over by Vikram drivers, who now park their vehicles there.

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magistrate assured them verbally of new shops.

Premnath Malhotra who lost his shop is among those protesting. He said shopkeepers like him were based in the market for about 41 years. They were paying rent to the Mithi Beri Gram Panchayat and also paid taxes to the cantonment board.

He added given the High Court orders and the assurance given to them, they did not protest at the time of demolition but no action has been taken so far in their interests.

On the other hand, there are traders like Rajeev Talwar who have set up temporary shops. He said he had

spent about Rs 70,000 to set up a temporary shop dealing in clothes and other items. He added police have taken photographs of the shopkeepers with their temporary shops for record. He too is concerned about his future.

Meanwhile, pedestrians and others who use the roads in this area daily are happy with major congestion now becoming a thing of the past. Some students said there was a time when road was jam-packed with shops and encroachments creating a traffic bottleneck. Demolition of the encroachments has made traffic smoother and resolved a major public inconvenience, they added.

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Unregistered hospitals empanelled under AAUY

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**GAJENDRA SINGH NEGI ■
DEHRADUN**

Given over-zealousness to add more hospitals into the panel of the Uttarakhand Government's pet Atal Ayushman Uttarakhand Yojana (AAUY), the health department officials appear to be turning a blind eye on a very important aspect like whether or not the hospitals concerned are registered under Clinical Establishments Act which has been passed by the Uttarakhand Assembly and subsequently notified by the State Government in 2016.

Documents available with The Pioneer suggest that only nine hospitals out of 42 AAUY

Private hospitals of Dehradun district empanelled in AAUY but not even provisionally registered under Clinical Establishment Act

- Subharati Hospital
- Life Line Hospital and Urology institute



Private Hospitals of Dehradun empanelled under AAUY and permanently registered under clinical establishment act

- Swami Ram Himalayan Hospital
- Mahant Indresh Hospital
- Kandari Nursing Home
- Prem Sukh Hospital
- Bharat Heart Institute
- Nirmal Eye Hospital
- Combined Medical Institute (CMI)
- Synergy Institute of Medical Science
- Vohra Mother and Child Care Nursing Home

empanelled hospitals in Dehradun have permanent registration number under the Clinical Establishments Act.

To make the matter even more serious, many hospitals which have been empanelled in the dream scheme of Chief Minister Trivendra Singh

Rawat have not bothered to even apply for registration under the Clinical Establishments Act.

When a hospital applies for registration under the act, the district health department concerned provisionally registers it. For permanent registration, a

team of health department conducts inspection of the hospital within one year of the provisional registration.

The permanent registration is granted only after it is ensured that the hospital is conforming to all the mandatory provisions of the act.

For registration, the clinical establishments are bound to disclose the number and qualification of the staff/doctors, nurses, technicians and others they are employing. Things like hospital infrastructure, waste disposal mechanism and basic facilities available for the

patients are also checked while granting registration.

The gross anomaly on the part of the department suggests that the hospitals are being empanelled without a reality check being done about the services, manpower employed, their qualifications and infrastructure of the hospital to humour the state government. Notably, the ruling BJP is viewing the scheme as the game changer for the upcoming gen-

eral election which is a few months away.

The Uttarakhand High Court in a landmark judgement in August last had directed the State Government to seal all such hospitals and clinics which are not registered under the clinical establishments act.

"If it is true it is really a serious matter. It means that the Government is giving credence to the hospitals which have not cared to register them-

selves under the act, something which is mandatory for them," said a senior doctor posted in the health department.

When contacted, the chairman of the State Health Authority which is entrusted with the implementation of the scheme, DK Kotia said the issue has not come to his notice. "I will get it examined and would take appropriate action thereafter if things are found that incongruous," he said.

MCD forms five zonal offices in city

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In order to give proper facilities to all the 100 wards under its geographical jurisdiction, the Municipal Corporation of Dehradun (MCD) has formed five zonal offices in the city. After the direction of the municipal commissioner Vinay Shankar Pandey, the decision was passed on Tuesday.

The five zonal offices are coming up in five different areas of the city. The first one would come up in Rajpur and the operating officer would be assistant city commissioner Vijal Das. The second zone is located in the MCD premises which would be headed by the senior municipal health officer R K Singh. The third is set up at Mathorawala Panchayat Bhavan which would be headed by the deputy municipal commissioner Soniya Pant while the fourth office comes up in Harawala Panchayat Bhavan to be headed by the assistant engineer Ved Prakash Badhani. The fifth comes up in Arcadia Panchayat Bhavan to be headed by the assistant city commissioner Rabindra Kumar Dayal.

It is further learnt that 20 wards have been assigned to the first zone while the second zone would look after 25 wards. While the third zone would look after 22 wards 14 wards have been included in the fourth zone. Finally, the fifth zone would include 19 wards.

Gati Foundation report: Residents not much aware of Swachhata App

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As the Swachhata Survekshan has started in various cities a report from the think tank based in the city has stated that the people here are not as aware of the Swachhata mobile application, launched by the Government of India, as they should be.

Notably, the Swachhata mobile app had been initiated with the purpose that the citizens and the officials together make their city cleaner. However, the report by the group presents a sorry picture of things in the city. As per the report, people are hardly aware of the app in Dehradun.

As per the report presented by the think tank Gati Foundation about Swachhata Survekshan 2019, the survey which was started from January 4 would continue in the city till January 31.

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5,000. This year's survey covers three old standards like improvement in services, direct inspection and public participation.

Apart from this, a new standard has been included which is a third-party certification that will be based on the star rating. It is learnt that 1250 points have been set for each of four parameters.

Founder of Gati Foundation Anoop Nautiyal said, "Public participation is an important element of this survey as it aims at making the citizens aware of hygiene at the national level and motivate them to contribute to the cleanliness system. Also, the new system of star rating

is very good as it is meant to make the urban bodies more conscious for cleanliness. Besides, it is expected to motivate them to adopt a modern system rather than a traditional system of cleaning."

Dehradun has not performed well in the previous report of the Swachhata Survekshan.

However, compared to 2017, the city made some improvement in its ranking in 2018. Dehradun got 316 rank in the clean survey held in 2017 whereas in 2018 the city got the 257 position. Roorkee's performance in the survey was better. The city clinched 258 points in 2017 and 158 in 2018.

AAUY: 10,23,298 golden cards prepared

A total of 3.37 lakh golden cards have so far been made in Dehradun

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The State Health Agency (SHA), entrusted with the implementation of the ambitious Atal Ayushman Uttarakhand Yojana (AAUY), has claimed that it has prepared golden cards of 10,23,298 beneficiaries till Tuesday. The process of registration of the beneficiary families is in progress at about 300 common service centres in the State. After registration, the cards are validated by SHA. The chairman SHA, DK Kotia reviewed the progress of the scheme at the health directorate on Tuesday and expressed satisfaction over the pace of things.

He said process of making golden cards is going fastest in Dehradun district where a total of 3.37 lakh cards so far have been made. Haridwar and Udhampur Singh Nagar are on the second and the third position in this respect. In the mountainous districts, a total of 59,352 cards so far have been made in Pauri while 35,362 cards, in Tehri district.

During the review of the scheme, Kotia was told that there is no backlog in making the golden cards as they are being made immediately after

Atal Ayushman Uttarakhand Yojana

A cover of Rs 5 lakh per annum is being provided to all 23 lakh families residing in Uttarakhand in the empanelled hospitals under the scheme.

The patients can avail benefit of the scheme for 1,350 types of diseases in these hospitals. Information about the scheme can be received on the Toll Free Help Line 104, Mobile App (Atal Ayushman Uttarakhand Yojana) and website

<http://ayushmanuttarakhand.org>. For the assistance of the patients, Arogya Mitras have been deployed in the listed hospitals through which the patients undergoing treatment in the hospital get help and guidance.



a registration at common service centre is done.

The officials claimed that over the past three days, over 1 lakh cards have been made.

Kotia added the SHA has a capacity to make 1.10 lakh cards in a day and soon it would be further increased.

The officials said 2,536 beneficiaries of the scheme have so far availed the scheme and 78 patients have got treatment outside the State. A total

of Rs 2.50 crore has so far been spent on treatment of these patients.

The SHA officials claim that settlements of all the claims of the hospitals are being done within 15 days of the claim receipt.

The chairman SHA said task of making 10 lakh cards has been accomplished in less than a month after the scheme was rolled out by Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat on December 25, 2018.

Snow covers various places of State Heavy snowfall warning issued for 5 districts

Thundershower in Dehradun, mercury drops by several notches

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The State received good measure of rainfall and snowfall at several of its places on Tuesday.

The places which received snowfall included New Tehri, Mukteshwar, Dhanaulti, Mussoorie and Pauri. Besides, it rained in Dehradun intermittently while the sky remained overcast throughout the day.

Besides, thundershower lashed the city on late Monday night. As per the regional meteorological centre, the maximum temperature dropped by several notches across the state following the rain/snow activity. According to the forecast, the wet climate is likely to continue for the next 24 hours.

According to the information received from the State Meteorological Centre, Mussoorie received around 13 cm of snowfall while Tehri



received 3 cm of snowfall and Mukteshwar received half inches of snowfall on Tuesday. In Dehradun, the maximum temperature dropped 8.3 degree Celsius on Tuesday while it dropped in New Tehri

by 11.6 degree Celsius. The same was the case at Mukteshwar where the mercury dropped by 11.2 degree Celsius and Almora too saw the same as the temperature dropped by 13.4 degree Celsius.

For Wednesday, the State Meteorological Centre has forecast partly to generally cloudy sky. Rain and snow are likely to occur at a few places in the state. Snowfall is likely to occur at places with the height of 1800m and above.

As per the weather forecast for the city, the sky would remain partly cloudy. Thunder cloud development and light rain are likely to lash some areas. Maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be around 18 degree C and 5 degree C respectively.

The maximum and minimum temperatures recorded at various towns of the state on Tuesday were 13.4 degree Celsius and 9.5 degree Celsius in Dehradun, 21.5 degree Celsius and 13.0 degree Celsius in Pantnagar, 3.4 degree Celsius and -1.6 degree Celsius at Mukteshwar, and 01.8 degree Celsius and -0.6 degree Celsius at New Tehri respectively.

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The State Emergency Operation Centre (SEOC) has released a warning issued by the meteorological centre on Tuesday about the possibility of heavy snowfall in some parts of five districts during the next 24 hours.

In view of the warning, the magistrates of some districts including Pauri and Dehradun have declared closure of schools on Wednesday.

As per information from the SEOC on Tuesday, some places in Uttarkashi, Chamoli, Rudrapur, Dehradun, Nainital and Pithoragarh districts are likely to experience heavy snowfall during the next 24 hours.

During the same time period, some places special in districts including Dehradun, Haridwar, Pauri, Nainital and Udhampur Singh Nagar are forecast to experience hail.

Meanwhile, on Tuesday, roads and highways including those to Gangotri and



Yamunotri in Uttarkashi district were blocked to traffic due to heavy snowfall. Accidents

due to inclement weather were also reported from some parts of the State.

Tourists enjoy the snow and view on a snow-covered road in Kilbury near Nainital following fresh snowfall on Tuesday. Pioneer photo

1 more succumbs to Swine flu, death toll goes up to 10 in Dehradun

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The death toll in the state capital due to Swine flu has gone up to 10 on Tuesday when a 36-year-old woman succumbed to H1N1 virus at Mahant Indresh Hospital.

Besides, five new cases of the disease have been reported by the district health authorities on the day, taking the number of Swine flu-contracted patients in Dehradun district to 24.



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Rain, snow forces Pritam to change 'Parivartan Yatra'

Skips Chinyalisaur, Uttarkashi, Lambgaon, Ghansali, Chamba and Tehri on Jan 23, 24

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Inclement weather has forced changes in the State Congress chief, Pritam Singh's itinerary in course of his ongoing 'Parivartan Yatra' on Tuesday.

The much-touted 'yatra' of the Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) chief which kick started from Hanoi in Chakrata, Dehradun from Monday was to arrive at Chinyalisaur and Uttarkashi on January 23 while on January 24 and 25, the yatra was to travel through Lambgaon, Ghansali, Chamba and Tehri.

All these areas are currently under spell of heavy rain and snow due to which the Congress leadership decided to postpone the yatra in these areas for the time being.

Informing about the decision, the state party vice-president Surya Kant Dhasmana said on Tuesday that the PCC chief Pritam Singh would attend Ganga Arti programme on January 25 at Muni Ki Reti in Rishikesh as planned earlier.

He said that the areas where the yatra was scheduled to pass through, postponed now due to the inclement weather, would be covered under the second phase of the yatra.

Dhasmana said that the programme of the second phase and other phases would soon be released.

The five-phased yatra, meant to highlight the all-round failure of the Centre and the State government, would travel extensively, covering all five Lok Sabha constituencies of Uttarakhand.

State admin determined to prevent malpractices during State board exam

CS in order: District administrations will be held accountable

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

With an objective to prevent the examination-related malpractices during the ensuing board examination of Uttarakhand Vidhyalaya Shiksha Parishad (UVSP), the state chief secretary Utpal Kumar Singh has directed the commissioners of Garhwal and Kumaon divisions to appoint senior revenue officers as sector magistrates. As per the order, the city magistrates, deputy collectors, Pargana officers and their equivalents would be given charge of overseeing the conduct of the board examinations.

Each sector would have 10-12 examination centres. In the order, the CS has entrusted the sector magistrates with the responsibility of conducting smooth, peaceful and malpractice-free examinations.

These magistrates would convene a meeting of the education department officers and the principals and take necessary steps, said the order.

CS said that the sector magistrates would visit all the examination centres

under their jurisdiction during the sessions of the examinations.

The sector magistrates would mark the sensitive and hyper sensitive examination centres and keep special focus on them, the order said.

The order further asked the district administration to keep an eye on any attempt to leak the question papers. CS stressed that the district administration would be held accountable for gathering of anti-social elements outside the examination centres.

The Class XII and X board examinations of UVSP would commence on March 1 and end on March 26.

A total of 1,49,737 candidates are enrolled for High school (Class X) examination of the board while 1,24,183 candidates have been registered for inter (Class XII) examination of the board this year. The UVSP has set up 1,313 examination centres for conducting the examination out of which 231 centres have been marked sensitive and 27 hyper-sensitive. The practical examinations would start on February 1 and end on February 24.

On its part, the UVSP has constituted three flying squads at the state level to prevent unfair practices during the examination.

These squads are being headed by the director education, additional director secondary education and AD primary education. Apart from them, flying squads at the division and the district levels have also been set up.

'Research scholars should make judicious use of online sources'

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Many websites are now-days available for the research scholars from where they can obtain much of vital information free of cost, said the head of Central Library of Doon University, Ashish Kumar while addressing some scholars during the national workshop on research methodology at School of Management at Doon University here on Tuesday.

He added the websites should be used judiciously by all who use them for information. The ten-day seminar is being organised by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR). I

In his presentation Ashish Kumar further warned the scholars against the habit of cut



copy paste. The head of department of Vir Bahadur Singh

Poorvanchal University Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh, Ajay Pratap Singh gave a detailed presentation on multi variant analytical method to the students on the day.



The toy train runs on Kalka-Shimla heritage rail track during heavy snowfall in northern hill town of Shimla, on Tuesday

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

Superintendent Engineer, 7th Circle, P.W.D., Gopeshwar invites bid on behalf of hon'ble Governor of Uttarakhand by e-tendering under single/two bid system for the following works. Information regarding bid will be available from 24-01-2019 on website <https://www.uktenders.gov.in>

S. No.	Name of work	Earnest Money (in lakhs)	Validity of bid	Price of bid form	Time of completion work (in months)	Category of contractor
1	Repair work by BMSDBC of Joshimath Auli motor road from km 2.250 to km 13.400 damaged due to OFC laying under deposit work (Single Bid)	1.76	120 Days	Rs. 4000.00 + GST	6 Months	Category A/A+ for road works under state/central Govt.
2	Construction of Jumma- Kaga Lagga Dronagiri motor road, under T.S.P. (Hill side cutting 2.50 km from km 4.100 to 6.900) (Two Bid)	6.28	120 Days	Rs. 5000.00 + GST	18 Months	Category A/A+ for road works under state/central Govt.

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IPS officer's...

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The authorities snapped mobile internet services in the district, apparently to stop mobilisation of people in the area. The Shopian encounter took place a day after three local cadre of Al Badr outfit were killed during an encounter at Hapatnaar village in Char-e-Sharif area of Central Kashmir's Budgam district.

Meanwhile, the Reporters Sans Frontiers (RSF), an international body for journalists, called upon the Indian authorities to conduct a thorough investigation into the pellet firing at journalists.

Taking to social networking site Twitter, the RSF said the security forces' violence against Kashmiri photojournalists is 'unacceptable'.

"Unacceptable violence by India's security forces against photojournalists covering a gunfight in the south," RSF tweeted. "We call on Indian authorities to conduct a thorough investigation on this blatant attack on press freedom. #JournalistsNotACrime," it tweeted. Meanwhile, former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah condemned assault on journalists covering the encounter.

Commenting on the incident, Kashmir Video Journalist Association (KVJA) in a statement said that this has become a routine that journalists while performing their professional duties are either being thrashed or showered with pellets.

The KVJA appealed to the Governor and the DGP to initiate strict action against those who were involved in Shirmal incident.

"It has been reported that the journalists were delivering their professional duties during the encounter and the protests in the area when the security forces fired pellets at them. A few photojournalists have received injuries on their faces during this incident," the Kashmir Press Club said in a statement.

Cong did nothing to...

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The country's middle class kept giving tax honestly and this "loot" of 85 per cent also continued, he said.

"I also want to tell you today's truth as well. We used technology to end this loot of 85 per cent completely," he said.

"In the last four-and-a-half years about ₹5,80,000 crore, about USD 80 billion, our Government, through various schemes, has directly given to the people, transferring it in their bank accounts," the Prime Minister said.

The money has been given out for various purposes such as for a home, for education, for scholarship, for gas cylinder, and to other such ends, Modi said.

"Now just consider that if the country was being run through the old system, then even today from this 5,80,000 crore, about 4,50,000 crore would have disappeared or leaked. If we would not have brought a change in the system then this amount would have been looted like the former Prime Minister had accepted...," Modi said.

This corrective measure could have been taken earlier also, but there was no intention or will, he said.

Modi's all-out attack on the Congress comes at a time the Opposition has been alleging corruption in the Rafale fighter aircraft deal.

The Prime Minister said his Government also identified about seven crore fake people who existed only on paper, taking advantage of Government schemes.

"Just think about it, more than the population of many countries such as Britain, France, Italy, we had people who just existed on paper to take advantage of Government schemes," he said.

Mauritian Premier chief guest Jugnauth, in his keynote address at the event, announced that Mauritius will host a Bhagwat Gita Mahotsav in partnership with the Haryana Government next month and also for the first time organise a Bhojpur Festival next year.

"If India is unique, Indianness is universal," Jugnauth said. He also hailed Prime Minister Modi for India's transformation.

Later, Prime Minister Modi also held bilateral talks with his Mauritian counterpart here on ways to boost bilateral trade and investment, including finalisation of a comprehensive economic partnership agreement, and expand cooperation in 'blue economy' sectors.

External Affairs Minister Swaraj, in her remarks at the inauguration, said the Pravasi Bhartiya Divas had lost its sheen in the years 2004-14, alluding to the UPA rule.

Prime Minister Modi also gave a way the awards to the winners of the 'Bharat ko Janiye' quiz competition in which about 40,000 young Indian diaspora members participated.

He also launched a Pravasi Teerth Darshan Yojana under which a group of Indian diaspora will be taken to religious places across the country.

Modi said the diaspora is equally

important in the Government's resolve for a "New India". He added that their safety is also the Government's concern and cited how it took upon the challenge of evacuating more than 2 lakh Indians stranded in conflict zones.

Speaking about the welfare of Indians overseas, Modi said passport and visa rules have been simplified and e-visa had made it much easier for them to travel. All Pravasi Bharatiyas are now being linked to Passport Sewa and efforts are on to issue chip-based e-passport, he said.

Modi also said India is in a position to lead the world on many issues and cited the International Solar Alliance as an example. "Through this, we want to take the world towards One World, One Sun, One Grid," he said.

"Today India is a fast growing economic power in the world, and even in sports we have moved towards becoming a big power," he said.

He also asserted that India was heading towards becoming the world's largest startup ecosystem and also running the world's largest healthcare scheme — Ayushman Bharat.

External Affairs Ministry official Dnyaneshwar Mulay, at a briefing, said this was the "largest and the grandest" PBD since its inception in 2003.

A total of 7,228 registrations were done for this year's PBD from over 92 countries, he said.

The theme of this year's convention is 'Role of Indian diaspora in building New India'. PTI

KIND ATTENTION RAIL PASSENGERS

REVISIONS OF TRAIN TIMINGS FROM 02.04.2019

It is notified for the information of the passengers that the timings and days of running of the following trains will be change from 2.4.2019 as under :-

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05:32	05:34	05:48	05:50	Haldwani	23:28	23:30	23:13	23:15
06:05	06:10	06:17	06:22	Lalkuan	22:40	22:50	22:30	22:40
06:35	06:37	06:50	06:52	Rudrapur City	21:58	22:00	21:35	21:37
07:45	07:48	07:53	07:55	Rampur	21:13	21:15	20:53	20:58
08:30	08:35	08:32	08:37	Moradabad	20:33	20:38	20:15	20:20
10:02	10:04	10:02	10:04	Najibabad	18:45	18:47	18:33	18:35
11:12	11:17	11:12	11:17	Haridwar	17:30	17:35	17:15	17:20
12:30	12:30	Dehradun	16:15	15:45

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Revised Days of Run : Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Revised Trains Timings

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15043 Lucknow Jn.-Kathgodam Exp.	Lucknow Jn.	Kathgodam	Kathgodam	08:00	08:10
13019 Bagh Express	Howrah	Kathgodam	Kathgodam	09:25	.....	09:30	.....
15014 Ranikhet Express	Kathgodam	Jaisalmer	Kathgodam	.....	20:40	.....	20:35
			Haldwani	20:57	21:02	20:52	20:57
			Lalkuan	21:30	21:35	21:25	21:35
13020 Bagh Express	Kathgodam	Howrah	Kathgodam	.....	21:55	.....	21:45
			Haldwani	22:12	22:17	22:03	22:08
			Lalkuan	22:45	22:50	22:35	22:40
15035 Uttar Sampark K Exp.	Delhi Jn.	Kathgodam	Lalkuan	21:25	21:35	21:20	21:30
			Haldwani	22:08	22:17	21:58	22:08
			Kathgodam	22:45	.....	22:40	.....
12407 Karambhorni Express	New Jalpaiguri	Amritsar	Moradabad	08:42	08:50	08:47	08:55
15001 Muzaffarpur-Dehradun Exp.	Muzaffarpur	Dehradun	Moradabad	08:57	09:05	09:02	09:10
15005 Gorakhpur-Dehradun Exp.	Gorakhpur	Dehradun	Moradabad	08:57	09:05	09:02	09:10
15002 Muzaffarpur-Dehradun Exp.	Dehradun	Muzaffarpur	Dehradun	.....	15:25	.....	15:20
			Haridwar	16:55	17:05	16:45	16:55
			Najibabad	18:25	18:30	18:40	18:45
			Moradabad	20:15	20:23	20:30	20:38
14605 Haridwar-Jammu Tawi Exp.	Haridwar	Jammu Tawi	Haridwar	.....	17:05	.....	16:55
			Rishikesh	.....	16:20	.....	16:35
			Virbhadar	16:31	16:32	16:47	16:48
			Raiwala	16:45	16:47	17:01	17:03
14609 Hemkunt Express	Rishikesh	SVD Katra	Haridwar	17:15	17:45	17:30	17:45

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102 one-horned rhinos killed...

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Tomar had also sought to know the estimated monetary value of body parts of the rhinos killed by poachers during the period, to which the bureau said it does not maintain such data. An year-wise analysis of the data shows that the maximum such killings took place in 2013 and 2014 (22 each year), followed by 11 in 2010, eight in 2015 and 2009, seven in 2011, 2012 and 2018, five in 2016, three in 2008 and two in 2017.

The Indian rhino or the Greater one-horned rhino, are found in the Indo-Nepal terai and northern West Bengal and Assam, according to the NGO World Wildlife Fund (WWF), India. The total population of

the one-horned rhino, the fourth largest land animal, is 3,500 in India and Nepal combined, the WWF States on its website.

Tomar said that official response suggests there is a need for stricter implementation of the law from the Centre and the states to ensure zero poaching and killings of the one-horned rhino, whose existence falls in the "vulnerable" category.

"Also, the findings reveal that the habitat of the rhinos has shrunk over a period and it is now found only in these regions, which again is a worrisome finding," the 30-year-old social activist told PTI.

"One good thing is that the number of killings has come down in the last few years from 22 each in 2013 and 2014. However, there is a need for conservators to step up action and check such killings," he added.

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3.	(LC No. 00004681 of our Dehradun Branch) Pramod Kumar (Borrower) Priyanka Pal (Co-Borrower)	All that part and parcel of Property bearing: Plot No 42, Khaska No 78 Situated At Sangam Vihar Colony, Jamalpur Pargana Jwalapur, Haridwar, Uttarakhand-249401	30/04/2018 Rs. 16,93,671/-	17-01-2019

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Date : 23/01/2019

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For Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited

EVM hacking claim triggers political storm

EC orders FIR against Shuja, self-proclaimed cyber expert

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A day after a self-proclaimed cyber expert claimed that EVMs could be 'hacked', a huge political storm erupted across the country with the Opposition and ruling parties trading charges against each other prompting the Election Commission of India (ECI) to lodge an FIR against the claimant Syed Shuja.

While the BJP and the Government alleged that the Congress had organised the EVM hackathon in London, Congress along with other Opposition parties demanded a proper probe in the matter and reiterated their demand for VVPAT voting.

Senior Congress leader Kapil Sibal, who was noticed

being present at the Press conference where Shuja claimed the 2014 general election was "rigged" through the EVMs, stated that he was there as part of invitation from the organizers and claimed that all the political parties including the election watchdog was invited for the presser in London. The Congress, however, distanced itself from the event.

The BJP dubbed the allegations of rigging in the 2014 polls a "Congress-sponsored conspiracy" designed to "defame" Indian democracy and its Election Commission. Finance Minister Arun Jaitley called the claims 'garbage' and the next 'big lie' after 'Rafale', "Indian Journalists Association London President Ashis Ray told me he has sent



invitations to all political parties including BJP and also Election Commission... He (Ashish Ray) sent me a personal e-mail also. I told him that I will be in London for some personal work and he insisted that I should come as

they are going to make an important revelation. So I went," Sibal said. Ray was one of the organisers of the event.

Reiterating Shuja's claims that a day after the 2014 elections, 11 members of his team which was working on EVMs

were murdered, Sibal sought a thorough probe.

The ruling party launched a stinging attack on the Congress and said it has already started looking for an "alibi" for its certain loss in the coming Lok Sabha polls. Union

Minister and BJP spokesperson Ravi Shankar Prasad said the Indian Journalists' Association is headed by Ashis Ray who is a "committed Congressman and writes for National Herald".

Ray "campaigns" for the Congress on social media and has often attacked Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Prasad claimed, adding that he had also organised Rahul's public event in London.

Prasad also dismissed Sibal's claim that he was present in his personal capacity, saying he was intelligent enough to know implications of his being there. He claimed that Sibal went there by deliberate design. He said the invite for the event had claimed that the hacking of EVMs will be shown but the "gentleman" appeared in the US wearing a mask.

"I could not understand this drama. He (Shuja) offered no proof and nor did he present himself to questioning by the media. No evidence, no cor-

roboration and no question and such big allegations were levelled," he said.

Prasad also expressed his party's "deep pain" at the allegation in the London event that Union Minister Gopinath Munde was "murdered" because he was aware of the 2014 poll "rigging" and was set to disclose it. He dismissed it as rubbish. Munde died in a road accident in New Delhi weeks after the BJP won the 2014 elections.

Uttar Pradesh rivals BSP's Mayawati and SP's Akhilesh Yadav, who have joined hands to contest the Lok Sabha polls, demanded that the upcoming polls be held using ballot papers instead of EVMs. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu too stated leaders of 22 parties would meet the Election Commission soon to discuss the EVMs and the voter verifiable paper audit trails (VVPAT) system.

IN SHORT

BSF HANDS OVER 31 ROHINGYAS TO POLICE

New Delhi: The Border Security Force on Tuesday handed over the 31 Rohingya Muslims, who were stranded on the India-Bangladesh border for three days, to the Tripura police, ending a standoff with its counterpart, the BGB, on the issue, officials said. They said the border guarding force signed papers and handed over the 31 Rohingyas to the staff of the Amtoli police station in West Tripura district police at 11 am. The decision was taken after the Border Security Force headquarters here obtained an approval from the Home Ministry, they said.

PLEA IN SC CHALLENGES 10% QUOTA TO EWS

New Delhi: A plea challenging the Centre's decision to grant 10 per cent quota to economically weaker people of general category in jobs and education was filed in the Supreme Court on Monday. The plea, challenging the Constitution (103) Amendment Act, 2019 which paved the way for grant of reservation to poor general category candidates, has been filed by businessman Tejshree Poonawalla and is likely to come up for hearing during the week.

SC DIRECTS BUS OWNER TO GIVE COMPENSATION

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Tuesday directed a bus owner to give compensation to his driver who died after falling from the roof of the vehicle, saying the person stayed with the bus for days on end as part of his duty. A bench of Justices Arun Mishra and Navin Sinha noted that due to the nature of the duty, the victim stayed with the bus and would not go home for weeks.

50% DISABILITY LIMIT IN HEARING: APEX COURT

New Delhi: A limit of 50 per cent disability in hearing or visual impairment is a legitimate restriction for the post of judicial officer, the Supreme Court held Tuesday. The observation was made by the apex court's Bench of Justice Ashok Bhushan and Justice KM Joseph while dismissing a plea by advocate V Surendra Mohan who had applied for the post of Civil Judge (Junior Division) under partially blind category with 70 per cent disability.

HUSBANDS GO INSOLVENT, LIVE IN PENURY: SC

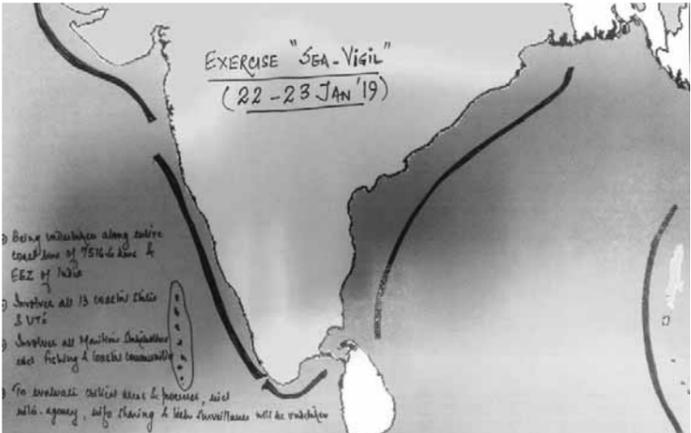
New Delhi: When estranged wives ask for maintenance, husbands start saying they are living in penury or have gone insolvent, the Supreme Court has observed. The observation was made by the apex court while asking a Hyderabad based doctor working in a reputed hospital not to leave the job just because his estranged wife was seeking maintenance.

GOVT APPOINTS 30 JOINT SECRETARIES

New Delhi: The Centre on Tuesday effected a mid-level reshuffle in the bureaucracy by appointing 30 joint secretaries in various Ministries and departments including Defence, Economic Affairs and Cabinet Secretariat. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi issued the orders for the new appointments.

SEA VIGIL TO TEST STEPS TAKEN SINCE 26/11

Navy kicks off largest-ever coastal defence exercise



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In an effort to test the operational readiness of all the stakeholders to ward off any attack like the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks in through the sea route, the Navy has commenced the largest ever coastal defence exercise Sea Vigil along the entire 7,516.6 km coast of the country. The two-day fist of its kind national level exercise starting Tuesday also covers the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of India. The exercise covers the entire 7,516.6 km coast covering 13 coastal states and union territories and stake holders also include fishing and coastal communities. Navy spokesperson DK Sharma said here on Tuesday.

Explaining the objectives of Exercise Sea Vigil, he said it aims to comprehensively and holistically validate the efficacy of the measures taken since '26/11'. Seaward monitoring during the exercise will entail patrolling off coast, in Offshore Development Areas and off our islands by the Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard, supported by the State Marine Police.

Closer coast, strategic assets, ports, Single Point Moorings (SPMs) will be patrolled by designated agencies. Seaward monitoring will also entail inputs from technical means, including intelligence sources. Shore-based monitoring will entail enhanced vigil by the State Police along the coast, monitoring of fish landing centres by state fisheries departments as also monitoring of port areas by respective port authorities.

The exercise aims to simultaneously activate the coastal security mechanism across all states and Union Territories. The exercise will cover a wide frontage covering for the first time the entire coast of India, including island territories. The exercise will also go deep, being spread over seaward, coastal, and hinterland areas. Evaluation of critical areas and processes, including inter-agency coordination, information sharing and technical surveillance will be undertaken.

On the first of its kind drill, he said so far smaller exercises are conducted in coastal states on a biannual basis, including combined exercises amongst adjoining states are conducted. The national level reflects the distance that has been covered since '26/11' and the relative maturing of the organisation for coastal security to take on this large-scale endeavour.

The scale of the exercise is unprecedented in terms of the geographical extent, the number of stakeholders involved, number of units participating and in terms of the objectives to be met. All operational assets of the Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard are participating in the SEA VIGIL. The conduct of the exercise SEA VIGIL is also being facilitated by the Ministries of Defence, Home Affairs, Shipping, Petroleum and Natural Gas, Fisheries, Customs, State Governments and other agencies of centre and state.

Post '26/11', the Indian Navy was designated as the agency responsible for overall

maritime security, including offshore and coastal security. The Indian Coast Guard was designated as the agency responsible for coastal security in territorial waters, including waters to be patrolled by the State Marine Police.

Coastal security is complex construct since it involves activities both at sea and at land. The targets of the terrorists could be well inland. In the aftermath of "26/11", a whole-of-government approach to maritime security was adopted and a large number of measures were taken by a host of stakeholders.

At the apex level National Committee on Strengthening Maritime and Coastal Security (NCSMCS) with Cabinet Secretary at the helm was established to review important matters pertaining to Coastal Security and for effective centre-state coordination.

Likewise committees have also been established at State and District level. At the operational level, it included setting up of Joint Operations Centres (JOCs) of the Navy and Coastal Security Operations Centres of the Indian Coast Guard. A multi-tiered patrol and surveillance mechanism with focus on technical surveillance and augmenting Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) through the coastal radar chain and other systems was adopted. Real-time information sharing through the National Command Control and Intelligence (NC3I) Network; greater intelligence and operational coordination were made the focus areas.

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Union Home Ministry clarified on Tuesday that Indian citizenship would not be granted to any foreigner without the consent of State Governments concerned after the passage of the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill. Home Ministry spokesperson Ashok Prasad said every application for Indian citizenship will be enquired into by the deputy commissioner or district magistrate concerned, who will carry out due diligence and submit it to the state Government concerned.

"The State Government also has to conduct an enquiry through its agencies. Only then, an individual will be granted Indian nationality. Without the state government's recommendations, no one will be given Indian citizenship," Prasad told reporters here.

The Citizenship

Amendment Bill 2019, being strongly opposed by a large section of people and organisations in the Northeast, seeks to provide Indian citizenship to persecuted minorities — Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists and Christians — from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan after they have stayed in India for seven years, instead of 12 years at present. This is applicable to those who came to India before December 31, 2014.

The six religious minorities from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan were earlier given a special dispensation for grant of long term visas. People belonging to Hindu, Sikh, Buddhism, Jain, Parsi and Christian religions from Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan will have to prove they belonged to any of the three countries and were persecuted on religious lines among other things for Indian

citizenship. A large section of people and organisations in the Northeast have opposed the Bill saying it will nullify the provisions of the Assam Accord of 1985, which fixed March 24, 1971 as the cut-off date for deportation of all illegal immigrants irrespective of religion.

Home Minister Rajnath Singh has already said the Bill will apply to all States and Union Territories and the beneficiaries can reside anywhere in the country. "The burden of these persecuted migrants will be shared by the whole country. Assam alone would not have to bear the entire burden and the government is committed to giving all help to the state government and people of Assam," Singh had said.

Home Ministry sources said the ministry is considering a proposal to provide incentives to those people who want to settle anywhere in India, except the Northeast.

Extensive transfer, posting of CBI officers to cleanse system: Officials

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The extensive transfer and posting of officials by interim CBI chief M Nageswar Rao is aimed to break the caucus of well entrenched officers posted in the agency headquarters for over three years and restore the professional credibility.

Nineteen out of the 20 transfers executed on Monday comprise cadre officials. The lone officer Prem Gautam is an IPS officer who is the SP of the Economic Offences Wing and has been given additional charge of Deputy Director (Administration/Personnel) after relieving the current incumbent Anish Prasad, who had allegedly put former Special Director Rakesh Asthana's number on surveillance without due procedure, sources said.

More transfers are in the offing in the coming days at various levels in the agency, the sources said.

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Likewise, SP SK Nair posted as SP in BSFC, Mumbai who was probing the Mehul Choksi/Nirav Modi case relating to PNB scam has been transferred to Anti-Corruption Bureau in Mumbai. SP OF BSFC, P Balachandran has also been transferred as SP Cochin.

SP Mohit Gupta who was entrusted by then CBI chief Alok Verma to probe the case against his deputy Rakesh Asthana has been brought to the BSFC, Delhi.

"The exercise was aimed to cleanse and purge the system. The purpose was also to fill the vacancies in branches which are handling crucial cases and to restore checks and balances and strengthen vigilance mechanism in the agency," an official in the know of developments said.

Rao after taking over as the

interim chief of the agency for the second time on January 11 had undone the decisions taken by Verma, who was reinstated by the Supreme Court on January 8.

The first cycle of transfers was done on October 24, last year, a day after Rao was made acting director of the agency for the first time.

He was appointed to the post after the government divested Verma and Asthana of their powers following a bitter feud between the two top CBI officers.

Verma was removed by the high-powered committee led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and comprising of Justice A K Sikri and leader of Congress Mallikarjuna Kharge, two days after his reinstatement.

Government again gave the charge to Rao in an interim capacity.

CCS approves ECHS benefits to Assam Rifles pensioners

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Government has approved granting of Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) to Assam Rifles pensioners. The beneficiaries will include pensioners and their dependents residing in India and Nepal subject to certain conditions. The Assam Rifles, one of the oldest para-military forces mostly deployed in the North-East has officers from the Army and the home ministry has the administrative control of the force. The soldiers are recruited from all over the nation.

Giving details of the decision taken the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS), officials said here on Tuesday the there are more than three lakh beneficiaries including dependents. As per the home ministry records, there are about 92,000 Assam Rifles pensioners including about 27,000 residing in Nepal.

Pak forces attacked Indian fishing boat; India lodges protest

New Delhi: The Pakistani maritime agency fired on an Indian fishing boat with seven persons on board and sank it on January 17, following which India has lodged a strong protest with Pakistan over the incident, official sources said on Tuesday.

Six Indian fishermen on board the boat 'Sudama Puri' were rescued by Indian Coast Guard while one fisherman was missing after the incident which occurred 64 nautical miles south west off Miitha Port in Gujarat, they said. PTI



President Ram Nath Kovind presents Bal Shakti Puraskar 2019 in the field of innovation to Aswath Suryanarayanan sports to Angel Vijay Deokule during the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2019 function at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi on Tuesday

4 iconic monuments to get CISF security soon

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

After year-long confabulations, the plan to provide Central Security Industrial Force (CISF) security cover to the four iconic monuments — Sun Temple in Konark in Odisha, Daulatabad Fort, Bibi Ka Maqbara (Tomb of the Lady) and Ellora caves, all three in Aurangabad in Maharashtra — is now all set to see the light of the day.

Sources in the Union Culture Ministry said that a memorandum of understanding (MoU) in this regard will be

signed soon between the CISF and the Archeological Survey of India (ASI). "Nitti gritty has been almost finalized in the matter. The pact can be inked anytime soon," said the sources.

The ASI had approached the CISF personnel in these monuments to meet security challenges such as encroachments and for managing crowds which increase on weekends and festivals.

Presently, Taj Mahal and Red Fort are the only two ASI-protected monuments in the country that are being guarded by the CISF, a central force



set up by the Union Home Ministry for protection of country's industrial units and airports. The CISF protected museums include Salarjung

Museum in Hyderabad, National Museum in Delhi and Victoria Memorial in Kolkata. When contacted, Superintending Archeologist (Aurangabad Circle) Dr. Dilip Kumar Khemari confirmed that the three monuments will be under CISF ambit if a proposal in this regard is given the green signal. But he refused to divulge further details of the proposal which was conceived early last year.

However, sources said that the four top heritage sites are facing security threats, encroachments and unman-

ageable crowd flow. "The decision to deploy CISF personnel at these four monuments was taken early last year after completion of a technical survey by the paramilitary force, which figured out the modalities of the new posting such as number of personnel that would be required, the security equipment needed and the kind of security that needs to be provided at these tourist centres," said the sources.

Located on a pyramid-shaped hilltop to the north-west of Aurangabad, Daulatabad fort is considered

as one of the most spectacular forts in the country while the Bibi Ka Maqbara is a tomb built by Mughal emperor Aurangzeb's son Azam Shah in the memory of his mother (posthumously known as Rabia-ud-Daurani). It bears a striking resemblance to the famous Taj Mahal, the mausoleum of wife of Shah Jahan.

Aurangabad is also home to Ellora-- one of the largest rock-cut monastery-temple cave complexes in the world, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, featuring Buddhist, Hindu and Jain mon-

uments, and artwork, dating from the 600-1000 CE period. Dedicated to the Hindu 'God Surya', what remains of the Sun Temple complex has the appearance of a 100-foot (30 m) high chariot with immense wheels and horses, all carved from stone. Once over 200 feet (61 m) high, much of the temple is now in ruins.

There are 3686 centrally protected monuments/sites under the ASI, majority of which are manned by private security agency. The Taj Mahal has 280 CISF security personnel while the Red Fort has 290.

Shah vows to banish TMC, illegal immigrants from Bengal

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

As soon as the Government comes to power in the State, it will end cross-border infiltration and "syndicate tax raj" in Bengal, BJP president Amit Shah on Tuesday said while launching a venomous attack on the Mamata Banerjee Government.

Shah who was holding a rally at Malda in North Bengal said reminding, the first precondition for a State-level changeover is a thunderous victory for the saffrons in the

coming Lok Sabha elections. "Trinamool Congress needs to be uprooted from this State so as to bring to an end its syndicate tax raj," Shah said reminding "in order to see the back of this Government which has promoted gun and bomb workshops in the place of traditional factories we will have to first defeat them in the general elections."

Setting a target of 23 seats Shah said "we will have to win 23 seats from this State so that we can throw them out of power in the next State elec-

tion," adding the coming general polls will not only determine the future of India but also write the history of Bengal in a different way.

"The 2019 elections will determine whether this TMC Government which has murdered democracy in Bengal and set up syndicate tax raj, will remain in Bengal or will be uprooted," Shah adding "in Gujarat you don't have to cough up money to the syndicates for buying cement, bricks and sand to construct a house. Attacking the Trinamool

Government for providing asylum to the cross-border infiltrators Shah said, "I can assure you that if BJP comes to power it will not let any infiltrator enter Bengal." The TMC Government loves infiltrators, which is why it is allergic to national register for citizens protesting its implementation, Shah said promising to bring NRC to Bengal if it comes to power in this State.

The BJP Government will provide citizenship to all the Hindu, Shikh, Buddhist and Jain refugees during the NRC

regime he said.

Mocking the grand United India rally organized last Saturday by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee at the historic Brigade Parade Ground in Kolkata and attended by 23 national leaders Shah said "this was a rally where there were 9 aspirants for the Prime Minister's post. This means there were nine Prime Ministers whereas in BJP there is only one, that is Narendra Modi," adding the people will definitely choose the better and later option.



BJP national president Amit Shah waves at supporters during a public rally at Nilayapur in Malda on Tuesday

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Name of the Borrower / Address/ Co-Borrower and Guarantor Name	Property Address of Secured Assets	1. NPA Date 2. Date of Demand Notice 3. Outstanding Amt (Rs.) as on Date of Notice 3. Loan Amount (Rs.)
1. Mr. Mahesh Kumar S/o Shri Amar Singh, R/O-869, Sector - 6, P & T, Quarters, R K Puram, New Delhi - 110022 Also At: Mr. Mahesh Kumar S/o Shri Amar Singh, Anura Tourist Taxi Service Asaf, All Road, JNU East Gate, Opp. Shaheed Bhawan New Delhi - 110057	DDA Free Hold Flat No -1118, On third Floor with Scooter Garage, CAT-SF-II, Situated at Sector - A, Pooker - A, VasantKunj New Delhi - 110070 along with proportionate undivided indivisible and impartible freehold ownership rights in the land and bounded as under/According to sale Deed): East - As Per Sale Deed, West - As Per Sale Deed, North - As Per Sale Deed, South - As Per Sale Deed	1. 9-Nov-18 2. 10-Dec-18 3. Rs. 12,224,181/- 4. Rs13,133,812/-
2. Mrs. Punia Sharma, W/o - Mr. Mahesh Kumar R/O-869, Sector - 6, P & T, Quarters, R K Puram, New Delhi - 110022	Shop No. 7 & 9, On Ground Floor, consisting of 17.90 Sq. Mts. And Mezzanine area 18.36 Sq. Mtrs. Situated at CSC No. 1, Sector-3, Situated at Rohini, Delhi-110085 with freehold rights of land thereunder.	1. 10-Dec-18 2. 19-Dec-18 3. Rs. 4,857,805/- 4. Rs. 57,95,988/-
1. Mr. Praveen Jain S/o Sh. Madanlal Jain R/O H 34/157 Sector 3, Rohini, New Delhi-110085 Also At: Mr. Praveen Jain, Shop No 7 & 9, Csc-1 DDA Market, Sector-3, Rohini, New Delhi-110085	A Residential property Entire Ground Floor consisting of Two Bed Rooms, one drawing/dining room bathrooms / Toilets and one Kitchen with one Car Parking inside the building, in/of the said property bearing no 58 erected on a plot of land measuring 133.33 sq. yds situated at Kailash Hills - New Delhi having built up area measuring 89.59 Sq. Mts. and 9.18 Sq. Portion of the basement measuring approx. 500 sq feet with separate stair case in of the said property bearing no. 58 erected on a plot of land measuring 133.33 sq. yds. At Kailash Hills New Delhi which is bounded as under. Boundaries: East - Service Lane, West-30 Feet Wide Road, North- Property No.57, South- Property No. 59	1. 30-Oct-18 2. 12-Dec-18 3. Rs. 4,428,864/- 4. Rs. 97,00,000/-
2. Mrs. Sonia Jain W/O Mr. Praveen Jain R/O H 34/157 Sector 3, Rohini, New Delhi-110085 Also At: Mrs. Sonia Jain Shop No 7 & 9, Csc-1 Ddamarket, Sector-3, Rohini, New Delhi-110085		

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules thereunder.

Kind attention is invited to provisions of sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act where under you can tender the entire amount of outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank only till the date of publication of the notice for sale of the secured asset(s) by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty. Please also note that if the entire amount of outstanding dues together with the costs and expenses incurred by the Bank is not tendered before publication of notice for sale of the secured assets by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty, you may not be entitled to redeem the secured asset(s) Please note that under Section 13(1) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Date : 23-01-2019, Place: New Delhi Sd/- Authorized Officer, Axis Bank Ltd.

Maha Govt OK's ₹100 cr for Thackeray memorial

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In an effort to keep its aggrieved ruling alliance partner Shiv Sena in good humour in the run-up to the crucial Lok Sabha polls, the BJP-led Maharashtra Government on Tuesday sanctioned ₹100 crore for the ambitious Bal Thackeray memorial, being developed at the erstwhile Mayoral bungalow at Shivaji Park in north-central Mumbai.

The State Cabinet, at its weekly meeting presided over by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis, approved the decision to sanction ₹100 crore for the Thackeray memorial. The State-run Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA), which functions directly under control of the Chief Minister, will make available ₹100 crore for the Thackeray memorial project.



The development came on the eve of the 93rd birth anniversary of Thackeray on Wednesday.

On Wednesday, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), which owned Mayor's bungalow-compound land, would hand over the papers transferring the land to the Balasaheb Thackeray National Memorial Public Trust (BTMPT) set up for the construction of a memorial for the late Sena chief. Built in 1928 in an area spread over four acres of land,

the mayor's bungalow was proposed in 2016 as a site for late Thackeray's memorial. The bungalow plot admeasuring 11,500 sq metre, has been given to the BTMPT at a nominal lease of ₹1 per annum for 30 years.

Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray will perform Ganesh puja at the memorial site on Wednesday.

The BTMPT is expected to lay foundation stone for the construction of Thackeray sometime next month, for which the ruling Shiv Sena might invite Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Informed Sena sources said that the party may hold a special screening of "Thackeray", a Hindi and Marathi biopic made on the life and times of the late Shiv Sena chief.

Meanwhile, while announcing the sanction of ₹100 crore the Thackeray memorial project, Maharashtra

Shivpal: SP-BSP alliance thagbandhan, not gathbandhan

Lucknow: Pragatisheel Samajwadi Party (Lohia) chief Shivpal Yadav on Tuesday termed the poll alliance between the SP and BSP a 'thagbandhan', or a coalition of cheaters, and alleged that their chiefs are in the habit of betraying others.

"This is not a 'gathbandhan' (alliance) between the SP and the BSP but a 'thagbandhan'," he said about the seat-sharing pact recently announced by the two parties for the Lok Sabha polls. "While one ditched his father and uncle, the other ditched the same with her brother," Yadav told reporters at his party office here.

He was referring to Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav, who allegedly ditched him and his brother Mulayam Singh Yadav, and

Bahujan Samaj Party supremo Mayawati, who had once tied a 'rakhi' on BJP leader Lalji Tandon. Shivpal Yadav had formed the new party after complaining of being sidelined by nephew Akhilesh Yadav, when he took charge of the SP from party founder and father Mulayam Singh Yadav. Shivpal Yadav said after the Lok Sabha polls his own party will hold the "master key", without which no Government could be formed at the Centre. "We will form an alliance with the secular parties, and the talks are on. You all will be told about it soon," he added.

"The PSPL is emerging as a force in the state and people are giving it support. Only our party can stand against the BJP," he claimed. PTI



A policeman walks near stranded vehicles on the second day of closed Srinagar-Jammu National Highway during heavy snowfall, at Qazigund, Kashmir on Tuesday

Avalanche blocks Jawahar Tunnel, J&K highway closed

KHURSHED WANI ■ SRINAGAR

Inclement weather continued to impact the normal life in Kashmir Valley as Srinagar-Jammu National Highway remained closed for the second consecutive day as a massive avalanche hit the vital Jawahar Tunnel blocking its two tubes from the Kashmir Valley side. Hundreds of trucks have been stranded along the 300-kilo-

meter highway even as the authorities issued strict advisories for the passenger and goods vehicles. The traffic management officials said that landslides have hit the strategic highway at some places in the Ramban district including Diggold, Panchthal, Magarkote and Khooni Nallah. They said that a massive avalanche hit the northern tube of Jawahar Tunnel blocking the

highway completely. They said it would require a massive clearance operation to make the tunnel safe for passage of vehicles. The area around the tunnel has witnessed massive snowfall. There was no report of any loss of life or injuries following avalanche and landslides. On Monday, the incessant rain and snowfall forced authorities to suspend vehicular traffic on the highway.

Security threat: PM's public meet venue changed in TN

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

The venue from where Prime Minister Narendra Modi was to lay the foundation stone for the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at Madurai on January 29 has been shifted to another place following security threat.

Though Tamil Nadu Police was tight-lipped about the reasons behind the shifting of the venue, persons having access to intelligence inputs told *The Pioneer* that central agencies have taken note of the statements made by Vaiko, leader of the MDMK and leaders of various Tamil chauvinist organisations that they would stage black flag demonstrations against the Prime Minister during his visit to Madurai.

Security agencies do not want to risk any chances as last time the Prime Minister visited Chennai, the

DMK and other Dravidian organisations had flown black balloons against him for the delay in constituting the Cauvery Management Board as per the orders of the Supreme Court. The Prime Minister's visit in April 2018 was to inaugurate the Defence Expo.

"The recent speeches made by the Dravidian leaders condemning the Prime Minister over a series of issues ranging from Karnataka's plan to go ahead with the preparation of detailed project report for constructing the Mokedutti Dam and the failure of the Centre to accept the demand for compensation package for those affected by Cyclone Gaja in November 2018 were highly critical and it is quite natural for central agencies to take note of the same," said a source in Chennai Police who did not want his name to be quoted.

Another woman seeks HC nod to abort 25-week pregnancy

Kolkata: A woman on Tuesday moved the Calcutta High Court seeking permission to abort her 25-week old foetus due to medical complications.

Hearing the plea of the woman and her husband, Justice Tapabrata Chakraborty directed her to appear before a medical board of state-run SSKM Hospital on Thursday for examination and to ascertain whether the pregnancy was to be terminated.

Justice Chakraborty directed Additional Advocate General Abhratosh Majumdar to submit

the report of the medical board before the court on January 25.

The woman got married in 1999 and gave birth to a girl in 2004, their lawyers Kallol Basu and Apalak Basu submitted.

While the woman is a homemaker, her husband works in a private company. She conceived again in October last year and, after four weeks during a check-up, the doctor suspected some abnormality and advised the woman to undergo a serum test.

After the test, it was found that the child was at a high risk

of being affected with Down Syndrome, they submitted before the court. They consulted two more doctors and after several more pathological tests it was found that the foetus was affected by abnormal development of cardiac organs, stomach, umbilical chord, apart from that of the brain which can lead to the child being affected by Down Syndrome following birth. On January 13, when the foetus was aged 23 weeks, one of the doctors said it was a fit case for termination of pregnancy.

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE
Letter No. 102 / NIVIDA / 30 Date: 21-01-2019

The Project Manager Construction Unit Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam Ranikhet (Almora) 263645, on behalf of Chairman Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam invites sealed item rate tender on e- Government Procurement System (c-GPS) portal i.e. <http://www.uktenders.gov.in>, for the following works:-

Sl No.	Name of Work	Cost of Tender (Rs. in lacs)
1.	CONSTRUCTION OF TRANSIT HOSTEL BUILDING AND APPURTENANT WORK AT GOVIND SINGH MEHRA GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL RANIKHET, DISTRICT - ALMORA	180.00 Lacs
2.	CONSTRUCTION OF TRANSIT HOSTEL BUILDING AND APPURTENANT WORK AT C.H.C. DWARAHAT, DISTRICT - ALMORA	180.00 Lacs
3.	CONSTRUCTION OF TRANSIT HOSTEL BUILDING AND APPURTENANT WORK AT C.H.C. CHAUKHUTIYA, DISTRICT - ALMORA	180.00 Lacs
4.	CONSTRUCTION OF TRANSIT HOSTEL BUILDING AND APPURTENANT WORK AT C.H.C. BAIJNATH, DISTRICT-BAGESHWAR	180.00 Lacs
5.	CONSTRUCTION OF TRANSIT HOSTEL BUILDING AND APPURTENANT WORK AT C.H.C. DHAULADEVI, DISTRICT - ALMORA	180.00 Lacs
6.	CONSTRUCTION OF TRANSIT HOSTEL BUILDING AND APPURTENANT WORK AT DISTRICT HOSPITAL BAGESHWAR, DISTRICT-BAGESHWAR	237.00 Lacs

The tender form can be downloaded from e-Government Procurement System (e-GPS) portal i.e. <http://www.uktenders.gov.in> from 22.01.2019 at 18:00 hrs to 07.02.2019 at 17:00 hrs. Other information can be seen in tender form or office notice board or obtained from office or phone no. 05966-220690 of office of tender inviting authority.

PROJECT MANAGER

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TENDER NOTICE

SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD / CORP. / AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP. / AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BAHADURGARH	PROVIDING & INSTALLATION OF 9MTR HIGH MAST LIGHT AT VARIOUS PLACE IN WARD NO 15 + 7 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING 31.01.2019	65.92 LACS	etenders.hry.nic.in Tender No: 872 to 878 & 897	9816101030 mcbgah@gmail.com
2	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION FARIDABAD	PROVISION OF RMC M-40 ON VARIOUS ROADS NEAR TUBE WELL NO.4 IN SEC-4 (INDUSTRIAL AREA) WARD NO.33 FARIDABAD	21.01.2019 14.02.2019	182.98 LACS	https://mefbd.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in Tender No: 12487	981864725 shvamsingh.amrta@gmail.com
3	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION GURUGRAM	FILLING OF POTHoles OF ROAD IN VILLAGE DARBARIPUR, WARD NO-25	21.01.2019 25.01.2019	6.82 LACS	http://mgsurgram.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in Tender No: EE-IV/MCG/2018/2927, 20.01.2019, 14242	9821395213 ee4@mcg.gov.in
4	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION GURUGRAM	DETAILED PROJECT REPORT FOR PROVIDING AND LAYING MAIN SEWER LINE FROM GOVT. SCHOOL TO PROPOSED STP AT VILLAGE DARBARIPUR UNDER MCG JURISDICTION	21.01.2019 11.02.2019	115.61 LACS	http://mgsurgram.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in Tender No: EE-IV/MCG/2018/2926, 20.01.2019, 112441	9821395213 ee4@mcg.gov.in
5	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE FARUKHANGAR	PROVIDING & FIXING OF LED STREET LIGHT IN HALLYMANDI ROAD TO CHAND NAGAR + 2 OTHER WORKS	21.01.2019 31.01.2019	EMD-1.13 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in Tender No: 2018_HRY_74306_1 to 74308_1	9467388174 sevcmsfarukhangar@gmail.com
6	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL KATHAL	PURCHASE OF 20 DUSTBIN CAPACITY 3 CUM UNDER SBM SCHEME AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT	18.01.2019 24.01.2019	11.44 LACS	https://mckathal.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in Tender No: 122226	9416188848 mckathal@gmail.com
7	UHBVN	E-PROCUREMENT OF 3 PHASE 11KV/433-250V, 100 KVA OIL IMMERSED, NATURALLY COOLED ALUMINIUM WOUND OUTDOOR TYPE ENERGY EFFICIENCY LEVEL-2	22.01.2019 22.02.2019	61.20 CRORE	haryanaeprocurement.gov.in NIT-228/UM/M/M/XEN/P-II(QH)/2534, 18.01.2019	9357189013 cgmmuhbvn@gmail.com
8	UHBVN	E-PROCUREMENT OF 3 PHASE 11KV/433-250V, 16 KVA OIL IMMERSED, NATURALLY COOLED ALUMINIUM WOUND OUTDOOR TYPE ENERGY EFFICIENCY LEVEL-2	22.01.2019 15.02.2019	14.80 CRORE	haryanaeprocurement.gov.in NIT-229/UM/M/M/XEN/P-II(QH)/2533, 18.01.2019	9357189013 cgmmuhbvn@gmail.com
9	UHBVN	E-PROCUREMENT OF 3 PHASE 11KV/433-250V, KVA OIL IMMERSED, NATURALLY COOLED ALUMINIUM WOUND OUTDOOR TYPE ENERGY EFFICIENCY LEVEL-2	18.01.2019 08.02.2019	67.50 CRORE	haryanaeprocurement.gov.in NIT-229/UM/M/M/XEN/P-II(QH)/2533, 18.01.2019	9357189013 cgmmuhbvn@gmail.com
10	HV/PNL PANCHKULA	CLOSING	05.03.2019	62.04 LACS	www.hvpl.org.in NIT No:1020, 17.01.2019, REC-257	0122-2583789 pro@hvpl.org.in
11	RGTPP/HJGCKL/KHE DAR, HISAR	SUPPLY OF RETAINER RING FOR COAL BURNER TO 2X600 MW + 3 OTHER WORKS	10.01.2019 08.02.2019	3.24 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in Tender No: 111108 & Others	9355084358 id-semm@rajpp@gmail.com
12	HARTRON	RATE CONTRACT OF PURCHASE OF CCTV CAMERA FOR A PERIOD OF 1 YEAR	22.01.2019 21.02.2019	1 CRORE	https://etenders.hry.nic.in Tender No: Hartron/HW/2018-19/61	0172-2720133 aemarcurement@gmail.com
13	HSAMB KARNAL	REPAIR & WIDENING/STRENGTHENING OF ROAD FROM VILLAGE PADHANA TO GANGER(ROAD ID 4040) + 6 OTHER WORKS	25.01.2019 08.02.2019	504.97 LACS	https://hsamb.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	0184-2202964 zenkarnal.hsamb@gmail.com

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Shut down madrasas across country to crush ISIS roots

Shia Waqf Board chairman writes to PM

Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh Shia Central Waqf Board Chairman Waseem Rizvi has written a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, urging him to shut down primary-level madrasas across the country in order to check terror group ISIS' influence on Muslim children.



Waseem Rizvi, Chairman of Uttar Pradesh Shia Central Waqf Board, is seen in a photograph.

Rizvi, who has supported the demand for Ram temple in Ayodhya and uniform civil code, said Muslim children, if they want, can take admission in madrasas after completing high school.

"It can be seen that children are soft targets for running any mission and at this point of time ISIS is a dangerous terror organisation which is gradually getting hold over the Muslim population across the world. ...If madarasas are not

shut down, about half of the country's population will become supporters of the ISIS ideology in 15 years' time," Rizvi said in the letter.

He said the support to the ISIS is clearly visible in Kashmir where children are being alienated from people of other religion in the name of Islamic education.

"In the rural areas of the country also, the primary madarasas in the name of donations are harming the future of our children and promoting fundamentalist thinking... This is damaging both the country and the Muslim children," he said.

Taking admission in madrasas after schooling will not only help them take normal education till the high school-level along with children of different sections of society and religion, but also will deter them from getting easily influenced by fundamentalist thinking, Rizvi said.

He has previously supported the demand of Ram temple at the disputed site in Ayodhya and a mosque, 'Masjid-e-Aman', in Lucknow.

31 stranded Rohingyas handed over to police

Sent to 14-day judicial custody

Agartala/New Delhi: The BSF on Tuesday handed over the 31 Rohingya Muslims, who were stranded on the India-Bangladesh border for four days, to Tripura Police, even as 30 more community members were apprehended in Assam, officials said.

The 31 Rohingyas, who had apparently come from Jammu & Kashmir, were stuck in no-man's land, beyond the barbed wire fence along the Indo-Bangladesh border in Tripura since January 18.

The situation had led to a blame game between the Border Security Force (BSF) and its counterpart — Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB) — with the two sides accusing each other of pushing them into their territories.

The decision to hand over the Rohingyas to the Tripura



Rohingya Muslims, who were arrested from Churaibari village near the Tripura border, being taken to the district court from a police station in Karimganj district on Tuesday

Police was taken after the BSF and the BGB failed to reach a decision during talks on the issue.

The 31 Rohingyas underwent a medical check-up and were later produced before a court in West Tripura district which sent them to 14-day judicial custody, the officials said.

Deputy Inspector General of the BSF Brijesh Kumar said,

"We took the matter up with the BGB and requested them to take the Rohingyas back to Bangladesh. They denied. Several rounds of talks with the BGB had failed. So, we handed them over to police."

A battalion commander-level meeting was held at the Zero Line on Sunday, the officials said.

Officials in New Delhi said the BSF informed the Home

Ministry about the final result of the talks and gave it the situation report.

After receiving the ministry's nod, the BSF signed the papers and handed over the 31 Rohingyas to the staff of the Amtoli police station in West Tripura district police at 11 am, ending the standoff with their Bangladeshi counterparts.

The officials added that the state police will verify the details of the Rohingyas, and the BSF has been asked to render assistance for the task.

It is suspected that these people had travelled to the border area from Jammu & Kashmir, the officials said adding, that the truth can only be established after an investigation. Pranab Sengupta, officer-in-charge of the Amtoli police station, told PTI that the 31 Rohingyas, including nine women and 16 children, were sent to the Tripura Medical College for a check-up and "were found to be alright".

He said the BSF had been providing them food, water and other essentials.

While the BGB claimed they had come from India, the BSF said they had not as there was no tell-tale sign of breach of the barbed wire fence on the Indian side.

BGB commander in Bangladesh's eastern Brahmanbaria region Lt Colonel Golam Kabir told PTI in Dhaka that the "BSF wanted to push them into our territory but eventually, they took them back".

He said BGB officials held two rounds of talks with their Indian counterparts during which "we told the BSF that if they were Bangladeshi, bring them to justice in your country in line with your law for trespass charges".

"They (Indians officials) tried to convince us that the Rohingyas entered into India from Bangladesh which we refused to accept as these people were carrying Indian refugee cards," Kabir added. PTI

2 more people die due to swine flu in Raj, death toll reaches 54

Jaipur: Two more people died due to swine flu in Rajasthan on Tuesday, taking the death toll to 54, an official spokesperson of the State Health Department said.

The two deaths were reported from Bikaner and Karauli.

As many as 54 people have died due to swine flu in the state from January 1 to till date.

The spokesperson said 1,414 people tested positive for the H1N1 virus. Looking at the situation, the medical and health department Monday launched

a three-day screening drive for swine flu and it has now been extended to three more days.

On Monday and Tuesday, more than 55 lakh people were screened in nearly 20 lakh houses across the state, Dr V K Mathur, Director (public health) of the medical and health department said.

He informed that 846 people were found with symptoms of swine flu and they were given the medicine. Nearly 20,000 people were found suffering with fever and samples were collected, Mathur said. PTI

Maha Brahmin community holds protest for 4% quota

Mumbai: An organisation claiming to work for Brahmin rights on Tuesday held a dharna here demanding four per cent reservation for the community instead of inclusion in the Centre's 10 per cent quota for economically backward sections in the general category.

The protest, in Azad Maidan in south Mumbai, by the Samata Brahmin Samaj Maharashtra, an umbrella body of 24 groups, saw around 1500 people, including priests, from Nashik, Thane, Pune and other parts of the State.

A delegation which met Maharashtra Chief Minister

Devendra Fadnavis later told reporters that the CM was positive on their demands except that of quota. Vishwajeet Deshpande, an organisation functionary said, "All other demands except reservation for Brahmins were accepted by the Govt. However, reservation is our key demand for which we will continue our protest."

He added that the 10 per cent quota announced by the Narendra Modi Government is for 250 castes and religions.

"We want 4 per cent quota, which is half of the population percentage of Brahmins in Maharashtra. We will intensify

our agitation if the Government fails to give reservation before Lok Sabha code of conduct comes into force," he said.

He added that their demands include creation of a separate financial board for the Brahmin community to help economically weaker sections, a separate 'atrocities act' to protect the community as well as student hostels in every district for the community.

The group also demanded free education from kindergarten to post graduation, completion of the Shivaji memorial and Bharat Ratna for freedom fighter Veer Savarkar. PTI



A Chestnut-tailed Starling or Grey-headed Myna visits a Sernal flower in Guwahati on Tuesday

Movie buffs to get special treatment at NMIC

It will remain open for public every Sunday, Tuesday between 11-6 am

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In what will provide an opportunity to movie aficionados to undertake an absorbing journey of over a century of Indian cinema, the newly inaugurated the National Museum of Indian Cinema (NMIC) at the Film Divisions campus will remain

open for public between 11 am and 6 pm every Sunday and Tuesday.

The NMIC — housed in two buildings, the New Museum Building and the 19th century historic palace Gulshan Mahal — which was inaugurated on by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday — opened for the first time on Sunday and it remained open for the second day on Tuesday.

The NMIC provides a glimpse into Indian film history and help film students, filmmakers, fans and critics to learn and understand cinema as a

medium of artistic expression in the country and globally.

The museum has on display artefacts like vintage cameras, projectors, editing and recording equipments, costumes, photographs and other materials portraying the journey of Indian cinema since the dawn of Indian cinema in 1913 with the first full-length feature film, "Raja Harishchandra" made by the legendary Dhundiraj Govind Phadke, known as Dadasaheb Phalke.

The New Museum Building has four Exhibition Halls which encapsulate: Gandhi & Cinema:

it not only depicts the movies made on the life Mahatma Gandhi but also showcases the deep impact his life had on cinema. The Children's Film Studio in the museum gives visitors, particularly children, an opportunity to explore the science, technology and art behind filmmaking. It offers hands on experience in various facets associated with making cinema like camera, light, shooting, experience of acting, etc. — presented in an interactive format.

The exhibits displayed include chroma studio, immersive experience zone, stop-

motion animation studio, virtual makeover studio, etc.

The NMIC showcases the creative use of technology by Indian film makers over the years to produce cinematic impact on the silver screen. It also showcases the charismatic kaleidoscopic presence of the vibrant cinematic culture across India.

Gulshan Mahal is an ASI Grade-II Heritage Structure which has been restored as part of the NMIC project. The displays present here showcase the journey of over a hundred years of Indian cinema.

Navy resumes operation to retrieve trapped miner's body, not successful

Shillong: The Indian Navy on Tuesday resumed its operation to retrieve the decomposed body of one of the trapped miners detected inside a 300-foot deep illegal coal mine in Meghalaya's East Jaintia Hills district but failed to achieve success.

Navy divers, who had suspended their operation on Sunday on the advice of the district administration, along with NDRF personnel, used remote-

ly operated vehicles.

After day-long efforts, they only managed to move the body a few metres from where it was left on Sunday and brought it near the bottom of the main shaft, officials said.

"The body has been pulled near the bottom of the main shaft... The process to bring the body to the top will take some more time due to the presence of some obstructions inside the mine," spokesperson of the

operation R Susngi said. Efforts to retrieve the body would continue on Wednesday, he added.

The Navy personnel had earlier managed to pull the body, seen 200 ft along the horizontally dug small hole, about half way to the bottom of the shaft. But, it could not be brought out due to apprehension that further moving it could result in its disintegration, Susngi said. PTI

कार्यालय नगर निगम देहरादून
 (ई-निविदा) दिनांक-22.01.2019
 पत्रांक-4695
 नगर निगम देहरादून द्वारा वित्तीय वर्ष 2019-20 हेतु सफाई उपकरण एवं कीटनाशक सामग्री क्रय करने हेतु 'तकनीकी बिड' व 'वित्तीय बिड' के आधार पर ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। ई-निविदा उत्तराखण्ड की ई-निविदा साईट www.uktenders.gov.in में दिनांक 14.02.2019 को 02.00 बजे तक जमा की जा सकती है। जो कम्पेटी के सम्मति दिनांक 15.02.2019 सांय 04.00 बजे खोजी जायेगी। सम्पर्क नं०- 7536804949, 7055909056 नगर आयुक्त नगरनिगम देहरादून

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON (See Section 82 Cr.PC)
 Whereas complaint has been made before me that **Lal Singh, S/o Late Ram Singh R/o Jhuggi No.6, O-Block, Mangol Puri, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 1346/15 u/s 25 Arms Act, P.S. Mangol Puri, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Lal Singh cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Lal Singh has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).
 Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Lal Singh of **FIR No. 1346/15 u/s 25 Arms Act, P.S. Mangol Puri, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **23.04.2019**.
 By Order,
Sh. Rakesh Kumar-I
 Metropolitan Magistrate (North-West), Room No.105,
 DP/1790/OD/19-(Court Matter) 1st Floor, Rohini Distt. Courts, Delhi

SEARCH FOR MISSING
 General public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Laxmi, D/o Arun Sahni, R/o: G-52, Gali No. 7, Prem Nagar-I, Kirari, Suleman Nagar, Delhi, Age: 11 years, Height: 4', Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, ID Mark: Deaf, Dumb & Low Memory, wearing White-Red & Black Sweater-Brown Pajami**, has been missing/kidnapped from the area of **Aman Vihar, since 29.11.2018**. In this regard a **FIR No. 1193/18 U/S 363 IPC, dated 30.11.2018** has been lodged at **P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about her please inform undersigned.
 Website : <http://cbi.nic.in>
 E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
 Fax: 011-24368639
 Ph. No. : 011-24368638, 24368641
SHO P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi
 DP/1751/OD/18 Ph.: 011-25961600, 25185393

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
See Section 82 Cr. PC
 Whereas complaint has been made before me that **Surender Kumar R/o: F-995/996, 1st Floor, F-Block, DDA Flats, J.J. Colony, Near Maszid, Mangol Puri, Delhi-110083** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) offence case (1) CC No. 12798/2017, (2) CC No. 16807/2017, (3) CC No. 9080/2018 U/s 138 NI Act, has been lodged at P.S. Mangol Puri, Delhi punishable and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person **Surender Kumar** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Surender Kumar** absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).
 Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Surender Kumar** of case (1) CC No. 12798/2017, (2) CC No. 16807/2017, (3) CC No. 9080/2018 U/s 138 NI Act, at P.S. Mangol Puri, Delhi is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before 08.04.2019.
 By Order
Ms. Paridhi Gupta
 Metropolitan Magistrate-02 (NI Act),
 Room No. 212, 2nd Floor,
 Dwarka Court, New Delhi
 DP/1785/OD/18

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE
Invitation of tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement systems)

Name of work	Overhauling/ Replacement/ Refurbishment/Repairs of Engine/ Transmission and Brake System of 03 Nos. Heritage Rail Motor Car of Kalka-Shimla NG Section by DEMU-Shed, Shakurbasti, DL Division.
Approximate Cost	₹ 28,49,460/- including GST @ 18% (₹ Twenty Eight Lacs Forty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Sixty only)
Earnest money	₹ 57,000/- (Note: It should be in the form of net banking or gateway only. Note: FDR not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Board letter no. 2015/CR-1/CT/5/1 dated: 31.08.2016)
Completion period of the work	60 days
Cost of tender document	₹ 3,540/- with GST @18% (Note: It should be in the form of net banking or gateway only. Note: FDR not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Board letter no. 2015/CR-1/CT/5/1 dated: 31.08.2016)
Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender	Upto 15:00 hrs. on 15.02.2019 Opening of Tender at 15:00 hrs.
Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen	Above tender is available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

 No. 25.8.618.DSL.SSB Dated: 21.01.2019 153/19
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New Okhla Industrial Development Authority
 Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida, (U.P.)
 Website: www.noidaauthorityonline.com
E-TENDER NOTICE
 E-Tenders are invited from firms / contractors registered with UPLC Lucknow for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority's official Website: www.noidaauthorityonline.com and <https://etender.up.nic.in>. Please ensure to see these websites for any changes/amendments & corrigendum etc.
(A) 1 42/Noida/GM-(S)/SM-WC-06/ET/2018-19, Name of Work: D/o Village-Sarfabad (C/o C.C. Raod, Drain, Culvert & P/F Jaal in Gali from Ranbir House Near Lal Mandir to Chhote Lal House), Noida Cost Rs. 28.86 Lac.
 Which can be uploaded by date **11.02.2019** upto 5.00 pm. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date **12.02.2019** at 11.00 am.
(B) 1 65/Noida/GM-(S)/SM-WC-09/ET/2018-19, Name of Work: D/o Village (M/o Internal CC Road, Village - Bakhtawarpur), Noida Cost Rs. 55.17 Lac.
 Which can be uploaded by date **07.02.2019** upto 5.00 pm. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date **08.02.2019** at 11.00 am.
General Manager (K), Noida
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UJVN Limited
 H.O.: "UJWAL", Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006
 Telephones: 0135-2763808 & Fax: 0135- 2763508
 CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866
Tender Notice
Bid Identification No.: 10, 11 & 12/EE/M&G/DLR/ 2018-19
 Office of the Executive Engineer (M&G), Dhalipur Power House invites online tender from interested parties. Detail of tender is as follows:
 1. Name of the Work: (i) Supply & Installation of New Stainless Steel Railing of all 3 Machines & Erection by railing of Dhalipur Power Station. (ii) Emulsion painting work on the metallic structure/ machines/ store shed surfaces of Dhalipur Power Station. (iii) Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of pumps for drainage water at Dhalipur Power Station
 2. Estimated Cost : ₹ 14,87,500/-, 23,79,023/-, 17,75,280/- respectively (GST Extra)
 3. Tender Cost (Rs) : 1,180/-, 1,180/-, 1,180/- Respectively
 4. Earnest Money (Rs) : 45,000/-, 71,500/-, 53,500/- respectively
 5. Period of Completion : 3 Month, 3 Month, 3 month
 6. Date & Time of availability : 21-01-2019 from 17:00Hrs of bid document
 7. Last Date & Time of downloading : 13-02-2019, upto 15:00 Hrs of tender document
 8. Last Date/Time for receipt of bid : 13-02-2019 up to 16:00 Hrs
 9. Date of opening of bid : 15-02-2019 at 11:00 Hrs
 10. Name & Address of the officer : Executive Engineer (M&G), Dhalipur Power House (Dehradun)-248142
 11. Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation etc. may be obtained from the website www.ujvn.com
 पत्र सं: 41 - 22/01/2019
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 (A Government of Haryana Undertaking)
 Bays No. 59-62, Sector-2, Panchkula,
 Phone: 0172-2590608
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NIT)
 HMSCL invites e-tenders for two years Rate Contract for Neonatal Open Care, CFL Phototherapy, Drug HBNC Kit for ASHA, High End Pulse Oxymeter and Hypochlorous Acid and Mixed Oxidant Generation System on the website www.etenders.hry.nic.in. Please see corrigendum if any regarding these tenders on the website www.etenders.hry.nic.in only.
 Managing Director,
 HMSCL, Panchkula
 RO No. 74980 Dt. 22-01-2019
Horticulture Department
NEW DELHI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
 Palika Kendra, New Delhi-110001
e-Procurement Tender Notice
 Tender I.D. No. : 2019_NDMC_166162_1
 Name of Work : M/o CPWD Colony Parks 2018-19.
 Sub Head : Supply of Good Earth in NDMC area.
 Estimated Cost : Rs. 9,04,210/-
 Date of release of tender through e-procurement solution: 17.01.2019
 Last date/time for receipt of tenders through e-procurement solution : 01.02.2019 at 3:00pm.
 Further details can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>
 Note :- To participate in e-tender in NDMC registration with e-tendering system Government of NCT of Delhi is mandatory. Sd/-
 Dy. Director(H-V)

Office of the Project Manager, Construction Unit Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam, Haldwani
 Letter No.: 56/ADHES - 4/11 Date: 21.01.2019
E-TENDER NOTICE
 The Project Manager Construction Unit Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam Haldwani (Nainital) 263139, on behalf of Chairman, Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam, Dehradun, invites sealed item rate tender under two bid system on e-Government Procurement System (e-GPS) portal i.e. <http://www.uktenders.gov.in>, for **Construction of Transit Hostel (8 Room) for Medical Officer at CHC Betalghat District - Nainital. Work cost nearly Rs. 156.00 lacs And Construction of Transit Hostel (8 Room) for Medical Officer at CHC Ramgarh District - Nainital Work cost nearly Rs. 170.00 lacs.** (separately). The tender form can be downloaded from <http://www.uktenders.gov.in> from 22-01-2019, 17:00 hrs. to 06-02-2019, 17:00 hrs. Other information can be seen in tender form or office notice board or from phone no. 9411107868 of office of tender inviting authority.
Project Manager
 "जल संचय - जीवन संचय" "कृषया जल स्रोतों को प्रदूषित होने से बचाइये"
 "जल स्रोत बचाइये-भयजल योजना पाइये" "जल स्रोतों को प्रदूषित करना स्थानीय अपराध है"

Who let the cranks out?

Constant talk of EVMs being hacked is nothing but a systematic and insidious way to undermine democracy



Let us get one thing straight, even a stand-alone electronic machine, no matter how simple, can be manipulated. If you have the knowledge, expertise and time, you can hack your kitchen appliances like a toaster or blender. If you have a lot of time and an unlimited budget, you might even be able to do so over the air, but the sheer expense and effort required to do that makes it unviable. The reason we are talking about basic kitchen appliances is that they are as simple as an Indian electronic voting machine (EVM). A microwave or advanced food processor is not let alone anything that is connected to

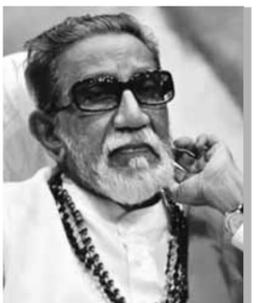
the internet of things. If the question is whether an EVM can potentially be hacked, it might be possible. But can it happen in reality is a different question altogether and the accusations being thrown by random, untrustworthy people have to be dismissed with a degree of condescension.

A basic degree of understanding the way an Indian election is conducted needs to be understood. If you have ever voted in an election, you would have seen the huge number of voting agents of every colour at every contested seat. Most Indian voters are smart enough to look and register who they have voted for. If they notice something grossly out of line, they would immediately find the booth agent for their party of choice and the complaint is forwarded with alacrity. In fact, the biggest risk in Indian elections has always been and will continue to be human intervention. Fake votes are cast in the name of others thanks to corrupt electoral agents and by musclemen. This still happens with alarming regularity in some rural areas and where single political forces dominate. That said, the rise of electronic and online media, which brings such instances to light rapidly in most cases, has managed to reduce the problem. In talking about EVMs being the problem, some folks would rather that you focus on an issue that does not exist and make excuses for their electoral failures. It is also an insidious plot to undermine democracy by some politicians who are out of power and we must see through that.

That said, the Election Commission of India, in addition to denying these allegations, must make a strong effort to show that their voting machines are secure. At the same time they should work overtime to ensure that the machines are securely stored and accounted for. Stories emerged during recent polls across India that EVMs were found in strange places. Again the human element comes into play just like it does in paper ballots. To those who doubt the veracity of the elections in India, including some journalists, we would urge them to learn a bit more. India cannot bear the cost and the time of conducting paper ballot elections, and hopefully the latest issue by some nobody trying to position himself as the Edward Snowden of India should be dismissed. After all, Snowden and Julian Assange have emerged as Russian agents out to undermine American democracy. So we should treat this latest crackpot with the same contempt.

The memorial push

The Mumbai mayor has now moved to a zoo campus to make way for Thackeray museum



City zoos aren't exactly forests but a reminder of what we've lost out on in our relentless march towards civilised living — the call of the wild. So long these have been dots of biosphere that enable us to experience the animal world in the gush of the Maximum City. But turns out that just like the forests, we will end up encroaching into these as well and prioritise urban living over allowing other creatures the right to co-exist. So it is that the Mumbai mayor is reluctantly moving into a heritage bungalow in the Byculla zoo as his earlier official residence,

also a heritage building, is being converted to a memorial for Shiv Sena founder Balasaheb Thackeray. In other words, one is to safely deduce that no property in the country's commercial capital could be found to accommodate mayor Vishwanath Mahadeswar. It seems he can only live in heritage structures to continue colonial rituals even if we cannot afford them anymore and though he had wanted two on the posh Malabar Hill and Carmichael Road, he had to reconcile to the Byculla bungalow, which, last heard, was renovated at ₹80 lakh. The BMC has used much of this to build a gate on the access road to the bungalow to provide the mayor privacy and install sound barriers to keep the animals away. But given the mayor's busy schedule, the hosting of several events and the newly-created, expansive parking lot, it is difficult to understand how animals can be immune to either noise pollution or human depredations.

Of course, his old Shivaji Park bungalow at Dadar is also a grade II heritage structure though the Thackeray memorial administrators insist that they are complying with the norms, environmental and structural, to ensure that no damage is done to it. Except the working shed and re-imagining the use of the basement space, nothing is being touched upon, they claim. But since the building comes under CRZ 1 (Coastal Regulation Zone), even the slightest changes in peripheral construction require the nod from several agencies, including the Union Environment Ministry. The proposed construction has already been challenged in the Bombay High Court for alleged flouting of norms, so formal construction can begin only when that's settled. But for now a *bhoomipujan* is sealing that predicted legitimacy with Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis clearing ₹100 crore for development of the memorial and handing over the bungalow to Sena president Uddhav Thackeray at a token ceremony. The political import of this being an olive branch by both sides in poll season is not lost on anybody. Neither is the fact that by respecting what is an emotional issue for the Shiv Sena, the BJP is keen to heal the recent wounds caused by ongoing public spats and the on-off threats to snap ties of almost two years. The political will to accommodate the Sena's concerns, to the extent of even asking the mayor to vacate his place against his wishes, can be understood considering that the clearance for the Thackeray memorial was given by the Congress-NCP regime. The larger question is do we pursue a memorial mania just because there are precedents of iconisation even in European history? Isn't it enough that contemporary history teaches generations after us what matters the most — the contribution of our movement leaders? The Sena trust could run several welfare programmes for the youth and keep the legacy alive in a far more vibrant manner than simply housing a museum in a heritage bungalow. That's just caging a leader known as the "tiger" once.

Vote for world peace

Had it not been for the success of the first general and Assembly elections in 1952, the great experiment of democracy would have failed in India and the world would not have been what it is



PRIYADARSHI DUTTA

Sukumar Sen, an Indian civil servant — the first Chief Election Commissioner of India no less — arguably deserved a 'Nobel Prize for Peace' in his official capacity for actually launching this country into the trajectory of democracy. Were it not for the successful completion of the first general and Assembly elections in 1952, the exalted principles of democracy, as enshrined in the Constitution, could have received a rude setback.

Imagine for a moment in 1953, when Sir Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill, to give him his full breadth, got his Nobel Prize for Literature (in absentia) "for his mastery of historical and biographical descriptions as well as for brilliant oratory in defending exalted human values", Sen receiving the same in the Peace category. His citation could read, "for peacefully conducting the world's largest elections in India in 1952 on the basis of universal adult suffrage notwithstanding an abysmally low literacy rate of the electorate, thereby launching the Asian nation on the path of democracy believed to be a preserve of affluent and industrialised nations of the West."

In reality, the Nobel Prize for Peace, 1953, was awarded to General George C Marshall Junior (1880-1959), former US Secretary of State, for his plan ('Marshall Plan') aimed at economic recovery of Western Europe after the World War II. No Nobel Peace Prize was given over the next two years. The free world failed to fathom the significance of independent India's espousing democracy. India spearheaded the struggle for de-colonisation in Asia and Africa. It was also a harbinger of parliamentary democracy in the non-Western world. One fifth of the world's population, enlisted to the cause of democracy, was no mean achievement at the onset of the Cold War. India kept out of power blocs and military pacts.

In early 1975, or 25 years after the Constitution of India came into force, there were only 40 democracies in the world. They were predominantly in rich and industrialised nations of the West. It was not until the 1980s, or more noticeably the 1990s, after the cessation of the Cold War, that significant democratisation happened worldwide. There are around 125 electoral democracies in the world today.

The role of democracies in contributing to regional peace is well-acknowledged. Democracies rarely get involved into conflicts with each other or display hegemonic designs. They also tend to promote an open society. They, thus, have a moderating effect on global situation.

Mao Zedong led China to become a People's Republic within a year of India's independence. It, thus, took a very different political trajectory than India's. Both nations shared cordial ties in the beginning before relationships soured. But China's going over to communism, initially as an ally of the erstwhile USSR, and subsequently as adversary, introduced definite tension in international rela-



tions. Its support to North Korea encouraged the communist regime to attack South Korea on June 25, 1950, thus triggering the Korean War (1950-1953).

The US failed to tame China and had to resume harmonious diplomatic relationship in 1972 after a quarter century of alienation. The then US President, Richard Nixon, visited Beijing to meet Mao Zedong and seal that negotiation between the two politically incompatible. But China never lost its capacity to give headache to its neighbours and the free world in general with its aggressive posturing on geopolitical and economic matters.

Our other neighbour, Pakistan, also could not develop genuine democracy. Its record of military dictatorship extends from Field Marshal Ayub Khan in the 1950/60s to General Pervez Musharraf in the new millennium. It has become a hub of Islamic extremism and terrorist groups. Its greatest rebuff to democracy was Islamabad's persistent refusal to accept the result of general elections of December 7, 1970, which sparked off the Liberation War of Bangladesh. The genocide of 1971, mostly of the Hindus in east Bengal, by the Pakistani Army, remained an excruciating chapter of history.

India's democracy is the fruition of Constitutional agitations of the 19th century, followed by mass movements led by MK Gandhi between 1920 and 1942. The first produced a nucleus of men versed in the legislative science and Western democratic principles. The sec-

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 ”

ond led to the growth of contact between the leadership and the masses.

The demand for the introduction of elective principles in India long ante-dated the demand for independence. The demand for introducing elective principles (in legislative councils) was raised by the likes of Justice MG Ranade, antiquarian Rajendralala Mitra, Surendranath Banerjee and several other leaders in the last quarter of the 19th century. There was not even remotely a demand for independence then.

Democracy, based on universal adult franchise, is a gift of our Constitution-makers. To ensure free and fair elections, they envisaged an autonomous Election Commission under Article 324. However, universal franchise is an upshot of our freedom struggle, which was waged in the name of every Indian, regardless of gender, social, economic and educational status.

But to implement the same at the ground level posed a huge administrative challenge. The delimitation of constituencies, based on the Census of 1941, creating an accurate voters' list, building capacity and mobilising Government employees on election duty were tough challenges for a newly-independent nation affected by Partition, mass migration and integration of princely states.

There was no dearth of sceptics who predicted that India's first general election would prove to be its last. They argued that a population with a dismal literacy rate of 16.6 per

cent was unfit to handle democracy. Critics, however, were proven wrong. A 51.5 per cent voters' turnout was recorded, which was by no means unsatisfactory. The Election Commission made elaborate publicity arrangements to educate the voters. Sen himself went over to radio and gave a series of talks to enlighten the voters on a range of issues. January 25, 1950, was the day when the Election Commission of India was instituted. Since 2011, the day is being marked as 'National Voters' Day' to motivate and facilitate the voters to exercise their franchise. Democracy is a continuous revolution, which must be fed interruptedly.

"Democracy is by no means a Western institution, it is a human institution. Wherever man has attempted to evolve political institutions, he has hit upon this wonderful institution called democracy," observed Subhas Chandra Bose in his presidential address at the Maharashtra Provincial Conference in Pune on May 3, 1928. Yet like a polar satellite, there was a danger of it going to pieces, if not properly launched. India's first Chief Election Commissioner set an example. Today, the Election Commission conducts elections five times that size. Little do we realise how immensely they contribute to world peace.

(The writer is author of recently published book, 'The Microphone Men: How Orators created a Modern India'. Views expressed are his personal)

SOUNDBITE

The sense of duty among people before India's Independence has now turned into a sense of entitlement.



Prime Minister — Narendra Modi

A self-reliant diaspora can be an asset in bringing new perspectives, investments and ability to connect home countries with India.



Mauritius Prime Minister — Pravinud Jugnauth

I feel there are people waiting for me to fail. My failure is important to them. I understand their cynicism but I can never be like them.



Actor — Kangana Ranaut

Young people must strive to serve the less fortunate and learn to be empathetic to needs and sufferings of fellow citizens.



Vice President — M Venkaiah Naidu

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Unanswered questions

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Didi's headline act" (January 21). The prelude to a mouth-watering political drama has been written for 2019 with an appetiser in Kolkata.

A range of opposition parties came together to address a mega rally there wherein soaring speeches were delivered, gracious gestures exchanged and clever slogans worked to prime the crowds whose expectations were running high. They all had a common target: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in general; and Prime Minister Narendra Modi and party chief, Amit Shah, in particular.

The election was presented as a binary — the BJP alone on one side with the rest of the country on the other. In the aftermath of Trinamool Congress chief and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's rally, the pertinent questions that need answering now would be — what would be the role of the Congress in the political near-future?

JS Acharya
Hyderabad

Exposing the real culprit of Syrian problems

This refers to the article, "Syria's carnival of treachery" (January 21) by Gwynne Dyer. In their capacities as Presidents of two close NATO allies, both Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Donald Trump are always in constant contact, especially on international issues of mutual concern. Recently, the US President decided to withdraw American troops from northern Syria, exercising his Constitutional prerogative as he strongly believed that the Islamic State (IS) was almost eliminated on the ground. It is expected that the withdrawal should be in full coordination with Turkey so that there would not be any security vacuum on the ground to be filled by terrorists again. The YPG, an affiliate of a terrorist organisation, PKK in Syria, has been awarded with immense support from Pentagon in the name of fighting IS, another terrorist organisation. Therefore, YPG is understandably upset with President Trump's decision. Those in the international media like 'independent journalist Dyer' are also shocked with this decision.

As everybody may recall, Turkey launched two military operations against IS in northern Syria in 2017 and

2018, and cleared thousands of square kilometres from the terrorists. Three lakh Syrians, including Arabs, Kurds and Christians, who fled their villages and sought shelter in Turkey since 2011, returned to their homes after the field was secured, thanks to Turkey's operations. Who were not happy on the ground and among the foreign forces were those who dreamt day and night for the creation of a belt immediately on the other side of the Turkey-Syria border, controlled and administered by YPG terrorists. In brief, it is not Turkey and its democratically-elected President who are against the Kurds, where millions of them are living as equal citizens of the country and have their voice in all walks of life, including politics. It is a terrorist organisation called PKK, masquerading as PYD/YPG in Syria, which does not wish to give any chance of life beyond its totalitarian vision to anyone, including the Kurds of Syria, while continuously staging cross-border attacks in Turkey for the past 40 years. Dyer's article is an insult to intelligence.

Sakir Ozkan Torunlar
Ambassador of Turkey, New Delhi

End inequality

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Wealth inequality" (January 22). Wealth inequality is far greater in India as the masses do not have the right to social security that our Western counterparts enjoy. Inequality is measured in Gini index where higher index value indicates greater

inequality. A Gini of 0 denotes perfect equality and 100 absolute inequality. The Gini coefficient was as high as 48 percentage point in 2013 but jumped to an alarming 63 percentage point in 2016.

After coming out of bottle, the Gini, as it were, had grown 15 percentage points in just three years. The top one per cent

of income tax filers earned 15 per cent of total income in 2013. After three years, the top one per cent of income tax filers were allowed to gulp 45 per cent of all income in 2016.

Not only is India's inequality growing but doing so now at a much faster pace. This glaring inequality must immediately be bridged by inclusive growth,

developing social sectors, adopting labour-intensive technology, empowering Dalits and women and ensuring social security for the needy. Otherwise, such barbaric inequality will force us to live in a dog-eat-dog environment where equality and fraternity are absolute no-no.

Sujit De
Kolkata

Prosperous society

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Wealth inequality" (January 22). It is true that there is a huge gap between the rich and poor in India. And this state is the same across the world. This mammoth gap cannot be curbed immediately but at least we need to make a start to build a society where everyone can live decently and gleefully. The data exhibited by Oxfam is very much similar to the Pareto principle. If the gap widens between the richer and poorer, a prosperous society can't be formulated.

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FIRST COLUMN

Ladies, keep a smart purse

A majority of women today cannot take financial decisions and look up to their counterparts. To ensure a healthy nation, they must start investing



HIMA BINDU KOTA

Over the years, the strategic and influential role of women leaders in the modern economy has increased manifold and they have started contributing to the economy. They have become significant for the advancement of a nation. However, even today, a majority of women are not involved in the financial decision-making process and leave it to the men — their fathers, brothers or husbands. But all of this can change as women are economically independent and have been taking the responsibility of their earnings and investments. With inflation and taxes eating up a chunk of one's salary, savings alone are not enough to meet financial goals of a family. One needs to invest in order to get the best returns. Investments must be linked to goals. So, women have to become savvier about savings, taxes and investments, when compared to old times. In fact, financial needs, and, therefore, investment options of women are also different. When compared to men, they have more breaks in their careers, maybe due to marriage, child birth and because they have to take care of their children or the elderly.

In addition, there is also a rise in the number of single women. Women need to be financially literate in order to stay financially independent and ensure that their goals are always in line with that of their family. So, is there an age when women should start looking at investments? Actually, there is no particular time to start saving or investing. The earlier one starts, the better it is.

In your 20s: At this stage, most women choose their career path, which sets the tone for their future. This should also be the time for them to set the tone for investments. One of the basic tenets of investments is to start early. Equities can be a good investment choice in the 20s as one can take more risk when he/she is young. A young woman can choose to invest in equity mutual funds for long-term goals as mutual funds give one the benefit of professionals managing the money. Every working professional will retire sooner or later. Young women in their 20s can open a Public Provident Fund (PPF) account where she can start investing from as low as ₹500 to a maximum of ₹1,50,000 per year. These are the least risk investment products.

In your 30s: At this age, women are usually married and some might even have children. Besides, they have the additional responsibility of caring for the family. Women must remain invested in mutual funds and must also hold life insurance policies. One life insurance policy for each earning member in the family is a must. It is also important to invest for the child's future. Systematic Investment Plans mutual funds are a good way to start. A mother should opt for the Sukanya Samridhi scheme, which provides higher interest in order to save if she has a girl child. This is also a good time to invest in real estate or buying a home as well and enjoy the multiple benefits of long-term security, tax benefits, hedge against inflation, and in some cases, rental income. Some banks also give concessional interest rates to women in case they want to avail loans. Women should make the most of it. This is also a good time to invest in a suitable health insurance plan, which will take care of medical emergencies. Having sufficient money market funds or liquid funds is crucial to help tide over emergencies.

In your 40s: This is a time to think more in lines of capital protection than capital appreciation. So, fixed deposits should be the flavour as it helps in getting assured returns and one can use them to take loans as well. Most women and their spouses think about funding their kid's higher education. If one hasn't saved enough, they can take educational loan. This loan gives one tax benefits under Section 80E of the Income Tax Act. One should never use the retirement savings to fund one's child's education because it will be difficult to rebuild those savings. Once one has used his/her savings to fund some goals, the money used should be redirected to the retirement savings. Another important point is that some women buy gold jewellery as they consider it to be a good investment. Gold jewellery doesn't have great resale value because of wastage and other charges. Investment in gold should always be in the form of coins or bars. One could even invest in gold mutual funds.

In your 50s: As one nears retirement, he/she should start moving some of the risky investments to safer avenues like debt mutual funds. But women shouldn't give up investing in equities yet, and have a small portfolio of their investments in equities to beat inflation, which will most probably have a huge impact on savings once they retire. Investing in Senior Citizen Savings Scheme or fixed deposits for senior citizens upon retirement can also be beneficial. It's high time that women start investing smartly so that they can gain from higher returns and ensure stability for their financial future and in turn, become the backbone and strength of our nation.

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POINTCOUNTERPOINT

THE WEST BENGAL GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO BLOCK EVERY PROGRAMME OF AMIT SHAH, BE IT A RALLY, YATRA OR THE LANDING OF HIS CHOPPER.

—UNION MINISTER
 PIYUSH GOYAL



WE BELIEVE IN DEMOCRACY. POLICE GAVE THE PERMISSION TO LAND AMIT SHAH'S HELICOPTER. BJP IS MISINFORMING THE PEOPLE.

—WEST BENGAL CHIEF MINISTER
 MAMATA BANERJEE

Giving back to the roots

India needs to address the concerns of ethnic Indians anywhere in the world, without jeopardising its relations with host countries. A more proactive diaspora policy is required



AMIT SINGH

Then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee had conceptualised the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas to acknowledge the existence of overseas Indians in the national narrative, give them a connective tissue to their country of origin and make them stakeholders in the country's development. Significantly, he inaugurated the first conclave on January 9, 2003, to commemorate the "expatriate" Mahatma Gandhi's return to India from South Africa after 20 years. On that date in 1915, Gandhiji set foot on home soil and drew on his experiences to rejuvenate India's freedom struggle. Historically, the overseas Indians funded the activities of the Indian National Congress and the Indian National Army in gaining Independence. They also led the Ghadar Movement against the British Raj. Fifteen editions down the line, the Divas, currently being held in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, has even solidified their role in the country of their birth with the theme being the "Role of the Indian Diaspora in Building a New India."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is faced with an uphill task of redefining India as well as global politics, is poised to give equal opportunities to overseas communities. The large presence (more than 25 million) of the diaspora across the world has compelled New Delhi to positively engage its untapped asset in fulfilling its internal as well as external dreams. Indians abroad have the potential to advance the country's profile through their intellect, finance, expertise and enterprise. They played a critical role during the 1990s, when our economy opened up for the first time, and in 1998, when we were faced with Western economic sanctions following the Pokhran II nuclear tests.

Moreover, in the contemporary globalised world, the diaspora has emerged as a powerful factor in developing workable relations between nation states and been a catalyst in strengthening bilateral relations between India and host nations. It is also playing a pivotal role in India's 'soft power' diplomacy, which is one of the major components of New Delhi's foreign policy strategy. The India-US Civil Nuclear Deal would not have happened if ethnic Indians in the US had not lobbied successfully. Our lobby groups, in fact, have done a lot to change the perception of India on Capitol Hill despite regime changes. And at a time when the world talks about how overseas Chinese plough back resources into their home country, it is significant that India retained its position as the world's top recipient of remittances in 2018, too, with \$80 billion. Interestingly, the total remittances are estimated to be equivalent to 2.8 per cent of India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP). According to an Indian Economic Review survey, using National Sample Survey Organisation data, these remittances helped in poverty reduction and changing consumption behaviour in rural areas. Researchers found that receiver families progressed very well in spending on healthcare and amenities that pushed up their ease-of-living index.

Therefore, knowing the potential of the Indian diaspora, Modi deliberately interacted with the overseas community during his trips to the US, Australia, Myanmar, Fiji, Saudi Arabia and UK among others. He even liberalised visa services for them and encouraged them to be partners in new projects.

The Government is also thinking about con-

MANY IN THE PEOPLE OF INDIAN ORIGIN (PIO) COMMUNITY BELIEVE THAT THE GOVERNMENT TOTALLY IGNORED THE INDIAN DIASPORA, EXCEPT WHEN IT OCCASIONALLY ADDRESSED CERTAIN ISSUES AS PER ITS OWN CONVENIENCE. NEW DELHI WANTS TO ENGAGE THE PIOS BUT WITHOUT ANY LIABILITIES. THE REASON IS QUITE CLEAR — THE PIOS AT PRESENT DO NOT CREATE ECONOMIC INFLUENCE FOR THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT AS COMPARED TO THE NRIs



necting diaspora communities across generations, particularly trying to revive ties with original settlers, whom we call People of Indian Origin (PIOs). This is a good step as NRIs, also known as the 'new' diaspora and being more affluent, tend to top the headline acts and seem to project themselves as better influencers.

The push for an inclusive approach can be traced as far back as 2000, when the Government set up a high-level committee on Indian diaspora for assessing issues concerning Indians overseas, suggesting new policy and organisational frameworks and recommending a country-specific agenda to intensify India's diplomatic engagement. On the recommendation of that committee, the government implemented numerous policy initiatives, including the decision to celebrate the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas and institute the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman awards. The most significant initiative announced by Vajpayee at the inaugural edition was that PIOs in certain countries would get dual citizenship. However, his party lost the next general elections.

In 2004, the Manmohan Singh Government adopted two significant measures: Establishing a separate Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs and introducing the Overseas Citizenship of India Scheme in August 2005 in response to "dual citizenship." During the 10th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas in 2012, the government announced voting rights to NRIs and some of them exercised their franchise for the first time in the 2014 general election.

However, many in the PIO community now believe that the government totally ignored the Indian diaspora, except when it occasionally addressed certain issues as per its own convenience. They were upset by the government's

handling of racial attacks on Indians in Australia, when New Delhi watched the whole episode as a mute spectator and engaged only in lip service to pressurise Canberra. Another example of the government's apathy was in 2007 when the Hindu Rights Action Force (HINDRAF) internationalised the wretched condition of ethnic Indians in Malaysia. The government's initial response was tight-lipped. This came as a shocker considering it had given a stern response in 2003, when nearly 300 Indians, mostly IT professionals in Kuala Lumpur, were "maltreated" and "interrogated" by Malaysian authorities. It had warned that any repeat of such incidents would affect bilateral ties.

Nonetheless, one can also argue that the victims of ill-treatment on March 9, 2003 were Indian citizens/NRIs. On the other hand, the protest of November 2007 concerned Malaysian citizens of Indian descent and, therefore, the government refrained from interfering in what could be interpreted as interference in the internal matters of Malaysia. However, the fact of the matter is that most PIOs still consider themselves as Indians and, whenever they are in trouble in the host countries, look at their motherland in protecting their interests. Interestingly, New Delhi also wants to engage the PIOS but without any liabilities. The reason is quite clear — the PIOS, at present, do not create an economic constituency for the Indian government compared to NRIs. Therefore, one must engage in some form of meaningful reciprocal links with PIOS.

This apathy has led to a lesser participation of overseas Indians in successive celebrations of the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas. Nowadays, the diaspora has realised that the event is more about

"Bharat" rather than the "Pravasi." The Modi Government has realised this predicament and, therefore, has made it a biennial instead of an annual event.

Now, it is high time for the government to revise its almost two-decade-old report and chalk out a proactive diaspora policy. In fact, the ruling BJP should not forget its election manifesto of 2014, where it made it clear that it would work with Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) and Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) by adopting a proactive diplomacy strategy, to develop what it referred to as "Brand India." It stated that "the NRIs, PIOs and professionals settled abroad are a vast reservoir to articulate the national interests and affairs globally. This resource will be harnessed for strengthening Brand India."

India should be obligated to address the concerns of ethnic Indians anywhere in the world, without jeopardising their relations with the host countries. Only then, the condition of PIOS as well as India will improve globally, as PIOS constitute more than 75 per cent of the Indian diaspora. This is, therefore, an opportune time for New Delhi to substantially, rather than symbolically, recalibrate its diaspora policy that will redefine its terms of engagement. This recalibration can pay rich dividends to its foreign policy objectives and will also help them be a valuable human resource for developing a new India. As the Prime Minister himself acknowledged, while addressing the first PIO Parliamentarians' Conference in New Delhi, law makers from countries ranging from the US and the UK to Reunion Islands in the Indian Ocean could boost India's economic growth.

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The many perils of a coalition

The impressive show of unanimity among Opposition leaders at a rally in Kolkata for the first time presented a prospect of a pre-poll alternative to the BJP. But for that to fructify, challenges are many. Most important of all is to stay united



KALYANI SHANKAR

Can the Opposition unite to pose a challenge to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the coming months? There are so many ifs and buts although West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee organised a mammoth rally in Kolkata's Brigade grounds last week.

The who's who of the Opposition gathered to prepare a roadmap for a coalition against the ruling BJP. Addressing the 'United India' rally, Banerjee predicted that the BJP's days were numbered and that the "expiry date" of the Modi-led Government had come. The rally was, perhaps, the beginning of Opposition efforts to oust the BJP Government ahead of the 2019

Lok Sabha election. Though the idea could not move forward earlier, when Karnataka Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy took oath on May 23 last year. Several Opposition leaders had graced that occasion too.

But this time, it is likely to be followed up with another rally in Amravati, Andhra Pradesh, by Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and another one in Delhi, organised by Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) chief Arvind Kejriwal. An impressive list of leaders from 20-plus parties — including former Prime Minister Deve Gowda, former Union Ministers Sharad Pawar, Arun Shourie and Shatrughan Sinha, Chief Ministers Chandrababu Naidu, Arvind Kejriwal and HD Kumaraswamy, former Chief Ministers Akhilesh Yadav, Farooq Abdullah, Omar Abdullah and Geggong Apang among others — were a part of the Kolkata rally.

From the podium, Banerjee appealed to the country, 'Delhi

mein sarkar badal do' (change the Government at the Centre). Other Opposition leaders, too, echoed similar sentiments. This was the first big effort by the Opposition after the BJP lost badly in the three Hindi heartland States — Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh — last month.

The Opposition combine boasts a wealth of leaders but as Deve Gowda pointed out, it would be very difficult for different party leaders to forget their differences and come together. There are so many Opposition parties of various hues and ideologies that are pulling in different directions, the possibility of which is not a national coalition but state-specific alliances.

Most importantly, ego of regional chieftains comes in the way of unity. In fact, the Congress is working on this strategy and so are other parties. For instance, in Uttar Pradesh, the Samajwadi Party (SP) and the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) have come together, keeping the Congress out. In West Bengal, will

the Congress go with the Trinamool Congress (TMC) or the Left? Will the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) continue its ties with the Congress in Andhra Pradesh, where the party's vote share is almost zero?

In the North-East, an alliance with regional parties is required. Left parties have remained outside as they do not want to share the platform with the TMC. Meanwhile, Telangana Chief Minister, K Chandrashekhara Rao, who was busy mobilising a federal front, was absent at the rally because he did not want to share the dais with Naidu and Congress leaders.

These are the challenges that will come in the way of Opposition unity. Once this issue is resolved, then comes the question of who would be the prime ministerial candidate? This topic has been pushed aside for now. Leaders have claimed that it will be a collective leadership and the candidate can be decided in a post-poll scenario.

"Throw the BJP out. We will figure out who can become the Prime

Minister. Modiji need not worry," said Banerjee. Even the Congress agreed that the decision should be taken only in a post-poll scenario. The Opposition, therefore, will go without a challenger to Modi despite its galaxy of leaders. The BJP will, taking advantage of this scenario, opt for a presidential style of campaign.

The third challenge is for the regional satraps to show an extraordinary determination to sweep the polls in their respective States. They did well in 2014 by winning an impressive number of seats. A repeat performance would go a long way in challenging Modi and his Government.

The fourth challenge is a 'one-on-one fight' against the BJP. This would avoid a division of Opposition votes but it appears difficult. The Prime Minister is counting on a divided Opposition to win the 2019 battle.

The fifth and the most important point is that the Opposition has no new narrative — just Modi-bash-

ing will not fetch them votes. Unless they come up with a new vision, voters will not get enthused. Recently, Modi reacted in his characteristic style: "My stand on corruption has made some people angry as I prevented them from looting public money; they have formed the *mahagathbandhan*." Modi is simply sticking to his corruption plank.

There is no doubt that Opposition unity is very difficult to achieve but there is no harm in trying. After all, the BJP came to power with just 31 per cent vote share in the 2014 Lok Sabha poll.

As one of the Opposition leaders said, "Manzil bahut door hai, Raasta bahut kathin hai; Dil mile na mile, Haath mila ke chalo" (our destination is far and the path is difficult; despite our differences, we have to tread the path holding hand together). The coming days and weeks will show whether the opposition means what it says.

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FOREIGN EYE



OFFER PROTECTION TO THE WORKERS

Bangladesh is not alone in having a garment sector in which workers are ruthlessly exploited. An investigation found a Chinese toy factory where women were paid on average 1p to make a doll which sells for £34.99 in the UK. So long as such factories are controlled by interests close to authoritarian governments, improvements can only be piecemeal and often cosmetic.

(The Guardian editorial)

India may beat US in steel demand: Min



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India is expected to edge past the US with regard to steel consumption this year, Steel Minister Chaudhary Birender Singh said on Tuesday.

Addressing the fourth edition of India Steel 2019, the minister said, "Growth trend in steel consumption in India will continue, due to strong manufacturing sector, diversified demand demographics, accelerated expenditure on infrastructure, anticipated increase in GDP and strong focus on 'Make in India'.

"We are likely to leave behind US in terms of steel consumption this year," Singh

said.

A budget of around ₹6 lakh crore was allocated for infrastructure development in the current financial year, he noted.

"So, based on these enabling factors and with huge potential yet to be tapped, the per capita consumption can easily be increased from the current levels," he added.

Steel Secretary Binoy Kumar said that the National Steel Policy 2017 along with the Policy for Preference to Domestically Manufactured Iron & Steel Products have resulted in savings of more than ₹8,000 crore till date.

Underlining the impor-

ance of not showing any disadvantage to the sector, he added that the government was also reviewing the DMI&SP policy and trying to find convergence between DMI&SP policy and Public Procurement Order 2017 of DIPP.

"Under the ambit of the policy, 16 more steel products were brought under Quality Control Order, which now covers a total of 53 products. The endeavour is to bring more products under the Quality Control Order in an effort towards prohibiting production, import and distribution of substandard products," he added.

IL&FS crisis: Govt to seek special dispensation from Reserve Bank

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government will soon approach the RBI seeking a special dispensation for deferment of provisioning requirements for bank loans extended to some IL&FS group firms amid ongoing efforts to monetise assets of the crisis-hit group, official sources said Tuesday.

Some companies of the diversified IL&FS group, which has debt burden of over ₹91,000 crore, have failed to repay loans. Following the crisis at IL&FS late last year that raised concerns over liquidity in the system, the corporate affairs ministry had superseded its board.

The sources said efforts to monetise certain assets of IL&FS are progressing and the group is expected to come out of the woods in the next four to five months.

Against this backdrop, the sources said the ministry would soon approach the RBI seeking dispensation for deferment of provisioning of loans with respect to some IL&FS group firms.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has strict norms in place regarding non-performing assets for banks and a relaxation is expected to help the Government in getting more time to resolve problems at IL&FS.

The sources said the Government has identified a few IL&FS subsidiaries having ample funds in their escrow

accounts but are unable to service their debt obligations.

The Government is likely to cite the current situation, including availability of funds in escrow accounts of certain IL&FS companies, for seeking the special dispensation, they added.

On Tuesday, the Ministry reviewed the progress made in dealing with the problems at the group.

Following the series of defaults by some group companies, the Government superseded the board and appointed seasoned banker and Kotak Mahindra Bank MD Uday Kotak as chairman in October 2018.

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

State-owned LIC is the single largest shareholder in IL&FS group with 25.34 per cent while Japan's Orix Corporation owns 23.50 per cent shareholding.

Among others, Abu Dhabi Investment Authority has 12.5 per cent stake, IL&FS Employees Welfare Trust (12 per cent), HDFC Ltd (9.02 per cent), Central Bank of India (7.67 per cent) and State Bank of India (6.42 per cent), at the end of March 2018.

In August 2018, the debt crisis at the IL&FS group came to the fore when one of its companies defaulted on repayment of ₹1,000 crore debt to Sidbi.

IL&FS effect: Icrs puts 6 funds from HDFC, UTI, Birla under watch

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Domestic rating agency Icrs has placed the ratings of six mutual fund schemes under watch with negative implications due to their exposure to the crippled infra lender IL&FS group entities.

The schemes being put under watch include a short term debt funds and banking and PSU debt funds from HDFC, banking and PSU debt fund, bond fund, dynamic bond funds from UTI, Aditya Birla Sun Life short term opportunities fund, Icrs said in statement on Tuesday.

The rating action is due to the "deterioration in the credit quality" of the underlying investments of these schemes driven by their exposure to special purpose vehicles (SPVs) of IL&FS Group, the agency said.

These schemes have exposure to Hazaribagh Ranchi Expressway, Jharkhand Road Projects Implementation Company, and Jarabhat Shillong Expressway, the agency said.

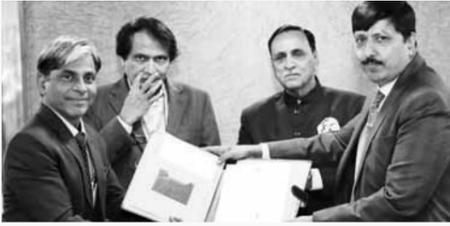
"The default risks by various SPVs of IL&FS have increased after the recent management communication to the trustees expressing to stop future repayments citing their interpretation of an order given by National Company Law Appellate Tribunal on October 15, 2018," the agency explained.

Two SPVs of IL&FS demanded a refund of the debt payment executed by them after October 15, 2018 from their trustees, it added.

Business Corner



Union Home Minister, Rajnath Singh along with MoS Culture (Independent Charge) and MoS Environment, Forest and Climate Change Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Tejal Singh Nagar, MLA, Dadi Constituency, laid the foundation stone for new school building of Kendriya Vidyalaya at CIFS, Special Security Group (SSG) Campus, Gr. Noida



Airports Authority of India signed an MoU for the development of a new Greenfield Airport at Dholera in Gujarat in the presence of Vijay Rupani, Chief Minister, Govt of Gujarat and Suresh Prabh, Union Minister of Civil Aviation, Government of India on January 19, 2019 during Vibrant Gujarat Summit 2019 at Gandhinagar, Gujarat. Dholera Airport is being developed as a Joint Venture among AAI, Government of Gujarat and National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust (NICIDIT). The MoU facilitates Airports Authority of India for establishment of Dholera Airport. The project is likely to kickstart in April 2019.



NTPC has been awarded for Technology Adaptation & Best Performer (Financial) at 6th PSU Awards by Governance Now, news magazine for governance, policies, politics and people. The Award was received by Nandini Sarkar, Company Secretary, NTPC from Manoj Tiwari, Member of Parliament and Poonam Dhillon, Veteran Actress and Social Activist in a ceremony held on 17th January, 2019 at New Delhi

Unconditional cash transfer to farmer better option: SBI Report

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government should opt for the unconditional cash transfer to farmers to alleviate agrarian distress rather than Universal Basic Income (UBI) scheme, the SBI said in a report on Tuesday.

At present, it may not be feasible to initiate Rythu Bandhu Scheme on national level as land data in several states, including Jharkhand, Bihar, Gujarat, and Tamil Nadu are yet to be digitised, the SBI said in its 'Ecowrap' report.

"Hence, it is best to initiate unconditional cash transfer scheme as it will be more equitable (on a per farmer basis) with a meaningful impact and once the problems are ironed out in terms of proper tenancy laws, then make it conditional," it said.

The study said that there have been reports saying that Government is planning to provide direct cash support to the farmers in lieu of various farm level subsidies/support.

"In Budget 2019-20, Government had estimated Agriculture subsidy (plus support) at ₹98,100 crore (Crop Insurance: ₹13,000 crore, Interest Subsidy: ₹15,000 crore and Fertilizer Subsidy: ₹70,100 crore)," the report said.

Such move comes on the back of suggestions in public domain by noted agri-economists as well as Niti Aayog that perhaps Rythu Bandhu Scheme that is fiscally prohibitive to launch on a pan India level should be netted against fertiliser subsidies, interest plus and insurance support, it said, adding that instead of this the farmers should be provided the benefit as direct cash in their account.

"We however believe this argument has flaws, though a cash transfer scheme is always a better option than a Universal Basic Income (UBI) scheme. Many countries have found that UBI does not address the structural problems and is at best a solution in interregnum," the report noted.

Sensex snaps 5-day winning streak on weak global cues

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The domestic equity market took a breather on Tuesday after a five-day rising spree as investors booked profits in metal, financials and auto counters, amid weak cues from international markets after IMF lowered its global growth projections for 2019 and 2020.

The 30-share BSE Sensex dropped 134.32 points to end at 36,444.64, while the broader NSE Nifty finished 39.10 points lower at 10,922.75.

Participants were seen taking money off the table after the recent rally, even as the wider sentiment remained positive, underpinned by better-than-expected Q3 earnings by several bluechips.

The BSE Sensex, after resuming higher at 36,649.92, advanced to 36,650.47 on buying by domestic institutional investors (DIIs) as well as retail participants.

Jaypee Infratech bankruptcy: Lenders may extend deadline to submit revival plan by 15 days

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Lenders and home buyers of Jaypee Infratech may extend by around 15 days the January 27 deadline to submit proposals to revive the debt-ridden firm as shortlisted bidders have sought more time, sources said.

State-owned NBCC, Kotak Investment, Singapore-based Cube Highways and Suraksha group have been shortlisted as bidders for Jaypee Infratech, which is undergoing insolvency proceedings in the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).

The Committee of Creditors (CoC) is considering a proposal to extend the bidding deadline by around 15 days and a decision would be taken soon, sources said.

The CoC had last month approved the evaluation criteria to be adopted to select a bidder for taking over the realty firm.

Jaypee Infratech's interim resolution professional (IRP)

Anuj Jain had in October started a fresh initiative to revive Jaypee Infratech on NCLT's direction after lenders rejected over ₹7,000 crore bid of Suraksha group.

He had invited expressions of interest from companies to submit a resolution plan to revive Jaypee Infratech, which has many stuck housing projects in Noida and Greater Noida.

In 2017, the NCLT had admitted the application by an IDBI Bank-led consortium seeking resolution for Jaypee Infratech under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC).

The tribunal had appointed Jain as IRP to manage the company's business and invite bids from investors.

Consequently, Lakshdeep, part of Suraksha group, had emerged as a front-runner to acquire the firm. However, in May last year, lenders rejected the ₹7,350 crore bid by Lakshdeep as they found the amount to be inadequate.

The realty firm has an outstanding debt of nearly ₹9,800 crore, of which ₹4,334 crore pertains to IDBI. Other lenders are IIFCL, LIC, SBI, Corporation Bank, Syndicate Bank, Bank Of Maharashtra, ICICI Bank, Union Bank, IFCI, J&K Bank, Axis Bank and Srei Equipment Finance.

Jaypee Infratech, a subsidiary of Jaypee Group's flagship firm Jaiprakash Associates, is developing about 32,000 flats, of which it has delivered 9,500 units.

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 NIT No. 86-2018-19 W3 1. Name of Work: Repair to washing line no. 9, 10, 11 & 12 in Rajdhani complex in the section of ADEN/SP/NDLS 2. Approx. cost of work: Rs. 85 Lakhs. 3. Earnest Money: (It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only. Note FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no 2015/CE-ICT/5/1 Dated: 31.8.2016.) Rs. 1.69,700.00. 4. Completion period of work: 06 months. 5. Cost of tender: (It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only. Note FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no 2015/CE-ICT/5/1 Dated: 31.8.2016.) Rs. 5,900.00. 6. Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender: Upto 15.02.2019
 Opening of tender at 15:00 hrs. On 15.02.2019. 7. Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc. Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. 8. Allocation: Demand No. 4. Tender Notice No.: 128/W/280-E-Tender Notice/NIT-86-2018-19W-3 Dated: 21.01.2019 151/19
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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
 OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MECHANICAL, HOSPITAL AND CENTRAL HEATING DIVISION, SRINAGAR
 (Telefax No :- 0194-2496089, Email Id:- xenmhchdk@yahoo.in)
GIST of e-NIT No: MHCHD/TS /2018-19/138/E-tendering Dated:- 19-01-2019
 For and on behalf of the Governor, J&K State e-tenders are invited on item rate basis from Authorized dealers of approved makes of Split ACs or Registered/ Reputed and experienced firms for the below mentioned work:-
Name of Work :- Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Hot and Cold reversible AC's in the Direction office of Rural Development Department, Kashmir, Srinagar.
Cost of T/Doc. (In rupees) :- 500/-
Earnest Money (In Rs) :- 14200/-
Estimated Cost (In Lacs) :- 7.10
Time of completion (in days) :- 10
Position of funds :- Demanded
 1. The Tender document Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the Govt. website www.jktenders.gov.in from 19-01-2019 (18.00 hrs).
 2. The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic form on the above web site from 22-01-2019 (10:00hrs) to 07-02-2019 (15:00 hrs) in two (02) covers.
 3. The bid uploaded on the Web Site up to due date and time will be opened on 08-02-2019 (15:00 hrs) or any date convenient to the department in the Office of Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar. Sd/-
Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar
 No. DIP/K-4720-NB/18
 Dated:- 21.01.2019

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
SHER-I-KASHMIR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES
MEDICAL COLLEGE/HOSPITAL BEMINA SRINAGAR KASHMIR
 Department of Materials Management
 0194-2493226, mmoskimsch@gmail.com
Sub:- Extension in NleT No: SKIMS MCH 19 of 2018 dated: 31/12/2018
 Tenders for supply of MRI 1.5 Tesla for SKIMS MCH Bemina Srinagar invited vide NleT No: SKIMS MCH 19 OF 2018 dated: 31/12/2018 is hereby extended for a further period of 04 days as per following revised schedule.
Last date for submission of online bids :- 25.01.2019
Last date for submission of Physical Documents in the office of Medical Superintendent :- 29.01.2019 till 02:30 PM
Opening of Technical Bids :- 30.01.2019
 Other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged. Sd/-
 Materials Management Officer (SKIMS MCH Bemina)
 DIPP-NB-4739/18
 Dated :- 22.01.2019

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE
ICICI Bank
ICICI Bank Limited
Registered Office: ICICI Bank Tower, Near Chakki Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara- 390007, Gujarat.
Corporate Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai - 400051
Branch Office: ICICI Bank 2nd Floor, Videocon Tower, Jhandewalan Ext, New Delhi- 110055
 Whereas
 The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
 The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Vidhi Das / LBDEL00001889525	Residential Built Up Independent Floor, Bearing No. 2, In Block A, Duplex, First And Second Floor, South City II, Sohna Road, Gurgaon-122018/ January 17, 2019	October 31, 2018 Rs. 5199037/-	Delhi/ Ncr

 The above-mentioned borrower(s)/ guarantor(s) are hereby given a 30 days Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Sd/-
Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited
 Date: 23-01-2019
 Place: Delhi/ NCR

M/s Bharat Bhushan Finance & Commodity Brokers Ltd.
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 Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 that a meeting of the Board of Directors of M/s Bharat Bhushan Finance & Commodity Brokers Limited (the Company) will be held on Wednesday, 30th January, 2019 at 04.45 P.M. at 23 Ring Road Lajpat Nagar IV, New Delhi - 110024, inter-alia, to consider, approve and take on record the Un-Audited Financial Results of the Company for the quarter / Nine Month ended 31st December, 2018 and to consider any other matter with the permission of Chair. Further, pursuant to Regulation 47(2) of aforesaid Regulations, this information is also available on the website of BSE Limited (www.bseindia.com) where the Company's securities are listed and shall also be available on the website of the Company at (<http://www.bbinvestments.in>).
 For Bharat Bhushan Finance & Commodity Brokers Limited Sd/-
 (Nisha Ahuja)
 Director
 Place: New Delhi
 Date: 23-01-2019
 DIN: 00016175

PIRAMAL SARVAJAL PROVIDES POTABLE WATER TO NARELA AND HOLAMBI KALAN COLONIES

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In 2014, Piramal Sarvajal won a first-of-its-kind tender by the Delhi Jal Board, to set up decentralized-drinking-water-solutions across various settlement colonies. Over the last four years the residents of Narela and Holambi Kalan have benefited from the affordable, access to safe drinking water. The available bore well water had Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) as high as 1300ppm, making it unfit for consumption. The situation at another settlement colony Holambi Kalan was similar with the water being delivered in tankers sourced from the stream 'Holambi Kalan Bawana Neher' with Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) of over 800 ppm.

A NEW TOY SPECIAL TRAIN SERVICE BETWEEN KALKA-SHIMLA

In order to provide a new service on Kalka-Shimla Section, Northern Railway has decided to run a Special train from 26.01.2019 to 25.04.2019 as per following schedule:-

52459/52460 Kalka - Shimla - Kalka New Toy Train					
Train No. 52459	STATIONS		Train No. 52460		
Arr.	Dep.		Arr.	Dep.	
-	05:10	Kalka	22:05	-	
09:50	-	Shimla	-	17:25	

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Exporters may get boost under new FTP

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Exporters are likely to get incentives based on parameters like research and development, product-specific clusters and production pattern under a five-year foreign trade policy (FTP) to be released later this year, an official said.

The commerce ministry is working on recasting the existing export incentive schemes in line with the global trade norms of the World Trade Organisation (WTO).

"We are recasting our export incentive schemes. In the new FTP, they would be in compliance with the global trade rules. The new incentives could focus on R&D activities, production parameters, product-specific clusters. Rebate

can also be given on state levies," the official added.

The last FTP was released in 2015 for five years. It provided guidelines for enhancing exports with an overall objective of pushing economic growth and job creation.

Under an FTP, the government announces incentives for exporters. Currently, duty benefits are provided under merchandise export from India scheme (MEIS) and services export from India scheme (SEIS).

Recasting of the existing support measures assumes significance as the US has challenged these schemes under the dispute settlement mechanism of the WTO. America has alleged that these incentives are harming American compa-

nies.

The official said there are several product-specific clusters in sectors such as automobile, textiles and leather and providing direct incentives to them would help boost manufacturing and exports.

Currently, maximum incentives are cornered by big automobile and pharmaceutical companies under MEIS. In this scheme, the government provides duty benefits depending on product and country.

"Ideally, the scheme should target MSMEs," the official added. For the new FTP, the commerce ministry is engaged with all commodity boards and ministries concerned for identifying the support measures compliant with global trade rules.

According to Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO), the new scheme should include refund of indirect taxes like on oil and power; state levies such as mandi tax.

"The new scheme should help boost the country's exports," FIEO President Ganesh Gupta said.

Since 2011-12, India's exports have been hovering at around USD 300 billion. During 2017-18, the shipments grew about 10 per cent to USD 303 billion. Promoting exports helps a country create jobs, boost manufacturing and earn more foreign exchange.

During April-December 2018-19, the country's total merchandise exports grew 10.18 per cent to USD 245.44 billion.

Insurance sector to see strong growth: Moody's

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Moody's Investors Service Tuesday said India's insurance and reinsurance sectors will grow strongly driven by strong economic growth and evolving regulatory regime.

It said robust GDP expansion, coupled with current low insurance penetration, should support double digit growth for the non-life sector over the next 3-4 years. During fiscal 2018, total gross premiums for the non-life and life insurance sectors grew 11.5 per cent to Rs 6.1 lakh crore (USD 94 billion), bringing the 5-year compound annual growth rate (CAGR) to 11 per cent. "India's strong economy and evolving regulatory regime continue to support growth for its insurance and reinsurance sectors," Moody's said in a report titled Insurance - India: Continued regulatory evolution is credit positive for India's insurance sector.

Moody's said it expects India's real GDP to expand by 7.4 per cent and 7.3 per cent in fiscal 2019 and 2020, making the Indian economy one of the world's fastest-growing.

"The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) is proactively introducing regulations that will support insurers' balance sheets and improve their access to capital, a credit positive," Moody's Assistant VP and Analyst Mohammed Londe said. Liberalisation of the reinsurance sector — with the admission of foreign reinsurers since 2017 and IRDAI's steps to ensure that they can compete with incumbents — will specifically benefit the non-life sector. Regulatory reforms will also improve the sector's capital strength, Moody's said. "In 2015, IRDAI raised the ceiling on foreign ownership of Indian insurers to 49 per cent from 26 per cent, encouraging global players to buy holdings in local entities.

Besides, the government's launch of a new program in 2018 to provide health insurance for 100 million families is credit positive as it will help grow health premiums and provide insurers with cross-selling opportunities, it noted.

BUSINESS CORNER

NISSAN WHEELS IN KICKS SUV AT ₹.55 LAKH

New Delhi:

Japanese automaker Nissan Tuesday launched its new SUV model Kicks in India, priced between ₹.55 lakh and ₹14.65 lakh (ex-showroom). The new model, designed specifically for the Indian market, will be available in petrol and diesel fuel options powered by 1.5 litre engines. Kicks will compete with the likes of Hyundai Creta and S-Cross from Maruti Suzuki, which are priced in the range of ₹8.85 lakh and ₹15.1 lakh. Commenting on the new model launch, Nissan Motor Co Senior Vice President and Chairman of management committee for Africa, Middle East and India Peyman Kargar said the vehicle reflects company's commitment to bring the best of Nissan global products and technology to India. "Our research and development (R&D) and design teams in India developed the SUV in collaboration with our teams in Japan, America and Brazil," he added. Nissan India Operations President Thomas Kuehl said, with its progressive design, the Kicks will stand out in the competitive SUV segment in India. As per the company, the model would deliver a fuel efficiency of 14.23 km per litre for petrol variants and 20.45 km per litre for diesel trims. The petrol versions are priced at ₹9.55 lakh and ₹10.95 lakh, while the diesel variants are priced at ₹10.85 lakh, ₹12.49 lakh, ₹13.65 lakh and ₹14.65 lakh.



Jindal's daughter-in-law launches MFI Svamaan

PTI ■ MUMBAI

JSW Group chairman Sajjan Jindal's daughter-in-law Anushree on Tuesday announced a micro-lending venture to help uplift the under-served segments.

Her husband Parth Jindal is the chairman of Svamaan Financial Services, the newly-launched entity. "This is a for-profit entity registered as an NBFC-MFI. I always wanted to do something for the society, hence this," Anushree told PTI

over the phone. Anushree has a background in accounting and finance and the idea of starting a microfinance occurred while doing a course on rethinking financial inclusion at the Harvard Business School last year. The company was incorporated last year and after getting regulatory approvals made its first loan disbursement on January 14, she said, adding the immediate goal is to reach 1 lakh borrowers by 2021. Initially, the venture will concentrate on livelihood loans of up to ₹25,000

and will branch out into lending up to ₹3 lakh to micro-enterprises soon, she said.

She said family money has been put into the business as initial capital, which is as per the regulatory norms. Reserve Bank regulations require NBFC-MFIs to have ₹5 crore in net-worth funds. The venture will initially be focusing on Maharashtra and Karnataka and has plans to enter Odisha and Chhattisgarh by 2020, Anushree said and maintains that it is good business to be in, pointing out to

data on growth achieved by the industry in the last few years.

After achieving the initial target of 1 lakh borrowers, Anushree said, the company will be taking a call on further capital infusion.

Dinner table talk on finance is, however, limited as there are so many businesses ranging from steel to new-age initiatives like electric vehicles spearheaded by her husband or her mother-in-law's CSR activities that also have to be spoken about, she said.

NIFTY 50

SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP CHANGE	
NIFTY 50	10949.80	10949.80	10864.15	10922.75	-39.10
SUNPHARMA	411.00	423.50	409.40	417.40	19.15
WIPRO	336.80	349.60	336.00	348.25	10.45
TITAN	962.15	986.40	958.70	981.90	19.15
KOTAKBANK	1279.00	1307.95	1273.10	1291.50	23.90
DRREDDY	2599.10	2645.00	2589.95	2639.20	39.40
GAIL	328.00	336.00	325.05	332.75	4.75
HEROMOTOCO	2795.00	2835.00	2742.50	2832.00	37.50
BAIFINANCE	2585.00	2635.00	2575.00	2620.50	26.30
YESBANK	191.50	193.80	187.40	193.55	1.60
BAJAJFINSV	6377.00	6447.05	6350.00	6429.85	45.30
HINDPETRO	238.90	243.5	238.35	240.15	1.50
ULTRACEMCO	3850.00	3887.00	3800.90	3862.00	12.45
INFY	741.25	749.00	734.00	747.00	2.00
IOC	135.95	137.20	135.35	136.00	0.35
BPL	351.50	357.60	351.05	352.45	0.95
TECHM	714.00	720.00	701.80	715.65	1.70
HINDUNILVR	1746.00	1755.00	1741.25	1751.00	4.10
BAJAJ-AUTO	2685.00	2695.00	2650.10	2689.55	4.95
ITC	289.85	291.00	285.15	290.30	0.40
INFRATEL	278.75	280.70	274.50	277.95	0.15
AXISBANK	656.35	663.60	653.85	659.40	-0.90
ONGC	145.50	146.00	144.00	144.30	-0.40
ECHERMOT	2000.10	2035.00	1990.00	1998.00	-60.00
TATAMOTORS	181.50	181.50	175.95	180.75	-0.75
RELIANCE	1232.85	1246.95	1219.60	1232.00	-5.70
CIPLA	510.00	511.40	502.45	506.85	-2.40
SBIN	295.00	293.00	288.20	290.85	-1.60
INDUSINDBK	150.00	152.00	147.50	149.90	-8.60
TCS	1907.10	1918.25	1890.00	1896.70	-12.00
NTPC	143.90	143.90	142.00	142.50	-0.90
HDFCBANK	214.60	214.80	212.05	213.25	-1.90
ICICIBANK	370.55	372.50	366.10	368.95	-2.75
UPL	766.20	772.05	753.45	763.10	-6.05
COALINDIA	228.45	230.25	225.80	227.15	-1.85
IBULHSGFIN	802.00	811.70	788.00	797.60	-7.20
POWERGRID	191.00	191.25	188.50	189.30	-1.95
ITJ	1316.90	1321.50	1285.10	1300.00	-14.55
HDFC	1999.00	2012.15	1968.50	1981.30	-23.15
ASIANPAINT	1423.90	1432.05	1375.25	1404.85	-17.25
GRASIM	812.00	812.70	800.20	804.50	-11.65
ANDANPORTS	393.40	394.70	387.10	390.50	-5.70
HINDALCO	206.35	206.35	201.00	203.75	-3.90
MARUTI	7180.00	7180.00	7054.50	7056.00	-152.40
BHARTIARTL	312.00	312.10	301.55	304.65	-6.90
HCLTECH	962.00	966.55	937.00	943.50	-22.25
JSWSTEEL	284.00	284.60	274.55	277.50	-7.10
ZEELE	436.00	437.35	420.00	424.15	-11.50
M&M	727.70	727.70	705.15	707.75	-22.55
TATASTEEL	470.70	470.75	455.00	456.30	-15.40
VEDL	197.50	197.50	191.00	191.20	-7.25

NIFTY NEXT 50

SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP CHANGE	
NIFTY NEXT 50	2732.30	2743.25	2715.60	2740.75	108.35
INDIGO	1055.80	1130.00	1046.65	1121.50	58.05
HAVELLS	679.70	721.00	670.60	713.90	36.20
PETRONET	218.05	228.85	218.05	223.60	5.60
PEL	2281.00	2340.95	2261.00	2339.80	58.10
MCDOWELL-N	589.70	605.10	580.20	600.55	13.25
IDEA	32.75	33.70	32.60	33.55	0.70
SUNTV	515.30	523.20	510.05	522.00	9.90
ABB	1284.00	1316.80	1280.95	1305.00	23.90
AUROPHARMA	780.05	790.20	777.10	787.95	11.50
DLF	177.00	180.60	174.75	179.80	2.55
BOSCHLTD	1900.00	1932.10	1899.10	1931.00	26.00
SHEREEAM	1562.00	1619.90	1525.00	1589.95	21.25
BIOCON	664.70	671.90	660.10	671.50	8.50
DABUR	428.20	434.35	423.20	433.30	5.15
GODREJCP	787.00	797.35	780.05	793.00	6.65
AMBUJACEM	212.20	215.00	211.40	214.90	1.70
ACC	1429.00	1465.90	1418.10	1439.00	9.70
BRITANNIA	3150.00	3174.95	3130.15	3169.90	21.50
CONCOR	610.00	617.90	605.25	609.00	4.00
NHPC	25.30	25.60	25.25	25.40	0.15
NIACL	180.10	182.00	179.30	182.50	2.30
LICHSGFIN	473.00	477.85	462.60	475.60	2.50
SILIFE	620.00	629.80	611.70	619.95	2.30
CADILAC	343.95	347.60	340.30	345.80	1.20
SIEMENS	1040.00	1059.90	1037.00	1048.35	3.55
BHEL	70.95	71.55	69.85	71.10	0.15
DMART	1533.00	1575.00	1550.00	1554.00	2.70
GCARE	230.15	234.00	225.15	232.80	2.20
HDFCLIFE	384.90	389.50	381.10	383.95	0.10
NMDC	90.25	90.85	89.25	90.25	0.00
PGHI	989.80	1005.00	990.80	999.90	-3.25
LUPIN	866.00	872.40	851.00	865.00	-1.65
OIL	171.95	172.75	170.05	171.60	-0.30
PILITIND	1160.00	1167.50	1145.15	1152.05	-3.15
OFSS	3675.50	3760.00	3643.50	3670.00	-13.70
MOTHERSUMI	162.85	163.30	159.60	162.00	-0.90
ICICI	85.95	85.35	84.20	84.50	-5.95
COPAL	1322.60	1322.60	1310.00	1304.95	-9.20
MARICO	377.80	379.95	370.55	374.45	-4.55
MRF	6590.00	6616.85	6510.00	6510.00	-1026.10
BEL	86.95	87.40	84.35	84.95	-1.55
SRTANSFIN	1111.00	1122.60	1089.10	1094.00	-20.70
ABCAPITAL	92.55	92.70	90.45	90.85	-1.75
ICICIPRULI	353.00	353.85	345.45	344.85	-6.80
LATHE	118.70	140.95	135.20	137.30	-2.85
BANKBARODA	136.45	116.85	113.40	113.80	-2.65
SAIL	49.25	49.30	47.35	48.20	-1.15
HINDZINC	266.00	266.40	256.35	260.10	-7.45
ASHOKLEY	89.25	89.40	86.50	87.90	-2.70
BANDHANBNK	425.90	425.90	407.10	408.60	-18.00

BSE 500

SCRIP	Open	High	Low	LTP
RCOM	13.12	14.43	12.85	13.34
SUZLON	5.26	5.29	5.16	5.19
JPASSOCIAT	7.05	7.15	6.91	7.04
PAGEIND	22501.00	22999.00	22055.00	22510.10
SUNPHARMA	408.60	422.75	408.60	418.05
RELIANCE	1234.00	1246.25	1219.40	1234.75
YESBANK	191.90	193.90	187.50	191.50
SPARC	177.85	187.00	170.00	176.70
JUSTDIAL	482.25	489.80	465.45	480.60
TVSMOTOR	535.00	559.20	520.60	535.85
JETAIRWAYS	278.00	279.90	268.60	273.10
ASHOKLEY	89.65	89.65	86.55	88.00
TATASTEEL	471.00	471.00	455.90	456.80
ASIANPAINT	1425.00	1431.50	1378.00	1406.55
HEG	3377.00	3378.55	3202.00	3223.75
L&T	139.80	140.90	135.25	136.90
BANDHANBNK	426.90	426.90	405.95	408.75
KOTAKB				

Ships with Indian, Turkish crews catch fire off Russia

14 sailors died

PTI ■ MOSCOW

Two ships carrying Indian, Turkish and Libyan crew members caught fire in the Kerch Strait separating Crimea from Russia, killing at least 14 sailors, according to media reports.

The fire broke out on Monday off Russia's territorial waters. Both vessels were flying Tanzanian flags. One of them was a liquefied natural gas carrier and another one was a tanker. The fire broke out as the two ships were transferring fuel from one to the other.

One of the ships, the Candy, had a 17-member crew, including nine

Turkish citizens and eight Indian nationals.

The other one, the Maestro, had 15-member crew, including seven Turkish nationals, seven Indian citizens and an intern from Libya, Russian news agency Tass quoted maritime authority as saying.

Fourteen people were killed in the accident, Crimea's head Sergei Aksyonov told reporters on Tuesday.

"I cannot say anything about the cause of the fire. We currently have information about 14 dead sailors. Other sailors have not reached hospitals yet. Kerch hospitals are expecting to receive them, they will get medical assistance," he



In this video grab, the two vessels, the Maestro and the Candy, on fire near the Kerch Strait linking the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov, in Kerch, Crimea on Monday

AP

said. The minister did not specify the nationalities of persons killed in the accident.

As many as 12 people have been rescued, while six are still missing. Search and rescue efforts are underway.

"Presumably, an explosion occurred (on one of the vessels). Then the fire spread to another vessel. A rescue tug is en route," said a spokesman for the Russian Maritime Agency.

Some three dozen sailors managed to escape the burning ships by jumping off the vessels.

There were no chances to find survivors in the fire, the spokesperson said.

"As of 6am, the status of the operation has been reclassified to search from rescue because

there is no hope to find survivors," the spokesperson said. The fire has not been extinguished. "The blaze is ongoing," he said.

Severe weather conditions at sea have prevented rescue ships from taking victims to the shore for medical treatment, the report added. The Kerch Strait is a key waterway that holds strategic importance for both Russia and Ukraine.

It is an important economic lifeline for Ukraine that allows ships leaving the port city of Mariupol to access the Black Sea.

It's also the closest point of access for Russia to Crimea, a peninsula Moscow annexed in 2014. A Russian-built bridge over the Kerch Strait opened in May last year.

27 killed in deadly oil tanker-bus collision in Pak

PTI ■ KARACHI

At least 27 people were killed and over a dozen others injured when an oil tanker collided with a passenger bus in the Hub area of Pakistan's Balochistan province, police said on Tuesday.

The accident took place in the Lasbela district on Monday when the bus, travelling to Panjgur from Karachi and carrying 40 passengers, was hit by the tanker coming from the opposite direction, the police said. "A huge fire erupted after the accident as the tanker was carrying Iranian diesel," a senior official said.

"The passengers started jumping out of the bus to save their lives but many were trapped inside as the flames engulfed the bus and the tanker," he added. The official said 27 bodies have been recovered from the crash site, Geo news reported.

"All of them died from burn injuries," Lasbela Deputy Commissioner Shabir Mengal said.

He said that six of the 16 injured were in critical condition. A rescue official of the Edhi Foundation said due to the absence of facilities and ambulances the injured were shifted to Karachi after a long delay. He said most of the bodies recovered were burnt beyond recognition.

Balochistan province, borders oil-rich Iran from where millions of gallons of fuel is illegally transported to Pakistan.

Harris' 2020 US Presidential bid excites Indian-Americans

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Kamala Harris' plunge in the 2020 US presidential race has thrilled the Indian-American community which considers the first Indian-origin Senator's "groundbreaking" announcement a "proud moment" and a reflection that Indian-Americans have finally arrived at the centre stage of US politics.

Harris, 54, officially launched her campaign for the US presidential election in 2020 to take on President Donald Trump on Monday, saying she was "honoured" to announce her bid on a day when Americans celebrated Martin Luther King Jr who sought inspiration from Mahatma Gandhi.

A rising party star and vocal critic of President Trump, Harris, who is quite often described as the female Barack Obama in the Democratic party is the fourth Democrat to join the battle for the party's nomination in the next year's election.

While it's too early to say on the results of the grilling presidential primary that would conclude with the Democratic National Convention in July 2020, the Indian-American community leaders said Harris - who is of mixed parental heritage from India and the Caribbean - has a fair and clear shot at the White House.



Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., speaks to members of the media at her alma mater, Howard University on Monday

"It's a proud moment for the Indian-American community to see one of our own announce to run for the president," eminent philanthropist and venture capitalist M R Rangaswami, founder of Indiaspora, told PTI.

Indian-American Impact Fund, a political action committee that supports Indian-Americans candidates, said it was "thrilled" by Senator Harris' "groundbreaking" announcement.

"As the first viable Indian-American candidate for

President of the United States, she is a trailblazer for our community and a champion for our values.

We applaud her decision and look forward to supporting her enthusiastically in the days and months ahead," it said.

Harris would create history by becoming the first woman to be elected as the US President if she wins the 2020 presidential race against Trump.

GLOBE TROTTER

PUTIN, ABE HOLD SUMMIT TO BREAK ISLAND IMPASSE

Moscow: Russia and Japan's leaders meet for talks in Moscow on Tuesday over the disputed island chain that has long prevented a peace treaty to end World War II. But recent rhetoric has dampened hopes of a breakthrough.

ISRAEL, US TEST BALLISTIC MISSILE INTERCEPTOR

Jerusalem: The Israeli and US defence ministries said on Tuesday they had successfully tested ballistic missile interceptors deployed at Israeli airbases.

7 TROOPS, 59 MILITANTS KILLED IN SINAI: EGYPT

Cairo: Egypt says at least seven troops, including an officer, have been killed in clashes with militants in recent operations in restive northern Sinai Peninsula. The military said in a statement Tuesday that forces have killed at least 59 suspected militants and arrested another 142 suspected militants and criminals.

NAWAZ SHARIF SHIFTED TO HOSPITAL FROM JAIL

Lahore: Pakistan's former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, who is serving a seven-year imprisonment in a Lahore jail, was rushed to a hospital on Tuesday after he complained of heart related complications.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) CONST. DIV. NO. II, JAMMU CORRIGENDUM

Name of work:- Providing / Installation / Commissioning of electro - mechanical automatic boom barrier alongwith CCTV, tyre -killer & pre-fabricated security booth at High Court Complex, Jammu.

Reference: E-NIT No. 150 of 2018-19/Div-2 Dated:- 10-01-2019

The following changes to the terms and conditions of the above noted work are hereby made with immediate effect.

Please read:- Item No. 01 of BOQ

RAMP TYRE KILLER 6.00MTR.

Blocking height of spikes above the Ground level: 160 - 500mm Distance between centers of two adjacent spikes: 100 ±50mm Rising lowering time: 02-03 Second Drive Unit Electro Hydraulic Top cover plate of the Tyre Killer shell withstand: Wheel Load 100Tons Control Unit: Microcontroller: Electric motor capacity: Approx. 1.5 kw, 3 Phase Protection class : IP54 All Electronics Parts should be CE Certified Colour: Blocking spike shall have hardened and tempered steel with red colour, drive box in grey colour and top surface shall have stripes of black and yellow colour.

Instead Of:- Item No. 01 of BOQ

RAMP TYRE KILLER 6.00MTR.

Blocking height of spikes above the Ground level: 160 - 500mm Distance between centers of two adjacent spikes: 185 to 200mm Rising lowering time: 02-03 Second Drive Unit Electro Hydraulic Top cover plate of the Tyre Killer shell withstand: Wheel Load 100Tons Control Unit: Micro controller Electric motor capacity: Approx. 1.5 kw, 3 Phase All Electronics Parts CE Certified Tested (MAKE : STARKER, TELCOMA, CARDIN)

Please read:- Item No. 02 of BOQ

Electromechanical Automatic Boom Barrier 6Mtr. Electro-mechanical Automatic Boom Barrier: 24 Vdc, Latest generation control unit and complete range of accessories. Practical with the in-built control unit housed on top, LED lights and various connections available for safety devices and battery back-up Made of a sturdy steel structure and stainless steel panels Motor power supply: 24 V Max. Motor current: 12 A Motor power: 350 W Power supply: 230 V Opening time: 6 sec, Max. Torque : 750Nm

Instead Of:- Item No. 02 of BOQ

Electromechanical Automatic Boom Barrier 6Mtr. Electro-mechanical Automatic Boom Barrier: 24 Vdc, Latest generation control unit and complete range of accessories. Practical with the in-built control unit housed on top, LED lights and various connections available for safety devices and battery back-up. Made of a sturdy steel structure and stainless steel panels Motor power supply: 24 V Max. Motor current: 12 A Motor power: 350 W Power supply: 230 V Opening time: 6 sec, Max. Torque : 750Nm (MAKE : STARKER, TELCOMA, CARDIN)

Please read:- Item No. 02 of BOQ :- The whole work shall have a defect liability period of 03 years after successfully installation / commissioning of the job. Any manufacturing defects if occurs within the warranty period shall have to be rectified immediately as and when found necessary within a day's time. 10% deposit, which shall be retained from each C.C. will be released only after 15 days of completion of defect liability period of 03 years.

Instead Of:- Item No. 02 of BOQ :- The whole work shall have a warranty period of 01 year after successfully installation / commissioning of the job. Any manufacturing defects if occurs within the warranty period shall have to be rectified immediately as and when found necessary within a day's time.

Turn over & working experience of company

Minimum annual turnover of Rs. 2.00 Crores and working experience of 05 years in India having their authorized service centre in Northern India from the last at least 02 years for providing service. (Service Bill Sample copy, Tin no. & GST no. copy required) The bidder/ company should have successfully completed atleast one similar nature of work costing not less Rs. 10.00 lacs during last 01 financial year.

All other terms and conditions shall remain same.

Sd/- Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Const. Div. No. II Jammu

No. DIP/J-4800-P/2018 Dated:- 21.01.2019

Trump says students 'unfairly treated' over Native incident

AFP ■ WASHINGTON

Boys from a Catholic school in Kentucky were treated unfairly in a rush to judgment, President Donald Trump has said after allegations the students had mocked a Native American elder.

"Looking like Nick Sandman & Covington Catholic students were treated unfairly with early judgements

proving out to be false - smeared by media," Trump tweeted on Monday.

As in many cases, Trump's tweet appeared to be triggered by Fox News, as he cited the network's Tucker Carlson saying new footage showed "media" were wrong about the encounter.

Footage captured on multiple phone camera videos that swept social media on

Saturday showed a white Covington student standing silently with his lips taught, extremely close to Nathan Phillips, a Native American Vietnam war veteran, who beats a traditional drum while chanting.

The student wears a red cap bearing Trump's slogan, "Make America Great Again." Other students are jumping up and down, chanting.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that this person Named: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: 65 years, Sex: Male, Height: 5 feet 7 inch., Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: Pink colour Sweater & grey colour Pajama, has been found dead at Footpath parking yamuna Bazar, Kashmere Gate, Delhi on dated 17.01.2019.

In this regard a DD No. 12-A, dated 17.01.2019 has been registered at P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi.

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

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

SHO

P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi

DP/9589/N/19

Ph.: 011-23967889, 8750870123

WESTERN RAILWAY

EARTH WORK & VARIOUS OTHER WORKS

Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction) I, Western Railway, INDORE (MP) invites tender through E-Tendering as per details given as follows: Tender No.: KNW-SWD/RKGC/27R. Name of Work: Earth Work in Bank / Cutting for Formation including Construction of Minor Bridges, Side Drain, Trolley Refuges, Top Wall Drain and other Ancillary Work between Sanawad (incl.) to Nimarkheri (Excl.) in connection with Gauge conversion of Sanawad - Khandwa Section of Ratlam - Mhow - Khandwa GC Project. Approx. Cost: ₹ 10,86,94,138.05. EMD: ₹ 6,93,500/-

Date & Time of Submission of Tender: Upto 15.03 hrs. on 07/02/2019. Date of Opening of Tender: 07/02/2019 at 15.30 hrs. Complete details of tender including eligibility criteria are available on E-Tender Portal www.ireps.gov.in and at the Notice Board in the office of Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction) Western Railway, Indore Opp. Platform No. 1, Indore.

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

SEE SECTION U/S 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Neeraj @ Sonu S/o Ramesh, R/o K-818, Jahangir Puri, Huts behind ITI, Delhi is involved in case FIR No. 66/16 U/s 457/380/411/34 IPC, at P.S. Aman Vihar, New Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Neeraj @ Sonu, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Neeraj @ Sonu, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant) Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Neeraj @ Sonu, in case FIR No. 66/16 U/s 457/380/411/34 IPC, at P.S. Aman Vihar, New Delhi are required to appear on this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 11.04.2019.

By Order
Sh. Anurag Thakur,
Metropolitan Magistrate,
North West-02, Room No. 113,
1st Floor, Rohini Courts, Delhi
DP/2422/RD/19/(Court Matter)

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unknown dead body was found at Hiran Kudna Mod, New Delhi dated 05.01.2019. In this regard a FIR No. 07/19 dated 05.01.2019, has been lodged at P.S. Mundka, Delhi.

The Description of the dead body is given as under: Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Sex: Male, Age: 60 Years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: Pink Colour Shirt, Black Colour Pant and Brown Colour Jacket.

Sincere efforts have been made by the local Police to trace out the dead person but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone having any information about this dead person, please inform undersigned.

SHO

P.S. Mundka, Delhi

DP/1815/OD/19

Ph: 011-28352010/11, 07065036126

CANCELLATION OF TRAINS

Following Express trains which were announced to be cancelled due to foggy weather till 15.02.2019, are further cancelled for operational reasons till the dates mentioned as under:

Train No.	Train Name	Frequency/Day	Date of Cancellation (from originating station)
13119	Sealdah - Delhi Express	Bi-Weekly (Thu, Sun)	14.02.2019 to 31.03.2019
13120	Delhi - Sealdah Express	Bi-Weekly (Tue, Sat)	16.02.2019 to 02.04.2019

Note:- For any kind of information passengers are requested to contact Railway Enquiry No. 139 or visit Indian Railways website www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in

Security Helpline No. 182 and Passengers Complaint Helpline No. 138

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CORRIGENDUM TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	Name of Department / Board / Corp / Auth.	Name of Work / Notice / Tender	Opening Date / Closing Date (Time)	Amount / EMD (Approx.) in Rupees	Website of the Department	Nodal Officer / Contact Details / Email	Tender Ref. No. / Tender No.
1	UHBVN Panchula	Providing and installation of Fire Hydrant System (Water based) at TRW Dhulkote	16-11-2018 30-01-2019	Amount Rs. 10.91/- Lac EMD for Cont. Rs. 21820/- for Society Rs. 10910/-	www.uhbvn.org.in or http://haryanaaprocurment.gov.in	93566263248 xencvylubv npanchula@gmail.com	19/2018-19

Xen Civil Const. Division, UHBVN, Panchula

RO 74961 Dt. 22-01-2019

Government of Bihar
BIHAR RURAL LIVELIHOODS PROMOTION SOCIETY (State Rural Livelihoods Mission)
1st Floor, Annex-II, Vidhut Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna
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Email: info@brlp.in, website: www.brlp.in

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR
"HIRING AN AGENCY FOR PROCESS MONITORING OF BRPLS UNDER BTDP"
AND "HIRING AN AGENCY FOR PROCESS MONITORING OF BRPLS UNDER NRLM"

Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society - JEEVIKA invites eligible agencies/ association of agencies to submit their expression of interests (EOI) for "Hiring an agency for Process Monitoring of BRPLS under BTDP" and "Hiring an agency for Process Monitoring of BRPLS under NRLM" financed by the World Bank and National Rural Livelihoods Mission respectively. Interested bidders may download detailed Terms of References (ToR) & EOI Document from <https://www.brlp.in>.

Other information is as follows:

Description of Assignment-I	Hiring an agency for Process Monitoring of BRPLS under BTDP spread over 300 blocks across 32 districts of Bihar
Description of Assignment-II	Hiring an agency for Process Monitoring of BRPLS under NRLM spread over 234 blocks across 24 districts of Bihar
Date/time of start to download the Terms of References (ToR) & EOI Document for both assignments	24-01-2019 https://www.brlp.in
Last date/time for submission of EOI document for assignments	14-02-2019 till 16:00 hrs. at Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society, 3 rd Floor (Southern Wing), Annexe II, Vidhut Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna-800021, Bihar, India.

*Interested agencies/ association of agencies can only apply either of the assignments i.e. Hiring an agency for Process Monitoring of BRPLS under BTDP or Hiring an agency for Process Monitoring of BRPLS under NRLM not in both.

Nodal Person from Client: Dr. Santosh, Procurement Specialist
Phone : 0612-2504980 (Extn. 242)

(B. K. Pathak)
Officer on Special Duty

PR No. 15470 (N.I.NI.) 2018-19
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DHFL DEWAN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION LIMITED

National Office: DHFL House, 19, Sahar Road, Vile Parle (East), Off Western Express Highway, Mumbai - 400099.
Circle Office : Plot No. A-6, Sector-2 Noida 201301

APPENDIX IV POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited (DHFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of DHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

S.N.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor (s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of secured asset (immovable property)	Date of Possession
1.	(LC No. 00001196 of our Meerut Branch) Shri Pal (Borrower) Anita (Co-Borrower)	28-08-2018 Rs. 5,68,540/-	All that part and parcel of the Property Bearing No Plot No. 41 On Kh. No. 588/8/1mi, Radha Garden Colony phase-2 Kasba Kilaparkishit Garh, Meerut, Meerut-250001, Uttar Pradesh.	21-01-2019
2.	(LC No. 00000841 of our Rohini Branch) Shri Pal (Borrower) Indira Devi (Co-Borrower)	11-10-2018 Rs. 2,54,75,099/-	All that part and parcel of the Property Bearing No Plot No-19, Sector-9, Gurgaon, Gurgaon-122001, Haryana.	16-01-2019
3.	(LC No. 00000925 of our Rewari Branch) (LC No. 00000988 of our Rewari Branch) Gagan Goel (Borrower) Soni Goyal (Co-Borrower)	11-10-2018 Rs. 27,15,662/- 11-10-2018 Rs. 14,25,758/-	All that part and parcel of the Property Bearing No Plot No.385 P Huda Sector 4 Near Police Choki Sector 4, Rewari Haryana, Mahendragarh-123401, Haryana.	19-01-2019
4.	(LC No. 00002112 of our Noida Branch) Chandar Bir Barar (Borrower) Arti Barar (Co-Borrower)	11-10-2018 Rs. 11,52,741/-	All that part and parcel of the Property Bearing No Flat No J-1307, 13th Floor, Tower-J, Vvip Addresses, Raj Nagar Extn, Village Noor Nagar, Ghaziabad, Ghaziabad-201010, Uttar Pradesh.	16-01-2019
5.	(LC No. 00000127 of our Gurgaon Branch) Gaurav Gautam (Borrower) Rohita Gautam (Co-Borrower) Agri Shipping Co Pvt Ltd (Co-Borrower)	11-10-2018 Rs. 29,93,141/-	All that part and parcel of the Property Bearing No Flat No. D-1205, 12th Floor, Tower D Civitech Sampriti, Plot No. G H-02/ C Sector-77, Noida, Noida, Gautambudh Nagar-201301, Uttar Pradesh.	18-01-2019
6.	(LC No. 00001417 of our Meerut Branch) (LC No. 00001477 of our Meerut Branch) Sanjay Som (Borrower) Sharda Som (Co-Borrower) Jatun Pratap Singh (Co-Borrower)	11-10-2018 Rs. 45,62,998/- 11-10-2018 Rs. 12,54,108/-	All that part and parcel of the Property Bearing No Flat No G- 601, 6th Floor Pearl Residency Tower A Hapur Bypass Rd, Meerut, Meerut-250002, Uttar Pradesh.	22-01-2019

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to DHFL as aforesaid, DHFL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of DHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Sd/- Nikhil Malhotra (Authorised Officer)
Place: Delhi / NCR Date : 23/01/2019
For Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited

Given the importance of accounting in trade, commerce and Government, jobs in this field will never lose their significance, says
DR NARENDRA SHYAM SUKHA

ACCOUNT YOUR FUTURE

Accounting helps you keep track of money and who isn't interested in money? Accounting with daily journals, ledgers, bank reconciliation statements, profit and loss statements and income and balance sheets present an unbiased picture of the financial position of an organisation. Accountants tell the true position with regard to its liabilities, cash sources, viability of managerial and investor decisions and compliance with taxation and corporate laws. Further, accounting helps a business, venture or a nation plan, control and execute their budgets and expenditures, forecast revenues or turnovers, purchase new assets or take on new liabilities, monitor financial health, take decisions with regard to personnel hiring or recruitment and regulate growth in the economy. Considering the vital importance of

accounting work to trade, commerce and Government, is it any wonder that accounting jobs never lose their significance. According to *payscale.com*, the top salary for an accountant, not being a Chartered Accountant, could go up to ₹487,303 a year. There is steady and assured growth for an accountant over the progression of her career. Experience affects accountant salaries markedly. The highest growth can take place during the middle to late career milestones. In a related survey of those working in accounts on the same platform, it was found

EXPERIENCE AFFECTS ACCOUNTANT SALARIES MARKEDLY. ACCORDING TO PAYSACLE.COM, THE TOP SALARY FOR AN ACCOUNTANT, NOT A CA, COULD GO UP TO ₹5 LAKH A YEAR

that an overwhelming 100 per cent gave their profession five out of five stars. While females made up for only five per cent of those in the profession, males made an abnormally high 80 per cent. Most accountants become record-keepers, especially at the entry-level. However, they are supposed to check and maintain calculations, create sales and cash flow reports, administer payrolls, prepare balance sheets, carry out billing activity, manage budgets and inventory. At a mid to senior level, the accountant may also be expected to file taxes or go through historical reports to create turnover forecasts. Sometimes, internal audits may be needed to identify trouble areas in performance. An accounting staff must also monitor whether office personnel are adhering to company policies and relevant statutes. It takes skill for the accountant to prepare management reports with the right amount of accuracy, detail and illustration.

Ordinarily, commerce graduates with an additional diploma or certification in specialised accounting practices may start working as an accountant. Internships as an accountant help in cementing working knowledge and adding authority to your resume. Knowledge of application software such as Quickbooks, Tally or Microsoft Excel is indispensable to reconcile newage imperatives with existing competencies. Accounting work is seldom understood by solo entrepreneurs and small businesses and so the accountant must be a self-starter. However, in other organisations, she may be required to work as part of a team and collaboration must also be part of your skill set. Accountants, today, may require

additional competencies because of the expansion of digitisation to every sphere of business. SAP is one of the most widely used enterprise application programmes being used in industry and to obtain veracity and genuineness of training, it is crucial to choose a SAP authorised training delivery partner to complete your certification in this software.

Over time, an accountant may grow into the roles of finance manager, account manager, financial controller, chartered accountant, chief financial officer or a finance director.



Remember that you need not be a number cruncher to be an accountant. Arithmetic skills are honed by constant practice. Initially, you may even find reporting work to be boring and repetitive. But it will pay the bills while you earn and you can always enroll in and complete more advanced courses that lead into a leadership role. Financial roles are little understood and diligence and open-mindedness can get a long way in this enticing profession.

The writer is founder chairman, ICA Edu Skills

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence"
— Robert Frost

HEALTH PROGRAMMES

The School of Health Sciences (SOHS), Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) invites application for its four new skill-based health programmes. The aim is to create trained health care personnel for improving health care delivery across the country. These programmes are:

■Certificate in General Duty Assistance (CGDA)

The short duration programme prepares the candidate in non-clinical tasks or the activities like use of assistive devices, patient care, transporting patients, general hygiene and grooming, handling of samples, drugs and after care of equipments and much more.

Eligibility: Class XII pass in Science stream with Biology.
Duration: Six months to two years.

■Certificate in Geriatric Care Assistance (CGCA)

This short duration skill based programme trains candidates to provide support to old age people or patients by undertaking non-clinical tasks such as assessment, patient positions, movements, feeding, hygiene, grooming and much more.

Eligibility: Class XII pass in Science stream with Biology.
Duration: Six months to two years.

■Certificate in Phlebotomy Assistance (CPHA)

This short duration skill based training programme focuses on the acquisition of skills necessary to draw quality blood samples from patients, storage, transport to laboratory for medical testing and practice infection control measures.

Eligibility: Class XII pass in Science stream with



Biology.
Duration: Six months to two years.

■Certificate in Home Health Assistance (CHHA)

This short duration training programme focuses on the acquisition of skills necessary to provide support by undertaking non-clinical tasks.

Eligibility: Class XII pass in Science stream with Biology.
Duration: Six months to two years.

HOTEL MANAGEMENT

The Hotel School invites applications for admission in three-year BVoc degree in Hotel Management.

In this course, students will be taught subjects like food production, bakery and confectionary, front office, housekeeping, reception handling, food and beverage, management, English and communication skills and others.

Students will learn how every aspect of a food service operation contributes to the guest experience and will explore unique features of a variety of food and beverage operations. **Eligibility:** Candidates, who have appeared/passed 10+2 examination of CBSE, ICSE or equivalent accreditation.

How to Apply: Application forms and brochure may be obtained from admission office of The Hotel School at 989, Near Oberoi Farm, Kapashera, New Delhi, Delhi 110037.

Deadline: February 7, 2019.

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The University School of Management Studies, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha (IP) University recently organised its annual alumni meet — Smriti 2019 — at its Dwarka campus. Around 200 alumni of various programmes of this school of IP University like MBA, MBA (Financial Market), MBA (weekend), PhD in MBA and others actively participated in this conclave. Prof Neena Sinha, dean of Management School welcomed the alumni and praised their valuable contribution.

While addressing the gathering, Prof Sinha said: "Alumni are the brand ambassadors of the university. I strongly realise that how a strong and positive relationship with their alumni can benefit the

Annual alumni meet



Dignitaries along with alumni of IP University's Management School during their annual alumni meet

institution socially, culturally, academically and professionally."

In order to encourage the contribution of the alumni, the school has recently instituted 'Distinguished Alumni Award' which was given to Puneet Gaur, an alumnus of 2001 in recognition of his professional accomplishment and contribution to corporate life of the school.

A portal for the alumni of the school was also launched to maintain better connectivity to the alumni of the school. The event was followed by alumni interaction, cultural programmes and fun activities.

The eighth two-day annual National Level Science Contest was conducted recently for school students at Vellore Institute of Technology. Founder and chancellor of VIT, Dr G Viswanathan, handed over prizes worth ₹3 lakh along with the certificates to the winners.

Organised by VIT every year, the National Level Science Contest gives a platform to the school students to demonstrate their talent in their area of interest. Competitions and innovative projects were displayed during the course of the two-day contest. Around 564 students from 33 High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools from Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka and Kerala participated in various events. Around 70 teams took taking part in working models event, 42 teams in idea presentation, 59 teams in poster presentation and 62 teams competed in the quiz contest.

S Dhananjayan, Sanjay B and Dhruv N of Shristi

National science contest



Founder and chancellor of VIT, Dr G Viswanathan, hands over the prizes to the winners of annual National Level Science Contest

Vidyashram, senior secondary school, Vellore, won the first prize in the quiz contest and received ₹15,000 cash prize, while P Greeshmanth, M Avinashand Ch Bhavadeep of St Mary's Public School, Nellore, AP, won the second place & received ₹10,000 as cash prize.

In the quiz contest for students in Class XI and XII, Anand, Krishna Rajmohan and Suhail of Bhavans Vidya Mandir, Kochi, Kerala, won the first

place and received ₹20,000 as cash prize, while the second prize with a cash award of ₹15,000 went to Mohan Mythresh, Manish KR and Vignesh C of Sunbeam CBSE school, Vellore.

In the idea presentation contest, the first place was bagged by E Aswathi of AKM Higher Secondary School Kottoor, Kerala and received ₹10,000 as cash prize, while the second prize with a cash award of ₹7,500 went to S Bavendra, P Pavithra and S

Thejashwini of Kaligi Ranganathan Montford, Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Perambur, Chennai.

B Aravind, Ashwin Ranga VB and LS Yuvesh of Shristi Vidyashram Senior Secondary School, Vellore won the first prize and cash award of ₹10,000 in the working models contest along with K Somasundharam and D Devandhiran of Government HSS, Pennathur, Vellore. Students of both the schools received ₹10,000 as cash prize. The second prize with a cash award of ₹7,500 went to Janarthana of Veera Lakshmi Vidyalaya High School, Salem and P Dinesh Kumar and G Dhanush Kumar of Sunbeam Matriculation School, Vellore.

Among those who took part in the prize distribution function included Pro Vice Chancellor Dr S Narayanan, Dr A Mary Saral, dean, School of Advanced Sciences and Professors Dr R Vijayaraghavan, Dr E James Jebaseelan Samuel and Dr N Arunai Nambi Raj.

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Hone child's growth with early childhood education

PANKAJ KUMAR SINGH shares why early childhood education is essential for subjective, social and physical development of a child

Early childhood is a crucial time for subjective, social and physical development of a child. Improvement is affected by characteristics of the young, their family, and the more extensive social conditioning around the surrounding.

Physical well-being, discernment, dialect, and social and enthusiastic improvement thereafter supports school preparation. Openly supported, focus based, through early youth improvement programmes advances the prosperity of youthful youngsters.

Most parents think that Early Childhood Education (ECE) is not so important for their child's development and therefore send them directly to pre-prim primary schools. Therefore, often they end up ignoring the basic education which a child needs to learn from the beginning. A strong assemblage of proof demonstrates that young children who get fitting nourishment with passionate and subjective incitement around the surroundings are better arranged for school and learning.

Early age improvement programmes are intended to enhance their subjective learning and prepare socially enthusiastic preschool children thus impacting preparation for learning in the school setting. Proper upbringing, education, personal development is very necessary today. ECE is about honing and moulding the child which will

eventually form the basis of their lifelong journey. Let's discuss some essential benefits of ECE: **■Socialisation:** Socialisation with individuals other than the family in a protected situation is the fundamental component to the underneath territories. As guardians, we instinctively comprehend that it's critical to acquaint our children with other youngsters and bolster their progress into their very own kinship gatherings. The prior we do this, the better, as it enables children to conquer modesty and increase fearlessness. In the event that we leave this for late in time, we end up obstructing their social advancement.

■The idea of cooperation: Figuring out how to share, collaborate, alternate and drive forward inside a protected learning condition, guided by experts inculcates this practice. This is particularly essential for the parents who may not be accustomed to offering the same to their child at home.

■Focusing on integrated development: The methodological taken to guide the solid establishment of the youngster's social, physical and mental advancement, sets them up for a lifetime of learning. Teachers specialised in early childhood education are mostly prepared in recognising regions where attention is required for youngsters and therefore help in

building projects and exercises around these requirements. The company of such experts are additionally critical as in such settings pre-schoolers are agreeable and comprehensive.

■Values and morals: A child learns values and morals from the environment that they are growing from their parents, relatives and school. So, it's very important that we give much importance to inculcating values and morals in school. There is no better place to take in this one, other than in a chaotic

preschool condition, where everything is shared and class and conduct are both instructed and adapted to naturally.

■Flexibility: It's critical that early youth instructors and guardians cooperate to create versatility in child as early as expected. By making a reliable, secure and reasonable social condition, with clear desires and unsurprising outcomes, children can inculcate abilities in overseeing themselves and their feelings. It's an educator's business to give a testing situation where children can learn through direct encounters.

■Confidence, concentration, patience & self-esteem: Children need opportunities to be involved in an abundance of social experiences, where they can explore and practice the social skills of patience. A solid feeling of prosperity gives youngsters certainty, positive thinking and confidence which will urge children investigate their abilities and aptitudes. Positive cooperation with other youngsters and instructors will advance them into a positive, solid and secure perspective of themselves that will enable them to approach circumstances and issues unhesitant for the rest of their lives.

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PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The 2019 Global Talent Competitiveness Index (GTCI) report reveals that Switzerland, Singapore and the US continue to lead the world in talent competitiveness, while countries in Asia, Latin America and Africa are seeing a progressive erosion of their talent base. The report confirms that talent issues have become a mainstream concern for firms, nations and cities, with talent performance seen as a critical factor to growth and prosperity.

This year's report has a special focus on entrepreneurial talent — how it is being encouraged, nurtured and developed throughout the world and how this affects the relative competitiveness of different economies. New approaches are emerging to stimulate entrepreneurial and intrapreneurial talent and future proof employees, for example, the

Global talent competitiveness index

efforts to develop bottom up innovation and empower employees. Such progress is especially true in the cities, where 'Smart cities' ecosystems are increasingly acting as talent magnets.

The results further show: **■The highest-ranking countries and cities tend to be the most open to entrepreneurial talent** **■Digitalisation and globalisation are increasing the role of entrepreneurial talent.**

Cities rather than countries are developing stronger roles as talent hubs and will be crucial to reshaping the global talent scene. This growing importance of cities is due to their greater flexibility and ability to adapt to new trends and patterns, as nimble economic units where policy can be changed more



swiftly, cities are thus more attractive for talent, especially entrepreneurial talent. The top-ranked city this year is

Washington DC, followed by Copenhagen, Oslo, Vienna and Zurich. Washington's steady economy, dynamic population, outstanding infrastructure and connectivity, highly-skilled workforce and world class education are all characteristics which contribute to making the city such a talent hub.

For the first time, the 2019 GTCI provides a longitudinal analysis of talent competitiveness based on the results of all GTCI editions since 2013.

The main finding is that the gap separating the talent champions from the rest of the global community has been growing. Talent competitiveness is strengthening in groups of countries where it is already comparatively high and weakening in those where it is relatively low.

Loan for off-beat courses

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Recent trend shows that Indian students are opting for international universities to pursue their higher education in non-traditional courses like robotics, applied science or artificial intelligence along with sports management, music technology, photonics and image consulting. With the availability of education loan for these off-beat and non-traditional courses, this has made it more convenient for aspirants to study abroad.

Although India has a few universities and educational institutions offering some of these courses, they

are quite new and have a long way to reach global standards. There are many renowned educational institutions—Universities in Europe and the United States

Neeraj Saxena, CEO and MD, Auxilio Finserv Pvt Ltd, said: "Earlier, educational loans were available only for certain professional courses. Staying abreast with the changing trends, many loan providers provide students with an education loan for studying courses like robotics, sports management or music technology. This has led to the rise in the number of Indian students aspiring to pursue off-beat courses from international educational institutions."



DESIGN THE FUTURE

Design is one of the most challenging, fast-moving, and visionary fields to work in and it can be financially rewarding as well, says DR SANJAY GUPTA

There's no place quite like the design industry. It's where creativity and technology meet, and where innovation thrives. Design is absolutely everywhere—from the clothes we wear to the apps we use, from the cars we drive to the chairs we sit on. As a designer, you have the power to shape the world. There are many careers that can be launched after taking a design course. Those with a passion for fashion may become retail clothing buyers, display merchandisers or fashion designers. Media jobs include magazine cover designer, photographer, design associate and layout editor. Then there are marketing opportunities like graphic designer, packaging developer, concept and design technician or production manager. The retail industry careers include showroom design consultant, store designer, display coordinator and visual merchandiser.

Design is one of the most challenging, fast-moving, and visionary fields to work in and it can be financially rewarding, too. Below are five high-paid fields.

DIGITAL DRAWING & ILLUSTRATION

One can choose to be animators, graphic designers, illustrators, game developers, game artists, designers, creative directors, web artists, art directors, installation designers, eBook illustrators, storyboard artists, instructors, professors, or freelance artists. This field is slightly different from pure design. It teaches the artists the use of a wide range of software, artistic and technical techniques to create art. Digital design and illustration programmes prepare students for

careers in the world of digital design and art by combining traditional painting and drawing skills with new media digital applications and output strategies. Digital designers and illustrators get to work in diverse industries like advertising, multimedia, gaming, graphic design, film and video, architecture, automotive, the medical industry and even in criminal investigations as forensics.

TRANSPORTATION DESIGN

Professionals who work in transportation design are known as industrial designers. They produce designs for automobiles, aircraft, watercraft, mass transit systems and two-wheeled vehicles, taking into consideration aesthetics, ergonomics, manufacturing, marketing, safety and economics. They also specialise in areas like hybrid vehicle, recreational vehicle or aircraft interior design. Transportation designers usually start their careers with a bachelor's degree in industrial design, and many go on to earn a master's degree. Learning how to take a product concept and design a producible item is the focus of a transportation designer. Transportation designers can specialise in an industry, such as aviation or mass transit, or a specific transportation type, such as hybrid or electric transport. A bachelor's in industrial design programme provides the training in CAD software and in product design needed by these professionals.

PRODUCT DESIGN

This is all about creating 3-D products through an efficient process of idea gener-

ation, development and evaluation. Product designers have an understanding of the relationship between art, science and technology, and have the ability to exploit each of these things in different ways to create new products.

A designer's role in an organisation involves envisioning, imagining, conceptualising and creating products that people can use and cherish in their daily life. Product design or industrial design being a gentle mix of art and technology can help elevate human life experience by providing effective solutions to the identified consumer needs. A product designer works towards improving the novelty, usability, functionality and aesthetics of a product. Studying product design provides a broad theoretical knowledge and practical skill set as one would require using production methods and materials creatively.

GAME DESIGN

The industry has witnessed tremendous growth over the last 10 years. With the market touching the ₹1,300 crore mark in 2012, it has encouraged various international animation companies to outsource work to India. A game designer is someone who has a vision of what the game is as it goes through iterations during its development cycle. Besides computer and console gaming, mobile games are a new part of the gaming sector. Established jobs for a game designer include working with game developers or game publishing companies. These can range from small — to large-sized companies producing games for other vendors.

One career path to game design could be starting as a game tester and then gradually moving on to game designing. This can offer a good grounding in the industry and enable insights into different areas, since employers seek some experience for mid-level positions.

DESIGN MANAGEMENT

This is all about the business side of design. It encompasses the ongoing processes, business decisions, and strategies that enable innovation and creation of effectively-designed products, services, communications, environments, and brands. At a deeper level, design management links design, innovation, technology, management and customers to provide competitive advantage for organisational success.

Earlier, design management was seen as limited to the management of design projects. Over time, it has evolved to other aspects of the organisation on a functional and strategic level. Design management professionals can work in various industries, including advertising and marketing, architecture, graphic design or motion pictures. Entry-level design management professionals can work as marketing assistants, production assistants and project management assistants. More experienced design management professionals can seek employment as brand strategists, advertising executives, product developers, project managers, marketing managers and business directors.

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'Upskilling will be focus for HR'

HR teams will excel at technologically advanced smart hiring and overcoming the past challenges will be easier in 2019, says ABHIJIT KASHYAPE

The global human resources industry witnessed massive disruption in 2018. With technological innovation at its peak, job roles and hiring practices transformed at a remarkable pace. On the back of this deluge of innovation, the sector is projected to reach a whopping \$30 billion by 2025.

Across the globe, HR teams adopted technologies like Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning and Data Analytics in order to streamline work and make the hiring process more efficient. Recruiters utilized the power of AI to carry out job-candidate matching, a process that is a leg up from traditional, commoditised hiring practices. Through job-candidate matching, the skillsets demanded by a particular job role are meticulously matched with the skills possessed by candidates, leading to smarter hiring decisions. Recruiters can therefore cast a wider net while searching for candidates and rest assured that only the best and most suitable ones will finally appear for face-to-face interviews.

The HR managers gave higher importance to candidate experience in the entire hiring process. This ensured that the right talent was not lost to competitors due to poor engagement or lack of timely feedback. In order to amplify the recruiting experience for candidates, HR managers began using automated chatbots to provide feedback post interviews. Through Natural Language Processing and machine learning, AI allowed HR managers to assess everything from the cultural fit to the skills of candidates almost instantaneously. With neutral assessment being a key point while getting the perfect fit, Monjin, a video interviewing and assessment platform has established a network of elite interviewers, a unique one of its own. Lastly, recruiters also took to social media, online classifieds and video-based hiring platforms to further optimise the entire hiring process.

While innovative technologies disrupted industries, HR faced a unique challenge in 2018. Technology created several new jobs across industries, but there exists a lack of skilled profes-



Abhijit Kashyape
Co-founder & CEO, Monjin

sionals that can take up these roles.

In 2019, upskilling and reskilling will be one of the key focus areas for HR teams. HR managers will adopt a continuous learning culture within workspaces to motivate employees and ensure definitive career growth. Retention is also a major challenge for recruiters who struggle with attrition month after month. A greater focus on candidate and employee satisfaction, and communication with existing employees can help HR managers overcome this challenge. Further, company culture and regular incentives can also give a significant boost to employee retention.

Greater focus will be laid on employee development across all parameters from technological to soft skills. Further, HR teams will focus on hiring candidates who possess relevant skills and have a vigor to continue learning.

Additionally, HR teams will need to become technologically adept in order to stay abreast with the rapidly changing job landscape. While people skills will remain at the heart of all HR roles, managers will need to adopt skills in AI, data analytics and automation to further augment HR practices. Technologically advanced HR teams will excel at technologically advanced smart hiring, and overcoming the past challenges will be easier.

Life is a sea-saw and it is very rightly observed that the ever balancing act to maintain equilibrium calls for some introspection. The most debatable topic persisting since ages is — which should get more importance? Sometimes the extreme imbalance causes lot of anxiety and stress at both the fronts hence it is pertinent to know the mantra of successful professional life backed with a healthy personal front for students.

The real task of balance takes place on a weekly and daily basis, even from hour to hour. Commonly cited pro-work factors include potential income, career continuity and advancement, workplace intellectual and social stimulation, enriched

childcare social environment for kids, etc. Adverse factors include reduced time spent with family, fatigue, weekends dominated by domestic chores, chronic crisis coping, etc. Hence one should be very focussed as to achieve a perfect 'sea-saw' euphoria. Few tips which will help reduce this stress!

- Tips to attain balance between work-life:
- Identify your support system:** Find out who can be counted on to help when help is needed? Categorise people and write the names of people who could be counted on if necessary. Then identify at least two support system of your life who can provide you neutral guidance at the time of ambiguity in life.
- Be realistic:** One should not set

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expectations that can't be achieved. For example one should question our mind — Is 20 hours of study realistic pattern? Always set practical boundaries for your daily to do list to make it a success.

- Plan ahead:** Spending time working away from home means that there will be fewer hours available in the day to accomplish the same number of jobs around the house.
- Don't procrastinate:** Delaying things may lead to piling of more and more work in the end. Another disadvantage of

procrastination is that it only keeps adding more stress at the top of daily work load.

- Prioritise responsibilities at work:** One should make a mental chart of tasks of high importance, medium importance and least importance. This will help cope up with the essentials first as to reduce mental stress of laying off things
- Try not to bring work at home:** Unless in extreme cases like board meetings or crisis at work one should never carry work at home. This acts like de-catalysis in family life. Hence one should try best to achieve

official goals at work only.

- Stick to your schedule, do not divert:** The reason for that is that when you plan things, then you always stay informed. It means you know when you will be able to finish a particular assignment or college project. You can always include breaks or a small outing as part of the schedule. It will work as an incentive to stick to schedule, knowing when to do what; otherwise, you may end up with a pile up of work, including new stuff that you were not aware of because you didn't schedule. Write things up, make notes, plan well, and you will find it much easier to balance your life between study, work, and personal life.
- Manage stress levels:** Stress is an

inevitable part of being a student and a worker, so learn how to keep it in check. Take regular breaks, get enough sleep, stay physically active, get out into the great outdoors and let yourself enjoy some of what life has to offer.

- Watch for signs of burn-out:** If your job performance or academic results begins to flag, take action. Falling asleep in class, drinking excessive amounts of caffeine, losing interest in your job or studies or becoming irritable are warning signs. A balance is easier to achieve when you make a sincere effort towards it.

The writer is Pallavi Prakash, Motivational Speaker and Founder-CEO of Knowledge Seed Learning Centre



Fujitsu India has announced the launch of the 40th edition of the Fujitsu Scholarship programme for qualified applicants in India. The selected participants will attend Fujitsu-JAITS Foundation's Global Leaders for Innovation and Knowledge 2019 Fall Course. This is a 3.5 month course. Selected students will complete their coursework and field work in four countries: Japan, US(Hawaii), Singapore and Thailand.

The scholarship covers the complete tuition for the Global Leaders for Innovation and Knowledge program offered by Fujitsu-JAITS Foundation.

Application deadline: The application deadline is March 8, 2019 for the programme starting in August 23, 2019.

To know more visit: <http://www.fujitsu.com/scholarship>.

How to apply visit: <http://www.fujitsu.com/global/about/csr/activities/community/scholarship/process/>

The Kent State University invites applications for International Freshman Scholarship. The scholarship program is available to any non-immigrant to the United States who is an incoming New Freshman student at Kent State University.

Eligibility: New freshman only; Fall admission only; Minimum cumulative Secondary school GPA 3.6 on US 4.0 scale; 27 ACT Composite, 1280 new SAT or 1210 old SAT Critical Reading & Math; Unconditional Admission to Kent State University as a freshman. **English Language Requirements:** All undergraduate applicants must obtain a minimum TOEFL score of 525 (71 on the Internet-based version), minimum MELAB score of 75 or IELTS score of 6.0, or PTE Academic score of 48, or Completing the ELS level 112 Intensive Programme.

How to apply: Submit an online application and non-refundable application fee of \$70. Include: Passport biographical page; English language proficiency scores; Secondary School Graduation certificate/diploma/attending Certificate (Certified English translation and original language); Secondary School transcripts/detailed mark sheets (Certified English translation and original language); Additional financial guarantee. Kent State University Financial Information Worksheet. Financial documents are only required after acceptance.

Application deadline: February 1, 2019

STUDY CENTRES

Rheumatology is a sub-specialty of medicine that deals with diagnosis, identification and medication of disorders relating to disorders related to joints, muscles, bones, and tendons. Rheumatologists treat ailments, which can result in inflammation, pain and swelling and work in tandem with Orthopaedic surgeons, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, prosthetists, orthotists and podiatrists.

To pursue a career in this field one needs a strong background in Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Mathematics. After MBBS degree one has to go for MD (Medicine) as Rheumatology. A few colleges where one can study are:

- Indian Spinal Injuries Centre, New Delhi. Course: DNB Rheumatology
- Christian Medical College, Vellore. Course: DM Rheumatology
- King Georges Medical University, Lucknow. Course: DM Rheumatology
- Institute of Post Graduate Medical Education and Research, Kolkata. Course: DM Rheumatology
- Madras Medical College and Government General Hospital, Chennai. Course: DM Rheumatology
- Nizams Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad. Course: DM Rheumatology



MARKETING AT IDBI FEDERAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Location: Delhi, Ghaziabad, Faridabad, Gurugram, Noida
Stipend: ₹8,000-₹10,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/63583
Application deadline: January 29, 2019

CONTENT WRITING AT SOLUTIONVALLEY

Location: Delhi, Noida
Stipend: ₹12,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/63584
Application deadline: January 31, 2019

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT (SALES) AT RAO IIT

Location: Delhi
Stipend: ₹21,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/63585
Application deadline: February 1, 2019

LAW/ LEGAL AT JINDAL & COMPANY

Location: Delhi
Stipend: ₹5,000-₹10,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/63586
Application deadline: February 1, 2019

HR AT EVELYN LEARNING SYSTEMS

Location: Delhi, Noida
Stipend: ₹12,000-₹15,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/63587
Application deadline: February 1, 2019

CA AT HP INCORPORATION

Location: Bengaluru
Stipend: ₹35,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/63588
Application deadline: February 13, 2019

DATA ENTRY AT CEAT

Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹5,000-₹8,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/63589
Application deadline: February 3, 2019

IN BRIEF

MODULE ON COLOUR AND DESIGN

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between Asian Paints and Pearl Academy to launch a new module on trends and techniques in colour. This alliance gives students the opportunity to gain expertise in colour techniques through a series of structured modules across levels. As part of the alliance, every year, experts from Asian Paints will engage with students to strengthen their knowledge on the theory of colours and additionally, students would be utilising data from trend reports from Asian Paints. Understanding the critical role of colour in any form of design and art, the alliance focuses on creating individuals who will become leaders in their understanding of colour with respect to space design, interior styling, art direction and personal home space, designed to specific client needs.

NATIONAL HR CONFERENCE AT LBSIM

Dr Bahadur Shastri Institute of Management organised a National HR Conference on the theme — Best Organizational Practices: Critical Roles of HR. The conference was organised keeping in mind the increasing importance of HR in the increasing competitive era. The role and the impact of HR has undergone a huge change and it has turned out to be an integral part of organisational management team for decision-making. Dr DK Srivastava, Director, LBSIM shared how the HR has transformed from minimum critical role to emerging importance.

LAUNCH OF VERNACULAR CONTENT

Understanding the primary need of the language users, Career Anna had announced the launch of learning content in vernacular languages. Hindi, Telugu and Tamil are the first three languages in which learning content has been launched in phase 1. The content in languages is free of cost for all the users and is in the form of bite sized videos for efficient learning outcomes for the language users. Learning products and features shall be rolled out in 11 primary regional languages spoken in India. During the beta phase of the launch in November and December, it witnessed over 325% increase in engagement rate week on week basis for the consumption of learning content by language users. "It is an exciting phase for us. We are proud to launch content in vernacular languages and reach out to new wave of language Internet users. We look forward to harness the combined power of video, vernacular and quality content in India and add value to every Internet consumer," Varun Saxena, Founder-CEO, Career Anna, said.

ONE GLOBAL FORUM

The eighth edition of the One Globe Forum, will be held on February 1-2, 2019 at New Delhi. The forum brings together global thought leaders who discuss, debate and deliberate on themes most relevant to building a 21st century knowledge economy in South-east Asia. This year, the forum will bring together over 60 speakers and 240 delegates that will focus on conversations around a connected and disruptive globe. The topics will range from disruptive technologies like AI and its impact on mobility, education and skill development and their impact on the youth, as well as entrepreneurship and economic growth specially in a year that is politically critical in this region. The forum will also explore themes around the biggest elections in South-east Asia involving a huge youth population, with 133 million new voters.

EDUCATION AWARD

Dr Jitendra Das, Director, FORE School of Management was awarded a Certificate of Excellence and Educator of the Year in Asia award during the Asia Pacific Education and Technology Awards and Summit 2019. Speaking about the award Dr Das said: "It was with a feeling of tremendous happiness that I accept what has been bestowed upon me. I believe that good education is what is needed to transform our country into a global leader. The recognition of my part in helping to achieve this goal is humbling and exciting. It's an honour to be recognised as having made an impact."

Kohli sweeps ICC awards

Virat becomes the first cricketer to win Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy, ODI and Test Player of the Year awards in a single calendar year

PTI ■ DUBAI

The peerless Virat Kohli on Tuesday became the first cricketer to make a clean-sweep of the ICC's annual individual awards and was also named captain of the world body's Test and ODI teams of the year, line-ups which were dominated by Indian players.

Kohli became the first player in history to win the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for ICC Cricketer of the Year, his second consecutive, the ICC Test and the ODI Player of the Year awards following an extraordinary 2018. Besides, the rapidly-rising wicketkeeper Rishabh Pant claimed the ICC's Emerging Cricketer of the Year award.

"Not only is Kohli the first player to win these three major ICC awards together but he has also been named the captain of the ICC Test and ODI teams of the year for a fabulous run in international cricket," the ICC said in a statement.

Kohli scored 1,322 runs at an average of 55.08 in 13 Tests with five hundreds during the calendar year while in 14 ODIs he amassed 1202 runs at an astonishing average of 133.55 with six centuries. He also scored 211 runs in 10 T20s.

"It's a reward for all the hard work that you do throughout the calendar year. Having recognition at the global level from the ICC is something you feel proud of as a cricketer because you understand that there are many players playing the game," Kohli was quoted as saying by the world body in a release. "... Obviously a very proud moment for me and something that gives you more motivation to keep repeating the same things because you have to keep the standard of cricket up and keep bringing in consistent performances," he added.

Three players each from India and New Zealand featured in the ICC's Test team of the year, while four each from India and England are part of the ODI side of the year 2018.

The Test team included Pant, in just his



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breakthrough Test year, and fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah, who was the only player apart from Kohli to be named in both the sides.

The ODI team has opener Rohit Sharma, spinner Kuldeep Yadav and Bumrah from India along with Kohli, while England are represented by Joe Root, Jonny Bairstow, Jos Buttler and Ben Stokes.

The 30-year-old Kohli, who first came into limelight when he led India to victory at the ICC Under-19 World Cup in Malaysia in 2008, finished the year as the top-ranked batsman in Tests and ODIs.

The highest scorer in both forms of the game in 2018, he was one of only two batsmen to score more than 1,000 runs in Tests

and only among three to do so in ODI cricket.

Kohli was the unanimous choice of the voting academy for the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy with South Africa fast bowler Kagiso Rabada coming in second to him for both this award and the Test Player of the Year honour.

"This is well-deserved recognition for an extraordinary talent. His regard for the game and particularly for Test cricket is also recognized and appreciated," ICC Chief Executive David Richardson said.

"He is passionate in his support of the longest form of the game and its continued importance...Virat has become a great ambassador for our sport," he added.

Afghanistan leg-spinner Rashid Khan was runner up to Kohli for the ICC ODI Player of the Year award.

India won six Tests and lost seven during the voting period that ran from January 1 to December 31, 2018. In ODIs, Kohli led India to nine victories, with four losses and one tied match.

This was also Kohli's second successive ODI Player of the Year award.

In other awards, the Indian under-19 team's World Cup triumph in New Zealand was declared the Fans Moment of the Year with 48 per cent of votes.

Sri Lanka's Kumar Dharmasena was voted Umpire of the Year by international captains and the ICC match referees, winning the David Shepherd Trophy for

a second time.

The ICC Spirit of Cricket Award went to New Zealand captain Kane Williamson for "continuing to be a shining role model of how our game should be played, his behaviour setting an outstanding example on and off the field."

THE AWARDEES

ICC Cricketer of the Year: Virat Kohli
ICC Test Cricketer of the Year: Virat Kohli

ICC ODI Cricketer of the Year: Virat Kohli

ICC Emerging Cricketer of the Year: Rishabh Pant

ICC Men's Test Team of the Year: Tom Latham (New Zealand), Dimuth Karunaratne (Sri Lanka), Kane Williamson (New Zealand), Virat Kohli (India) (capt), Henry Nicholls (New Zealand), Rishabh Pant (India) (wk), Jason Holder (West Indies), Kagiso Rabada (South Africa), Nathan Lyon (Australia), Jasprit Bumrah (India), Mohammad Abbas (Pakistan)

ICC Men's ODI team of the year: Rohit Sharma (India), Jonny Bairstow (England), Virat Kohli (India) (capt), Joe Root (England), Ross Taylor (New Zealand), Jos Buttler (England) (wk), Ben Stokes (England), Mustafizur Rahman (Bangladesh), Rashid Khan (Afghanistan), Kuldeep Yadav (India), Jasprit Bumrah (India).

INDIA start favourites against in-form KIWIS

PTI ■ NAPIER

On a high after a defining tour of Australia, the Virat Kohli-led Indian team faces a trickier challenge when it locks horns with an ever-so-sprightly New Zealand in a five-match ODI series starting on Wednesday.

The Indian team, which has shifted its focus entirely on World Cup preparations, is still searching for the right middle-order combination despite their first-ever bilateral ODI series win on Australian soil.

Mahendra Singh Dhoni's hat-trick of half-centuries has brought joy to the dressing room but the smaller grounds in New Zealand against a better seam attack comprising the wily Trent Boult, the talented Lockie Ferguson and the relentless Tim Southee will be a different test altogether for the 'Men In Blue'.

New Zealand in their own backyard have always been a force to reckon with and the touring Indian teams over the years will testify that, having won only 10 out of the 35 ODIs, including a 0-4 drubbing during the last series in 2014.

The first match at McLean Park, however, will be played in sultry conditions of around 30 degrees.

Skipper Kohli is well aware that the Black Caps, with some quality players in their ranks, can be very competitive.

"The fact they are No 3 in the world speaks about their consistency over the last couple of years. We played them in India and got beaten in Mumbai, and all the games were competitive and we felt they had a really good balance. They have that energy and that buzz about them and they play their cricket in the right way which is something we always appreciate," Kohli said at the pre-series media conference.

For the Indian team, some of the issues that need to be addressed are Shikhar Dhawan's form, Dhoni's batting position and how to get the balance right till all-rounder Hardik Pandya comes back



IND- NZ ODI ENCOUNTERS					
Venue	Played	Ind	NZ	Tied	N/R
In India	35	26	8	—	1
In New Zealand	34	10	21	1	2
Total:	101	51	44	1	5
Last 5 matches	5	3	2	—	—
D/N matches	42	20	18	1	3

HIGHEST INNINGS TOTALS			
India:	392-4 in 50 overs at Christchurch	08-03-2009	
NZ:	349-9 in 50 overs at Rajkot	05-11-1999	

HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL SCORES			
India:	186* Sachin Tendulkar at Hyderabad	08-11-1999	
NZ:	120 Nathan Astle at Rajkot	05-11-1999	

BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCE			
India:	5-18 Amit Mishra at Visakhapatnam	29-10-2016	
NZ:	6-19 Shane Bond at Bulawayo	26-08-2005	

from suspension. Left-handed Dhawan's position at the top of the order is under no imminent threat but a highest score of 35 in the last nine games doesn't make a pretty picture.

That Rishabh Pant has been instructed by the team management to face the new ball against England Lions in a home series is an indicator that they are trying to get back-up options ready. An immensely talented Shubman Gill has been selected as a reserve opener but it is unlikely that Dhawan will be dropped after a few failures.

The No 4 position is another area of concern for India as Ambati Rayudu, after an inexplicable retirement from first-class cricket, looked completely out of sorts and is unlikely to regain his place in the side.

Dhoni did well as a No 4 in the final ODI against Australia but Kohli is likely to use him more as a floater depending on

match situations.

With the Napier ODI promising to be a high-scoring affair as per New Zealand coach David Stead, a Dinesh Karthik or Kedar Jadhav could be promoted up the order.

In the bowling department, Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Mohammed Shami will expect a bit more support in case the skipper plays a young third seamer in either Mohammed Siraj or Khaleel Ahmed.

The New Zealand top-order also has a formidable look with one of the world's best batsmen in skipper Kane Williamson and the ever-dangerous Ross Taylor, who is second only to Kohli in terms of batting averages (92) in 2018, holding forte.

"We saw in the last series (vs Sri Lanka) we want to execute a few things better, certainly in the field we want to step up and get back to our old ways which is that real attitude in the park," Williamson said.

'We are forced to play third pacer in Hardik's absence'

PTI ■ NAPIER

India captain Virat Kohli on Tuesday stressed on the importance of all-rounder Hardik Pandya's presence in the ODI side in order to get the ideal bowling combination for the World Cup.

Pandya has been suspended pending inquiry after his sexist comments on a TV chat show and already the Indian team has had issues with their third specialist pacer ahead of the five-match ODI against New Zealand starting on Wednesday.

Rookies Khaleel Ahmed and Mohammed Siraj both got a fair amount of stick against Australia in the first two ODIs before Hardik's replacement



Vijay Shankar bowled a steady spell of six overs in the series decider in Melbourne.

When asked if there can be an ideal

bowling combination, the skipper said: "Depends on the all-rounder to be honest. If you see the strongest sides in the world, they have two all-rounders at the least, some sides have three, so that gives you a lot of bowling options."

For Kohli, a third fast bowler is an option only when a specialist all-rounder is unavailable.

"Only if someone like a Vijay Shankar or a Hardik doesn't play, then (only) three fast bowlers makes sense. Because if an all-rounder can chip in with a few overs of seam up, then you don't necessarily need a guy bowling 140kmph as the third bowler along with the two fast bowlers," Kohli said ahead of the first ODI at McLean Park.

Kohli indicated that a few players

could be tried here and there, raising hopes of young Shubman Gill getting an opportunity during the series.

"Also to try a few players here and there and see how they react to different situations or different positions in the team. We are open to doing that as well."

"You don't want to be too rigid because you want to be flexible in your mind and in your preparation to be able to competitive during a big tournament like the World Cup," the skipper explained.

"I think we need a good balance of both even if we back a few players to play at some stage, the idea is still to win the games and not just think of it as an experiment," he set priorities right.

I have moved on: Mithali on spat with Powar

PTI ■ NAPIER

Asserting that her dispute with former coach Ramesh Powar and CoA member Diana Edulji is a thing of past, Indian women's ODI captain Mithali Raj on Tuesday said that cricket has helped her deal with the adversities of life.

The Indian women's team was at the centre of a huge controversy after India's semi-final exit in the T20 World Cup in the West Indies, with Raj accusing Powar of bias and Edulji of trying to finish her career.

"What has happened has happened, I have moved on. Cricket has taught me to move on whether it's scoring a hundred or getting out on zero you have to be prepared for the next game, you need to tune in for the next day," Mithali said ahead of the series against New Zealand.

"As professional cricketers everyone understands what it takes to play international level, we are here to represent the country and want the team to play as a unit and get the best result," she added.

The Indian team's New Zealand tour begins on Thursday with the first ODI at McLean Park. The women will play three ODIs and as many T20 internationals.

Mithali emphasised on the need to bring the focus back on cricket and said winning in New Zealand would help in that direction.



"This is what as international athletes and cricketers we look forward to, and I'm looking forward to the series because it is very important to get back the focus on the sport and on the team performance and this is a great opportunity."

Asked how the team will deal with foreign conditions, Mithali said the side has prepared well.

"Most of the team might be inexperienced to the New Zealand condition but otherwise we are an experienced lot that has been together for 4-5 years. So I don't think we are a troubled tourists but yes we look forward to acclimatising with the conditions."

Our focus is on how best we can combat Virat: Kane

PTI ■ NAPIER

Expressing his admiration for Virat Kohli, New Zealand captain Kane Williamson on Tuesday said that they will be primarily focussed on how to "best combat" his Indian counterpart in the limited overs series, starting here from Wednesday.

Returning the compliment, the Indian run-machine also lauded the prolific Williamson, calling him one of the best in the world.

Williamson said, "Someone like Virat is certainly a player I admire and enjoy watching and he's pushing the boundaries of the game so that's brilliant," said Williamson on the eve of first ODI of the five-match series.

He said Kohli was a passionate and world class cricketer.

"He's a respectful guy and I've known him for a very long time but as a player, obviously, word class and our focus is more about that and his cricketing ability and how we can combat him as best as we can," Williamson said.

Williamson felt that the passion with which Kohli approaches his cricket has made him a crowd puller around the world.



scoring so he's definitely a player of note to try to shut down." Kohli, too, was not far behind when it came to acknowledging Williamson's achievements.

"Williamson is easily one of the best players in the world. So easy on the eye, great to watch and I personally enjoy his batting and when he is on song he is easily one of the most attractive batsmen to watch."

"He is always going to be a solid player for NZ purely because of what all he has done over the years in all three formats."

Kohli picked Williamson and Ross Taylor as batsmen his team would look to dismiss cheaply.

"He more or less makes the team win when he is scoring

runs, so that tells you about his awareness about the game and hence he is leading the side and guiding it in the right direction. So Kane will be a factor but at the same time Rosco (Taylor) and other guys as well."

"You can't take anyone for granted and their batting revolves around Kane and Ross in ODIs especially, the other guys bat around them and we are aware of that and working on our plans," Kohli said.

Williamson believed the pitch at McLean Park could aid batsmen.

"...So it's important the batting group puts together a plan that is good but, at the same time, the bowlers have a massive role in that in trying to nullify the strengths in both oppositions."

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World No 2 Spaniard thrashes Tiafoe in straight sets to set semifinal clash against Tsitsipas

AFP ■ MELBOURNE

Rafael Nadal continued his relentless march towards an 18th major title on Tuesday as an emotional Petra Kvitova swept into her first Grand Slam semi-final since a terrifying knife attack almost ended her career.

On day nine of the Australian Open, the fairytale runs of Stefanos Tsitsipas and Danielle Collins were also extended as they too swept into the last four.

Second seed Nadal inched closer to winning an event he has only claimed once before when he trounced unseeded American Frances Tiafoe 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 in another ruthless display from a man who has not dropped a set so far.

Tiafoe had announced himself by beating fifth seed Kevin Anderson, but was no match for a player at the peak of his powers as he attempts to become only the third man to win all four Slams twice and the first to do so in the Open era.

"I had some trouble at this event all my career, so I'm very happy with the way I played tonight," said the Spaniard, who faces another young gun Tsitsipas in the semi-finals.

"I feel lucky to be where I am." Greek sensation Tsitsipas powered into the last four with a measured 7-5, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7/2) win over Spain's Roberto Bautista Agut.

The 20-year-old, who ended Swiss great Roger Federer's tournament, became the youngest man to reach the semis at Melbourne Park since Andy Roddick in 2003 and the first player from Greece — man or woman — to get so far at Grand Slam.

"I'm just living the dream, living what I've been working hard for," said the 14th seed, who lives in Cyprus but trains at the academy of Serena Williams' coach Patrick Mouratoglou in France.



"I feel a bit emotional but not too much — I know I really worked hard to get here, playing in semis of a Grand Slam."

Czech Kvitova had not gone past the last eight at a major since a burglar slashed her left hand in December 2016, forcing her out of the game for six months and leaving her with lasting nerve damage in the fingers of her racquet hand.

But the eighth seed has bounced back and is on a sensational 10-match unbeaten streak after claiming the Sydney International warm-up title.



PAES-STOSUR CRASH OUT IN MIXED DOUBLES

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

Veteran Leander Paes and his partner Samantha Stosur suffered a second round defeat in the mixed doubles event, ending India's campaign at the season's first Grand Slam on Tuesday. The unseeded pair of Paes and Stosur won the first set 6-4 against Anna-Lena Groenefeld and Robert Farah but conceded the second set with the same scoreline. The third set went into tiebreak with the fifth

seed German-Colombian duo emerging victorious 10-8. Paes and Stosur had beaten the pair Dutch-Czech pairing of Wesley Koolhof Kveta Peschke in the round of 32. The 45-year-old Paes had made a first round exit in the men's doubles event with partner Mexican Miguel Angel Reyes-Varela. Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan and his partner Nicholas Monroe were also knocked out in the opening round of the event.

She proved too much for Ashleigh Barty, crushing the local hope 6-1, 6-4, and was in tears afterwards as she reflected on her long journey back to the top.

"Really, I didn't imagine to be back on this great stadium and play with the best," the two-time Wimbledon champion said.

"I'm calling it as my second career. So it's the first semi-final of the second career. I'm really enjoying it."

Kvitova will face unseeded American Collins in the semi-final on Thursday and she desperately wants to reach Saturday's decider.

"I want it bad, that's right," she said. Collins, the world number 35, had never won a Grand Slam match before entering this

year's tournament but she stunned three-time major champion and second seed Angelique Kerber in round four.

And the 25-year-old from Florida continued her Cinderella run by bouncing back spectacularly to down Russia's Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 2-6, 7-5, 6-1 in the quarter-finals.

Collins, who has spent long stretches of her career playing small tournaments to build up her ranking points, was in big trouble after losing the first set to the world number 44.

But she fearlessly battled back into the match to again stamp her mark on the tournament. "This has all been a really incredible experience," she said.



England begin crucial year with WI tour Langer calls on batsmen to step up

AFP ■ BRIDGETOWN

England is solid favourites although history is on the side of the underdog West Indies ahead of the first Test of the three-match series starting on Wednesday at Kensington Oval in Bridgetown.

Riding a wave of five consecutive victories — eight in nine matches going back to the last English summer — which includes series wins over top-ranked India and an historic sweep in Sri Lanka, the tourists appear supremely confident of overturning the disappointments of their last two Caribbean campaigns.

England have only won one Test series in the West Indies in the past 50 years, a 3-0 triumph in 2004, and failed to live up to expectations in 2009, when they lost 1-0, and again in 2015 when a five-wicket triumph inside three days by the unflinching hosts at the same Kensington Oval venue resulted in a shared series.

While the weight of expectation will be on the visitors' shoulders, West Indies face a daunting task to halt a run of four consecutive defeats, all within three days, on a disastrous Asian tour late last year which saw them being brushed aside by both India and



Bangladesh in two-Test series. England have a settled look to their team and took the weekend off training following two satisfactory two-day matches against a Cricket West Indies XI at the 3Ws Oval just outside Bridgetown. By contrast the West Indies squad reflects both a lack of continuity in selection and the parlous state of the domestic game.

John Campbell looks certain to make his Test debut opening the batting alongside

the established Kraigg Brathwaite. However the 25-year-old's first-class average of 30 suggests he will face a stern challenge from England senior pace spearheads Jimmy Anderson and Stuart Broad, who need just two more wickets to lift their combined tally of Test victims to 1,000.

BRAVO BACK

Another newcomer in the West Indies squad of 13, 30-year-old middle-order batsman

Shamarh Brooks who averages 33 but has endured a poor season so far in the inter-territorial first-class competition, is unlikely to make the final 11 especially given the return to Test duty of Darren Bravo after more than two years out of the team.

Bravo's Test average of 40 and elegant left-handed style would normally make him an automatic selection except that a Twitter tirade against CWI president Dave Cameron in November of 2016 led to his alienation from the team until now.

England's build-up to the series has been serene by comparison although in a year which includes their hosting of the World Cup, where they are expected to be one of the favourites, followed by the Ashes series against arch-rivals Australia, they can ill afford to stumble so early against a team they will be expected to defeat comfortably.

On a Kensington Oval pitch expected to offer assistance to the faster bowlers, the tourists are likely to go into the opening Test with one specialist spinner in Moeen Ali while seam bowling all-rounders Ben Stokes and Sam Curran should provide ample support to Anderson and Broad.

AFP ■ BRISBANE

Coach Justin Langer on Tuesday said senior batsman Usman Khawaja must convert solid starts into hundreds, as Australia look to bounce back from a crushing loss to India when they face Sri Lanka this week.

Australia axed Aaron Finch, Peter Handscomb and the Marsh brothers, Shaun and Mitch, after the India humbling. But Khawaja survived and Langer is looking for fireworks from his number three.

"I had a good hit with him yesterday actually in the nets up here at Allan Border Field in Brisbane," Langer told SEN radio of Khawaja, who has a top score of just 72 this summer across Tests and ODIs.

"He admitted he's been frustrated.

"But he seems fine. He's in the best physical condition of his life, he's training hard, he's playing well, but that's often the way in Test cricket.

"We need him to stand up. He knows that, he's our most senior batsman. He needs and we need him to turn some of those great starts into hundreds for us."

Australia play two Tests against Sri Lanka, starting under lights and with a pink ball at the Gabba on Thursday,



with all their batsmen under pressure to do better against the sixth-ranked team in the world. In-form Joe Burns has been recalled to the squad for the first time since the South Africa tour early last year and could open the innings with rookie Marcus Harris, who did enough against India to keep his place.

But they face competition from Matt Renshaw, who has been handed another opportunity despite misfiring in the domestic Sheffield Shield this season.

Young batting prodigy Will Pucovski was the surprise pick for the series and is widely tipped to make his debut this week.

Langer wouldn't reveal whether the 20-year-old would

be in the starting XI, but said he watched him in the nets on Tuesday and "he's a very, very good-looking player".

"There are always those considerations (whether Pucovski is ready for Test cricket) ... Probably the toughest part of the job is selection and you weigh it up and that's all that's on your mind really," said Langer.

"But he's a terrific young bloke. Regardless of if he plays or not, it's a great learning experience for him at the moment."

Despite the 2-1 India series loss, selectors kept faith with their pace attack of Mitchell Starc, Josh Hazlewood and Pat Cummins, with veteran Peter Siddle also included.

But Hazlewood has since been ruled out of the series with a back injury, opening the door for Jhye Richardson, who impressed in the one-day series against India.

Hazlewood and Mitch Marsh were co-vice captains of Australia and with both now missing, Travis Head and Cummins were elevated to the roles on Tuesday.

"It is a fitting reward for their professionalism and dedication to drive the elite standards of the Australian men's Test team," said national selector Trevor Hohns.

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