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SC reinstates Alok Verma Unanimous LS clears

But bars CBI chief from taking policy decision till selection panel call

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In a major rebuff to the Centre and Central Vigilance Commission, the Supreme Court on Sunday reinstated Alok Verma to the post of CBI Director by setting aside their orders sending him on leave.

However, the court made it clear that on reinstatement, Verma will cease and desist from taking any major policy decisions till the Selection Committee's decision. Verma's two-year tenure as CBI Director ends on January 31.

On the issue of "divestment of power and authority" of Verma, the apex court said it is "still open" for the high-powered committee, which selects the CBI chief, to consider the matter within a week since the CVC is probing the charges of

corruption against him.

The high-powered committee includes the Prime Minister, the Chief Justice of India (CJI), and the Leader of

Opposition. "We deem it proper to direct that Verma, Director CBI, upon reinstatement, will cease and desist from taking any major policy decisions till the decision of the committee permitting such actions and decisions becomes available within the time frame indicated," a Bench headed by the CJI

said in its 44-page order.

The Bench also comprised
Justices SK Kaul and KM Joseph. The judgment was penned by CJI Ranjan Gogoi. However, the CJI didn't attend court and it was pronounced by **Justice Kaul.**

By its Tuesday's order, the SC set aside the October 23, 2018, orders of the CVC and the Department of Personnel and Training that divested Verma of his powers and appointed CBI's Joint Director M Nageshwar Rao to look after the duties and functions of the agency's director.

on "leave" after corruption charges were leveled against each other and the CBI filed a

FIR against Asthana. While Verma had moved the apex court against the Government's orders, Asthana has not sought any relief from the SC but has moved the Delhi High Court for quashing of FIR against him

in a corruption case.

The SC referred to its verdict in the Vineet Narain case and subsequent amendment in law to drive home the point that legislative intent has been to ensure "complete insulation of the office of the CBI Director from all kinds of extraneous influences, as may be, as well as for upholding the integrity and independence of the institution

of the CBI as a whole".

The 1997 Vineet judgment relates to investigation of allegations of corruption against high-ranking public officials. The top court referred to a provision of the Delhi Special Police Establishment (DSPE) Act, which said the CBI Director cannot be transferred without the consent of the Selection Committee.

"If the word 'transferred' has to be understood in its ordinary parlance and limited to a change from one post to another, as the word would normally convey and on that basis the requirement of 'previous consent of the committee' is understood to be only in such cases, i.e. Purely of transfer, such an interpretation would be self-defeating and would clearly negate the legislative intent," the Bench said.

It said the institution of CBI has been perceived to be necessarily kept away from all kinds of extraneous influences so that it can perform its role as premier investigating and prosecuting agency "without any fear and favour and in the

best public interest".

"The head of the institution, the director, therefore, has to be the role model of independence and integrity which can only be ensured by free-Verma and Special dom from all kinds of control extent that Parliament may have intended," it said.

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BALL IN SELECTION PANEL

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- The head of the institution, the director, therefore, has to be the role model of independence and integrity which can only be ensured by freedom from all kinds of control and interference except to the extent that Parliament may have intended, said the apex court

Verma leave order Now, none can save PM bonafide: Jaitley

PTI NEW DELHI

The Government took the decision to send the CBI's two senior officers on leave on the CVC's recommendation to protect the integrity of the investigating agency, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said on Tuesday, describing the action as the Modi Government.

"perfectly bonafide".

would comply with the orders of the apex court.

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the Rafale jet agreement.

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would be devoted to the cause of the poor and work for "sabka"

from Rafale probe: Rahul

PNS NEW DELHI

Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday said no one can save Prime Minister Narendra Modi from Rafale investigation as the SC has reinstated CBI chief Alok

Verma, who was unceremoniously removed by

Speaking to the media outside Parliament, Alok Verma, Jaitley said the Government as he was about to begin an investigation into

Superfast T-18 has Lucknow connect

10% general quota Bill

PNS NEW DELHI

With most Opposition parties grudgingly backing what they called a political "jumla" and the Government describing it as a "historic" measure, the Lok Sabha on Tuesday night passed the landmark Bill seeking to provide 10 per cent reservation in jobs and education for the economically backward candidates among the general category. The Government will table the Bill in the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday.

With an eye on upper caste votes in the forthcoming Lok Sabha election, all major political parties supported the legislation even though they questioned the timing and legal "firmness" of the move. As many as 323 members voted in support of the Bill and only three voted against it.

Replying to an over four-and-half-hour debate, Social Justice Minister Thaavarchand Gehlot sought to allay doubts raised by several Opposition members about the legisla-tion's fate if challenged in the Supreme Court, saying he can say with confidence that the apex court will accept it.

The Modi Government's

policy and intention is good and that is why it has enabled the reservation for the poor in the general category with constitutional amendment, he said, seeking support of all parties for the passage of the Constitution (124th Amendment) Bill 2019. "Your doubts are unfound-

ed. Put them to rest," he told Opposition members, many of whom dubbed the Bill as "jumla" and "gimmick" questioning its legal standing and accusing the Government of bringing it in haste with an eye on the Lok Sabha polls. Gehlot claimed that the Bill

is in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's assertion 2014 that his Government



Flowers blossom at Parliament house during the ongoing Winter Session of Parliament in New Delhi on Tuesday

saath sabka vikas" (With all, development for all). Modi and Congress presi-

dent Rahul Gandhi were present in the House when the Bill was passed. AIMIM member

Asaduddin Owaisi opposed the constitutional amendment Bill saying the Bill is fraud on the Constitution.

The Constitution (124th Amendment) Bill 2019 seeks to amend the Constitution by introducing provisions for reservation for economically weaker sections, he said, adding it presently mentions only social and educational backwardness as the criteria for quota. "I oppose this Bill. This is

a fraud on the Constitution," he

Union Minister Arun Jaitley made a forceful pitch for the passage of a Bill providing 10 per cent quota for the poor among the general category, saying almost every party, including the Congress, had supported the measure in their

poll manifesto. Making an intervention in the Lok Sabha, he rejected suggestions that the measure may fall foul of a Supreme Court judgment putting a cap of 50 per cent. The bar, he added, is for caste-based reservations, while the Bill seeks quota for the economically weaker sections in the general category.

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HRD to add 10 lakh seats in institutions to make up for loss

PNS NEW DELHI

The HRD Ministry on Tuesday convened a meeting to work out the modalities to implement 10 per cent will come up in the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday.

As per the All-India to implement 10 per cent reservation for the "economgeneral category in higher educational institutions. Sources said the Ministry is working out the number of seats that need to be increased in the institutions to be able to

implement this quota. Sources said initial estimates reflect that around 10 lakh seats will have to be added in institutions across the country, including Central universities, IITs and IIMs, among other prestigious higher educational institutions.

"The modalities are yet to be worked out about how the quota will be implemented. All the universities and educational institutions recognised by the University Grants whether Commission, Government run or private, will have to implement the

quota," source said. The Centre on Monday cleared the 10 per cent quota in Government jobs and education for the "economically weaker" sections, meeting a

country. "It should have been a secular Bill.", said TMC mem-

ber Sugata Roy. Describing the Bill as "divi-

sive" and "insidious", Roy said,

"This is the worst form of vote-bank politics." TMC sought that it be sent to select

committee for further vetting.

The Congress said many States have opposed the Bill

and it should be sent to a select

committee.

The Bill was originally introduced in 2016 and was later sent to the JPC which sub-

mitted its report on Monday.

On the basis of the recommendations of the JPC, a fresh

Bill was introduced on Tuesday. The Home Minister said

minorities are persecuted in

Pakistan and they have been

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key demand of upper castes. The related Bill was passed in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday and

Survey on Higher Education (AISHE), 2017-18, the country has a total of 903 universities, over 39,000 colleges and over 10,000 standalone institutions. The proposed reservation will be over and above the existing 50 per cent reservation enjoyed by the Scheduled Castes, the

reservation to 60 per cent. The Bill mandates criteria like an annual income below ₹8 lakh and not owning more than five acre of agricultural land for those seeking quota benefits.

Scheduled Tribes and the

OBC, and will take the total

Meanwhile, Minister Narendra Modi will interact with students, teachers and parents about examinations and related stress this month end as part of the "Pariksha Pe Charcha" programme just like last year. Participants will also be able to ioin the interactive session from across the country and even abroad through videoconference.

SC forms 5-judge Bench, Ayodhya trial from Jan 10

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A five-judge Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court will hear the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid land title dispute case from January 10. The Bench will be headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and also comprise Justices SA Bobde, NV Ramana, UU Lalit and DY Chandrachud.

"Take notice that the following matters (petitions in the Ayodhya land dispute) will be listed on Thursday the 10th January, 2019 at 10.30 am in Chief Justice's court before the Constitution Bench comprising the Chief Justice, SA Bobde, NV Ramana, Uday Umesh Lalit and Dr DY Chandrachud, JJ," said a notice uploaded on the apex court website.

On January 4, the top court had said that further orders in the matter would be passed on January 10 by "the appropriate Bench, as may be constituted".

As many as 14 appeals have been filed in the apex court against the 2010 Allahabad High Court judgment, delivered in four civil suits, that the 2.77-acre be partitioned equally among the three parties — the Sunni Waqf Board, the Nirmohi Akhara and Ram Lalla.

The apex court on October 29 last year had fixed the matter in the first week of January

before the "appropriate Bench". Later, an application was moved for according an urgent hearing by advancing the date, but the top court had refused after the completion of the judithe plea, saying it had already cial process.



relating to the hearing of the

The plea for early hearing was moved by the Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha (ABHM) which is one of the respondents in the appeal filed by legal heirs of M Siddiq, one of the original litigants in the case.

A three-judge Bench of the top court had on September 27 last year, by 2:1 majority, refused to refer to a five-judge Constitution Bench the issue of reconsideration of the observations in its 1994 judgment that a mosque was not integral to Islam. The matter had arisen during the hearing of the Ayodhya land dispute.

Various Hindutva organisations have been demanding an Ordinance on early construction of Ram temple at the disputed site. Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had suggested that any decision on an Ordinance on Ram temple in Ayodhya can happen only

Central trade union nationwide strike partially successful PTI NEW DELHI/AHMEDABAD

Services of PSU banks and post offices were partially affected on Tuesday on the first day of the two-day nation-wide strike called by Central trade unions against the alleged anti-worker policies of the

mixed response in Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Gujarat, Goa, Tripura, it affected normal life in Kerala where trains were stopped, buses and auto-rickshaws kept off roads. A union leader said 20

crore took part in the strike.

Central Government. While the strike evoked

PRABHA SHANKER LUCKNOW Train-18 or T-18, manufactured by Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai, at the

cost of ₹100 crore, has Lucknow links. In fact, the superfast train was designed by Sudhanshu Mani, who recently retired as general manager of ICF, Chennai, a resi-

dent of Indira Nagar colony.

Mani conceptualised the gleaming bluenosed train with facilities even superior than Shatabdi Express. It comes fitted with amenities at par with the best in the world having onboard WiFi to GPS-based passenger information system, touch-free bio-vacuum toilets, LED lighting, mobile charging points and a climate control system that adjusts the temperature according to occupancy and weather. It has plug door facility like the one in Metro



trains which close when the train is in motion. It has a talk-back facility and in case of an emergency, passengers can talk to the train driver directly.
The engine-less train has

motors for power generation under coaches and each coach is connected in a way that one may travel to the last coach from the start. "Its luggage rack and censor monitored doors when entering a coach is also

at par," said Sudhanshu Mani. The train will have two executive compartments which will have 52 seats each and trailer coaches will have 78 seats each. The executive class will have rotating seats to match the direction of the train. Mani said that the noseshaped design was a concept which he had in mind since he took the charge of GM at IFC, Continued on Page 5

CAPSULE

NILEKANI TO HEAD RBI's DIGITAL PAYMENT PANEL

Mumbai: The Reserve Bank of India on Tuesday constituted a high-level committee under Aadhaar architect Nandan Nilekani to suggest measures to strengthen the safety and security of digital payments in the country.

HC DISMISSES PLEA TO REMOVE KEJRIWAL AS CM

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court dismissed removal of AAP leader Arvind Keiriwal as Chief Minister of the national Capital on the plea that he is facing prosecution in a criminal case.

PASWAN LOSES VIP STATUS AT PATNA AIRPORT Patna: Denial of VIP privileges to Union Minister Ram Vilas

Paswan at the airport here a day ago raised some eyebrows though an official asserted on Tuesday that the situation arose since orders for extending the facilities were not issued by the competent authority.

Citizenship Bill pulls through LS despite Opp protest

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Amid opposition from the Congress, the TMC, Left parties and others as well National Democratic Alliance (NDA) allies Janata Dal (United) and Shiv Sena, the Lok Sabha on Tuesday approved a Bill seeking to provide Indian citizenship to non-Muslim minorities from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

The contentious Bill provides Indian citizenship to the Hindus, Jains, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists and Parsis from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan after six years of residence in India instead of 12 years even if they do not pos-

sess any document.
Piloting the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2019, Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh told the Opposition that the Bill was not against the provisions of the Constitution and would give succour to persecuted



minorities in the three neighbouring countries.

Allaying apprehensions from Assam where its coalition partner Asom Gona Parishad (AGP) has resigned from the

Home Minister said the law is not meant for Assam only but for the entire country which would bear its "burden".

BJP-led State Government, the

House in protest with the latter demanding that the Bill should have also included persecuted minorities from the Congress and the TMC Muslim community in these

taking shelter in India. He said staged a walkout from the though Governments in Bangladesh and Afghanistan are taking measures to protect non-Muslim minorities, still they are being persecuted there.

Cabinet okays new fishing policy

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW

iming to keep the fishing Aiming to keep the normal and humour ahead of the general elections, the state government approved a new fishing policy to regulate and allow distribution of water bodies in rural areas on lease.

Earlier on October 24, 2018, the Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court had asked the state government to formulate a fishing policy. A decision in this regard was taken at the Cabinet meeting held on

state government spokesperson and Health Minister Sidharth Nath Singh said that the lease would be given by a four-member committee, headed by the District Magistrate, after proper survey of water bodies and government-owned ponds and rivers.

The survey will be completed by April and the lease will be distributed thereafter," Singh said, adding that norms of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) would be enforced and fishing would be banned between June 1 and August 31 due to breeding season.



Health Minister Sidharth Nath Singh briefing media after the Cabinet meeting on

acre will be kept for public utility while ponds of 0.5 to 5 acres will be given on lease for fishing and production of 'singhara' (water chestnut).

Fishing communities like Nishad, Kevat, Mallah and Manjhi would be given preference in allotment. "Water bodies measuring over 5 acre will have to clear NGT norms though rules will be same," he

As per the policy, if there is a single applicant, it could be given to him directly but if there are more than one applicant, lease will be allotted As per the new fishing through auction. Of the rev-

Briefing media persons, policy, water bodies of half enue collected from fishing, 25 per cent will go to village panchayat, 25 per cent to district panchayat and the rest to Fisheries department.

In another decision, the overnment decided to end double taxation on ethanolmixed petrol. "The Centre had written to the state that oil companies were not ready to mix ethanol with petrol due to double taxation. Once the double taxation system is done away with, the price of petrol is likely to go down," the minister said without specifying

In another decision, the government set up of a Group

to recommend wavs and means for financial selfreliance of local bodies. It will consist of ministers of Urban Development, Panchayati Raj, Rural Development and

The government also approved a proposal for free transfer of land of Noida Development Authority which houses a super speciality hospital at Sector 30 (Noida) to the Health department for further expansion as per MCI

Cabinet also decreased the annual rent to be charged from Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) for setting up an ethanol plant in Gorakhpur from 5 to 2.5 per cent of the total cost of land.

The state government had provided 50 acres of land of Dhuriapar cooperative sugar mill to IOCL by charging a rent of 5 per cent annual on the value of the land for 30 years. But as the IOCL expressed its desire to lower the rent, hence it was slashed to 2.5 per cent. The government also

handed over nine mining lease to UPIEDA and Dedicated Freight Corridor out of the 13 leases surrendered by the NHAI and others.

Five of family found dead

Lucknow (PNS): Mystery shrouds the death of five members of a family who all were found dead inside the house on Tuesday morning. Local police, who rushed to the spot, prima facie dumped the incident to be of 'suicide'.

Reports said that retired railway worker Begraj (65), a resident of Benipur village in Jahanabad, was asleep with members of his family at his house on Monday night. On Tuesday morning, Begraj, along with four other family members, was found in an unconscious state. The locals gave the information of the incident to the incharge of Shahi police outpost, following

which the incharge reached the spot with the police force. However police found four of them already dead and one died on way to hospital. The victims were identified as Begraj, his wife Ramwati (60), son Nem Chandra (35), son's wife Mamta (32) and Begraj's daughter Gayatri (28). Sources said that no injuries were found on the bodies of the deceased

Local police after investigation claimed that they found a container having milk but as it had turned blue so it seemed that the victims probably committed suicide. However, they did not rule out the possibility of someone giving milk

mixed with poison to kill the family. Local police registered a case and sent the body for

post-mortem examination. Meanwhile, villagers claimed that the family was killed.



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STAMPEDE IN 2013 DURING KUMBH -

UP govt to table probe report in House

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW

The state government will table in the Assembly a report by a one-member commission which probed the stampede at Allahabad railway station during Kumbh in 2013, beside implementing its suggestions for the imminent Kumbh Mela starting at Prayagraj from January 14.

At least 38 people died and 50 others were injured in the stampede at the Allahabad railway station during Mauni Amavasya on February 1, 2013, while devotees were returning home after taking a holy dip at

"The government has also sary precautions," Singh said.

worked on the recommendations of the commission for the coming Kumbh Mela so that the lapses are not repeated this time," spokesperson and Health Minister Sidharth Nath Singh said while briefing media persons after a Cabinet meeting on Tuesday.

The one-member judicial commission of Justice (Retired) Omkareshwar Bhatt blamed the Railways and UP State Roadways Corporation for the stampede at Allahabad junction railway station in 2013. This time we have asked the authorities to look into the lapses that occurred in 2013 and directed them to initiate neces-

The commission also held the change made on the platform at the last moment and the lack of holding area of passengers as the prime reason for Along with the Railways,

the commission also blamed UPSRTC, Allahabad district administration and police for thoroughly failing in crowd management leading to the

The commission concluded that the Railways did not make a clear assessment of the number of passengers for which arrangement of transportation had to be made on the occasion of 'Mauni Amavasya'. It said that inadequate number of trains was pressed into service to transport devotees from the station to different cities. "Though it was announced to operate one Mela Special train every halfan-hour, it was not followed at all and trains were running late by two to four hours," the report said.

However, Singh blamed the previous Akhilesh Yadav regime for sitting on the probe report. "When the judicial commission had submitted its report to the government on August 14, 2014, why did the then Samajwadi Party regime not table it in the Assembly or take any action?" he ques-

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Prez to visit Kumbh on Jan 17

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

s Uttar Pradesh gears up A s Uttar Fraucon general Afor Kumbh Mela at Prayagraj, President Ramnath Kovind will visit the mammoth congregation of faith on January 17. This was informed by Additional Chief Secretary (Ínformation and Tourism) Avnish Awasthi in Lucknow on Tuesday.

Minister Yogi Adityanath next and would address a would formally inaugurate media conference. the Kumbh on January 10 by opening the gates of Akshayvat and unveiling the statue of Goddess Saraswati

along with other government- coffee table book on Kumbh roads in the mela area while,

Kovind would be visiting Kumbh on January 17 while vice-president Venkaiah Naidu would also visit Sangam, though his date has not been finalised.

The top official said that the CM would inaugurate several religious and cultural Awasthi said that Chief camps at Kumbh on Thursday

'During his visit, the CM will visit several places in Kumbh Mela area, including camps of saints and release a

Awasthi said President he said. The CM will also review the ongoing prepara-

Claiming that the government has made elaborate arrangements for Kumbh Mela, which is double in comparison to 2013 Kumbh, Awasthi said that the total area of the mela had been doubled to 3,200 hectares from around 1,500 hectares while funds invested this time was ₹4,300 crore while it was ₹1,200 crore

last time. "We have constructed around 250 kilometres of has been erected for pilgrims with basic facilities like toilets, changing room near bathing ghats," he said. Without projecting any

estimated number of pilgrims likely to visit the Kumbh starting from Makarsankranti on January 15 for the next 45 days, Awasthi said that in 2013, around 120 million people visited the mela and this time too the number was likely to go up as the gov-ernment had invited people from across the country to take part in the mega event.

Modi to inaugurate clean water project for Agra

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW

The much-awaited Gangajal project aimed at providing clean water to Taj city Agra will see the light of the day on Wednesday when Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the project during his short visit to the city.

During his visit, the PM will



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also lay the foundation stone for also address a public gathering Integrated Command and Control Centre for Agra Smart City, upgradation of SN Medical College and other projects.

The Gangajal programme has a project cost of ₹2,880 crore and it will provide Agra with better and more assured water supply. It will benefit both residents of the city as well as

Upgradation of SN Medical College in Agra will be done at the cost of Rs 200 crore, which also includes the creation of a 100-bed maternity wing in the women's hospital. This will help provide better health and maternity care for the weaker sections

of the society. Integrated Command and Control Centre for Agra Smart City will be created at the cost of Rs 285 crore and will help develop Agra as a modern world class Smart City, befitting its stature as a premium tourist destination. The Prime Minister will

at Kothi Meena Bazaar in the city during his two-hour stay. This will be the Prime Minister's second visit to Agra.

During his earlier visit on November 20, 2016, Modi had launched PM Awas Yojana (Gramin). Under this scheme, 65 lakh houses have been constructed till date, including 9.2 lakh in Uttar Pradesh. He launched rail infrastructure and services specific in the region.

Governor Ram Naik, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, along with several state ministers, will be present at the PM's programme on Wednesday.

Elaborate security has been

put in place for the VIP visit with

the rally ground being turned into a virtual fortress. As per the schedule, Modi will reach Kheria airport by a special IAF aircraft at 3.15 pm on Wednesday where he will be welcomed by the Governor and

the Chief Minister.



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Lucknow (PNS): Using his resence of mind, a man saved himself from being conned by two miscreants posing as cops who stopped his car on the pre-



उ०प्र० पावर ट्रान्सिमशन कारपोरेशन लिं0. नीलार्म निविदा सूचना संख्या 12 / वि0पा0ंख0 / बह0 /

कि जनपद बहराइच में कैसरगंज में स्थित 132 के0वी0 विद्युत उपकेन्द्र का निर्माण कराया जा रहा है। इस उपकेन्द्र के निर्माण स्थल पर लगे विभिन्न वृक्ष जिनमें पीपल के पेड सम्मिलित हैं, की नीलामी खुली बोली द्वारा दिनांक 30.01.2019 को उपखण्ड अधिकारी विद्युत पारेषण उपखण्ड—प्रथम् बहराइच के अधीन 220 के0वी0 विद्युत उपकेन्द्र, बहराइच के परिसर में पूर्वान्ह 12:00 बजे से 16:00 बजे के मध्य की जायेगी इच्छुक बोलीकर्ता को रु० 3500.00 धरोह . ।नराशि के रूप में अधिशासी अभियन्ता, विद्यत पारेषण खण्ड, बहराइच के बैंक खाते में (बैंव का नाम – पंजाब नैशनल बैंक खाता संख्य 0072002101028030 IFS Code PUNB0007200) R.T.G.S./N.E.F.T के माध्यम से दिनांक 29.01.2019 तक जम करना अनिवार्य होगा। अधिकतम धनराणि क् बोली जिसके पक्ष में होगी उसकी धरोह धनराशि बोली गयी धनराशि में समायोजि कर दी जायेगी तथा शेष बोली कर्ताओं क धनराशि वापस कर दी जायेगी। अधिकतर बोलीकर्ता को तीन दिन के अन्दर क धनराशि (धरोहर धनराशि को छोडकर R.T.G.S./N.E.F.T. के माध्यम से जम करना अनिवार्य होगा। धनराशि न जमा करन की स्थिति में उसकी धरोहर धनराशि जब कर ली जायेगी। अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता को एव अथवा समस्त बोलियो को निरस्त/संशोध करने का अधिकार सुरक्षित रहेगा। अधिशार्स अभियन्ता, विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड 220 के०वी० उपकेन्द्र परिसर लखनऊ रोड, बहराइच संख्य 1226 / वि0पा0ख0 / बह0 / वृक्षों की नीलामी / 2018—19 / 12 / दिनां क-04.01.2019 'राष्ट्रहित में बिजली बचायें

उ० प्र0 पावर ट्रांसमिशन **ा** कारपोरेशन लि0, <u>ई–टेन्डरिंग</u> निविदा सूचना अनुभवी फर्मों ठेकेदारों से निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु सीलब निविदायें दो भागों में दिनांक 11.02.2019 को 17:00 बजे तक आमंत्रित की जाती है (1) ई─निविदा संख्या : 11 / वि0पा0ख0 <mark>/ बह् 0 / 2018—19 :</mark> विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड बहराइच के अधीन 132 कें0वी0 बहराइच-नानपारा लाइन के टावर फाउन्डेशनों के मरम्मत / कूपिंग सम्बन्धी कार्य। धरोहर राशि रू० २०००.०० निविदा भाग-1 खुलने की तिथि 12.02.2019 को 12:00 बजे, निविदा भाग-2 (प्राइज पार्ट) खुलने की तिथि हेत तदोनसार बेवसाइट पर सचित किया जायेग निविदा प्रपत्र मुल्य रू० २३६.०० (जी०एस०टी) सहित)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क एवं इ०एम०डी० अधिशासी अभियन्ता, विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड बहराइच के बैंक खाते में (बैंक का नाम–पंजाब नेशनल बँक, खाता संख्या<u>-0072002101028030</u> IFS Code-PUNB0007200) R.T.G.S./N.E.F.T. के माध्यम से जमा कराई जानी है तथा बैंक ं जमा किये जाने का साक्ष्य यथा योज्य ग्टीआर संख्या. खाते का नाम, निर्गतक ... बैंक अधिकारी द्वारा हस्ताक्षरित एव निविदादाता द्वारा प्रतिहस्ताक्षरित पे–इन रिलप की स्कैन्ड कापी, ई०एम०डी० के लिये बैंक गारण्टी की स्कैण्ड कापी, जारीकर्ता बैंक के कन्फरमेशन मेल की प्रति ई–टेण्डर प्रपत्रो के साथ ऑन लाइन अपलोड की जायेगी, अन्यथा कि स्थिति में निविदादाता द्वारा प्रस्तुत निविदा को स्वतः निरस्त समझा जायेगा। साथ ही निविदा के भाग–1 तकनीकी बिड (पैन कार्ड, इन्कमटैक्स रिटर्न जी०एस०टी० पंजीकरण की स्व–प्रमाणित छायाप्रति एवं तकनीकी अनभव इत्यादि) संलग्न करना अनिवार्य है। धरोहर राशि / निविदा शल्क न होने अथवा किसी प्रकार की त्रिट होने पर निविदा का भाग-2 जिसमें दरें दी जानी है, नहीं खोली जायेगी। भाग-2 में दरें एवं वाणिज्यिक नियम व शर्तें होनी चाहिये। हार्ड कापी कार्यालय में जमा करने की आवश्यकता नहीं होगी। निविदा का भाग प्रथम एवं द्वितीय भाग (प्राईज बिड दरें ए शर्ते) दिनांक 11.02.2019 को 17.00 बजे तक पर www.etender.up.nic.in पर डाउनलोड /अपलोड की जा सकती है। निविदा क प्रथम भाग दिनांक 12.02.2019 को 12.00 बजे एवं भाग-2 (प्राईज पार्ट) निविदा शुल्क एवं धरोहर धनराशि की प्राप्ति की पुष्टि होने के पश्चात् सार्वजनिक रूप से खोली जायेगी निविदा खुलने की तिथि पर अवकाश होने की स्थिति में निविदा अगले कार्य दिवस पर निर्धारित समय पर खोली जायेगी। निविदाओं को बिना कोई कारण बताये निविदा निविदाओं को अस्वीकार / विभाजित करने का अधिकार अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के पास

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text of checking drive. The miscreants were nabbed with the help of commuters and later handed over to police.

As per reports, Dinesh Kumar Gupta of Mankapur (Gonda) was in Lucknow for some work. He was going towards Rakabganj on Monday afternoon. Around 2:30 pm, when Gupta got down from his car, the bikeborne miscreants screeched to a halt near him. Posing as policemen, they told Gupta they had a doubt that he was carrying smuggled goods.

"For a moment, I got nervous but then I kept them engaged in talks and kept requesting them to spare me. In the meantime, I spotted two cops passing via the road and raised an alarm. Seeing cops, the imposters started to run away, but were chased and nabbed by some commuters," Gupta said. He said he had been duped in the state capital in the past by the same trick, so he sensed foul play after being stopped by the conmen stopped him. "I doubted their credentials, so l decided to keep them engaged in talks as I looked for the way out. When I called the policemen passing by, the miscreants started running away. I ran after them along with other commuters and they were nabbed," he said.

The miscreants were identified as Mohammed Samir and Mohammed Atif Khan (both of Wazirganj). "They owned up their crime during interrogation and disclosed that they had duped several unsuspecting people in the past. They also disclosed the names of some persons who are doing the same to earn fast bucks. We are working on the lead given by the duo and we hope to bust a gang sooner or later," the Chowk police said.

Conmen posing as cops has come as a big challenge for the Lucknow police as a number of victims have been duped in the past in the name of police checking in different parts of the city. Sources said citizens followed the instruction of conmen posing as cops. They said there should be proper monitoring for conmen by cops in civvies. "The police have no list of gangs involved in such crime as of now. Some of the miscreants arrested on similar charges have turned out to be police informers," the sources disclosed

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2 conmen posing as Partial impact of state employees' strike on first day

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On the call of Central Trade Unions, Uttar Pradesh Rajya Karmachari Mahasangh launched its two-day protest in Lucknow on Tuesday. Mahasangh regional president Kamlesh Mishra said that postal and banking works were partially impacted and nearly 70 per cent of the employees from postal, banking and insurance sectors took part in the protest.

The protesters took out a procession from Charbagh and then gathered at the LIC building in Hazratganj where a 'jan sabha' was held. Mishra said they had put forth several demands. "The main demands include renewal of the old pension policy, regu-

ers, growing unemployment, privatisation and merger of banks," he said.

Deputy general secretary of UP Bank Employees' Union SK Sangtani said except for one nationalised bank, all government banks remained closed. "Protests held by employees at their respective banks and clearings were affected to a large extent," he said. He added informed that the their union supported the 12-point demands put forth by CTUs. Regional secretary of All-India Postal Employees' Union (Group C), who also took part in the demonstration at GPO, said the department's work was impacted because two unions participated in



A view of locked gate of Allahabad Bank during the 48-hour-long nationwide strike called by CTUs protesting against the "anti-people" policies of the Centre. (Right)



RLD, SP hold talks ahead of Lok Sabha elections

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Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) vice-president Jayant Chaudhary met Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav in Lucknow on Tuesday. Both leaders, however, declined to share details of the discussions with the media. Chaudhary reached the state Samaiwadi Party office and remained closeted with Akhilesh Yadav for over an hour. Later, Chaudhary told waiting persons: "We discussed about the present political scenario and the course of action and also about the BJP's

"Milna julna, political charcha karna, ye to hote rahna chahiye (routine meetings and political discussions should go on)," Chaudhary said. When asked if there were any positive outcome from the meeting, the RLD leader said: "Certainly things are positive. We (Jayant and Akhilesh) have known each other for a long time. In our assessment of the situation, we think that Akhilesh Yadav might be quizzed by the CBI in the mining scam. Institutions are being abused by the BJP government and everyone is watching. I told Akhilesh, our party is with him," said Chaudhary.

On the number of seats his party would get in the proposed SP-BSP alliance, the curious about it. Everything

will be clear in the near future." Chaudhary parried questions on the possibility of inclusion of the Congress in the alliance for the coming Lok Sabha polls. Though there was no official word so far from the Samajwadi Party and BSP, sources claimed the two parties would contest 37 Lok Sabha seats each in UP, which has a total of 80 Lok Sabha seats. Sources also claimed that the remaining six seats would be left for the Congress, Rashtriya Lok Dal and other parties.

On reservation of 10 per cent to economically backward sections in the general category, Chaudhary said: "The BJP did not follow any of its

announcements or promises. Meanwhile, the Samajwadi RLD leader said: "The media is Party continued its tirade against the BJP for attempting

to frame Akhilesh Yadav in mining scam using the CBI.
"Akhilesh a leader of

impeccable integrity, and he sincerely worked for five years as the Chief Minister of UP ensuring rapid development of the state. This has irked the BJP and they have let loose the CBI to malign the image of our party president," said SP spokesman Rajendra Chaudhary.

The SP leader said that the BJP was rattled by the coming together of the SP and the BSP and fearing its certain defeat in the coming Lok Sabha elections, it was doing its best to destroy the clean image of Akhilesh. He added that the attempts of the BIP to frame Akhilesh in false cases would hurt its own image rather damage the Samajwadi Party.

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Thieves stole Rs 1.5 lakh and documents from a contractor's SUV parked outside a hospital in Gomti Nagar on Tuesdav. Pankai Kumar Srivastava of Gandhi Nagar locality in Basti was in Lucknow along with his wife to consult a doctor.

"Around 12.40 pm, I called my driver Ram Bali Singh who was sitting in the car and he reached the hospital leaving the vehicle outside Bank Of India Branch in Vinay Khand. A little later, when I went out to collect some documents from the car, I came to know that the bag was missing," he told the police. Srivastava said the bag had cash, his revolver's license and other documents. An FIR was registered in this connection

and the police started investigations.

Meanwhile, burglars broke into a mobile shop and made off with goods worth Rs 50,000 and Rs 4,000 in cash under Bakshi-Ka-Talab (BKT) police station on Tuesday. The incident came to light around 9 am when shopkeeper Adarsh Trivedi, a resident of Gudamba, was informed that the shutter of his shop, located in front of BKT railways station, had been broken. He rushed to his shop and got to know that his shop had been burgled. BKT SHO Amar Nath Verma said the burglars dis-

mantled the shutter and walked

away with cash and goods. "A

manhunt has been launched for

the miscreants and we are

looking for CCTV footage," he

said, adding that an FIR had

been registered in this connection.

A 46-year-old man died after his bike rammed into a divider under Sarojininagar police station on Tuesday. The deceased, identified as Khem Nath, was a private worker. A native of Sitapur, he resided in Sarojininagar.

The mishap occurred around midnight when he was returning home. When he reached near Amausi, he lost control of the motorcycle which rammed into the road divider. Commuters rushed him to Sarojininagar CHC where doctors declared him brought dead. Sarojininagar SHO Ram Surat Sonkar said the body had been sent for

Cash, IMFL bottles stolen from shop

Lucknow (PNS): Thieves made off with over Rs one lakh and two bottles of Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL) from a model shop. The shop is run by Pradeep Jaiswal of Aliganj in Amrapali Market under Ghazipur police station. On Tuesday morning, a neighbouring shop-owner informed him that the shutter of the shop was lying broken. Jaiswal reached the shop and found the chest box lying on the floor. "The cash kept in it was missing. When I counted the bottles, I came to know that two bottles of IMFL were missing," he told the police. The thieves were seen pocketing two IMFL bottles

while leaving the shop.

Rahul to meet Cong leaders to chalk out UP strategy

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Amidst report of Rahul Gandhi making it clear to go 'alone' in Uttar Pradesh, all senior leaders of the Congress, along with main office-bearers have been summoned to New Delhi by the party president on Wednesday to discuss the poll

Sources said that Rahul Gandhi, along with All India Congress general secretary Ghulam Nabi Azad, state president Raj Babbar, all AICĈ secretaries attached with UP, will be present in the meeting. Besides, all former ministers from UP who remained in United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government, ex-MPs, Congress Legislature Party (CLP) leader in the state Assembly Ajay Kumar 'Lallu', party Leader in the Council Deepak Singh will also attend the meeting to discuss and share their experiences to chalk out a road map for fighting the 2019 Parliament elections. Sources said that Priyanka Gandhi might be also present during the meeting.

A senior leader of the party confirmed on condition of anonymity that besides discussing the impact and advantages of going 'alone' in Uttar Pradesh, the leaders would also discuss the much needed changes in the UPCC, particularly replacement of Raj Babbar, and also to appoint four more zonal level heads so



build up a cadre till the booth level to ensure victory of maximum candidates. Interestingly Congress had already added party workers till the booth level through `Shakti App' and Rahul Gandhi is now directly in touch with them and taking major decision after taking their opinions. Rahul had already adopted this process of directly interacting with the booth level workers in recent elections in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.

Sources said that after drawing the road map for the coming Parliament elections, Raj Babbar would reach Lucknow and hold similar meeting with the incharges of all frontal organisations.

Babbar will hold discussions on the preparation and strategy for the 2019 Parliament elections with the heads of all five frontal organisations and chairpersons of 30 cells of the UPCC," confirmed senior Congress leader Virendra Madan attached with state president Raj Babbar.

Power employees begin work boycott

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Power engineers and employees on Tuesday commenced their two-day nationwide work boycott against Indian Electricity (Amendment) Bill-2018 and privatisation policies of the NDA governments.

Protests by power engineers and employees were reported from different cities of Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Haryana, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Odisha. However, during the strike, emergency services were kept out of the purview of work boycott. All India Power Engineers' Federation (AIPEF) chairman Shailendra Dubey said in Lucknow on Tuesday that power sector employees would proceed on indefinite strike without any notice in case the bill was



Power engineers and employees protesting at Shakti Bhawan

passed without addressing their concerns on proposed changes.
"Legislation is being

enacted without working out details and setting out rules which will result in unmanageable litigations. The AIPEF has submitted its concerns to Union Power Ministry but we have got no response yet. The points agreed by previous

power minister have not been incorporated in the amended draft," Dubey said. The Federation chairman said that Indian Electricity (Amendment) Bill-2018, further divides the unbundled power industry. "The distribution company will carry power to the point of consumption and the final act of

selling power to consumer

sale of power to industry, railways and commercial establishments for handing over to private sector. Loss-making parts like rural households and agriculture sector will remain with public sector companies," he pointed out. Dubey said that due to preferential load guarantees given in power purchase agreements signed with private generators, public sector thermal plants were forced to back down their generation resulting in high generation cost and revenue loss. "There is little focus on supply and service quality issues which are at the heart of consumers concerns. The state government's autonomy is being eroded and constitutional provision of power being a concurrent subject is being subverted with systematic centralisation," he charged.

and collecting cash will be done by supply licensee. The

motive of the bill is to separate

profit-making component like

that the top leadership could

urgeons save saint from leg amputation

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW

The Vivekananda Polyclinic and Institute of Medical Sciences (VPIMS) successfully salvaged the foot of a patient from Paraspur, Gonda, thanks to the expertise of a team of cardiac and plastic surgeons. It would otherwise have required below-knee amoutation.

The details of the surgery were given to mediapersons on Tuesday. Secretary of the institute Swami Muktinathananda said that it was a privilege to serve a poor patient by providing him quality medical care with free surgical and other services. He added that such a difficult and unusual operation would not have been possible without the active and dedicated participation of competent doctors and other associated hospital staff. The case was of a saint from

Saran Bihari, aged 40 years. He practises severe austerity by way of standing on one leg continuously for two years at Dadar, Mumbai. Being a devotee of Lord Shiva, the patient was a ganja and tobacco smoker for the past 20 years. He suffered from Buerger's disease.

Doctors said that Buerger's disease was a rare disease of the arteries and veins in the arms and legs. In this disease the blood vessels become inflamed, swollen and get blocked with blood clots (thrombi). "This eventually damages the skin tissues and may lead to infection and gangrene. Buerger's disease usually first shows in the hands and feet and may eventually affect larger blood vessels of arms and legs. The patients suffer due to excruciating pain which has a deep impact on their lives. Virtually everyone diagnosed with Buerger's Paraspur (Gonda) named Mithilesh disease smokes cigarettes or uses



other types of tobacco. Quitting all forms of tobacco is the only way to check Buerger's disease, lest it should require amputation of limb," said the

It was said that various hospitals and tertiary centres of Uttar Pradesh advised the sadhu to undergo ampu-

tation of the limb with no possibility of it being salvaged.

Cardiothoracic and vascular surgeon, Dr SK Choudhury, HoD, CTVS, and Prof SD Pandey, HoD, Department of Plastic Surgery, Vivekananda Polyclinic and Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow, decid-

ed to perform a surgery which is very uncommonly thought of by many surgeons in India. They decided to do a limb salvage surgery.

The successfully-performed

surgery lasted for about 3 hours which was both pre-operatively as well as post-operatively uneventful. Post-operatively the patient had a significant relief from pain as well as a satisfactory peripheral circulation.

Doctors said that such cases

must be planned depending upon the angiography findings before the patient lands into disastrous major limb amputations. Thus in contrast to the common practice of advising limb amputations to the PVD patients by specialists as well as super specialists they recommend a surgery as was performed at the Ramakrishna Mission Sevashram, Vivekananda Polyclinic and Institute

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Azam demands 5 pc quota for Muslims

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Samajwadi Party leader Azam Khan on Tuesday demanded 5 per cent quota for Muslims out of the 10 per cent for economically weaker upper castes as proposed by the Central gov-

"Muslims should get 5 per cent quota of the proposed 10 per cent reservation proposed by the Centre. Muslims are most deserving for being granted reservation in government jobs and educational institutions. Upper castes who are now being given reservation are neither economically nor socially backward. While Muslims face backwardness at three levels - social, economic and educational," said Khan in Rampur.

deprivation facing Muslims were the same as faced by



Dalit communities and hence the community should be given reservation. "I am demand this not only from the present Modi government but also from future governments," said Khan. "We had earlier demanded that Muslims be brought in the category of Dalits so that they can also get benefits. The SP leader said that However, that could not happen due to political reasons. Reservation for Muslims was

also recommended by Sachar Commission a decade ago and the committee was appointed by Parliament," said Azam Khan. Earlier, speaking on the proposed reservation for eco-nomically weaker upper castes, Samajwadi Party spokesperson had termed the move as one intended to 'fool' people and pointed out that the BJP was yet to deliver on its past As the enhancement of

quota would take the overall quantum of reservation in the state to over 50 per cent, Khan urged the Centre to include Constitution Amendment Quota Bill into 9th Schedule of the Constitution as was done in the case of Quota Bill of Tamil Nadu which provided 69 per cent reservation for OBCs, exceeding the 50 per cent cap on quota fixed by the Supreme

Spread greater awareness about CHD amongst women: Expert

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW

There is a need to spread greater awareness about the coronary heart disease (CHD) amongst women because of the growing incidences of obesity, diabetes, inactivity and because of the factor of increasing pollution. This was stated by head of the Cardiac Surgery department, SGPGI, Dr Nirmal Gupta. Talking to *The Pioneer*, he said there were many misconceptions which the people had regarding this disease, its symptoms and its treatment.

He said that it was a myth that cardiac disease happened only in the middle-aged group because it could occur in the younger age group also. He said that symptoms that the chest pain was the only indicator was not true because the pain could occur in the throat, the back and the upper part of the stomach also which is normally ignored for being gastric



pain. "In the case of chest pain, a pain towards the left side was the best indicator for coronary disease," he added.

He admitted that in females the coronary disease could have more fatal consequences. "The male members should not ignore if any woman in their house is unusually tired, unusually irritated, in acute depression and having bouts of nausea. Men generally brush aside these complaints by saying that the woman is making excuses to avoid working which is not

correct and an imminent check-up is required," he said. The doctor said that when a woman was showing such symptoms to start with she should be given a tablet of disprin or aspirin and then brought to the doctor for a

proper check-up.

Dr Gupta said that one big myth was that if the women were having menstruation then they will not have heart attacks because women in the age group of 25-30 years could suffer from SCAD (Spontaneous Coronary Artery Dissection).

The doctor said that it was also important to know that diabetics should not go in for an angioplastv

He further pointed out, "It was also important for the patient to know that diagnosis of the coronary heart disease did not mean that one has to go in for angioplasty. One can also lead a healthy life with the help of controlled life style, proper medication and checkups," he added.

Regarding obesity, he said that it was important for the women to follow the stomachheight ratio and endeavour to reduce their weight. He admitted that the number of patients who were largely brought to the cardiac hospitals were men. "It could be that women having coronary heart disease are not brought for check- ups to the doctors. "There is a need for greater awareness among women so that they can be brought for check-ups to the hospital," he added.

Dist admn gears up for **Republic Day** celebrations

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

The district administration is I gearing up for Republic Day celebrations in the state capital. District Magistrate Kaushal Raj Sharma held a meeting with senior officials regarding the preparations on Tuesday.

A grand parade will be organised in front of Vidhan Bhawan which will witness the presence of Governor Ram Naik and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. The DM issued directions to the officials to ensure coordination for the preparations. He said people should be informed in advance about route diversions. "We have received 28 applications from he school students and groups for participation in the parade and they have time till January 9 to submit their applications for participation to the DIOS. The teams selected will be practising for the parade between January 12 and 21 at Reserve Police Lines," he said.

The first rehearsal will take place on January 22 and the first full dress rehearsal on January 24 in front of Vidhan

4 held for theft

Lucknow (PNS): The Ashiyana police on Tuesday arrested four persons allegedly involved in several theft cases. Those arrested were identified as Ravi of Ashiyana, Vishal Tharu of Krishna Nagar, Mohammed Isha of PGI and Vicky Kashyap of PGI. The team recovered Rs 11,500 in cash, a stolen gas cylinder and several other household items. The police said the gang was active in Ashiyana and neighbouring localities.

IIT aspirants find papers easy to moderate

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The JEE Main-2019 for BArch were **▲** conducted by the National Testing Agency on Tuesday at different centres in the city. Students who appeared in the examinations said that there were no changes in the pattern of Paper-2 of JEE (Main) when compared to the previous years. "The paper had three parts wherein Part-I was the Mathematics section with 30 questions, Part-II the Aptitude Section with 50 questions marking scheme and PART-III the Drawing section with three questions. All the questions in Part-I and Part-II were of multiple choice with a single correct answer objective type, informed an IIT aspirant while giving his feedback.

On the difficulty levels of the paper, he said, "Mathematics ranged from the easy to moderate level and some ques-

tions were repeated from the question papers of previous years. The aptitude test was easy. Drawing ranged from easy to moderate level as per the creativity levels of those appearing for the examination. Overall the paper ranged from easy to moderate level. No errors could be located.

NK Dubey from one of the wellknown coaching institutes of the city said that in the drawing section the first question had three parts and students had to attempt any one. "This question was of 30 marks. The first question was to design the curtain of a small girl's room. The second question was to sketch your favourite film actor. The third was to sketch a scene of people sitting around a bonfire. In the second question of 20 marks a square design was given and the students had to draw it by drawing the replica to double its



size. In the third question of 20 marks the students had to draw a square with random designs using curved lines and colours," he said.

He further said that in the aptitude section there were questions on identifying the top view, front view of threedimensional objects, shapes and identifying mirror images. There were 10 to 15 questions on general knowledge like full form of NASA, ISRO and also location of places with architectural importance.

Students said that they were not allowed to carry anything inside the examination hall except their Admit and Aadhaar cards. Those having proper medical prescriptions were allowed water bottles. Metal detectors were used at the entry gate and no bags wrist-watches were allowed inside.

The reporting time for students was 7:30 am. However, the examination started at 9:30 am. Students reported that entry started at 8:15 am and they waited since 7 am. Ball point pens were given inside the examination hall and a wall clock was provided there. The students left the examination hall at 12:30 pm.



e-rickshaw drivers taking out a protest march to press against "harassment" by district administration and traffic officials, in Lucknow on Tuesday

Residents to help LDA make Gomti Nagar 'smart colony'

A high-power committee of Gomti Nagar residents has been set up to give suggestions tered with the Registrar to the Lucknow Development Societies and all legal formal-Authority (LDA) administra- ities are completed within a tion for improvement in the fortnight. It will then be an can become a smart residential colony. It is an initiative taken by LDA Vice-Chairman PN Singh to engage the residents to work with the development authority and help make Gomti Nagar a smart residential colony where they can breathe fresh air in eco-friendly sur-

Singh said time had come when the public participation was a must to attain the best possible results. He said it was not possible for the development authority to bring changes in Gomti Nagar as it was a gigantic task.

As many as 30 members have been inducted into the high-power committee of committee which will come into existence after it is registhat can take up their problems with the LDA administration

President of Greenwood Apartment in Gomti Nagar has been inducted in the committee. He said he felt the main cause of pollution was traffic congestion and sincere effort should be made to improve the situation by conducting an in-depth study to find out solutions.

Most of its members like Vinita Singh and VN Mishra flayed groups of influential people who have blocked the connecting road by erecting big gates for their security, causing inconvenience to people forced to take longer routes to reach their respective destinations.

As per rules, no one is authorised to block a road for personal use as it is meant for public use. But the roads are different areas. Representatives of different Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs) have been made members of the committee as they are aware of the ground realities. Office-bearers of the committee will be elected when it becomes functional. The LDA Vice-Chairman said the committee would achieve success if it worked in true spirit. Presently, there are few smart colonies in cities such as Chandigarh, Hyderabad, Pune and Begaluru. If Gomti Nagar transforms into a smart colony, it would be the first in UP.

The Bench said all authorities should be kept away from "intermingling or interfering" in the functioning of the CBI director. Dealing with the situation where authorities may require to take action against CBI director. the Bench said public interest must be writ large against the backdrop of the necessity and such a "compelling necessity can only be tested by the opinion of the committee". The court also noted that the relevant law regard to interim suspension or removal of the CBI director and made clear that any such decision has to be taken after taking consent of the high-powered

selection panel. The apex court noted that the CBI has grown over the years in its role, power and importance and today it has become the premier investigative and prosecution agency of the country. "The high stature and the pre-eminent position that the institution has acquired is largely on account of a strong perception of the necessity of having such a premier agency," it said.

UNANIMOUS...

Quoting the Supreme Court judgment, he said, "We are also of the opinion that the rule of 50 per cent applies only to reservation in favour of backward classes made under Article 16(4)." Attempts were made earlier too by Governments at the Centre and States in this regard but failed because they were done either through common statutory provisions or notifications, he said. Jaitley expressed hope that the Bill will pass the test of the basic structure of the Constitution as it does not seek to alter that. Clarifying the point that the law needs ratification of 50 per cent States, he said, "if you read Article 368 part III, amendment to fundamental rights does not require the approval of States." Citing example of amendment to Article 15 (5) with regard to promotion, he said, it was only done through Parliament approval. He said the Bill seeks to amend the Constitution by introducing provisions for reservation for economically weaker sections. he said, adding that it presently mentions only social and educational backwardness as the criteria for quota. "We have to give equality of

opportunity to citizens on caste basis and economic basis...Just as equal cannot be treated unequally. Unequally cannot be treated equally," he said. Quoting from the Congress manifesto, which called for such a quota, he asked it to "walk its talk" by supporting the Bill, describing it as

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a test for the Opposition party. With Opposition members using 'jumla' jibe, Jaitley hit back saying if the mention of a similar quota for the general category in their manifestos was a iumla as well Taking a jibe at Opposition parties for their protests, he

said if they are supporting the Bill, they should be wholehearted and not grudgingly tion Bill as political gimmick, Opposition parties led by the Congress expressed apprehension that the law empowering 10 per cent reservation to the upper caste may not stand judicial scrutiny. Citing then PV Narasimha Rao's Government effort to bring in 10 per cent reservation on the basis of economic criteria, KV Thomas (Congress) said it was struck down by the Supreme Court. This legislation has been made in haste and has so many lacunas, he said, adding, it should be sent to Joint Parliamentary Committée for examination. "Ít was only yesterday that Union Cabinet approved the Constitution Amendment for 10 per cent quota for poor under general category on economic basis and was introduced in Parliament today. It raises ques-

tion on the sincerity of the Government," he said. It seems to be political 'jumla' to win election as newspapers have written today, he added. Participating in the debate, M Thambidurai (AIADMK) said reservation is not on economic backwardness but on social backwardness. He pointed out that Government has many schemes for upliftment of economically poor sections of the society and did that mean that these schemes have failed. Sudip Bandyopadhyay (TMC) said that the Bill was not about jobs but about misleading the youth. The Bill, he said, was about promising and not delivering and was a fake dream that will never become a reality. Anandra Adsul (Shiv Sena) also rendered his support to the Bill and said it was better late than

Stating that the Bill was moved as a "special agenda", B Mahtab (BJD) said that the House was bereft of moving any amendment to the Bill. Jitendra Choudhury (CPM)

said that the Government wants to provide 10 per cent reservation to general category but where are the jobs. To make this Bill more comprehensive, the Bill should be referred to the Joint Parliament Committee or Standing Committee, he added. Questioning the urgency of Bill, Supriya Sule (NCP) said if the Government had been sincere, this Bill would not have come on the last day of the last session.

She also said that one of the Cabinet Minister's expressed apprehension that the law may not get approval from the Supreme Court. She was referring to a remark made by Ramvilas Paswan who said the that it should not get into a legal

Dushyant Chautala (INLD) also said the legislation would be struck down by the Supreme Court. While supporting the Bill, Dharmendra Yadav (SP) said that upper caste also knows the intent of the Government as it is just an election gimmick. Jaiprakash Narayan Yadav (RJD) said the way the Bill has been brought in is nothing less than deceit for the upper caste. Nishkant Dubey (BJP) said the Modi Government has taken various steps to promote inclusive development of society.

CITIZENSHIP BILL...

"They have no place to go to, except India," he said, adding several leaders including first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru were in favour of giving shelter to persecuted minorities in the neighouring countries. Seeking to assuage the concerns in the North-East, which saw an 11-hour bandh on Tuesday against the legislation, Singh said the proposed law will not be confined to Assam alone. "The burden of those persecuted migrants will be shared by the whole country. Assam alone should not have to bear the entire burden. Government of India is committed to give all help to the State Government and people of Assam," he said. The BJP appeared to have been isolated over the issue as the AGP broke up with the saffron party while the NDA allies, the Shiv Sena and the JD(U), have opposed this legislation. Mizoram and Meghalaya Governments have opposed the Bill by adopting resolution against it in their respective Cabinet meetings.

The Home Minister said the Union Cabinet has also approved grant of ST status to six communities of Assam namely Tai Ahom. Koch Rajbongshi, Chutia, Tea Tribes, Moran and Matak. The Union Cabinet's decision can been seen as a balancing act by the Central Government to strong opposition to the Bill in Assam.

"At the same time, full safeguards will be provided to protect the interests, rights and privileges of existing Scheduled Tribes of Assam. "A separate Bill will be brought to grant ST status to Bodo

Kacharis in Hill districts of Assam and Karbis in the rest of Assam. Sixth Schedule of the Constitution is also proposed to be amended to strengthen the Autonomous District Councils," Rajnath said. The Home Minister said the migrants -- Hindus, Jains, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists and Parsis -- were earlier given protection against legal action in 2015 and 2016. "Long-term visa provision was made for them. The proposed amendment will make these persecuted migrants eligible

VERMA LEAVE...

The Government took this decision to protect the integrity of the CBI... Government took the action of sending two senior officers of CBI on leave on CVC's recommendation," he said, referring to the decision to send Verma and CBI Special Director Rakesh Asthana on leave. The decision by the government on the issue was completely legal as the two officers in question were at loggerheads, he said.

"This action taken was perfectly bonafide as there were cross-allegations made by both the officers, and in accordance with recommendations of the CVC. The government felt that in the larger interest of fair and impartial investigation and credibility of CBI, the two officers must recuse themselves," the finance minister said. He said the court has referred the matter to the committee to decide on the issue within one

"The court apparently has strengthened the immunity given to the CBI director in the rger interest of the fair and impartial working of the CBI. At the same time, the court has devised an accountability mechanism. The directions of the court will obviously be complied with," he said.

Jaitley also pointed out that the government's decision on the issue was not against any particular individual.

"The government had accepted the CVC recommendations with full honesty and today a reinterpretation on the matter has been given by the SC today and we will take action

according to the order," he said, adding that the CVC was an independent body and submitted its recommendations to the SC. Verma had challenged the government's October 23 order sending him on forced leave and appointing an interim chief, arguing that the CBI chief has a fixed twoyear term and can be removed only by the high-powered com-

"The CVC had exercised its

power under the power of superintendence. We've not read the judgement of the SC, but it could be a view that the court has taken. That if superintendence results in the chief relinquishing his powers temporarily then the jurisdiction of the committee comes into play. Therefore, the court has referred the matter to that com-

mittee to decide on that issue within one week. And in accordance with the directions of the court it will be complied with the same manner. The government is not biased," Jaitley said.

The Supreme Court reinstated Verma, setting aside the Centre's decision to divest him of his powers, but restrained him from taking any major policy decision till the CVC probe into corruption charges against him is over. The apex court said any further decision against Verma who retires on January 31, would be taken by the high-powered committee which selects and appoints the CBI director.

SUPERFAST T-18...

Chennai. "It is called aerodynamically profiled nose and its helps in reducing the resistance of air when a train is in movement. This way the train gets a desired speed," he said.

"The name - Train 18 - was coined in view of the project which we had to complete by 2018. We took the project in April 2017 and planned to complete it within 20 months. Coincidentally, we completed the task in 18 months flat," he

Mani said it a was great challenge when the project got a go ahead from the Railway ministry. "It is purely a train set on the tracks. The coaches have been designed in a way that they give much comfort to the passengers. The RDSO had recently conducted a trial and declared it fit for run," he said.

Mani pointed out that the ICF had plans to manufacture as many as 10 train sets akin to the first T-18 by 2020.

Mani once studied at Colvin Taluqdars' College in Mahanagar. He later served in RDSO as director of Power Motive between 1991 and 2000 and as an executive director. Power Motive, between 2007 and 2010. He also served in the capacity of ADRM, Secunderabad, and DRM, Chennai, before joining as GM, ICF, Chennai.

"For me, RDSO is an institution which carves the best out of you. Whatever I did I learnt it was from the RDSO," Mani said crediting his success to the premier rail design organisation.

Workshop on H1N1 held at **CMO** office

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You should not keep your hands on your mouth while sneezing or coughing because viruses will be transferred to others if you shake hands with them. This was stated by Dr BP Singh while speaking at a workshop on management of swine flu at CMO office on Tuesday.

He said the best method was to cover the mouth with cloth. He said swine flu was like any other flu in which the symptoms ranged from body ache, headache, throat pain, fever and it spread through droplet infection. "The germs spread through sneezing and coughing and remain active where they fall for the next 8-10 hours. On an average, a patient spreads these germs from one day before the fever to another seven days. The symptoms appear within the next one to four days on whom these germs fall," he explained.

He said that flu posed more danger to pregnant women, children, senior citizens, people suffering from diabetes, chest prob lems and HIV.

CITYBRIEFS



METRO TRIALS FROM CHARBAGH TO MUNSHIPULIA

The signalling and integrated trials of Lucknow Metro train vill take place from Charbagh to Munshipulia on Wednesday. LMRC managing director Kumar Keshav said that the train would start from Charbagh station after a puja at 7.30 am. "The train will move through the balance section and then return to the Charbagh station. The trials will be carried out for three days and the train will move slowly and necessary data will be recorded and updated in the software," he said. Earlier, Keshav reviewed Chaudhary Charan Singh station, which is the largest in the underground section. This station is also the starting point of the 23-km red line route. The LMRC MD said after the overall completion of civil work, finishing of the station was in last stage.

STUDENTS ADMIRE CULTURAL HERITAGE

Students of 14 countries participating in a month-long international children's camp, hosted by City Montessori School, went on a sightseeing tour of Lucknow on Tuesday and looked in awe of the cultural heritage. The children visited Bada Imambara and Regional Science Centre among other places.



CONTRADICTION IN J&K POLITICS

Coalition Govt better than single party: Mufti

Srinagar: PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Tuesday said coalition Governments deliver better results than single-party majority regimes, citing the example of the BJP-led Government at the Centre.

The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) president was reacting to National Conference (NC) leader Omar Abdullah's statement asking people of Jammu & Kashmir to give a clear mandate to any one

party.
"Brute majority has had a history of sell outs in J&K. With 60 members NC sold out power houses, brought Ikhwan, task force, POTA," Mehbooba

tweeted. "Even earlier when NC had absolute majority and unqualified political mandate it only yielded powers, resources

of state to Centre," she said. The former Chief Minister further said the coalition led by her father Mufti Mohammad Sayeed in the State had established "a high bar of achievements — opening of cross LOC roads (being) the singular political achievement post-

independence".



better results than single party

"Even at national level it seems post Indira Gandhi, coalition Governments have delivered better than majority party rule e.G, Vajpayee coalition, UPA-1 compared to present BJP single party rule,"

"Recall Narisimarao (sic) minority Government which brought the country out of it's worst economic crisis and introduced economic liberalisation," she added in the tweet.

Speaking at a function in Jammu on Monday, Abdullah She said post-Indira had said that "experiment of Gandhi era, coalition coalitions" had not worked Governments had delivered well in J&K.

"I want people of the State to elect a single party Government in Jammu & Kashmir, keeping in view the challenges and magnitude of problems faced by the people," he had said.

However, Mehbooba's Finance Minister Altaf Bukhari — who does not associate himself with the PDP anymore supported Omar's call for the return of one party rule in the

"I personally believe that Kashmir has suffered a lot because of coalition politics that started since 2002. The results of coming Assembly elections shall have a huge bearing on the stability and all round development of the State," Bukhari said in a state-

I leave it to the conscience of people to choose and vote for any political party of their choice that can safeguard the state's socio-political interests and deliver the best, the former MLA from Amirakadal said.

Bukhari further said that coalition politics results in a chaotic atmosphere and more often leads to "unstable Governments that hugely affects the policy making and decisions of Government". *PTI*

Omar launches poll campaign

Former J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday launched his party's poll campaign from Jammu with the slogan, "HAL hi Hal hai".

The election symbol of the party, as approved by the Election Commission, is 'plough' (HAL in chaste hindi).

Addressing a day-long youth convention here at party headquarters, Omar told youth wing delegates, "gear up for the crucial polls ahead. The fight is not going to be easy. You have to work hard from now onwards to win the majority seats. We need 45 seats to form our own Government. We can win these seats by working as a team and helping each other in their constituencies".

Positioning himself as a 'mature' leader of the party he said, "I am a changed man now. I am no longer the same Omar Abdullah who ruled



the state for six long years". "Stop calling me a youth leader. I am going to celebrate my 50th birthday next year. My hair is grey now and i am also using reading glasses".

Omar also made a passionate appeal to the state electorate to give him another opportunity to rule the state. He said, you have tried various coalition Governments in the state. Give me one more chance to serve you.

Sharing his serious concern over growing inclination among Jammu & Kashmir youth towards militancy, Omar said shrinking of space has pushed them to the wall.

DMK seeks resolution against 10% quota Bill

Economic backwardness is against Constitution, says MK Stalin

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN

The DMK, Tamil Nadu's principal Opposition party, came out on Tuesday against the decision of the Narendra Modi-led Union Government to provide 10 per cent quota in education and jobs to the economically weaker sections of the society.

DMK president M K Stalin, who is also the Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly, demanded the Tamil Nadu House to pass a resolution condemning the move. "The BJP is playing a dangerous game with the backward classes and others with the decision to set apart 10 per cent quota for the economically weaker sections. This is a move which has been brought in with an eve on the upcoming Lok Sabha elections in mind," said Stalin. He reminded the House that such moves were struck down by the Supreme Court in the

past.
"The Supreme Court has stated many times in the past



that reservation was meant for only people belonging to the socially and educationally backward classes and not to economically backward sections. Economical backwardness is against the Constitution," said the DMK

Stalin also claimed that it was his father late M Karunanidhi, who played a major role in implementing the Mandal Commission Report which made 27 per cent quota Other Backward Communities in central government jobs.

But Tamil Nadu Minister

for administrative reforms D Jayakumar replied that it was a policy decision of the Union Government and nothing could be done at this stage 'We have to wait till the fine print is sent to the State Governnments by the Centre. Then only we will be able to make any comments on the proposed move," ayakumar.

Interestingly, Tamil Nadu has 69 per cent reservation policy though the national limit is 50 per cent. The 10 per cent quota, if implemented in Tamil Nadu will hike the reservation quota to 79 per cent in the State leaving just 21 per cent for the general cate-

Except for Brahmins, and some of the few sub-sects in the Hindu religion, all communities in the State have been incorporated as backward communities and other backward communities because of the political influence wielded by the community leaders.

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Resign and face fresh poll, AGP dares BJP

Guwahati: A day after pulling out of the BJP-led Government in Assam over the Citizenship Amendment Bill, the AGP on Tuesday demanded the resignation of Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and dared the saffron party to face fresh

The Sonowal Government has no moral right to continue and if the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has the courage, it should face fresh election, senior Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) leader and former chief miniser Prafulla Kumar Mahanta said here.

"The BJP-led Government was formed in Assam on the basis of a pre-poll alliance with the AGP. As this alliance no longer exists now, we demand that the current Assam Government be dissolved,' Mahanta told reporters.

ing an anti-Assam policy, Mahanta said, "Let the BJP form a new Government alone. We will welcome that".

which has 14 MLAs in the 126member Assembly, would not have any immediate effect on the future of the Sarbananda

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ार्ग) कॉरपोरेशन लिमिटेड, <u>ई-निविदा</u> पर घास कटाई एवं छोटे पेड़ों का जड से

विoपाoमंo(प्रo)लo / 2018—19 अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता 11,00.00, निविदा दिनांक 11.02.2019 को

द्वारा अनुभवी ठेकेदारों / फर्मों से निम्नलिखित 16.00 बजे तक ई–टेन्डरिंग वेब साईट

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धनराशि व वैधता, तकनीकी एवं अनुभव पर सचित की जायेगी। निविदा प्रपत्र मुल्य

सम्बन्धित प्रपत्र, व्यावसायिक व अन्य शर्ते आदि रु० 236/—मात्र (**रु० 200.00+G.S.T.@**

खं दूसरे भाग में दरें व वाणिज्यिक नियम **18% अतिरिक्त**), **(5) 219**—वि.पा.मं.(प्र.)ल.

एवं शर्तें प्रदान करनी होंगी। निविदा प्रपत्र /2018–19, विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड–तृतीय

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अन्य प्रपन्न पूर्ण तथा उचित/स्वीकार्य योग्य कुर्सी रोड पर 160 एम0वी०ए० परिवर्तक–तृतीय

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की तिथि व समय क्रमशः निम्नानुसार है:- 07.02.2019 को 16.00 बजे तक ई-टेन्डरिंग

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(3) 217—वि.पा.मं.(प्र.)ल. / 2018—19, विद्युत आदि के सम्बन्ध में ई—टेन्डरिंग वेबसाईट

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भाग–2 (प्राइस पार्ट्स) खुलने की तिथि सुरक्षित है। **अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, विद्युत पारेषण**

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(4) 218—वि.पा.मं.(प्र.)ल. / 2018—19, विद्युत गोमती नगर, लखनऊ पत्रांक 39 दिनांक

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मेल एवं फिमेल कान्टेक्ट असेम्बली की आपूर्ति, रु० 590 / —मात्र (₹० 500.00+G.S.T.@

Accusing the BJP of adopt-Withdrawal of the AGP,



Activists take out a torch light vigil in protest against Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016 in Guwahati on Tuesday

Sonowal-led Government that still has the backing of 74 MLAs.

The BIP has 61 members and the party has support from 12 MLAs of the Bodoland People's Front and the sole Independent member.

The Opposition Congress and the All Indian United Democratic Front (AIUDF) have 25 and 13 members respectively.

The BJP won many seats in the Assembly elections (in 2016) only due to the AGP. The ever since it was proposed," the AGP founder said. controversial Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2016 was passed in Lok Sabha

AGP protested against the bill

on Tuesday even as an Assam and North East region bandh was called against it. The AGP on Monday with-

drew its support to the ruling BJP-led coalition Government after its "last-ditch attempt to convince" the Centre to withdrew the proposed legislation failed.

Mahanta, the leader of the Assam Agitation, a popular movement against illegal foreigners that lasted for six years between 1979 and 1985, said, "If the decision (to pull out) was taken earlier, people's anger and disappointment with the AGP would have been less."

Kashmiri men carry laundry collected from a near by hotel as it snows in Gulmarg, Srinagar on Tuesday

10% quota only to divert attention from Rafale: AP CM Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh

Minister Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday said the announcement of the Centre providing the economically backward people was made in view of

the Lok Sabha polls and also

to divert the attention from

the alleged Rafale scam. "However, we support the 10 per cent reservation for the economically backward," the Chief Minister said at a public meeting at Kosigi village in Kurnool district, as part of the Janmabhoomi programme. "At the same

time, we sought inclusion of Valmiki community in the ST list, washermen community in the SC list and extension of reservation for Kapus under the backward castes quota," he said while recalling that the state legislature had passed bills in this regard and sent them to the Centre for approval.

The Chief Minister announced a grant of ₹100 crore for the benefit of the Valmiki community. Meanwhile, TDP politburo member and State

Finance Minister Yanamala

Ramakrishnudu, in a state-

ment, questioned the sincerity of the BJP in extending the 10 per cent reservation for the economically backward as the national party was fundamentally opposed to reser-

He said, "It was the BJP that provoked the anti-Mandal protests when V P Singh was the Prime Minister." The national party brought the 10 per cent reservation bill only because of the defeat in the recent Assembly polls in five states, he said, adding that the party has lost its credibility among the

Rahul to address farmers' rally in Rajasthan

Wednesday address a farmers' rally here, a senior party leader said.

It will be the Gandhi scion's first public meeting after Congress formed the Government in the State and initiated steps to fulfil its promise of waiving off farmer loans.

The Congress-led Government in Rajasthan had on December 19, 2018 announced a waiver for short term farm loans up to ₹2 lakh and constituted a committee to decide the eligibility cri-

Jaipur: Congress president Rahul Gandhi will on teria. The announcement was in line with the Congress chief's pre-poll announcement to waive farm loans.

"Promise of waiving off loans of farmers was a resolution of the Congress and the Government has fulfilled its promise after coming to power," the party's in-charge for political affairs in Rajasthan, Avinash Pande said.

"Congress president will be addressing a public meeting where farmers will express their grat-

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Delayed agri projects cost Govt ₹1.2L cr

Around 100 irrigation-related projects pending for about two decades have cost Govt exchequer heavily

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

s many as 100 irrigation As many as 100 mingured for about two decades now due to several issues, including political, have cost the Government exchequer a mind-boggling ₹1,20,772.05 crore. These projects include some of the famous and significant ones like Sardar Sarovar in Gujarat, Indira Sagar Polavaram project in Andhra Pradesh, Gosikhand irrigation project in Maharashtra, Shahipur Kandi dam in Punjab, Saryu Nahar Pariyojna in Uttar Pradesh, Teesta Barrage in West Bengal, Dhansiri project in Assam, Kosi Barrage in Bihar, Gumani Barrage in Jharkhand and Rukura Indira Irrigation project in Odisha.

A performance audit of the Accelerated Irrigation

INSHORT

INDIA TO US: WITHDRAW OR Modify travel advisory

New Delhi: The Government has urged the US to "withdraw

or modify" its advisory against

travelling in India, which was

issued after Zika cases were

Madhya Pradesh, saying the

CINEMATOGRAPH ACT: I&B

MIN PROPOSES CHANGES

New Delhi: The Information &

Cinematograph Act to impose

strict penalties to combat film

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particularly release of pirated

which causes huge losses to

the film industry and

statement said.

version of films on the internet

government exchequer, the I&B

ministry intends to have an

Cinematograph Act, 1952, a

DGP'S APPOINTMENT: SC

TO HEAR PLEAS ON JAN 15

New Delhi: The Supreme Court

said it will hear on January 15,

implement local laws regarding

selection and appointment of

top court said it will hear the

petitions filed by West Bengal

ASSAULT ON BUSINESSMAN

pleas of Bihar, Punjab and Haryana along with the

Director General of Police, The

petitions of various State

Governments seeking to

enabling provision in the

order to check film piracy,

Broadcasting Ministry has

proposed changes in the

reported in Rajasthan and

outbreak has subsided.

Benefit Programme (AIBP) by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) revealed several deficiencies in the planning, implementation and monitoring of the scheme. The report was tabled in Parliament on Tuesday.

The performance audit revealed that the total cost overrun in 84 major and medium irrigation projects, including 16 completed and 68 ongoing projects was ₹1,20,772.05 crore which was 295 per cent of their original cost.

According to performance audit, the cost of Sardar Sarovar project was revised from 39,240.45 crore in May 2010 to ₹54,772.94 crore with stipulated completion by March 2020. This led to an increase in project cost by ₹15,532.49 crore (40 per cent) of which increase of ₹5,722.29 crore alone was



from ₹6,016 crore to ₹13,445.44 crore in 2017. This led to an

increase in project cost by ₹7,429.44 crore (123 per cent) due to changes in the scope of work. The cost of Indiramma flood canal in Telangana was revised from ₹1,331.30 crore to ₹5,940.09 crore in 2016 due to change in Standard Schedule of Rates, deviation in the project execution and changes in the scope of work. Velligallu of Andhra

Pradesh, Lower Wardha, Wang and Krishna Koyna LIS of Maharashtra were delayed ranging from four to 25 years

and Rukura Indira Irrigation proiect in Odisha in approval of Detailed Projects Reports. These projects were finally approved for a total amount of ₹7,498.77 crore. The canal length of 3,420 metre of Kachnari Diversion scheme of Madhya Pradesh could not be constructed due to nonavailability of actual command area (CCA of 220 ha) on site during execution. This showed

Sarovar in Gujarat, Indira Sagar

project in Maharashtra Shahinur

Polavaram project in Andhra

Kandi dam in Puniab. Sarvu

Nahar Pariyojna in Uttar Pradesh, Teesta Barrage in West

Bengal, **Dhansiri project** in

Assam, Kosi Barrage in Bihar,

Gumani Barrage in Jharkhand

Pradesh Gosikhand irrigation

command area. The work of concrete lining of the Madhya Ganga Canal project sanctioned in July 2007 work up to 31.55 km out of 66.20 km on the pretext of affecting the groundwater recharge. "This showed that the requirement and feasibility of providing concrete lining had not been adequately analysed at the DPR stage leading to avoidable expenditure on bed lining," it said.

Of the 73 delayed MI schemes, 40 minor projects were completed after delays ranging from two months to 12 years and 33 were ongoing with time overrun ranging from one month to five years.

As per audit report, ₹179 crore incurred on repairs and maintenance of the Sardar Sarovar Canal network was booked by the project authorities during April 2010 to March 2017 under AIBP.

The CAG performance that the DPR had not correctaudit notes that the projects ly assessed the availability of have been languishing due to abject mis-governance-apart from land acquisition issues, the projects has hit inter-state coordination, financial, rehabilitation and resettlement walls.

Opp, Govt lock horns over RS Session extension



A view of the Rajya Sabha Session on Tuesday

PNS NEW DELHI

The Opposition and Government on Tuesday locked horns over the decision of the latter to extend the functioning of the Rajya Sabha by a day to facilitate the passage of the 10 per cent reservation earmarked for the economically backward upper castes.

While the Centre claimed that it is the authority of the Government and the Chairman of the House to extend the sittings, the Opposition insisted that they should have been consulted before making the announcement.

Both sides during the day held several rounds of meetings amid setting a record sort of by six adjournments of the Upper House to resolve the issue but ended with Deputy Chairman Harivansh adjourning to meet on Wednesday prompting the Opposition members to sit in protest in the House even after adjournment for the day.

Opposition parties led by Leader of Opposition Ghulam Nabi Azad also held a protest in front of the Maĥatma Gandhi statue late evening while the Lok Sabha continued to discuss and debate the proposed Quota Bill.

Leaders of Opposition parties in the Rajya Sabha and the Leader of the House discussed the extension of the ongoing Winter Session by one more day with Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu who in turn discussed the issue with the Leader of the House and

Finance Minister Arun Jaitley. Jaitley asserted that it was the prerogative of the Government to call, advance, extend Session of the Parliament or of either of the two Houses. He referred to Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Council of States (Rajya Sabha) which states "The Council shall sit on such dates as the Chairman, having regard to the state of business of the Council, may from time to time direct."

During the discussion with the Opposition leaders, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Vijay Goel pointed out to the precedents in 2011 and 2013 when the Session of the House was extended similarly towards the fag end of the Session.

Amid the ruckus, Health Minister JP Nadda moved The Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Bill, 2018, for consideration and passage after T Subbarami Reddy could not move the statutory resolution disapproving the Companies (Amendment) Ordinance. This move was also protested Jairam Ramesh and TMC Derek O Brien even reached the podium and sought to know how this matter could be taken when House was not in order.

The House also witnessed unruly scenes, with almost entire Opposition on its feet over alleged misuse of CBI and demand for discussion on the issue under rule 267 suspending the listed business.

No one can save Modi from Rafale probe, says Rahul

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

ongress president Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday said no one can save Prime Minister Narendra Modi from Rafale investigation as the Supreme Court has reinstated the CBI chief who was unceremoniously removed by the Modi Government.

Speaking to media outside Parliament, Rahul Gandhi said the CBI chief was "ousted" at 1 am as he was about to begin an investigation into the Rafale jet agreement and Prime Minister Modi and his Government cannot run away from a probe into the deal.

He said the entire nation will know "without a shadow of doubt" that he has taken ₹30,000 crore of people's money and given it to his "friend" Anil Ambani, Rahul Gandhi said on his first reaction to the Supreme Court order for CBI Director Alok

The CBI chief was oustbecause he was about to begin a probe into the Rafale deal. The CBI chief has been reinstated and we

BY EX-MP: SC TAKES NOTE have got New Delhi: The Supreme Court some relief. Now let's see took note of alleged incident of what happens. They cannot former MP Atiq Ahmed kidnaprun away from Rafale, it is ping a businessman in a jail in impossible. Modi ji ran away UP and assaulting and forcing from a debate. He should him to transfer his business. have discussed with us the

Rafale issue, in the people's court. No one can save them from Rafale, as Rafale is the truth. No one can run away

from the truth," he said.

attributable to price escalation

and ₹6,384.70 crore was due to

change in design and inclusion

LIS of Maharashtra was revised

at 2013-14 price level from

₹2,224.76 crore to ₹4,959.91

crore. This led to an increase in

project cost by ₹2,735.15 crore

(122 per cent) of which ₹244.64

crore alone was attributable to

price escalation, ₹282.77 crore

was due to other causes and

₹41.51 crore was due to change

project in Telangana was revised

The cost of Chokha Rao

in design.

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of additional requirements.

Shortly after Verma was sent on leave late in October, Rahul had accused Modi of allegedly removing him in an attempt to stop the officer from investigating the Rafale "scam". The party has often pressed the charge against the Government since. It had also said that divesting Verma of his statutory powers abruptly — amid a feud with his deputy Rakesh Asthana was illegal.

The Congress party has been targeting Modi on the deal alleging the price of each Rafale aircraft has sharply increased from ₹526 crore, negotiated by the previous UPA Government, to ₹1,600 crore and that the contract will help Anil Ambani get ₹30.000 crore benefit through offset contract. Ambani too has rejected the charges.



Modi care: Guidelines for pvt investments for opening new hospitals in cities issued

PNS NEW DELHI

Almost four months after it launched the Pradhan Mantri Jan ArogyaYojana (PMJAY) providing hospitalisation cover of up to ₹5 lakh per family per year from poor strata, the Centre has now issued broad guidelines for private investments in setting up of hospitals in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities for smooth func-

tioning of the scheme. The PMJAY was launched from September 23, 2018, for providing hospitalisation cover of up to ₹5 lakh per family per year to over 10 crore poor and the deprived families (approx. 50 crore people) in the empanelled hospitals throughout the

 $T^{
m he\ Lok\ Sabha\ on\ Wednesday}$ passed a Bill that provides for

regulation of use and application of

Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) tech-

of certain categories of persons,

including offenders, victims, sus-

Application) Regulation Bill, 2018

regulates the use the technology to

establish the identity of persons in

respect of criminal matters listed

and civil matters such as parentage

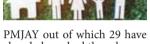
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already launched the scheme.

'The objective of the broad guidelines is to improve the supply of healthcare services in the underserved areas to ensure maximum utilisation of the benefits under PMJAY and to improve the demand for quality healthcare services at affordable prices to general public," said a senior official from the Union Health Ministry.

As per the guidelines, he said that under model I, a doctor owned hospital can have 30 to 50 beds, under model II is doctor manager partnership-multispe-So far 33 States/UTs have signed MOU for implementing cialty (100 beds) while under model III, multispecialty hospi-

and Technology Minister Harsh

Vardhan said the DNA testing is

a minuscule per centage of less than

misuse of the Bill, the Minister said

the misuse can happen of anything

at any level. Even the blood sample

collected by the clinical laboratories

has the potential of misuse. Terming

it a comprehensive Bill, he said it has

taken a long duration of 14-15

years to bring this bill to this stage.

establishment of a National DNA

Data Bank and Regional DNA Data

Banks. Every Data Bank will main-

The Bill provides for

LS consent to DNA Bill

one per cent.

To incentivise private sector, incentives will be provided during land allotment, various clearances will be facilitated with specific timelines among others. While private sector will

tal can have 100 beds or more.

have the responsibility to build, design, finance, manage operate and maintain with quality standards, besides taking market risk and provide services at PMJAY rates, the Government will be entrusted the task of ensuring sufficient unencumbered land on lease or through bidding, facilitate various permissions and clearances through special window with timelines, compulsory empanelment of the hospitals for PMJAY and other Government scheme, ensure timely pay-

being done on persons comprising Bill also provides for seeking con-

scene index, suspects' or undertri-

als' index and offenders' index. The

sent of the individual when DNA

profiling is used in criminal inves-

persons. However, consent require-

ments have not been specified in

case of DNA profiling for civil

matters. Participating in the debate

on the Bill Sanjay Jaiswal (BJP) said

that future of the world is on the

DNA Technology while Kalyan

Banerjee (TMC) was of the view

that the Bill was very good for the

criminal justice system, civil justice

system and more so for the people

Replying to the debate, Science tain the indices including crime

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Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu met Congress president Rahul Gandhi at latter's residence in New Delhi and is learnt to have discussed plans of uniting all Opposition parties against the BJP. Naidu also met Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, NCP's Sharad Pawar and NC leader Abdullah. Ever since the TDP moved out of the NDA, Naidu has been seeking to forge an anti-BJP front

SC paves way for re-opening of Sterlite plant in Tuticorin

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday paved the way for the re-opening of Vedanta's Sterlite copper plant at Tuticorin, which was at the centre of massive protests over pollution concerns, by refusing to stay the green tribunal order that had set aside the Tamil Nadu Government's decision to close it.

The apex court also stayed the December 21, 2018 decision of the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court which had ordered status quo in respect of re-opening the plant.

"The impugned order dated December 21, 2018 passed by the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court shall remain stayed," a bench comprising Justices RF Nariman and Navin Sinha said.

"The directions that have been passed by the National Green Tribunal, by its judgment dated December 15, 2018, will continue to subsist and will be subject to the ultimate outcome of the appeal," it said. The top court also sought response from Vedanta on the state Government's appeal against the National Green Tribunal (NGT) order to reopen the plant.

The State had moved the top court saying that the NGT had "erroneously" set aside various orders passed by the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB) last year with regard to the Sterlite plant. It had said the tribunal had consequentially directed the TNPCB to pass fresh orders of renewal of consent and issue authorisation to handle hazardous substances to the Vedanta Limited.

Iran ready to use influence over Taliban to bring peace to Af: Diplomatic sources

New Delhi: In case India wants to use Iran's channels of communication with the Taliban, then Tehran will be open to such a proposition, Iranian diplomatic sources have said, at a time when there was renewed focus on peace and reconciliation process in Afghanistan. They said though Iran's

influence over the Taliban was not comparable to that of Pakistan's, still it would try to use the clout over the terror outfit for bringing peace and stability in the war-torn coun-

Major powers like the US and Russia have been reaching out to the Taliban as part of efforts to push the stalled Afghan peace process.

The issue of peace and reconciliation in Afghanistan is likely to figure during talks between External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and her Iranian counterpart Javad Zarif on Wednesday. In a significant move,

India had sent two former diplomats in "non official" capacity to a conference on

Afghan peace process in Moscow in November which was attended by a high-level Taliban delegation.

The conference organised by Russia was attended by representatives of Afghanistan as well as from several other countries, including the US, Pakistan and China.

The Iranian sources said Tehran was ready to use its influence over Taliban on behalf of the Afghan government. If India wants Tehran's channels of communication with the militant outfit, we are

always open to do that, they said. India has been maintaining a policy of not engaging with Taliban and pressing for an Afghan-owned and Afghan-led peace initiative to bring peace and stability in the war-ravaged country. The Iranian sources said a Talibandominated Afghanistan will be security challenge to Iran,

Iran is learnt to have conveved its view to Islamabad about how Taliban can be real threat to its existence. *PTI*

India, but it will be an exis-

tential threat to Pakistan.

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'Protect zoo birds against contagious viral'

PNS NEW DELHI

 $F_{\rm cocks,\ chicken\ and\ ducks}^{
m ollowing\ death\ of\ pea-}$ due to avian influenza (H5N1) in Munger and Puri districts in Bihar and Odisha respectively, the Central Zoo Authority (CZA) has alerted all zoos in the country to protect the birds in captivity against the highly contagious viral disease which affects only members of the birds

The virus is transmitted mainly through migratory birds. But even these winged beauties are prone to virus

Issuing alert in this regard,

Anup Kumar Nayak said that the zoos have also been asked to follow "standards, guidelines and protocol on disease diagnosis and cure of wild animals in Indian Zoos," pub-

lished by the CZA in collaboration with the Indian Veterinary Institute. CZA is autonomous body of the Central Government responsible for oversight of zoos

across the States. The State authorities have also been advised to improve bio-security measures in the zoos to avoid spread of the CZA member secretary Dr viral disease among captive



Patna's Sanjay Gandhi Zoo director Amit Kumar said the zoo will In few parts of Odisha too. remain closed for public till situation bird flu has taken its toll on is under control.

The zoo was closed after strains of avian influenza virus were found in six dead peacocks last December. The samples of the second lot of dead birds have been sent to a lab and reports are awaited, he added.

The move aims to minimize the possibility of catching the infection among birds. The zoo is being thoroughly sanitised. The zoo will be opened for visitors only after

we get the negative reports from the lab where samples of the birds are being sent time to time as per the ČZA protocol," said Kumar.

poultry birds. The State Government has declared areas in Kendrapara district bird flu hit and have vaccinated 35,000 poultry birds. As a precautionary measure, the Naveen Patnaik Government has asked schools and Anganwadi Centres not to provide eggs to children. Similarly, sale of eggs and chicken has been banned in Krushna Prasad block for next few days, said an official from the State Government.

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Quota politics

Unexpected announcement of a 10 per cent reservation for economically weaker sections is not a political masterstroke



he aftermath of the Mandal Commission report recommendations being implemented in India was to transform society in this country, and while it could never reverse the millennia of caste discrimination, it was believed at that time that the correct thing to do is to make India's growth more inclusive. And while that has, to an extent worked, it has like many other solutions to long-festering problems, turned into a case of opening a Pandora's Box of new problems. There is nowadays, for example, a perverse demand by caste leaders, once considered on the upper-end of the

spectrum, to be declared backward so as to take advantage of reservations. Other castes that have benefited from reservations have zealously tried to protect their 'turf' and have actively prevented other castes from getting a piece of the action, whether it is in Government jobs or educational institutions. Also, as evidenced by the demand for quotas by land-owning upper castes such as Jats and Gujjars in a belt near the capital to the Marathas in Maharashtra, upper castes are finding it increasingly difficult to compete in this environment and are being left behind. And this is a delicate balancing act for Governments both at the State and Central level because in large swathes of India, castes still tend to vote en masse.

So on the face of it, a reservation for economically weaker sections of society should be a political masterstroke. However, coming so late in the day, the cynic will obviously view it through politically-tinted glasses and believe that this is a way of keeping upper-caste votes within the Bharatiya Janata Party for Narendra Modi, who appears increasingly fretful of the general election coming up in three months. But there are a few issues here, the first is the need to pass a Constitutional amendment. While some caste-based parties might oppose it, smarter members of the Opposition could ensure it gets stalled in Parliament. And then there is the Supreme Court, which has previously ruled that breaching the 50 per cent reservation mark is unconstitutional, save in Tamil Nadu where prior reservations of 69 per cent were grandfathered in. Will the Supreme Court allow this amendment to pass? That is something for the justices to consider, which they almost certainly will have to. And if previous attempts at reservations for upper castes by State Governments is any indication, the shaky foundations of the Bills will be demolished by the highest court of the land.

But then comes the biggest problem of all: Where are the jobs? The Government of India and its public sector units still remain India's largest employer but over the years it is hiring fewer and fewer people and one could rightly think that this move is a cop out for Modi as his Government has failed to create enough jobs over the past few years, in no small part thanks to his own policies such as demonetisation. So all said and done, this is not a done deal as yet and Modi, faced with his facade crumbling, is trying to go all out to ensure a second term despite squandering the immense political capital he had back in 2014. But this could be a case of 'too little, too late.'

Ahom identity

AGP may have stood out as a champion but its real intention is to dent BJP's LS tally



n the end it is all about seizing the prepoll narrative for the general election and whoever does that better, may just get some customers or force a self-serving discussion. That is why the Asom Gana Parishad (AGP)'s withdrawal of support to the BJP-led Government in Assam is more about finding a politically opportune moment than real dissatisfaction. Yes, the AGP is right in arguing that the new citizenship amendment Bill as proposed by the BJP, granting citizenship to Hindu refugees from across the border till the cutoff year of 2014, is detrimental to

Ahom identity and the right of indigenous people over their land, indeed the wherewithal of its politics. However, it was not that the AGP didn't know that this was coming though, it can be reasonably argued, it found itself in a box in launching a counter campaign. It knew that the ruling Sarbananda Sonowal government would not fall if it withdrew support as it had overwhelming numbers (74 to AGP's 14) and was unsure about its standing as an independent party that had the faith of the people. The panchayat polls of December restored its confidence as did the Assembly election results that got the Congress back in reckoning in some states. But it was when other NDA allies became restive. demanding a pound of flesh or two from a dented BJP, that the AGP decided to get into the ring. Sensing the national sentiment at the moment, the AGP has realised that while the state government could run without it, it could threaten the BJP's winning prospects in the Lok Sabha with its pullout. The BJP, not exactly riding the wave pre-2014, may not get the monolithic heartland verdict and would need every extra seat from the Northeast, which it has been nurturing and betting on. In about four seats, the BJP needs the AGP to effect a swing or defeat an entrenched Congress vote. Pundits predict if the Congress woos AGP and other parties to form a state level alliance and ensures a convergence of vote shares, then they could halt the BJP juggernaut in the general election and push its tally back from the seven seats it won in 2014.

The AGP's main contention is a refugee influx, irrespective of religion, would change the demographic contours of the border districts that would forever be a prey base for the larger national parties and ensure the local parties are squeezed out. The BJP is clearly following a me-too model that has worked for the Congress and other Opposition parties at one time. As waves of Bangladeshi migrants crossed the borders, each Opposition party is equally guilty of legalising their stay and shoring up its respective votebank. If it was Muslims before, it is Hindus now. So the AGP has little choice now but to stand out as a strong regional voice. Meanwhile, the BJP is losing the tide of opinion as far as its allies are concerned. First, it was the TDP, then it was the PDP in Kashmir, followed by the Upendra Kushwaha-led Rashtriya Lok Samta Party. The Shiv Sena still likes to trouble it now and then while the latest withdrawal missive from Apna Dal (Sonelal) has revived the perception of the BJP as an arrogant big brother feeding off the smaller parties and then grinding them to dust. As we said, it is all about the visual narrative. Depending on trade winds, all allies jump ships.

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What Imran Khan forgot

It is ironical that the Pakistan Prime Minister should want to teach India how to treat its minorities when the country has created a new minority with the passing of every decade



PRAFULL GORADIA

akistan Prime Minister Imran Khan has offered to teach India now it should treat its minorities. Is it not likely that when he said this, he was experiencing a flashback to his cricketing days, when our fast bowlers were not comparable to his country's pace attack? Traditionally, in the undivided India, it was Punjab that produced pacemen. The one outstanding name that comes to this writer's mind is that of Mohammad Nissar, the fastest opening bowler the sub-continent had produced. Certainly, even now, the pack of speed merchants may have something to teach our players.

An Oxonian had once said: Imran is cricket and cricket is Imran. Similarly, Zubin Mehta is music and cannot be imagined in terms of cricket. It is also difficult to reconcile Imran Khan's image with prime ministership. It is not possible that while he was talking of minorities, he was thinking about how to teach India play cricket and to play in India at the Eden Gardens? It goes without saying that Imran Khan has not seen the holocaust of Hindus and Sikhs, starting with Rawalpindi in 1947, nor would he know how his Christian compatriots had rejoiced at the birth of Pakistan only to subsequently regret it, plus, of course, being frequently accused of blasphemy. The Communist Party had wholeheartedly sponsored Partition, only to later beat its breast — it was simply eliminated by the torrent of Islam.

The Ahmediyas, whose hero, Sir Muhammad Zafarullah Khan, had drafted the Pakistan Resolution of March 1940, also had their taste of 'glory' of the state they helped birth. Imran Khan was certainly not born then to witness the magnificent work done by Zafarullah Khan. Nor perhaps in 1953, when the latter's house in Lahore was set on fire, which induced him to flee to Pakistan to not return until his dying days. The rest of the years he spent at The Hague in the Netherlands to bring majesty to the glittering Benches of the International Court of Justice. In the meantime, the charismatic Prime Minister, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, expelled the Ahmediyas from the sanctified garden of Islam.

Another Ahmediya hero who brought glory to Imran Khan's country was Dr Abdul Qadeer Khan, whose thuggish doings in the Netherlands enabled him to obtain the secrets of atomic bomb — all, of course, in the cause of Khidmat-e-Allah, the first by his faith being expelled.

This writer was educated by two men. The first was his grandfather, one of whose friends was Ahmed Ali Jinnah. He relished Parsi humour and claimed to culturally be a Parsi. Although he was not a practicing Muslim, he acquainted my grandfather with his insights into Islam. That when a Muslim wishes to convert someone, it is with the best intention of opening a possible chance of the convert entering jannat. No other god can

enable a non-believer to cross the gateway of heaven.

The second gentleman who taught this writer was his spoken Urdu teacher who did not overtly suggest a conversion, but did say that the future lay with Islam. Just extrapolate the progress of a number of religions. The Yehudis (Jews) have reduced in number and shrunk to a fraction of what they were. The Christians have scattered into many denominations. Many a worshipper in Europe has given up worship. Christianity's priests have come to Asia, where according to the late Pope John Paul-II, there are innumerable souls to harvest. Contrast these performances with the progress of Islam, whose tide is continually rising.

It is ironical that Prime

Minister Imran Khan should want to teach India how to treat its minorities. He has held out Pakistan as an example of good treatment. He is probably unaware that Dr Rafiq Zakaria, in his widely read book, The Man Who Divided India, clearly stated that but for the Muslims of Aligarh), Bihar and Mumbai (then Bombay), Pakistan might not have been. Young men from Aligarh went all the way to Punjab to campaign for the 1945-46 general election, which proved decisive for Partition. They propagated Pakistan as the new Medina. Moreover, if India should seriously follow the Pakistani example, it should

reduce its minority population to three per cent from the 22 per cent in Pakistan of 1947. Does the cricketing legend expect his country, with its vast land space, to absorb up to 25 crore Muslims now in India? He could not have forgotten his cricket and probably believes that greater the population, higher are the chances of throwing up more players. If not, the new Prime Minister has forgotten that his country has created a new minority with the passing of every decade.

The saga of creating ever new minorities began with the Sikhs at Rawalpindi; soon thereafter, the Hindus. Then came the turn of the Ahmedivas at Lahore. Pakistan's Christians, who had backed Partition, in due course became unpopular enough to be frequently accused of blasphemy and awarded the death sentence by being stoned. The Balochs, of course, were never fully trusted but gradually became suspected if not also positively distrusted. The latest is the turn of the Shias, who are routinely killed by bombs while praying. There is from the fraternity of Islam. They are followers of Imam Hussein, who was the grandson of Prophet Muhammed. A distinguished Shia was Qaid-e-Azam Jinnah without whom Pakistan might not have been.

Even since his college days, this writer has been told that all Sunni Muslims of the world belong to a single community, which is their first loyalty. It is, therefore, a mystery why most Pakistanis are callous about the safety, security and welfare of their brethren in India. Regimes in Islamabad pursue their own interests without caring for any repercussion in India. Earlier, their great guru was the US. Now, they look to China for direction; ostensibly, others be damned. This is as old a syndrome as 1947. Within two months, Pakistan had no compunction in invading the Kashmir Valley.

As long ago as in 1951, Dr Zakir Husain, the then vice chancellor of the Aligarh Muslim University and later Rashtrapati, took the lead along with 13 other Muslims eminences to submit a memorandum to Dr Frank P Graham, the United Nations representative in

Kashmir on August 14, 1951 said: "It is indeed a pity that India has never thought of taking the help of its Muslim citizens, most of whom can be the country's useful allies against Pakistani misdemeanour. There is no doubt a problem. The only viable try is ecclesiastical. The luminaries, who are not maulvis, do not have sufficient following. Addressing Muslim citizens through the ulema has its limitations. The substantive interest of the masses lies in a peaceful life where the individual and his family can try and prosper, to educate the children and so on. Whereas the thrust of the *ulema*

would be to protect and promote the influence of Islam, leaders in India should, therefore, find a channel of informing and seeking cooperation of our Muslim brethren directly."

The memorandum was also signed by Sir Sultan Ahmed, Sir Mohammed Usman, both former members of the Viceroy's Council. The signatories included the Nawab of Chhatari, Chief Justice of Allahabad, Sir Iqbal Ahmed, Sir Fazal Rahimtoola, AK Khwaja, TM Zarif, BH Zaidi and Hafi-ur-Rehman; the last two were MPs. Their submission also said: "If the Hindus are not welcomed in Pakistan, how can we, in all fairness, expect Muslims to be welcomed in India? Such a policy must inevitably, as the past has already shown, result in the uprooting of Muslims in this country and their migration to Pakistan, where as it became clear last year, they are no longer welcome, lest their influx should destroy Pakistan's economy".

There was also a background to this fear. Several repeatedly emphasised in the years preceding Partition that when the country was divided, there must be an exchange of population. Sir Feroz Khan Noon had gone to the extent of threatening the re-enactment of the violent orgies of Chengiz Khan and Hulagu Khan.

(The writer is a well-known *columnist and an author)*

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We will not hesitate in imposing the NSA on those who run gangs that aid the use of unfair means during board exams and mass-copying antics

UP Deputy CM —Dinesh Sharma



We (Norway) will intensify cooperation on issues relating to the sea, including a new ioint task force on the blue economy focussing on integrated ocean management

Norway Prime Minister



Actors get paid a lot while technicians don't get paid enough. This should change because a good film needs every single member of that team

Filmmaker



The decision to allow private FM channels to broadcast AIR news empowers me as a citizen. What else does a democracy need?

I&B Minister –Rajyavardhan Rathore



LETTERS THE

A path to elections with no holds barred

Election propaganda

The West Bengal Government has been denying permission to the Bharatiya Janata Party's proposed rath yatra in all the 42 parliamentary constituencies as it may lead to law and order problems. The Calcutta High Court has gauged the agenda of the organisers of the yatra and has rightly refused permission for the same. One only hopes that the Supreme Court will also appreciate the concerns of the State Government and deny permission for the rath vatra. The Union Government has failed to deliver on its promises to the masses and this is a lastditch effort by the RSS-BIP combine to woo the people by playing the Ayodhya card yet again. Shalini Gerald

Careful decision

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Behind the scenes" (January 8). Emboldened by its tremendous wins in Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, the Congress should have acted

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), the Samajwadi Party (SP) and the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) are the two main protagonists in Uttar Pradesh, the largest State of India in terms of population. What started during

his refers to the editorial, "Behind the scenes"

(January 8). We all know that apart from the last year's by-polls, where most opposition parties united against the ruling party, this pre-election alliance between the SP and BSP is only a natural progression. But unlike various Opposition combinations that exist only in the air, the SP-BSP combine seems to be a real possibility. It was sensible on the part of BSP supremo Mayawati and SP chief Akhilesh Yadav to leave aside the Congress because the grand old party remains only a fringe player in Uttar Pradesh. Second, more the number of seats these two parties get, better will be their bargaining power to form a Government.

amicably towards the Samajwadi

Party (SP) and the Bahujan Samaj

Party (BSP). It should have

accommodated the SP's lone

MLA in the Madhya Pradesh

withdrawn all Bharat Bandh cases

filed against the Dalits. It was only

when Mayawati threatened them

Additionally, the Congress is

support to them did they act.



Besides, the alliance between the two parties has sent across a message that the next general election will witness more State-specific alliances than a broad nation-wide arrangement against the ruling BJP. But one thing is certain that the 2019 general election is going to be a no-holds-barred battle.

Bal Govind

yet to prove its worth in Uttar Pradesh. It has been out of power from the State for decades.

Taking political equations into consideration, SP chief Cabinet. Similarly, it should have Akhilesh Yadav and BSP supremo Mayawati seem to have taken a final call on keeping the Congress out of the grand alliance in Uttar that she would take back the BSP's

Azhar A Khan

Taking lessons

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Real lionheart" (January 7) The English phrase, 'A kind gesture can reach a wound that only compassion can heal', best suits the lion-leopard story. Such compassion and affection between inter-species holds lessons for humanity. Every

individual must be more compassionate and be more than ready to assist others in their bad times. Humanity is far greater than exploiting the enemies. Dimple Wadhawan

Real empowerment

Sir — It is not the State Government's business to interfere in the rituals of a religion. In doing so, it will only be hurting the sentiments of the people because traditions are one that are followed since ages. As long as the rituals are harmless and are respected by one and all, including the women, one cannot understand why the State Government must interfere at all.

As a matter of fact real empowerment for women will not come when they break old traditions by entering the gates of a temple, where their entry has been banned. Our society will be enlightened only when it protects its women.

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FIRSTCOLUMN

Smelling trouble in Uttar Pradesh

The collaboration of SP-BSP and troubles with its own allies have made matters worse for the BJP. But the party remains hopeful



KALYANI SHANKAR

is often said that 'Uttar Pradesh is India and India is Uttar Pradesh.' A win in India's most populous State can prove to be a game-changer for any party, nationally, as it accounts for 80 out of the 545 parliamentary seats. Besides, Uttar Pradesh has gifted many Prime Ministers to our country. As the two foeturned-friends — Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) and Samajwadi Party (SP) — inch closer towards a grand alliance in Uttar Pradesh ahead of the 2019 Lok Sabha election, minus the Congress, the poll scene is becoming interesting. The Congress could still become a coalition partner if there is any breakthrough in alliance talks. But as of now, the two regional satraps want to keep the Congress out as it does not have a place in their scheme of things as yet. They want to win the maximum number of seats in their stronghold and take matters from there to a post-poll scenario to do the final bidding for the top job.

First, the SP and the BSP do not need the Congress which is a lightweight in that crucial State. Second, the Congress' votes are not transferable. Third, the SP feels that its experience of aligning with the Congress during the 2017 Assembly election did not work. Also, the Congress did not include the lone SP legislator in the recent Madhya Pradesh Cabinet. Though it was the Congress that had been stressing on the need to bring regional parties together to take on the BJP, after its recent wins in Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh, it failed to honour the demands of smaller parties. Fourth, BSP supremo Mayawati is worried about some Dalit votes moving to the Congress' camp. She has made her political calculations keeping her party's interests in mind. Fifth, both parties feel that a three-cornered contest would benefit the alliance as it can stop the Congress' votes from going to the BJP in protest against the grand old party joining the alliance as the former's core voters are from Dalits, Other Backward Classes and minorities.

The grand alliance might include Ajit Singh's Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) and some smaller parties. The RLD, once strong amid sugarcane farmers of western Uttar Pradesh, has just begun to re-organise itself. The alliance is also trying to get Om Prakash Rajbhar's Suheldev Bhartiya Samaj Party and the Krishna Patel faction of Apna Dal. Not only does the tie-up has arithmetic but also chemistry as the once bitter enemies - Mayawati and SP chief Akhilesh Yadav — are now on 'aunt and nephew' terms. In 2014, the BJP had a vote share of 42.63 per cent in Uttar Pradesh, while the SP-BSP combine got 42.19 per cent — its almost the same. With Mayawati winning 22.23 per cent of the votes even in 2017 and the SP securing 28.32 per cent, together, they polled over half of the total votes. If the Congress also joins the alliance, the combined vote share of the three parties will be more than that of the BJP's. There is a divided opinion in the Congress about it joining the alliance. This is in sharp contrast to 2017, when the party, in one voice, favoured a tie-up with the SP. One section feels that making the contest triangular is bound to hurt the BJP. The grand alliance might have a strategic understanding with the Congress to help each other.

But where does all of this leave the BJP? Experts say that it means the alliance might pick up about 50 seats. Then the BJP and the Congress would be left with 30 seats. The Congress could pick up two seats — that of the Gandhis and perhaps one or two more. The BJP can at best hope to get 24 or 25 seats. After the recent loss of three Hindi heartland States — Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh — it might lose another 30 seats. In other States, it might shed 20 seats BJP could lose as many as 100 seats. The party would have to cover up the gap from other regions to reach the 282 mark that it won in the 2014 Lok Sabha poll. But how much can they make up in West Bengal, south and Odisha? Moreover, the BJP does not have any big alliance partner. The Telugu Desam Party has guit and the Shiv Sena is threatening to break alliance. The Peoples Democratic Party has left and the Akali Dal is disgruntled. About 18 smaller parties have left the NDA fold since 2014. However, the BJP does not agree with this analysis. They believe that the people will vote for Modi. The party is hopeful that with a strong leadership, effective communication, disciplined organisation, unlimited funds and a divided Opposition, it can make a come back.

However, one can sense a certain degree of worry within the party. BJP chief Amit Shah is subdued and the top leadership is already on a course-correction mode. It will be looking for a new narrative in its national council meeting next week. But Modi can spring surprises. One week is said to be long in politics and three months is quite long to make any prediction. One thing is certain that the BJP will emerge as the single largest party with or without forming the Government.

(The writer is a senior political commentator)

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OMAR ABDULLAH

Rabies threatens our lion

Progressive control pathways and procedures for international certification of rabies-free status should be established to save our wild cats from the madness syndrome



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f you thought that rabies concerned only dogs, then one must look back to the records at the ▲ King Edward Memorial Pasteur Institute and Medical Research Institute, Shillong. It had published a scientific article in 1950 recording published a scientific article in 1950 recording two instances of a positive microscopic finding in the brain — evidence of rabies — of the Bengal tiger in Assam, the first in 1943 and the second in 1950. In the first case, the tiger severely mauled 18 people in just over 24 hours before it was killed but made no attempt to eat any of the victims. In the second case, the tiger terrorised the inhabitants of five or six villages and attacked 14 people, at least five heads of cattle and a dog, of whom one person and the dog were killed on the spot and two others died in hospital the following day. Subsequently, the animal was killed. Subsequently, the animal was killed.

The rabies virus was found in both cases. And though these two cases were examined following complaints of unseemly behaviour, several others were ignored. A few cases of leopards dying ostensibly due to rabies were also reported in south India during the British period. The rabies-inflicted stray dogs, living on the bound-aries of Kruger National Park in South Africa and other reserves, are threats to predators such as lions, leopards, hyena and wild dogs. Perhaps deaths of predators by rabies do not get the exposure they deserve. The veterinary advisor for the Siberian Tiger recommended the vaccination protocol for use in all wild tigers to save them from

Four years ago, a similar behaviour was observed in two lions — first was a male lion in Girnar on May 31, 2011, and the second was a young lioness in the Khamba range of the Gir forest on December 15, 2015. In both cases, the frenzied felines chased people and attacked a few of them, including the forest staff. The injured peo-ple were vaccinated and saved but both lions died within a few days. Symptoms like biting of tyres and frequent roaring in the daytime indicated the presence of rabies but cases were never examined to know the truth. The extent of damage by the fatal Canine Distemper Virus (CDV) attack, ostensibly a mutation or aggravation caused by 23 lions died in September 2018 in the Gir forests.

In the past, deaths of the lion by virus attacks were detected but ignored because the number was not high. Unlike the lion, tigers or leopards do not live in groups. Thus, death of one or two of them at a site by the fatal disease was ignored. It was recorded as a natural disease but facts prove otherwise. Almost every other day, news reports cite the recovery of dead leopards, tigers, lions and several other carnivores from their habitats but the cases have never been examined by virologists to confirm the cause of deaths.

In a study, four concomitant incidents of rabies related deaths were recorded in Gujarat during 2012-2014. Brain samples were collected from two buffaloes, nilgai and mongoose and rabies virus was found in all of them. Further, the genetic relationship of these isolated specimens was determined and the rabies virus transmission among the wild and domestic mammals was established. In Deva village in Allahabad district, two cows and a young buf-falo cub were bitten by a rabies-infected dog. All



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died within two weeks. Finally, the dog was killed and the carcass was disposed off in a remote area of the village. What had happened to carnivores such as jackals and foxes, which consumed the carcass, is not known but the villagers confirmed that the carnivores had not been spotted. Why is it that the jackals are fast disappearing from the villages? Why are the hyenas becoming rare in the countryside? Why is it that the population of the wild dog (dhole) declined drastically in its habitats such as the Satrura Tiger Reserve and then as the Satpura Tiger Reserve and then recovered in a few years and again declined drastically? Is it due to the Has rabies' presence in the domestic dog caused the loss of wildlife in an unbelievable scale? Perhaps yes. Casualties of the major wild carnivores in India due to transmission of rabies, CDV, FIV or other viruses are high but it is impossible to provide facts about the scale of the crisis. After the lion deaths due to a CDV attack in the Gir forests, investigations indicated that like the African lions, the CDV and other viruses are present in some wild lions in the Gir forest. All of these become fatal when other diseases

ted from an unhealthy prey.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) reported that rabies is a vaccine-preventable viral disease which occurs in more than 150 countries. Dogs are the source of a vast majority of human rabies deaths, contributing up to 99 per cent of all rabies transmis-

such as Babesia protozoa are transmit-

sions to humans. Human deaths due to rabies are known and have been welldocumented but it is also primarily a disease of terrestrial mammals, including dogs, wolves, foxes, jackals, big cats (lions, leopards and tigers), mongooses, badgers, bats and monkeys. Rabies is endemic to India and accounts for 36 per cent of the world's human deaths due to this disease. The true burden of rabies in our country is not fully known; although as per a WHO report, it causes 18,000-20,000 deaths every year. Nobody knows how many wild carnivores die due to this disease. India had over 19.1 million domestic dogs in 2007 and a majority of them belonged A substantial number of this forms the prey base for carnivores, especially for leopards, tigers, lions, hyenas, wolves and jackals.

Ín India, dogs play an important role in rabies transmission to wildlife. However, little is known about the role of wild animals in rabies transmission. As per a study in the US, the rabies disease unexpectedly re-emerged in wildlife. Rabies is a viral zoonosis associated with many species of carnivores, including cats, jackal, hyena and bats, which are the primary hosts of the Rabies virus. Although sporadic cases of rabies in wildlife have been documented across the African continent, convincing evidence for the circulation of rabies in populations of wild carnivores has been found only in south Africa, where wild canids, such as jackals and bat-eared foxes, are assumed to be primary hosts of the virus. Although wolves, wild dogs, jackals and foxes are susceptible and readily succumb to the disease, they can disseminate the disease in other wildlife.

The carnivores — lion, tiger, leopard, hyena, wolf, and jackal — are susceptible to diseases as they largely prey upon domestic animals, including dogs and pigs which are a carrier of pathogens. Domestic livestock, including dogs, constitute major food for these wild animals. Cases of tiger and leopard deaths are reported from time-to-time, but the institute engaged in the field of wildlife research does not give priority to such an important problem. In the absence of adequate of wild carnivores due to rabies but it seems a major hurdle, although not accepted till date of wildlife conservation in India.

To eliminate rabies in wildlife, 'progressive control pathways' and procedures for international certification of rabies-free status should be established. To achieve this, wildlife managers should know the extent of the problem. The sample of every dead animal should be examined scientifically in institutes that deal with wildlife or virology. Institutes, too, need to focus on the scale of natural deaths rather than just concern themselves with environment impact assessment (EIA). It has taken us long to maintain a healthy population of the big cat. Let us not lose them to another threat.

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A diversified investment strategy

Dynamic asset allocation is the ideal way to invest. It helps one to strike a balance between associated risks and rewards. This strategy holds the potential to outshine all other forms of investments when market conditions remain volatile



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Then it comes to investments, the adage, 'Don't put all your eggs in one bas-ket', comes to mind. Diversification essentially means the strategic allocation of investments among different assets and their categories to spread the money around so that exposure to any one type of asset is limited. This helps manage risk and reduce volatility of portfolio over a period of time. One of the keys to successful investing is to learn the art of maintaining fine balance between comfort level and time horizon.

If one invests conservatively for retirement at a young age, he/she may run the risk of investment growth not keeping pace with inflation. Conversely, if one invests too aggressively, when one is older, they may face a situation where their savings are exposed to market volatility. This can erode the value of their assets at an age when one has fewer opportunities to recoup losses.

One way to balance risk and reward in an investment portfolio is to diversify assets. Although diversification does not ensure profit or guarantee no losses, it may help mitigate risk. It does help in reducing the number and severity of ups and downs. Diversification does not aim to maximise returns but limits the impact of volatility on a portfolio. To better understand this concept let us look at the table along with this article which contains hypothetical portfolios with different asset allocations from 1926 to 2017.

The most aggressive portfolio shown in the table comprises 60 per cent domestic stocks, 25 per cent international stocks and 15 per cent bonds. It has an average annual return of 10.02 per cent. The best 12-month return stood at 134 per cent, while its worst 12-month

ASSET ALLOCATION	ASSET ALLOCATION OF DIFFERENT PORTFOLIOS								
	Aggressive Growth	Balanced	Conservative						
Average Annual Return	10.02%	8.05%	6.34%						
Best 12-month return	134.46%	74.29%	30.76%						
Worst 12-month return	-61.26%	-39.53%	-16.65%						
Best 20-year return (annualised)	15.49%	13.65%	11.01%						

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return lost nearly by 61 per cent. This is too much of volatility for investors to endure.

Worst 20-year return (annualised)

However, as we can see, a slight change in the asset allocation tightened the range of those swings. It is also clear that additional fixed income investments to a portfolio slightly reduces one's expectations for long-term returns. But this may significantly reduce the impact of market volatility. This is a trade-off many investors feel is worthwhile, particularly as they get older and more risk-averse.

Factoring time into diversification strategy: People are generally

accustomed to thinking about their savings in terms of goals -retirement, college, a down payment or a vacation. But as one builds and manages his/her asset allocation, regardless of which goal he/she is pursuing, there are two important things that must be considered: First, the time horizon ie the number of years when one would need the money back and second, attitude toward risk.

To take an example, a young adult may think of a goal that is 25 years away, like when he/she retires. Since the time horizon is fairly long, he/she may be willing to take addi-

tional risk in pursuit of long-term growth. The investor may be under the assumption that there's enough time in hand to regain lost ground in an event of short-term market decline. In that case, higher exposure to domestic stocks may be

appropriate. However, risk tolerance plays a crucial role here as well. Regardless of the time horizon, one should undertake risk with which he/she is comfortable. So even if one is saving for a long-term goal, or is more riskaverse, he/she may want to consider a more balanced portfolio with some fixed income investments. Regardless of the time horizon and risk tolerance, even if one is pursuing the most aggressive asset allocation model, he/she may want to consider including a fixed income component to help reduce overall volatility of the port-

The other thing to remember about time horizon is that it keeps changing constantly. So, let's say one's retirement is 10 years away, he/she may want to re-allocate their asset to

help reduce exposure to higher-risk investments in favour of more conservative ones like bond or money market funds. This can help mitigate the impact of extreme market swings on portfolio, which is important when one needs the money relatively soon. Once they enter retirement, a large portion of the portfolio should be more stable. Lower-risk investments can potentially generate income. But even in retirement, diversification is key to help manage risks. So just as one should never be 100 per cent invested in stocks, it's probably a good idea to never be 100 per cent allocated in short-term investments if time horizon is greater than one year.

After all, even in retirement one needs exposure to growth-oriented investments to combat inflation and help ensure that the assets last for what could be a decades-long retirement. Regardless of the goal — time horizon or risk tolerance — a diversified portfolio is the foundation of

any smart investment strategy. (The writer is Assistant Professor, Amity University)





BASTARDISATION OF THE OVERALL POLITY Education was the

immediate victim of the

buffoonery and opportunism of the Sri Lankan leaders. The gradual deterioration of education also had predictable outcomes: It crowned the nincompoops as masters of universal knowledge. What hides the magnitude of the real problem is the reliance on tradition indicators like adult literacy rate, percentage of children of school age who attend primary and secondary school, et al.

(Daily Mirror editorial)



2019 will be the year of data science, Internet of things, skill development, innovation based technologies, talent analytics, automation, block chain technologies, advanced IT & smart courses, says DR TP SETHUMADHAVAN

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n the era of digitalisation, skill will be the deciding factor to improve the employability of educated/ unem-ployed youths. Without appropriate skilling, it will be difficult to sustain

Digitalisation, E commerce, food processing, health services, ayurveda, yoga, accounting, banking, financial and insurance services will show robust growth in the country. Umpteen opportunities will be created in accounting, logistics, supply chain management, retail management, network media, digital marketing, e-banking and mobile banking in the country. For productive employment and decent work, we need to work for opportunities for new skills and new sectors.

Technical, supervisory, managerial and customised skill development programmes will attain popularity. National level skill universities may emerge which will facilitate lots of transformations in the job market.

During 2018, Make in India, Digital India and Skill India can't create envisaged

employment opportunities in manufacturing, information and communication technology and skill development in the coun-India may facilitate to create more employment opportunities as part of pre-election

INDIA'S ECONOMY & EMPLOYMENT

India has been ranked as the 58th most competitive economy in the World Economic Forum's global competitiveness index for 2018. Its competitive advantage includes market size (rank third), innovation capability (rank 31) and business dynamism with ranking of 58.

More investments will be necessary to spur innovation beyond hubs of excellence and diffuse economic growth more broadly. Indian companies can access the third largest market in the world and would benefit from increased trade openness to drive productivity growth.

Separation of EU from UK as a sequel to Brexit will become reality during 2019 even though a lot of apprehensions exist in this sector. Indians top the list of overstayers in UK according to Britain's Foreign and Commonwealth office. Globally, Britain and India are looking at opportunities for cooperation with India beyond Brexit.

According to the report by the Centre for Sustainable Employment of Azim Premji University, 10 per cent increase in GDP results in less than one per cent increase in employment. The rate of unemployment among the youth and higher educated has touched 16 per cent. Indian economy will overtake Britain's economy during 2019. Half of the world's population will become online during 2019. India's GDP growth will attain 7.6 per cent.

McKinsey studies reveal that there will be increased participation of women in the economy which would increase the GDP. India Skills 2019 report suggests that hiring

of women is expected to go up by 15 to 20 per cent especially in the banking, financial services, insurance, automotive, IT, software, hospitality, travel and tourism sectors.

CAREER & JOB PROSPECTS Agribusiness, veterinary science, fisheries technology, food processing, dairy tech-

nology, food technology, poultry product technology, post harvest technology, high value agriculture, environmental science, logistics, supply chain management, coursic/natural farming will be the focus areas

Services sector will create more than 67 per cent employment opportunities in the country. New Year will exhibit spectacular growth employee recruitment and 11-15 per cent increase in salary hike. Net employment outlook will be reduced during the first two quarters in India. There will be stagnation in 2019 first two quarters in India due to general election. But gradually it will increase to three percentage points higher than the previous quarter.

Retail sector in rural, tier two and tier three cities will exhibit double digit growth in sales and employment. Healthcare, textile and IT sectors exhibit only single digit growth in sales and employment. Packaging industry will generate more employment.

Hospitality, tourism, retail, supply chain, logistics and agri business management sectors will exhibit higher growth rate similar to 2018 in 2019. There will be more takers for retail management, hospitality management, hotel management, airline and airport management and transport management courses.

Aviation and Cyber security will generate more employment opportunities. Automation, machine learning and block chain technology will decide the future of work as suggested by ILO which will start replacing the traditional sectors. By 2022, nine per cent workforce would be in new jobs which do not exist today.

Around 37 per cent would be in jobs which will radically change the skill sets. About 21 percent of workforce will face existential threat. Around 20-25 per cent jobs will be in organised sector and the share of organised sector will reach 10 per cent from the current 8 per cent level. Thus, organised

workforce will be around 46 to 48 million

Courses like English, economics, social sciences, customised psychology programmes, foreign languages, developmental studies, embryology, public administration, media studies, paramedical courses like physiotherapy, optometry, nursing, audiology and speech language pathology, nutri-tion and dietetics will attract more students.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) will become the motive force for the fourth industrial revolution. AI, big data, automation and quantum computing could fundamentally alter the economic progress. Data science and machine learning are some of the emerging sectors which can create lot of employment opportunities. Skills in cloud services, big data analytics, machine learning and artificial intelligence are going to be critical for the data science professional.

Data scientist, data analyst, data architect, data statistician, ML engineer, ML Specialist, technical architect and data engineer are some of the most popular roles in which they can work. Digital services sec-

Gartner studies suggest that 75 per cent of the 10 lakhs registered companies' jobs in India are going to invest in machine learning and data science. Traditional companies started acquiring digital companies in India. Banking and financial services are in the forefront with almost 44 per cent of jobs falling in the domain commerce has also emerged as the largest market for data science professionals which account for 12 per cent of the analytics jobs in 2019. Other sectors where data science professionals are in demand are healthcare (12 per cent), energy (eight per cent), telecom (six per cent) and media (six per cent).

AUTOMOBILE & ENGINEERING

By 2030 more number of electric or hybrid vehicles will be commercially available across the world. Integrated courses like mechatronics, embedded computing, system design, automobile engineering, biomedical sciences, bio informatics, developmental sciences, humanities and social sciences will acquire more importance.

Global move to reduce the use of fossil fuels like petrol and diesel will pave way for electric, solar or hybrid vehicles which in turn facilitate spectacular growth in automobile design and engineering. There will be more takers for students aspiring for integrated post graduate courses and inter disciplinary research in the country.

Manufacturing sector, which is providing only 14 per cent employment opportunities, can create up to 25 per cent employment opportunities in 2019. Construction and infrastructure sectors will create more employment opportunities which can facilitate architecture, civil, mechanical, electrical and electronics, electronics and communication, computer, IT and biomedical engineering. Core engineering graduates require skill development programmes as part of value addition to get appropriate job positions. Green technology will emerge as one of the potential sectors in India giving due initiatives to improve quality of air we breathe and clean, affordable & reliable sources of energy.

POWER & ENERGY

Decentralisation, digitisation and decarbonisation will emerge as new technologies in the energy sector. The industry will see proliferation of solar and wind sector. The energy companies will be increasingly concerned with the sources and quality of services it provides with innovations in tune with the technological interventions. A digital network is beginning to connect distributed systems of energy.

Water, sanitation, waste management, energy, roof top electricity systems, prefab technology and infrastructure are emerging as the prospective areas. Next generation infrastructure revolution will improve efficiencies, drive growth, offer citizens homes, work places, transport systems and utilities.

commercially introduce 5G services in the country by the end of 2020 in line with the world. Internet connectivity would become much faster and would form the backbone of the emerging era of Internet of things. The transition from 4G to 5G will serve both consumers and multiple industries.

Ericsson report reveals that it will enable 27 \$ billion revenue opportunity for Indian telecom operators by 2026. Education, healthcare, innovation in design and engineering including development of high tech metro rail systems will generate more employment opportunities

Legal framework set for use of drones will create more opportunities in mapping like GIS, GPS, GST, surveying and photography. Government has approved full digital ecosystem for granting permission to use drones. This will facilitate opportunities in precision agriculture, aviation sector and start-up industry.

FOOD INDUSTRY

At a time when prospects for ready to eat and ready to cook products are emerging across the world, food processing sector will exhibit annual growth rate of 20-25 per cent in the country. Food outsourcing will improve and food market will emerge as 55 percent of retail market during 2019.

Air cargo business will exhibit a growth of 12.9 per cent in the coming year to achieve National Civil Aviation Policy vision of reaching 10 million tons cargo volume by 2027. According to the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) studies, it will generate more employment in tier two and tier three

cities where domestic cargo terminals are on the verge of expansion. The ASSOCHAM suggested to implement a rating system for cargo terminals in line with Airport Service Quality ratings which will create lot of opportunities in infrastructure, facilities and

HEALTHCARE

As part of AYUSH, Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Sidha and Homeopathy courses will attract more number of students. Ayurveda will globally emerge as one of the most wanted courses in the years to come.

Telemedicine will be one of the

growing sectors in the coming year and will create employment opportunities in rural areas. Through 2.5 lakh service centers it will train 80 crores of people in the rural areas of 32 countries. Government of India has identified Singapore startup RING as the nodal agency for Telemedicine.

ART & DESIGN

Fashion industry will exhibit spectacular growth during 2019. Online shops will attain more than 50 per cent of the market. Moreover, AI will help online shoppers to assess fit and shape more accurately. Amazon, Flipkart will add 80000 jobs in ecommerce sector.

Art and design will create a lot of employment opportunities globally. There will be a rise in the number of students aspiring for footwear design, fashion technology, apparel design, fashion design, furniture design, fashion communication, knitwear design, jewellery design and bachelor of design programmes of Footwear Institute of India, National Institute of Design, National Institute of Fashion technology and Indian Institute of Technologies will increase during the year 2019.

BANKING, FINANCE, MANAGEMENT

Banking recruitment will increase during 2019. The Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS) had already called for probationary officer/ clerical or specialist officer cadre.

Advertising will show an additional annual growth of two per cent during 2019. Chartered accountant, ICWAI, chartered institute of Management accountant programme, Chartered management accountant, CIMA global, Asset management, Risk assessment, financial analyst, actuarial science, project management and ACCA programme will attract more students. Combined accounting course with GST compliant courses will emerge from ISDC, UK which can create more employment opportunities.

Prospects for commerce, business studies, management programmes, interna-tional business, trade related courses, intellectual property rights and patent law will attain more importance at post graduate and doctoral level studies. Courses related to performing arts, visual communication, business economics, business communication and android development, will create more job opportunities.

Start-up: In tune with the growth in 2018, India will continue to emerge as the third largest start-up ecosystem in the World. Barriers to start business will come down but entrepreneurship will regain.

Entrepreneurs will also include new mothers who want more time at home and 75 per cent more females than males prefer working from home. Students will try to become employers after establishing startcation and other services sectors.

FOREIGN EDUCATION

Substantial changes will be witnessed in the trends in overseas education during 2019. The United States will give priority to advanced degree holders from the US Universities for H1B visa will benefit Indian students. This will facilitate more students to pursue for graduate programmes in the

Brexit will be implemented during first half of 2019 and will promote overseas education opportunities for EU and UK. Career opportunity in UK will be improved further. ÜK may rélax ban on post study work visa ban as a sequel to National skill and education policy.

Germany and France may witness economic recession and will affect international students. But Macron's reforms will try to correct some of the challenges faced as a sequel to recession. Overseas students will prefer India for higher education.

China will implement novel programmes in AI, Robotics, IOT and Analytics. Technology, Entrepreneurship, start-ups and skill development are some of the areas where India is exhibiting spectacular growth. The US, Canada, Australia and Singapore will again emerge as the potential destinations for Indian students. Γhe US's pay structure for employees working under H1B visa and the recent sops will attract more Indian students. But US may witness economic recession during second half of 2019. Ireland, Netherlands, New Zealand, France, Germany and Ireland will continue to give post study work visa up to two years.

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Bachelor of Architecture graduate Afrom Hyderabad secured 98.97 percentile. In the Common Admission Test (CAT) 2018, results of which were released on Saturday (January 5, 2019). VNS Juhi Vallabh, who took a gap year after graduation to prepare for the test, said she concentrated more on basics

to crack the test. "I joined a coaching institute and gave my 100 per cent during the preparation. I took about 20 mock tests and used the results of these exams to make changes in my preparation. Google was another tool which I used to clear the doubts that I had," said Juhi adding that she was strong in English, but had to concentrate more on Maths as the subject was missing in Bachelor

of Architecture. Juhi, a resident of Nallakunta,

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said she wants to specialise in marketing in MBA (Master of Business Administration) and is no more interested in architecture.

"While studying BArch, I realised that I'm more interested in the management side of marketing. Also, during the summer vacation, I started helping my dad who is into media marketing and really liked what he is doing. That's when I decided that I want to pursue MBA," Juhi added.

Till Class XII, Juhi studied in Hyderabad and then moved to Madhya Pradesh to pursue graduation from School of Planning and Architecture in Bhopal and graduated in May 2018.

În total, 11 candidates secured 100 percentile this year from across the country. All the students belong to engineering or technology stream.

Atal Tinkering labs

Innovation Mission (AIM), housed at NITI Aayog, is establishing Atal Tinkering Laboratories (ATLs) in schools across India. The objective of this scheme is to foster curiosity, creativity and imagination in young minds; and inculcate skills such as design mindset, computational thinking, physical computing etc.

AIM, in collaboration with the Global Education and

ith a vision to Cultivate one million children in India as Neoteric Innovators', Atal ethics and values that form the bedrock of innovation for social good in young minds of the ATL network. The module makes use of activities to provide students a framework to promote handson learning and tinkering with students in India. The ELTI module is rolled out to ATLs and can be accessed online at http://aim.gov.in/pdf/ATL_ELTI_

Module.pdf This experiential pro- the activities and self-learn.

gramme includes hands-on activities that are both challenging and thought-provoking, aiming at reigniting conversations on the code of conduct and ethics in innovation, and taking decisive action to combat challenges in a sustained manner. The module is aimed at ATL in-charges/ teachers/mentors who would follow it to teach the students about ethical leadership skills. The module has been created in Do-It-Yourself mode so that students can themselves conduct

one are the days when Indian students either opted for engineering or medical after the completing high school. Today's generation is not shying away from taking the road less travelled. Unlike yesteryears, they now have a pool of options to choose from depending upon their personal interests and skill sets.

This trend has also caught on with individuals studying overseas. The 2018 Open Doors Report on International Educational Exchange reveals that Indian and other international students in the US are turning to off-beat courses.

While traditional Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) courses continue to be their top preferences, some specialised courses like Robotics. Automation and Mechatronics are witnessing an increasing demand and will gain popularity this year.

Thanks to the rapid progress of AI (Artificial Intelligence), robots are no longer considered dumb-machines that are only capable of doing simple, repetitive tasks. With the arrival of humanoids like Sophia and SoftBank's Pepper, robots have made huge leaps in recent years. Simultaneously, the career options for students who specialise in robotics has

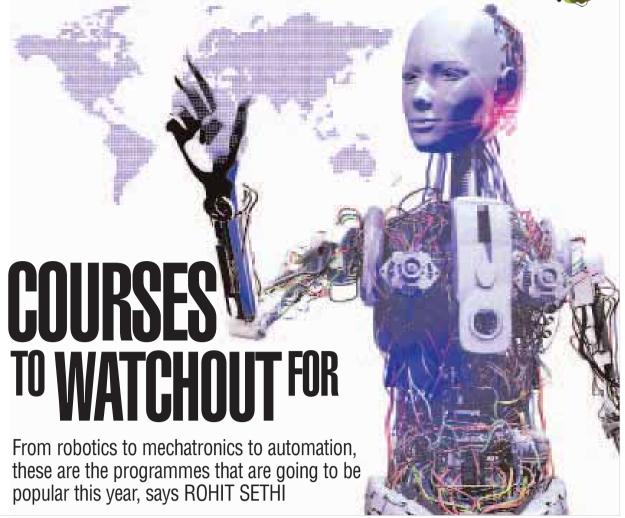
From doing research work to designing industrial robots, they can get the opportunity to work in a variety of industries. Therefore, the number of students opting for courses related to robotics is likely to go up in 2019.

With the fourth industry revolution upon us, automation has already started making profound impacts on the business world. Be it manufacturing, automotive or retail, nearly every sector is now investing heavily on automating tasks that are tedious, repetitive and dangerous.

As traditional job roles are evolving, the demand for automation experts is growing by the day. This explains why a large number of international students are now inclining towards automation courses. Other than automation engineering, certification courses in industrial automation are also expected to take off next year.

MECHATRONICS

Mechatronics is a fairly new branch of engineering that has caught the attention of students off late As described on Stanford University's online portal, it is at the intersection of mechanical engineering, electronic engineering and software engineering. Mechatronics engineering focuses on technologies involved in building intelligent electro-mechanical systems. After completion of their course, graduates can look for work opportunities in various areas including automation and robotics, AI and expert systems, sensing and control systems, computer integrated manufacturing systems, and transportation and vehicular systems. Since it's a specialised field, only a few universities at pre-



WHILE SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, **ENGINEERING AND MATH COURSES CONTINUE TO** BE TOP PREFERENCES, **SOME SPECIALISED &** OFF-BEAT COURSES WILL SEE A RISE

sent, offer this course in undergraduate and

DISABILITY PROGRAMMES

post-graduate levels.

According to a World Bank report, a billion people across the world live some form of disability. At a time, when people of disabilities make for the 15 per cent of the global population, the demand for disability support workers is on a rapid rise in many countries. In Australia, for example, the Healthcare and Social Assistance sector is speculated to grow by 16.1% by 2025, creating as many as 2,50,500 new jobs. Students with a degree in disability programmes can find a wide range of jobs.

Be it a speech therapist or a full-time caregiver, the options are plenty. Students can also decide to work for Government bodies after graduation. Most medical schools in popular study destinations offer specialised courses in disability care.

INFECTION CONTROL

2019 >>>

Another course that is tipped to gain popularity in 2019 is infection control. This specialised field of study prepares students to work in an array of settings such as hospitals, healthcare facilities, Government departments, private labs among others. While only a handful of universities offer regular courses in infection control, students can go for certificate courses or parttime programmes. In most countries, however, they need to get a license before they start their professional life.

Students are also getting lured by other interdisciplinary programmes like Geophysics, Marine Engineering, Game Design and Development, says the 2018 Open Doors Report on International Educational Exchange.
When it comes to Indians, the scenario

is not much different. Although the majority of them still prefer to choose a safe career path, popularity for unconventional courses are slowly growing.

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HR trends 2019

The HR trends that will take centrestage this year are personalised employed engagement among others, says ANCHAL KHANNA

T's New Year and there will be HR practices that will be trending in 2019. Some of the projections for 2018 like as personalised employee engagement and more intense use of AI will continue to gain momentum next year, but some new trends are likely to take cen-terstage because of defining events that

took place in the past year.

Recognise and reduce unconscious
Bias: As the call for equal opportunity and
equal pay for equal work done gains steam, Indian companies and MNCs alike are trying to put in place policies that are more inclusive. Diversity and inclusion is no longer a catch phrase but very much an important agenda for the Indian corporate world. This includes using technology for blind hiring, sensitising all employees and more inclusive onboarding processes. Much more effort will be directed towards improving diversity in the workplace, maybe even setting diversity goals as part of their talent acquisition process.

Employee wellness made more comprehensive: Corporates have begun to realise how much employee wellness contributes towards the bottom line. When employees are stress free and happy they are much more productive. Companies will need to put in place creative strategies to ensure that the wellbeing of their workforce is holistic.

The definition of wellness needs to expand to include not just physical wellbeing, but also mental, financial and spiritual wellness. Tracking wellness on phones, wearable devices, customising wellness experiences, introducing stress regulation training, mindfulness and meditation, offering programmes that help employees with investments to reduce debt or maintain a certain lifestyle post retirement will become some of the focus areas of employee

A relook at implementing PoSH in the workplace: In the light of the #Metoo movement companies will want to sensitize and train employees to be fully compliant with the requirements of the Prevention of Sexual Harassment Act of 2013. Organisations will want to have their PoSH policy in place — from creating awareness about the meaning of sexual harassment, to forming the internal complaints committee, and promoting a safe working environment.



Anchal Khanna CEO, SHRM India

Greater emphasis on Employee Development: As India continues to be among the fastest growing economies in the world, attracting and retaining talent will become crucial. Indian companies recognise that and are putting more and more emphasis on upskilling and developing their employees.

They are using unique approaches to arrive at this goal — providing portals that enable self-learning and development, including development in their performance management systems, partnering with well-known academic institutions to build skills and develop lead-

Homegrown HR solutions providers: There's been a spike in companies that provide locally developed HR solutions specific for the Indian economy. While SAP and Oracle have a significant presence, smaller vendors with indigenously developed software are finding their place in the burgeoning HR technology market. If the data protection legislation comes into force in India, it will only fuel this growth

The field is experiencing a wave of innovations which will transform the way we practice it from now on.

he good news for job-seekers, there will be an increase in average hiring volume from 25% in 2018 to 31% in 2019. Hiring will be a trend in all the key sectors like Technology, BFSI, Healthcare, Manufacturing and Retail.

However, as per the survey results, the top 3 sectors that will do high-volume hiring (more than 500+ employees annually) would be BFSI, IT & Retail. In BFSI sector around 42% of companies will hire more than 500+ employees in 2019. And in IT sector 33% of organizations will hire around 500+ employees this year.

The top three functions that will see

maximum hiring in 2019 would be: Business Operations

"Organisations, globally, are wizening up to this fact and increasingly looking for talent that is learning agile and can continue to perform and keep with the changing job role demands in the present and future. Learning agility will be the second most in-demand skill for organisations during Hiring in 2019," Ketan Kapoor, CEO, Mercer-Mettl says.

In 2019, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) courses will remain on the top of popular courses choice among the students in every country, as it has rapidly evolved from just being popular in the United States. Furthermore, STEM courses do provide numerous technological

advancements in the world, the reason many students opt for them.

"We are expecting to see a rise in pecialised courses such as Robotics Automation, Mechatronics, Disability programmes, and Infection control courses. All countries will be favoured in 2019, but it depends upon the need of the students," says Rohit Sethi, director, ESS Global

For instance: The UK is getting quite popular for one year Master's programme among international students. Whereas, Germany has seen a rise in Engineering

graduates. Talking about countries like Australia and Canada, they will be the leading countries among the study abroad aspirants e to a huge range of programmes and stay back opportunities.

With cutting-edge technologies like Al and machine learning becoming more and more integral to business operations in the IT/ITES sector, the demand for professionals with evolved, tech-led skillsets will only increase further in 2019.

Expertise in areas such as data compliance and cybersecurity will also be

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much sought-after, given how critical data privacy and information security have become in the global business discourse. also foresee organisations collaborating with reputed online learning platforms such as

ShineLearning.com to undertake large-scale upskilling and reskilling of their in-house "This skills-centric approach will benefit

both the employers and the employees; while recruiters will be able to seamlessly address the growing demand for skills within their organisations, professionals can access significantly better career opportunities by upgrading their existing skillsets. With rapid technological advancement paving the way for a high-growth, high-value jobs ecosystem, we can expect continuous learning, unlearning, and relearning to become the motto of the new-age workforce," Zairus Master, CEO, Shine.com



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STUDY CENTRES

ith more and more people looking for alternative medicine treatment, the options are growing by leap and bounds in this field. One such field is magnetic therapy — a natural and painless treatment with no side effects. It involves knowledge about the human body, various diseases and their treatment by using magnets. A magnetic therapist can find employment in private/public hospitals, naturopathy hospitals or alternative treatment therapy centres. The minimum qualification for getting admission to certificate, degree and diploma courses in magnet therapy is 10+2 and graduation for PG courses. A few colleges where one can study are:

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IN BRIEF —

AMRITA SINGS MOU WITH INDIAN NAVY

mrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Navy for academic and research collaboration in the field of aerospace, anti-submarine warfare, cyber security, management,

and medical research. The MoU would encompass collaborative research and development in all possible areas of mutual interest and

strength, including M.Tech and PhD programmes for naval officers. Speaking at the ocassion C Parameswaran, Director, Corporate and Industry Relations, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore said: "This is a historic moment.

This is the first time that the Indian Navy has signed an MOU with a private university. Our scientists and researchers eagerly look forward to doing cutting-edge research with the officers to help strengthen the country's defenses."

ONE-YEAR PROGRAMME

he Indian School of Public Policy invites applications for the first round of admissions for its flagship programme in Policy, Design and Management Designed for aspiring public policy

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Aniket Singh is an IIT Madras alumnus and is working at Apple Inc in California, US, He has been working towards making top research internships in the world more accessible for Indian students. He is also the author of Intern Abroad This Summer series, which outlines how to find and score top research internships in the world

For details, visit: https://internshala.com/aniketsingh-summer-internship-program

IELTS CHANGES

he Nursing and Midwifery Council in the UK has announced changes to its English language proficiency requirements for overseas nurses and midwives wishing to work in the UK. Under the change, nurses and midwives wishing to work in the IJK will still be required to achieve a minimum overall score of 7.0 in IELTS. However, a 6.5 score in the writing section of the test will be accepted alongside a 7.0 score in each of the Reading, Listening and Speaking sections of the test.

Commenting on the announcement, Michael King, Managing Director, BC Examinations and English Services India. Pvt Ltd said: "The British Council is committed to creating opportunities for people to succeed in India and across the world. We look forward to continue providing support and guidance to those nurses and midwifes looking to work in the UK."

CAT'S CALL PREDICTOR

hiksha has launched one of the first ever IIM & non-IIM Call Predictor featuring 250-plus colleges across India at its portal for MBA aspirants. The CAT 2018 results are already out. There are about 1.5 lakh CAT takers, who will start filling application for the colleges based on their performance.

The newly launched tool will help students to shortlist which colleges they may get based on the CAT score and focus on the preparation for their qualitative round. There are numerous factors that influence the college selection. With the Call Predictor, candidates can take a quick decision.

Jalan panel examines reserve size of RBI

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Ahigh-level panel led by former RBI governor Bimal Jalan Tuesday held its first meeting to decide on an appropriate size of reserves that the central bank should maintain and the dividend it should give to the government.

The six-member panel is likely to submit its report in April, sources said.

The panel has been entrusted with the task of reviewing the best practices fol-lowed by central banks worldwide in making assessment and provisions for risks which a central bank balance sheets are subject to.

affairs secretary Rakesh Mohan as its vice Chandra Garg and two members of RBI chairman will propose a suitable profit dis-

uation of holding more provisions than

The government and RBI under previous governor Urjit Patel had been at loggerheads over the Rs 9.6 lakh crore surplus capital with the central bank.

The finance ministry was of the view that the buffer of 28 per cent of gross assets maintained by RBI is well above the global norm of around 14 per cent.

Following this, the RBI board in its meeting on November 19, 2018 decided to constitute a panel to examine Economic Capital Framework

The committee also includes The panel having former economic Economic Affairs Secretary Subhash central board -- Bharat Doshi and Sudhir tribution policy taking into account all the Mankad. RBI Deputy Governor NS

likely situations of RBI, including the sit- Vishwanathan is the sixth member of the committee.

In the past, the issue of the ideal size RBI's reserves has been examined by three committees - V Subrahmanyam (1997), Usha Thorat (2004) and YH Malegam (2013).

While the Subrahmanyam committee recommended that contingency reserve should be built up to 12 per cent, the Thorat committee said the reserve adequacy should be maintained at 18 per cent of the total assets. While the RBI board did not accept the views of the Thorat committee, it decided to go ahead with the recommendation of the Subrahmanyam panel. The Malegam committee recommended that adequate amount of profits should continue to be transferred each year to contingency reserves.

6% in 8 major cities in 2018: Report PTI NEW DELHI

Housing sales rises

Housing sales rose six per cent in 2018 in eight major cities as developers reduced prices and offered indirect discounts to lure customers, property consultant Knight Frank India said in its report released on Monday.

Sale of residential units increased in six cities Delhi-NCR, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad and Ahmedabad; but declined in two cities — Kolkata and Pune.

Higher sales volumes resulted in drop in the number of unsold units by 11 per cent to nearly 4.7 lakh units. Compared with other property consultants, Knight Frank has reported lowest rise in housing sales during 2018 at 6 per cent.

JLL India said housing sales rose 47 per cent in seven cities, ANAROCK data suggested 16 per cent rise in seven cities, and PropTiger showed 25 per cent rise in sales in nine big cities.

The difference in the figures is on account of variation in locations in the respective

"An improving regulatory environment, reducing prices, indirect discounts and an increasing infusion of residential products that are more in tune with the homebuyers' preferences have culminated in a six per cent year-onyear (YoY) growth in sales during 2018," Knight Frank India said. Sales volumes in 2018 were estimated to be 2,42,328 units as against 2,28,072 units in the previous year. Bengaluru saw the highest annual increase in sales of 27 per cent YoY in 2018, riding on the back of economic stability and job security, the report said. The NCR market saw sales improve by 8 per cent YoY in 2018, on the back of stronger sales traction Noida and Greater Noida.

Sales declined in Kolkata (-10 per cent) ar Pune (-1 per cent) in 2018, against 2017.

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BUSINESS CORNER

JLR SALES UP 16.23% AT 4,596 UNITS IN 2018

New Delhi: Tata Motors-owned Jaguar Land Rover Tuesday reported 16.23 per cent increase in its sales in India at 4,596 units in 2018. The company had sold 3,954 units in 2017, Jaguar Land Rover India said in a statement. The sales achieved in 2018 was the highest calendar year volume to date for the company. These were driven by models such as Land Rover Discovery Sport, Range Rover Evoque, Jaguar F-PACE, XE and XF, it added. Commenting on the sales performance, Jaguar Land Rover India President and Managing Director Rohit Suri said, the auto industry faced strong headwinds in 2018, especially in the second half with tight liquidity conditions, increased upfront insurance costs and increased lending rates. "Despite that, the growth of Jaguar Land Rover in India has been very encouraging for us and we continue to focus on strong product launches and an ever-improving customer experience in 2019 for the two iconic brands, Jaguar and Land Rover," he added. In 2018, the company had introduced over 10 new products, including the Range Rover Velar, Range Rover Evoque Convertible, Model Year 2018 Range Rover and Range Rover Sport and Jaguar F-PACE in 2-litre petrol.

TVS MOTOR CO CALLS FOR CUT IN GST RATE ON TWO-WHEELERS

New Delhi: TVS Motor Company Chairman Venu Srinivasan Tuesday oined the chorus calling for reduction in GST rate on two-wheelers, saying the mass mobility item should not be bench-marked against luxury goods. Last week, the chairman of the country's largest two-wheeler maker, Hero MotoCorp, Pawan Munjal had called for GST rate cut on bikes and scooters to 18 per cent from the current rate of 28 per cent. "Given the importance of the two-wheeler segment as an item for mass mobility, the GST rates for two-wheelers undoubtedly needs to be reconsidered," Srinivasan said in a statement. He further said rising urbanisation, increasing purchasing power and the enhanced need for connectivity particularly in the mid-sized and smaller cities across India, has fuelled the twowheeler revolution for personal mobility. "It (two-wheeler) certainly cannot be benchmarked against the prevalent GST rates for luxury goods at 28 per cent, especially given the current state of inconsistencies with the integrated multi-modal public transport systems across India," he added. Srinivasan further said with new safety norms and BSVI integration also around the corner, both of which will increase two-wheeler prices, "it has become even more imperative to relook at the GST rates for two wheelers to ensure social inclusion that is sustainable in the longer run". Last week, Munjal had stated that reduction in tax rate would not only help millions of two-wheeler customers, but also the entire value chain dependent on the sector. He stated that such a step was absolutely imperative to ensure growth in the auto sector to create and sustain inclusive eco-

Nilekani panel to boost digital payments

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India ■ Tuesday constituted a high-level committee under Aadhaar architect Nandan Nilekani to suggest measures to strengthen the safety and security of digital payments in the country.

The five-member panel on deepening of digital payments has been constituted with a view to encourage digitisation of payments and enhance financial inclusion through digitisation, the RBI said in a statement.

"The committee shall submit its report within a period of 90 days from the date of its first meeting," it added.

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The panel has been tasked with reviewing the existing status of digitisation of payments in the country, identifying the current gaps in the ecosystem and suggesting ways

to bridge them and assessing

the current levels of digital pay-

ments in financial inclusion. It will also "suggest measures to strengthen the safety and security of digital payments... (and) a road map for increasing customer confidence and trust while accessing financial services through

digital modes". It has also been asked to undertake cross country analyses with a view to identify best practices that can be adopted in our country to accelerate

digitisation of the economy and financial inclusion through greater use of digital

Another term of reference of the panel, the RBI said is to suggest a medium-term strategy for deepening of digital payments. Besides Infosys cofounder Nilekani, other members of the panel are former RBI deputy governor H R Khan, former MD and CEO of Vijaya Bank Kishore Sansi and former secretary in ministries of IT and steel Aruna Sharma.

The fifth member is Sanjay Jain, chief innovation officer, Centre for Innovation, Incubation Entrepreneurship (CIIE), IIM Ahmedabad

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Royal Enfield chief quits

New Delhi: Royal Enfield the two-wheeler arm of Eicher Motors, Tuesday announced a top management change following the resignation of its President Rudratej Singh. Eicher Motors CFO Lalit

Malik will take on the additional interim responsibility of the Chief Commercial Officer with immediate effect, Royal Enfield said in a statement. Singh, who had joined the company in January 2015 to lead the commercial organisation, has decided to pursue opportunities outside of Royal Enfield owing to personal commitments, it

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GRUH	276.00	283.00	253.05	256.00	BPCL
BANDHANBNK	482.00	500.70	470.85	477.05	AUBANK
YESBANK	188.00	193.20	185.00	192.30	ACC
SUZLON	5.36	5.44	5.32	5.39	SREINFRA
SBIN	295.00	305.80	294.70	305.10	SPARC
ICICIBANK	367.90	381.60	366.75	380.20	TITAN
SUNPHARMA	431.95	448.20	431.95	447.15	RAIN
IBULHSGFIN	789.50	817.85	780.00	812.70	TECHM
AXISBANK	635.50	653.90	630.70	650.90	WOCKPHARMA
VEDL	194.00	197.10	192.05	195.70	DABUR
TATAMOTORS	176.30	180.50	176.10	179.35	PEL
TATAELXSI	974.00	990.50	960.10	973.35	TVSMOTOR
HINDALCO	208.00	209.50	205.30	206.40	PRSMJOHNSN
NBCC	62.70	63.25	61.85	62.45	DRREDDY
DHFL	230.30	232.30	226.65	231.10	HAVELLS
ASHOKLEY	93.50	94.15	92.30	93.10	NTPC
RELIANCE	1106.35	1109.90	1096.10	1103.95	REPCOHOME
HDFC	2007.00	2007.00	1948.20	1955.00	JUBLFOOD
PCJEWELLER	81.20	83.50	78.65	82.65	MOTHERSUMI
INFY	673.05	677.45	668.20	669.85	DCBBANK
EICHERMOT	19856.00	20596.90	19787.65	20039.15	BOMDYEING
JETAIRWAYS	245.25	248.60	242.00	245.20	HCLTECH
HFCL	21.30	24.15	21.30	23.90	COALINDIA
LT	1384.25	1394.60	1371.10	1381.90	ESCORTS
TATASTEEL	486.00	493.40	484.10	491.35	WIPRO
PAGEIND	21997.85	23095.00	21649.95	22936.85	JISLJALEQS
MARUTI	7385.00	7456.25	7320.00	7421.35	ADANIPORTS
JINDALSTEL	152.85	158.10	150.70	157.60	NAUKRI
BAJFINANCE	2545.05	2581.95	2526.50	2535.05	NCC
BEML	912.00	926.00	905.55	916.55	STRTECH
RELCAPITAL	217.60	222.45	215.80	221.60	INDIANB
AUROPHARMA	730.00	750.00	730.00	746.35	MONSANTO
CGPOWER	44.65	47.25	44.20	46.05	
M&M	721.65	733.00	718.25	724.55	
VGUARD	208.55	209.40	198.00	208.10	NESTLEIND
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100				JAN	EDELWEISS
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PNB	80.60	81.95	79.70	81.50	HEG
UNIONBANK	90.65	95.25	90.00	94.45	KEC
ADANIPOWER	50.15	52.60	49.75	51.50	UBL
PASSOCIAT	7.55	7.66	7.46	7.61	COLPAL
INDIACEM	89.60	91.50	87.95	91.05	SBILIFE
HDFCBANK	2125.00	2128.00	2097.60	2102.85	FORCEMOT
TCS	1902.00	1908.00	1884.00	1893.05	FSL
ITC	281.75	285.15	281.45	284.20	OMAXE
FINCABLES	450.05	450.75	448.00	448.00	WESTLIFE
ONGC	148.80	149.00	146.40	147.40	BEL
INFIBEAM	44.15	45.90	43.60	45.55	HEXAWARE
ASIANPAINT	1400.00	1412.75	1396.55	1401.25	INTELLECT
BREALEST	89.60	89.95	87.80	88.40	AVANTI
DELTACORP	261.00	264.85	260.20	263.55	ABFRL
BHEL	71.80	72.10	71.10	71.35	LICHSGFIN
MUTHOOTFIN	517.70	531.00	508.15	515.55	RADICO
BANKBARODA	122.80	124.10	121.75	123.80	BAJAJFINSV
CANBK	278.05	289.80	277.25	287.80	LTTS
PFC	106.95	109.80	106.65	108.80	MARICO
GRAPHITE	722.60	735.60	715.05	718.70	JAICORPLTD
DFCBANK	46.40	46.40	45.40	46.00	SUNTV
RELINFRA	300.95	302.80	297.75	301.95	DIVISLAB
RPOWER	29.00	30.60	28.75	30.40	IPCALAB
L&TFH	144.00	148.80	144.00	148.15	SRF
NATIONALUM	63.75	63.80	62.00	62.80	OIL
GODREIPROP	715.80	735.00	715.80	730.00	BLISSGVS
HINDPETRO	249.00	249.55	246.10	247.85	FRETAIL
BANKINDIA	106.00	109.20	105.20	108.85	CADILAHC
BHARATFORG	481.80	481.80	469.95	471.75	ALBK
RECLTD	119.65	121.90	119.65	121.45	MINDTREE
HINDUNILVR	1784.00	1792.45	1761.10	1770.60	MFSL
DLF	180.40	182.75	178.75	181.50	KTKBANK
KOTAKBANK	1248.90	1248.90	1228.35	1230.00	LEMONTREE
BHARTIARTL	325.40	331.50	323.20	327.60	ITI
LUPIN	829.80	847.15	815.00	841.55	EIDPARRY
SPICEJET	83.20	84.25	82.65	83.00	GESHIP
TATAMTRDVR	93.85	96.55	93.85	96.10	PNBHOUSING
ORIENTBANK	97.10	101.40	96.85	100.75	TATAPOWER
DISHTV	42.00	42.55	40.30	40.55	CANFINHOM
BAJAJ-AUTO	2678.00	2698.50	2630.90	2690.75	RAMCOCEM
AARTIIND	1475.00	1500.00	1470.00	1484.70	ABCAPITAL
INDUSINDBK	1569.90	1587.50	1553.00	1577.60	ULTRACEMC
GODREJCP	808.05	808.05	776.45	781.30	AJANTPHARI
IOC	133.50	134.20	132.80	134.00	GSFC
BIOCON	619.55	630.85	618.70	627.65	ASHOKA
JSWSTEEL	290.25	295.55	288.40	293.75	KPIT
JUSTDIAL	489.95	500.00	487.35	495.50	MPHASIS
JUSTDIAL	407.73	200.00	407.33	473.30	141L 1 1U/212

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723.05	752.50	720.55	743.35	JUBILANT	712.60	722.95	710.4
294.00	300.95	290.25	298.10	OBEROIRLTY	457.35	470.35	450.
355.90	356.00	349.00	351.80	BERGEPAINT	321.90	326.50	319.
615.50	630.70	607.90	620.75	SCI	45.50	46.25	45.0
1473.85 33.15	1487.00 35.80	1464.00	1470.05 35.35	PIDILITIND HDFCLIFE	1100.70 391.20	1110.00 395.45	1092.9 389.4
181.15	188.60	32.75 181.15	186.90	ADANITRANS	201.50	209.15	198.0
943.80	949.70	939.00	946.00	SUNTECK	350.25	351.00	345.0
122.05	126.00	118.00	119.60	WABAG	266.25	279.00	265.0
691.40	692.70	685.10	689.55	PHILIPCARB	203.15	205.95	202
510.00	515.55	508.20	513.70	ENGINERSIN	126.95	127.15	123
421.00	422.30	414.50	417.50	M&MFIN	463.70	466.65	457.
2285.00 536.00	2332.30 540.00	2261.95 524.70	2309.30 533.65	UJJIVAN TEJASNET	282.00 202.00	285.50 218.00	279.1 202.0
88.20	88.20	86.70	86.70	GAIL	356.65	358.40	352.
2575.00	2584.00	2547.50	2570.35	AMBUJACEM	217.50	219.65	215
694.95	696.85	667.30	671.05	BRITANNIA	3145.00	3148.80	3085.0
149.55	149.55	146.00	146.95	TRIDENT	68.00	68.75	67.0
421.00	433.50	413.15	429.90	TORNTPOWER	264.00	266.40	260.
1228.90	1247.00	1214.05	1239.75	APOLLOTYRE	230.00	232.15	228.0
157.25 172.90	159.40 178.00	155.45 172.20	158.45 178.00	JSWENERGY JMFINANCIL	70.00 91.75	70.65 91.75	69.6 89.
112.20	114.00	110.85	111.40	POWERGRID	198.00	198.35	196.0
941.00	947.85	933.40	944.00	PETRONET	216.90	220.45	215.
234.50	235.10	233.25	233.95	GMRINFRA	15.90	16.15	15.8
727.50	735.80	725.00	731.20	VIPIND	510.25	517.00	508.0
324.25	327.35	322.55	325.85	TIINDIA	343.50	349.40	335.
67.80	67.80	66.05	66.70	TATACOMM Denabank	527.60	539.90	524.0
385.65 1626.65	387.15 1673.40	376.50 1595.00	378.90 1622.65	KAJARIACER	14.00 516.00	14.15 520.25	13.6 509.2
87.65	90.00	87.65	88.85	CENTURYTEX	906.45	911.95	898.
287.00	290.50	282.60	285.05	MOTILALOFS	676.00	702.00	676.
246.60	260.00	245.95	257.90	MGL	905.00	905.40	896.
2595.00	2917.65	2586.00	2627.50	DCMSHRIRAM	352.15	358.25	350.2
460.55	465.00	449.00	451.55	MEGH	57.55	57.75	56.0
1127.00 10853.65	1134.50 11232.90	1113.80 10701.05	1131.00 11016.80	JINDALSAW SONATSOFTW	81.10 297.35	82.65 311.00	80.9 295.1
36.20	37.30	36.20	37.05	UCOBANK	21.60	21.75	21.0
346.00	349.15	344.25	346.35	SUVEN	230.75	233.15	228.
2967.00	2992.15	2931.00	2974.80	CUMMINSIND	844.00	852.50	839.
1140.00	1146.25	1121.05	1126.15	VOLTAS	544.00	544.15	538.0
1290.00	1290.00	1258.55	1265.05	IBULISL	339.05	349.85	333.
94.60	96.75	94.35	96.75	IDFC	44.55	44.60	43.0
1030.60 387.00	1049.95 395.00	1030.60 381.90	1049.95 384.85	BBTC AMARAJABAT	1302.00 737.10	1324.00 742.55	1286 728.0
94.40	95.95	94.15	95.15	EXIDEIND	262.00	263.50	259.
1173.30	1194.85	1164.05	1190.30	DEEPAKNI	217.10	226.00	217.
455.40	468.50	455.00	466.20	ICICIPRULI	324.40	325.45	320.
570.05	575.80	560.10	565.00	CASTROLIND	151.70	151.95	149.
932.80	951.40	932.80	946.00	PVR	1576.40	1610.35	1576.4
170.00 1575.00	173.45 1578.00	169.55 1562.25	170.95 1569.40	IDBI BDL	61.40 278.25	63.00 304.90	61.0 275.3
820.05	838.75	812.00	834.00	GSPL	174.50	174.55	169.
95.15	95.90	94.30	94.95	CARBORUNIV	379.90	379.90	364.
53.40	54.60	53.30	54.40	EQUITAS	121.00	121.70	119.4
1284.00	1284.00	1244.25	1246.15	RAYMOND	812.10	823.00	808.
39.75	41.85	39.55	41.60	SIEMENS	1066.00	1066.00	1040.
762.95	766.45	748.05	752.25	GLENMARK	662.90	662.90	649.
885.00 182.50	888.30 184.35	865.00 180.20	869.55 180.90	HUDCO MAHINDCIE	42.95 243.00	43.25 248.00	42.5 242.5
1105.00	1127.00	1101.85	1109.60	NAVINFLUOR	690.50	697.80	681
3699.00	3700.00	3664.25	3676.70	IEX	157.35	165.95	154.5
291.85	296.70	286.85	290.75	J&KBANK	37.75	37.90	37.
1397.95	1416.55	1384.80	1402.10	PTC	92.15	92.70	91.0
1307.00	1316.85	1295.00	1315.00	SADBHAV	222.50	230.00	220.0
599.95 1612.70	624.30 1635.00	599.95	612.90	DBL HSCL	411.25	416.55	408.0
46.70	47.80	1600.00 46.20	1624.65 47.30	GICHSGFIN	131.00 257.55	131.00 269.55	128.0 253.0
214.50	214.65	212.50	212.95	ITDC	318.10	331.00	318.
393.90	393.90	380.70	384.15	TATAGLOBAL	214.65	215.80	212.
01.65	01.70	00.15	01.00	TTI	1712.70	1712.75	1607

692.70	685.10	689.55	PHILIPCARB	203.15	205.95	202.55	204.35	11		1	
515.55	508.20	513.70	ENGINERSIN	126.95	127.15	123.55	124.95	99:15	16.00	99.15	
422.30	414.50	417.50	M&MFIN	463.70	466.65	457.50	462.60	TOP GAINERS TO	OP LOSERS	TOP GAI	N
2332.30	2261.95	2309.30	UJJIVAN	282.00	285.50	279.70	284.20	Sun Pharma 4.09 Ku	tak Mahi -1,41		
540.00	524.70	533.65	TEJASNET	202.00	218.00	202.00	213.10	ICICI Bank 3.46 NT	PC -1.11	Sun Phann IOCI Bank	•
88.20	86.70	86.70	GAIL	356.65	358.40	352.70	353.30	58I 3.18 HD		SBI	
2584.00	2547.50	2570.35	AMBUJACEM	217.50	219.65	215.30	218.10	Yes Bank 2.86 HU		Tata Motor	
696.85	667.30	671.05	BRITANNIA	3145.00	3148.80	3085.05	3093.00	Tata Motors 2.71 HD		Yes Bank	H
149.55	146.00	146.95	TRIDENT	68.00	68.75	67.00	67.90	PIT GRAPHICS	Contraction of the Contraction o	DES SHOW	
433.50 1247.00	413.15 1214.05	429.90 1239.75	TORNTPOWER APOLLOTYRE	264.00 230.00	266.40 232.15	260.80 228.00	262.15 228.80		1424.40	1455.00	Ξ.
159.40	155.45	158.45	JSWENERGY	70.00	70.65	69.60	70.45	GLAXO CENTURYPLY	1434.40 172.05	1455.00 176.50	
178.00	172.20	178.00	JMFINANCIL	91.75	91.75	89.10	89.65	SWANENERGY	99.50	99.60	
114.00	110.85	111.40	POWERGRID	198.00	198.35	196.00	197.35	CYIENT	608.00	609.40	
947.85	933.40	944.00	PETRONET	216.90	220.45	215.85	219.50	CONCOR	678.10	683.40	
235.10	233.25	233.95	GMRINFRA	15.90	16.15	15.85	16.05	EMAMILTD	419.45	423.50	
735.80	725.00	731.20	VIPIND	510.25	517.00	508.00	509.95	MMTC	29.65	29.80	
327.35	322.55	325.85	TIINDIA	343.50	349.40	335.10	337.00	TATAINVEST	896.30	901.00	
67.80	66.05	66.70	TATACOMM	527.60	539.90	524.05	527.00	SUDARSCHEM	351.60	363.00	
387.15	376.50 1595.00	378.90 1622.65	DENABANK	14.00	14.15 520.25	13.65 509.25	14.10 516.00	ALKEM	1954.00	1974.95	
1673.40 90.00	87.65	88.85	KAJARIACER CENTURYTEX	516.00 906.45	911.95	898.55	908.35	PERSISTENT FORBESCO	572.50 2299.95	573.10 2300.00	,
290.50	282.60	285.05	MOTILALOFS	676.00	702.00	676.00	698.55	CROMPTON	229.95	231.75	•
260.00	245.95	257.90	MGL	905.00	905.40	896.50	901.00	NILKAMAL	1446.25	1466.45	
2917.65	2586.00	2627.50	DCMSHRIRAM	352.15	358.25	350.25	356.00	WELSPUNIND	60.90	61.75	
465.00	449.00	451.55	MEGH	57.55	57.75	56.00	56.75	RAJESHEXPO	571.50	573.75	
1134.50	1113.80	1131.00	JINDALSAW	81.10	82.65	80.95	82.00	CORPBANK	28.35	29.60	
11232.90		11016.80	SONATSOFTW	297.35	311.00	295.30	308.35	NATCOPHARM*	700.00	700.00	
37.30	36.20	37.05	UCOBANK	21.60	21.75	21.05	21.50	APLLTD	584.50	594.50	
349.15	344.25	346.35	SUVEN	230.75	233.15	228.30	229.50	GODREJAGRO	496.25	499.00	
2992.15 1146.25	2931.00 1121.05	2974.80 1126.15	CUMMINSIND VOLTAS	844.00	852.50 544.15	839.15 538.00	845.85 538.05	MAHABANK	15.50	15.50	
1290.00	1258.55	1265.05	IBULISL	544.00 339.05	349.85	333.20	333.20	VBL VENKYS	801.95 2390.00	820.00 2395.00	,
96.75	94.35	96.75	IDFC	44.55	44.60	43.60	43.90	LINDEINDIA	678.05	692.00	-
1049.95	1030.60	1049.95	BBTC	1302.00	1324.00	1286.50	1299.95	GREAVESCOT	118.70	120.00	
395.00	381.90	384.85	AMARAJABAT	737.10	742.55	728.65	739.70	SUPREMEIND	1055.00	1065.00	
95.95	94.15	95.15	EXIDEIND	262.00	263.50	259.50	260.40	KALPATPOWR	379.00	384.85	
1194.85	1164.05	1190.30	DEEPAKNI	217.10	226.00	217.10	222.95	TORNTPHARM	1819.45	1823.45	
468.50	455.00	466.20	ICICIPRULI	324.40	325.45	320.10	324.20	TATAMETALI	635.00	643.30	
575.80	560.10	565.00	CASTROLIND	151.70	151.95	149.90	151.25	SHANKARA	529.05	535.00	
951.40	932.80	946.00	PVR	1576.40	1610.35	1576.40	1604.70	CUB	191.90	194.05	
173.45 1578.00	169.55 1562.25	170.95 1569.40	IDBI BDL	61.40 278.25	63.00 304.90	61.05 275.35	62.15 294.95	CERA	2590.85	2684.00	
838.75	812.00	834.00	GSPL	174.50	174.55	169.15	170.40	GUJALKALI COROMANDEL	532.50 468.15	537.30 468.20	
95.90	94.30	94.95	CARBORUNIV	379.90	379.90	364.10	366.30	QUESS	724.30	733.70	
54.60	53.30	54.40	EQUITAS	121.00	121.70	119.40	121.05	CHENNPETRO	284.25	285.15	
1284.00	1244.25	1246.15	RAYMOND	812.10	823.00	808.45	811.00	WELCORP	137.95	137.95	
41.85	39.55	41.60	SIEMENS	1066.00	1066.00	1040.00	1046.10	GODREJIND	539.30	542.95	
766.45	748.05	752.25	GLENMARK	662.90	662.90	649.35	655.15	PFIZER	2728.35	2755.35	2
888.30	865.00	869.55	HUDCO	42.95	43.25	42.75	42.85	KRBL	292.50	297.45	
184.35	180.20	180.90	MAHINDCIE	243.00	248.00	242.85	245.00	GODFRYPHLP	891.05	907.00	
1127.00	1101.85	1109.60	NAVINFLUOR	690.50	697.80	681.50	688.95	BAJAJELEC	491.35	496.60	
3700.00 296.70	3664.25 286.85	3676.70 290.75	IEX J&KBANK	157.35 37.75	165.95 37.90	154.95 37.15	164.95 37.20	THERMAX	1130.70	1165.00	
1416.55	1384.80	1402.10	PTC	92.15	92.70	91.00	91.35	SUPPETRO KANSAINER	202.00 462.20	203.00 465.55	
1316.85	1295.00	1315.00	SADBHAV	222.50	230.00	220.00	225.60	HINDZINC	273.90	275.85	
624.30	599.95	612.90	DBL	411.25	416.55	408.05	410.10	ISEC	264.05	269.15	
1635.00	1600.00	1624.65	HSCL	131.00	131.00	128.00	128.00	MAHLIFE	398.60	400.00	
47.80	46.20	47.30	GICHSGFIN	257.55	269.55	253.00	264.10	JYOTHYLAB	204.20	206.60	
214.65	212.50	212.95	ITDC	318.10	331.00	318.10	321.70	AIAENG	1650.00	1659.00	
393.90	380.70	384.15	TATAGLOBAL	214.65	215.80	212.80	215.00	COCHINSHIP	365.40	366.45	
91.70	90.15	91.00	LTI	1712.70	1712.75	1687.60	1693.75	SHOPERSTOP	515.30	519.45	
331.30	327.05	328.10	MRPL	72.60	72.65	71.80	72.35	GICRE	260.50	264.60	
226.90 387.15	220.35 378.80	223.70 382.85	HAL IRB	782.30 157.95	793.15 160.90	772.15 156.25	787.10 160.10	GRANULES PRESTIGE	88.45	89.90 231.50	
210.30	203.55	208.75	ABB	1300.05	1309.00	1294.00	1295.05	HSIL	231.50 235.00	235.80	
486.70	476.20	482.10	PGHH	9844.95	10170.95	9828.00	9940.00	GDL	121.05	121.35	
402.45	396.00	399.25	MANPASAND	85.10	87.45	84.40	85.30	UFLEX	273.15	273.15	
6480.80	6360.30	6454.00	FCONSUMER	44.50	44.85	43.90	44.20	BASF	1542.45	1546.00	
1670.00	1621.85	1654.00	KEI	355.00	357.90	353.25	356.65	SOBHA	453.50	456.10	
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MAHABANK	15.50	15.50	15.10	15.21	KPRMILL	542.00 564.50	542.00 564.70	534.70	538.0
VBL VENKYS	801.95 2390.00	820.00 2395.00	801.95 2360.00	818.00 2370.00	GRINDWELL BOSCHLTD	19545.05	19545.05	546.00 19261.45	555.0 19293.3
LINDEINDIA GREAVESCOT	678.05 118.70	692.00 120.00	678.05 118.40	690.00 119.75	APLAPOLLO HIMATSEIDE	1141.00 218.25	1150.00 218.25	1138.00 213.00	1138.0 213.0
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TATAMETALI	635.00	643.30	630.85	632.50	SCHNEIDER	100.00	101.00	99.00	99.1
SHANKARA CUB	529.05 191.90	535.00 194.05	526.00 191.15	527.90 193.60	TIFHL GET&D	488.00 299.00	489.00 302.30	477.50 295.05	480.0 297.0
CERA	2590.85	2684.00	2590.85	2629.00	BLUESTARCO	624.90	624.90	610.50	610.5
GUJALKALI COROMANDEL	532.50 468.15	537.30 468.20	530.00 450.00	530.50 455.00	CARERATING CRISIL	989.95 1601.05	989.95 1640.00	980.00 1601.00	985.0 1615.1
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KRBL	292.50	297.45	286.85	293.30	GULFOILLUB	837.80	841.00	830.00	830.2
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THERMAX	1130.70	1165.00	1120.05	1155.15	EVEREADY	183.00	183.00	180.25	180.2
SUPPETRO KANSAINER	202.00 462.20	203.00 465.55	199.00 459.00	201.60 462.00	NBVENTURES ECLERX	118.50 1065.00	118.50 1069.95	117.50 1057.00	117.9 1060.2
HINDZINC	273.90	275.85	272.30	273.85	COFFEEDAY	269.20	271.55	267.50	267.5
ISEC MAHLIFE	264.05 398.60	269.15 400.00	264.05 390.25	269.15 390.25	CAPPL VMART	381.20 2500.00	384.65 2530.45	379.00 2335.10	382.2 2497.8
JYOTHYLAB	204.20	206.60	202.70	205.00	JAGRAN	116.45	116.45	114.00	114.2
AIAENG COCHINSHIP	1650.00 365.40	1659.00 366.45	1626.00 363.55	1626.00 364.00	SHILPAMED APARINDS	384.50 635.15	385.00 646.70	377.50 623.35	385.0 638.5
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GRANULES	88.45	89.90	88.30	89.25	SUPRAJIT	223.25	225.00	220.60	221.8
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GDL	121.05	121.35	118.50	118.90	IFBIND	837.00	837.00	822.00	833.0
JFLEX BASF	273.15 1542.45	273.15 1546.00	269.10 1517.55	271.40 1518.05	TTKPRESTIG ASTRAZEN	7500.00 1466.05	7519.95 1466.55	7430.00 1460.00	7430.0 1460.0
SOBHA	453.50	456.10	449.00	453.30	SCHAEFFLER	5699.95	5710.00	5655.00	5696.0
TDCEM TIMKEN	118.65 589.00	118.95 604.85	115.60 581.40	116.05 600.40	SKFINDIA INOXWIND	1923.45 76.05	1928.00 76.45	1903.85 75.05	1914.5 75.6
ANDHRABANK	30.00	30.40	29.60	30.25	ISGEC	4951.00	5044.00	4951.00	5000.0
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JVN CHAMBLFERT	25.35 156.00	25.65 157.00	25.35 155.95	25.50 157.00	MAHLOG FDC	502.05 173.00	510.90 173.40	502.05 171.90	503.2 172.8
GREENPLY	136.00	157.00	136.00	141.00	BLUEDART	3310.00	3310.00	3272.00	3300.0
SUNDRMFAST EIHOTEL	523.75 186.35	525.45 189.05	522.00 185.65	522.00 187.95	ERIS JBCHEPHARM	674.00 304.75	690.90 305.00	670.15 302.10	690.9 305.0
TRENT	353.20	356.45	349.00	353.05	FINOLEXIND	535.85	536.40	531.00	535.0
RNAM LALPATHLAB	157.75 942.80	159.95 955.00	154.50 926.00	156.05 937.20	CENTRUM KIOCL	35.35 151.15	35.80 153.35	35.35 150.25	35.8 150.2
BAYERCROP	4300.00	4315.85	4202.00	4215.00	TEAMLEASE	2888.75	2888.75	2808.00	2820.0
BALMLAWRIE GPPL	200.05 96.15	200.05 98.30	197.00 95.55	197.45 95.60	3MINDIA SHRIRAMCIT	20545.00 1548.05	20545.00 1585.00	20301.00 1501.00	20448.0 1546.2
DHANUKA	430.00	430.00	408.30	414.00	SUNCLAYLTD	3424.00	3425.00	3384.20	3384.2
VINATIORGA LAOPALA	1634.40 213.00	1645.00 224.20	1607.95 210.00	1613.65 224.00	HONAUT GEPIL	21614.25 820.00	22000.00 820.00	21509.65 810.05	21833.3 810.0
MINDAIND	323.25	325.50	321.65	322.00	FLFL	393.05	396.00	392.00	392.0
BAJAJHLDNG ISL	2964.00 33.30	2975.20 33.50	2940.35 33.00	2945.00 33.10	DBCORP CCL	167.75 265.00	170.15 272.50	167.75 265.00	169.5 272.5
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Khan: War would be suicidal White House calls detentions of

Accuses India of rejecting his peace overtures

Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan has accused India of not responding to his peace overtures and said that any war between two nucleararmed nations would be suicidal for them. In an interview with Turkish news agency TRT World, according to his Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) party, Khan again expressed his desire for talks with India. He said that even a Cold War was not in the interests of the two countries.

'Two nuclear armed couna war; not even a Cold War because it could worsen any talks. Two nuclear armed counbries at war is like a suicide," the his peace overtures. India has



tries should not even think of time. The only way is bilateral

party quoted him as saying. He

and talks cannot go together.

"India was offered to take one step towards and we shall take two. But India rejected Pakistan's offer for talks several times," Khan said.

Khan also said said that India would never be able to suppress the rights of the Kashmiri people.
The Indo-Pak ties strained

after the terror attacks by Pakistan-based terrorists in 2016 and India's surgical strikes inside Pakistan-occupied

The ties further nose-dived in 2017 with no bilateral talks talking place between them.

Canadians in China unlawful

The White House is calling the detentions of two Canadians in China unlawful and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and President Donald Trump have agreed to continue to seek their release,

officials said Monday.
China grabbed the Canadians in apparent retaliation for the arrest of a top Chinese tech executive last month. Trudeau spoke to Trump in a phone call Monday.

"President Trump spoke with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau today, during which the two discussed the

unlawful detention of two Canadian citizens in China as well as bilateral trade issues," White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said in a statement. The White House hasn't

spoken publicly about the detained Canadians until now. U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and a State Department spokesman previously called for their release. "The Prime Minister thanked the President for the strong statements of support by the United States in response to the arbitrary detention of two Canadians in China. The two

leaders agreed to continue to seek their release," Trudeau's office said in a summary of the call. The Chinese detained Canadian ex-diplomat Michael Kovrig and entrepreneur Michael Spavor last month on vague allegations of "engaging

in activities that endanger the

national security" of China. The arrests came after Meng Wanzhou, the chief financial officer of Chinese telecommunications giant Huawei, was arrested in Canada on Dec. 1 at the request of the United States, which wants her extradited to face charges that

banks about the company's business dealings in Iran.

Trudeau and Trump spoke about the U.S. extradition request and "they reaffirmed the importance of respecting judicial independence and the rule of law," Trudeau's office

Trump previously said he might intervene in the Huawei case if it would help clinch a trade agreement with China, upending U.S. efforts to separate the court proceeding from U.S.-China trade talks and contradicting Canadian officials who said the arrest was not political.

Man attacks children in Chinese school; 20 hurt

disgruntled former work-Adisgrunded former normal school armed with a hammer attacked and injured 20 children, three of them seriously. officials said Tuesday, the latest such incident in China. The attack at the Number One Primary School in Beijing's Xicheng district took place just around noon, media reports

The suspect, the school's former repair worker who was angry after he failed to pass his probation, hit the children's skulls one by one using a hammer, Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post quoted a former school maintenance worker surnamed

Liang as saying.
Police in the Xicheng district said in a statement on Weibo that they have detained the 49-year-old male suspect surnamed Jia. Jia was a Heilongjiang province whose contract ended at the start of the year, and police suspect that the attack was motivated by the anger at having his employment terminated, the A hospital bystander said:

Post report said. Several of the students were rushed to the intensive care unit of the nearby Xuanwu Hospital following the attack. Three of the children have serious but non-lifethreatening injuries, media reports quoted police as saving. The children were attacked while they were doing exercise on the school's running track. The attacker was standing nearby. He was stopped by a Physical Education teacher, the Post report said. Video footage posted on the social media showed dozens of angry parents demanding details from staff. They were repeatedly urged to stop filming by the head teacher. A teacher said "a worker at our school attacked 20 students in a first-floor stairwell. It is not like what everyone is saying, he did not

use a knife," the report said. A doctor posted on social migrant worker from media: "The mayor today came to the hospital to wait with us while the children were being medically treated. We have paused several oper-

"Police have tightened security at Beijing Children's Hospital and Xuanwu Hospital. Nurses are rushing in and out of the operation

A man has been detained on suspicion of carrying out the attack, the Post report said. Attacks on kindergarten schools and civilians in malls by disgruntled people have become common in China

İn January 2017, a farmer slashed and injured 12 children with a knife at a kindergarten in Youyi town, Pingxiang city. Four children were seriously injured while eight others received minor injuries. The attacker was executed on Friday, the Supreme ople's Court said Monday.

În October last year, a woman was detained on suspicion of stabbing 14 children a kindergarten in Chongqing.

In June, two children were stabbed to death outside a Shanghai kindergarten. Nine children died in a knife attack at a school in Shaanxi province



North Korean leader Kim Jong-un arrived in China on Tuesday on an unannounced visit, in an apparent effort to coordinate with his only major ally ahead of a possible second summit with US President Donald Trump over denuclearisation of the Korean peninsula.

Kim is visiting China from Ianuary 7 to 10 on the invitation of President Xi Jinping, staterun Xinhua news agency reported on Tuesday. He is expected to celebrate his 36th birthday here on Tuesday. According to reports, he was accompanied by his wife, Ri Sol-ju, and senior officials, including Kim Yongchol, his right-hand man in diplomatic negotiations with the United States and South Korea. Kim's visit came only days after he warned of taking an alternative path if the United States does not ease sanctions and pressure on his isolated

The visit also comes amid reports that negotiations are under way for a second summit between Kim and Trump. The two met in June in Singapore for the first summit. Kim visited China last year to meet Xi before and after his first meeting with Trump. Speculation had grown on Monday that Kim was possibly making his way to China after South Korea's Yonhap news reported that a

even men have been killed in

Sa shooting attack at a bar in

Mexico's Caribbean coastal city

of Playa del Carmen, authorities

said Monday. State and local police said the attack occurred

late Sunday at the "Las Virginias"

bar in a low-income section rel-

atively far from the beachside

tourist resort zone. Six men

were found shot to death in the

bar, and another died at a local

hospital. One man was wound-

ed but survived the attack. He

told police he was drinking beer



In this Monday photo provided on Tuesday by the North Korean government, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un walks with his wife Ri Sol Ju at Pyongyang Station in Pyongyang, North Korea, before leaving for China. While President Donald Trump waits in the wings, Kim arrived in Beijing on Tuesday for his fourth summit with China's Xi Jinping, yet another nod to the leader Kim most needs to court as he tries to undermine support for international sanctions while giving up little, if any, ground on denuclearization.

North Korean train had been seen crossing the border. Both countries' media confirmed the visit on Tuesday morning when Kim's distinctive green and yellow train arrived at a station in

His visit to Beijing, which is stated to be closest ally of Pyongyang, comes at a time when China itself is locked in a trade war with the US over

The attackers have not yet

been identified. Playa del

Carmen is located on the coast

facing the island of Cozumel,

Mexico's leading cruise ship

destination. Once a quiet fish-

ing and ferry town, Playa del

Carmen has grown exponen-

tially in the last two decades,

with lower-income neighbor-

hoods springing up on the

inland side of the coastal high-

wav. The resort is midway

between Cancun, to the north,

and Tulum, to the south, in the

broke out.

Trump's demand to reduce the USD 375 billion trade deficit with the US.

Trump while seeking Xi's support in forcing Kim to relent and give up the nuclear and missile programme has also blamed the Chinese leader last year for tardy progress after his first summit with Kim at Singapore in June. Since the Singapore summit, there is growing scep-

688 killings in the first 11 months

of 2018, compared to 322 in the

could end 2018 with a homicide

rate of about 50 per 100,000, on

a par with El Salvador. The

Caribbean coast — especially

Cancun and the area south

known as the "Riviera Maya" -

had long been largely spared the

drug violence affecting other

areas, but that no longer appears

to be the case. Local sources

At that rate, Quintana Roo

same period of 2017.

ticism in the US over Kim delivering on his promise to do away with the nuclear programme despite Washington's assurance over North Korea's security.

Also, China and Russia – both the permanent members of the UN Security Council — have been putting pressure on the US to lift UN sanctions against

7 dead in shooting in Mexican city tel has moved into the region, which has seen homicides more than double in the last year, with disputing control with local

> In September, two Mexican marines were found stabbed to death in Cancun. In a single day in August, police found eight bodies strewn on the streets of Cancun.

In January 2017, gunmen attacked the state prosecutors' office in Cancun, killing four people. A day before that, a shooting at a music festival in Playa del Carmen left three foreigners and two Mexicans dead.

Pompeo launches Mideast tour vowing no ISIS return Amman(AFP): US Secretary of

State Mike Pompeo arrived ľuesday in Jordan on a Middle East tour to show commitment to the region after President Donald Trump's surprise decision to withdraw troops from war-torn Syria. The top US diplomat, on his longest trip since taking the post last year, pledged that the Islamic State group (IS) would not be allowed to regroup following a string of battlefield defeats. But in a stark reminder of the lingering threat, a war monitor reported that the jihadists had killed 23 USbacked fighters in a counterattack in eastern Syria aimed at defending their last bastion.

After setting off on the trip to eight Arab capitals, Pompeo told reporters he would show that "the United States is still committed to all the missions that we've signed up for with them over the past two years." The eight-day tour comes weeks after Trump announced that the United States would quickly pull its 2,000 soldiers out of Syria, declaring that IS — also known as ISIS — had been defeated.

His advisers have since been walking back his timeline, with national security adviser John Bolton saying Monday in Jerusalem that the United States would verify that the group is truly beaten before withdrawing. Highlighting that IS emerged during the tenure of Trump's predecessor Barack Obama, Pompeo said the campaign to destroy the movement's self-styled "caliphate" in war-battered Syria has been "enormously successful." "And I tinue to ensure that the kind of rise that ISIS had under the Obama administration doesn't occur again," he said on his plane. Just hours later the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said IS suicide attackers had hit US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces in eastern Syria, killing 23 of its fighters.

IS was unable to hold on to the positions it attacked but the assault which began late Sunday killed 23 SDF members and also left nine jihadists dead, the Britain-based monitor said.

nen and children leave the Beijing No. 1 Affiliated Elementary School of Xuanwu Normal School following an attack in Beijing, China, Tuesday. A male attacker injured 20 children Tuesday inside the primary school in China's capital, officials said.

'B'desh to cultivate more effective ties with India'

 $B_{\text{more effective ties with}}^{\text{angladesh would cultivate}}$ India and China, pursuing a vigorous economic diplomacy. newly appointed Foreign Minister Abdul Kalam Abdul Momen said Tuesday. Momen, 71, also said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina directed him to intensify cooperation with neighbours on the basis of "solid partnership" and ensure that the foreign office acts as a partner of other ministries to draw more foreign investments in the country.

"My main focus will be to pursue a vigorous economic diplomacy with all major countries and particularly the neighbours," Momen told PTI in an interview a day after assuming the office, indicating that the new government wanted to reap the benefit of the friendships with both India and China.

An economist by back-ground, Momen said his office would effectively do its part to elevate the country's status as a higher middle income by 2021 as envisaged by the premier and draw the required foreign assistance in implementing the government's ambitious development plans. Momen said intense relations with neighbours like India and China would remain as a major policy while he would try to cultivate more effective ties with been a "golden chapter" in



all major foreign nations like the US, the UK and France keeping Bangladesh's integrity

"In no time in the recent history, our relations with India was so good. We will maintain it and rather take it to another level." he said. Simultaneously, Bangladesh would try to reap benefits of its ties with China as it offered a huge amount as credit for the country's devel-

opment, Momen said. Bangladesh's ties with India last year grew steadily, with high-level visits from both sides. Prime Minister Hasina visited India in May last during which she held talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The last few years have

India-Bangladesh relationship when complicated issues of land and coastal boundaries were resolved, Modi said at the

During 2018, the two countries launched many development cooperation projects, including the construction of the Akhaura-Agartala rail line and the restoration of Kulaura-Shahbazpur section of railway line.

Asked about major challenges, Momen referred to the Rohingya crisis and preferred to call it "an economic issue" but feared it could affect the regional stability unless addressed through a conserted effort involving nations in the neighbourhood

'The issue needs to be

solved as soon as possible, otherwise it would affect stability of the entire region," he said. More than 700,000 Rohingya refugees have crossed into Bangladesh from Rakhine since August 2017 when Myanmar launched a brutal military crackdown, dubbed by UN as a "textbook example of ethnic cleansing" and "genocide" by international rights watchdogs, sparking a global Momen is a new face in the

ruling Awami League. He previously served as Bangladesh's politically appointed permanent envoy to the UN with concurrent accreditation to South American republics of Chile and Peru. He started his career as a civil servant in early 1970s to later became an economics professor in the US.

Having a doctorate degree in economics and MBA in business from Boston's Northeastern University and MPA in public administration, public policy and international economics from the Harvard University, Momen was elected from the northeastern Sylhet constituency.

His elder brother, AMA Muhith, was elected to parliament from the same constituency during the last parliament election and served as Bangladesh's longest serving finance minister in Hasina's

S'pore foils cat-in-trousers smuggling bid

bid to smuggle four kittens into the citystate stuffed down a man's trousers after

hearing meows coming from the suspect's crotch. In a statement, they hailed their

"fur-midable" officers for stopping the "impawsible" attempt to transport the animals in a car through a border checkpoint with neighbouring Malaysia. "Our officers were checking the travellers in the car, they heard a meowing and saw the bulge in the man's pants," an immigration authority

Singapore (AFP): Singapore immigration authorities said Tuesday they had foiled a spokeswoman told AFP. The officers asked the 45-year-old Singaporean whether he had anything to declare, before discovering the live kittens secreted in his trousers.

The spokeswoman said that hiding items, such as contraband cigarettes, under clothing is a common method of smuggling. "But to stuff four live kittens into one's trousers - this is the first time we've seen it," she

The kittens survived the ordeal - the Agri-Food and

been put in quarantine and were active and well. It is not clear why the man was trying to bring the kittens into Singapore on January 2, although it could have been to sell on as pets.

If found guilty, the alleged smuggler faces up to a year in prison and a maximum fine of USD 7,300. Singapore imposes strict requirements for those wishing to bring cats into the country legally, which include obtaining an import licence and health certificate.Immigration authorities warn that animals smuggled into Singapore may be carrying diseases, such

Satellite images can precisely assess poverty

High-resolution satellite data can very precisely assess the status of poverty at household level in rural areas of developing countries, according to a study. If countries are to achieve Sustainable

Development Goals, it is particularly important to track the living conditions in poor nations around the world where the future population growth is highest, according to a study published in the journal PNAS.

It can be difficult to make a global assessment of poverty and poor economic conditions, but an eye in the sky can provide a good hint of the living conditions of populations, researchers



Based on high-resolution satellite images, we can very precisely assess the status of poverty at household level in rural areas in developing countries," said Jens-Christian Svenning, a professor at the Aarhus University in Denmark. In an agricultural area in Kenya, the researchers measured, among

other things, the size of buildings and areas of uncultivated soil and the length of the growing season on a number of family run farms.

The images also reveal how people use the landscape around their homes and how this changes over time. The researchers show that a thorough analysis of satellite images can explain 62 per cent of the variation in the economic conditions of the individual households. As satellite images are relatively cheap and increasingly freely available, the study demonstrates that space-based monitoring is a cost-effective method to track socio-economic development as a supplement to

expensive household surveys with interviews. In particular, the use of satellite data makes it possible to analyse the economic development at much greater geographical scale and with a high temporal frequency.

"The use of satellite images makes it much, much cheaper to keep track of how far we are in reaching the UN's goals for sustainable development," said Gary R Watmough, who headed the research and is now employed at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

"If conventional assessments of the households' economic conditions were used, the cost would be more than USD 250 billion," Watmough said.

Tax refunds will go out on time: Trump official



Transportation Security Administration agents help passengers through a security checkpoint at Newark Liberty International Airport in Newark, N.J., Monday. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., suggested Sunday that the partial government shutdown is disrupting operations.

AP ■ WASHINGTON

With the government shutdown in its third week and concern mounting over a possible delay in tax refunds, a Trump administration official said Monday that taxpayers who are owed money will be paid on time. Russell Vought, acting director of the White House budget office, said customary rules will be changed to make the payments possible. He told reporters Monday that an "indefinite appropriation" was available for the refunds, which would go out as nor-

The partial government shutdown couldn't have come at a worse time for the Internal Revenue Service. Tax-filing season opens soon, and while those who owe Uncle Sam will likely still have to pay up by April 15, people who were due money back have been worrying about a delay if the clo-

early. Many lower-income people count on refunds as their biggest cash infusion of the year. The IRS might recall a large number of furloughed employees to process returns
— probably without pay — in
accordance with its usual contingency plans. Still, hundreds of billions in refunds would likely still be delayed because funding wouldn't be available, under current rules.

Some experts question whether the Trump administration has the legal authority to reverse earlier policies to allow government money to flow into refunds during a shutdown. Vought framed the move as part of President Donald Trump's goal to make the shutdown "as painless as

The administration's announcement came as US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, now wielding majority control About three-quarters of of the House, signaled her taxpayers receive annual intention to begin passing

refunds, giving them an individual bills to reopen fed-incentive to file their returns eral agencies in the coming eral agencies in the coming days — starting with the IRS' parent Treasury Department to ensure Americans receive their refunds. Some Senate Republicans have been growing increasingly anxious about the extended shutdown and could support such legislation from the Democratic-led

With the White House announcement on refunds, They're reversing a longstanding legal position," said Howard Gleckman, senior fellow and tax expert at the Urban Institute. But, he added wryly, "Who's going to sue? It would be hard to show damages. ... So they might be able get away with it.

A senior administration official cited a 2011 position of the chief counsel at the IRS that such payments are legally allowed during a shutdown. Íhe official spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak publicly to reporters.

UNHCR examining Saudi woman's asylum bid as family due in Bangkok

The asylum claim of a Saudi woman who resisted deportation from Thailand will take several days to assess, the UN said Tuesday, as the 18year-old's family, who she accuses of abusing her, was due to arrive in Bangkok. Rahaf Mohammed al-Qunun arrived at Bangkok's main airport on a flight from Kuwait after running away from her family, who she alleges subjected her to physical and psychological

Qunun said she planned to seek asylum in Australia, fearing she would be killed if sent back by Thai immigration officials who stopped her at the airport on Sunday. Saudi Arabia's human rights record has been under heavy scrutiny since the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi last year.

Initially, Thai authorities said Qunun would be sent back to Saudi Arabia. But as her plight pinballed across social media - including tweets about how she had barricaded herself in a hotel room - they abruptly changed course and allowed her to leave the airport Monday in the care of the UN's refugee

agency.

The UNHCR said it was "very grateful" officials did not send Qunun back against her will. "It could take several days to process the case and determine next steps," the UNHCR representative in Thailand, Giuseppe de Vicentiis, said in a statement. Thailand is not a signatory to a UN convention on refugees, and asylum seekers are typically deported or wait years to be resettled in third countries.

The UNHCR insists anyone with an asylum claim should not be sent back to the country they fled under the principle of non-refoulement. În a short press release distributed to media outside their



In this photo released by the Thailand Immigration Police, Saudi Arabia's Charge Affaires Abdalelah Mohammed A. Alsheaiby, left, shakes hands with Chief of Immigration Police Maj. Gen. Surachate Hakparn at the Saudi Arabia Embassy in Bangkok on Tuesday. Thailand's Immigration Police chief met Tuesday with officials of the Saudi Embassy in Bangkok and said the officials told him they are satisfied with how the case of the young Saudi woman who claims to be fleeing her abusive family has been

embassy in Bangkok Tuesday, the Saudi government said it had not demanded her deportation, adding the case is a "family affair", but under the "care and attention" of the

In an earlier and separate explanation released on Twitter, the embassy also denied sending officials to Suvarnabhumi airport to meet Qunun as she arrived via Kuwait or impounding her passport - as she alleged. It also said the embassy had made contact with her father, a senior regional government official in the kingdom, "to inform him on her situation".

Thai immigration chief Surachate Hakparn told reporters that Qunun's father and brother were due in Thailand later on Tuesday. He said he would talk to the UN refugee agency about the potential of a meeting between the family members.

"Rahaf is not a political asylum case," he insisted. "It is not political at all." Ultra-conservative Saudi Arabia has some of the world's toughest restrictions on women, including a guardianship system that

make decisions on behalf of female relatives. Qunun has said she believes she will be imprisoned or killed if sent back, and that her family is so strict it once locked her in a room for six months for cutting

allows male family members to

Under the hashtag SaveRahaf, the young woman's desperate pleas became a social media sensation, and she was able to post live updates and videos from the Bangkok airport in both Arabic and English, racking up more than

Vikram Misri takes charge as India's new envoy to China

PTI ■ BEIJING

Vikram Misri on Tuesday assumed charge as India's new ambassador to China and met top Chinese officials to discussed Sino-India ties, at a time when the two Asian giants are trying to boost their bilateral ties.

Misri presented a copy of his credentials to Hong Lei, Deputy Director General of Protocol at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Beijing.

He met Wu Jianghao, Director General of Asian Affairs of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and exchanged views on India-China bilateral relations, the Indian Embassy here tweeted. A 1989-batch India

Foreign Service (IFS) officer, Misri, 54, replaced Gautam Bambawale who retired in November last year.

Misri has taken the charge of the country's envoy at a time when India and China are trying to deepen their cooperation in various areas, leaving behind 2017 Doklam standoff which was the most serious military face-off in decades.

Before his appointment as India's ambassador to China, Misri served as Indian envoy in Myanmar.

He has served in various capacities at the headquarters of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) as well as in the Prime Minister's Office. He has also served in various Indian Missions in Europe, Africa, Asia and North America.

He was born in Srinagar and did his schooling from the Scindia School in Gwalior and earned a Bachelor's degree in History from the Hindu College, University of Delhi. Misri is also an MBA from

US court rejects Rajat Gupta's bid to overturn insider-trading conviction

PTI ■ NEW YORK

In a fresh setback to Indiaborn former Goldman Sachs director Rajat Gupta, a US court here has rejected his bid trading conviction, affirming a lower court's ruling in the case. The Second Circuit Court of Appeals, in an order issued Monday, said "we have considered all of Gupta's arguments on this appeal and have found them to be without merit. The judgment of the district court is affirmed."

Gupta, 70, is a free man now after completing a prison term in 2016 on insider trading charges but has been fighting to overturn his conviction, arguing that he served two years in jail for conduct that is not criminal even though the government lacked evidence to show he "received even a penny" for passing confidential boardroom information to now jailed hedge-fund manager Raj Rajaratnam.

Gupta's team of lawyers had argued in papers before the Second Circuit Court of Appeals that the judgement of the Manhattan district court finding Gupta guilty of insider trading "should be reversed" and his "conviction should be

In its ruling, the appeals court said that "Gupta's convictions of engaging in and conspiring to engage in an insider trading scheme were based on evidence that on several occasions Gupta, while serving on boards of directors of various companies, disclosed material nonpublic information about those companies to his friend and business associate Raj Rajaratnam, founder of the Galleon Group, a family of hedge funds that invested billions of dollars for its principals and clients." Gupta filed the appeal based on a landmark ruling by the Manhattan appeals court that for an insider trading conviction prosecutors must show that a defendant received a personal benefit for passing illegal tips. Gupta's lawyers have cited the ruling that led to the reversal of insider convictions of hedgefund managers Todd Newman and Anthony Chiasson in December 2014. The appeals court noted that there is ample evidence that Gupta and pany.



Rajaratnam were business associates. Gupta had invested several million dollars in Galleon funds. In 2005, Gupta and Rajaratnam invested in another investment fund capitalised with USD 50 million; Gupta originally contributed USD 5 million; he later doubled his investment with USD 5 million loaned to him by Rajaratnam. In early 2008, Gupta was made chairman of Galleon International, which, as of April 2008, managed assets totaling some USD 1.1 billion and could earn performance fees; Gupta was given a 15 per cent ownership stake in that fund.

The appeals court ruled that the jury was instructed that in order to convict Gupta on any given count, it must find that Gupta anticipated that Rajaratnam or others at Galleon would trade on the basis of the non-public information provided by Gupta and that Gupta, in return for providing this information, anticipated receiving some personal benefit.

"There was ample evidence to permit the jury to find that Gupta intended Rajaratnam to trade on the basis of the confidential information Gupta passed to him and that Gupta personally benefited," the appeals court said.

It cited the September 23, 2008 phone call Gupta made to Rajaratnam just minutes after getting off a Goldman board meeting during which he had learned that billionaire Warren Buffett was about to invest USD 5 billion in Goldman. It also cited the call Gupta made to Rajaratnam on October 23, 2008, again just minutes after learning in a Goldman Sachs board-of-directors conference call that Goldman would report a quarterly financial loss, a first in its history as a public com-

'Unfairly detained': Ex-Nissan boss Ghosn protests innocence

Former Nissan boss Carlos Ghosn said Tuesday he had been "wrongly accused and unfairly detained" at a highprofile court hearing in Japan, his first appearance since his arrest in November rocked the business world. Entering the court handcuffed and with a once-revered titan of the auto industry mounted a passionate defence against a string of financial misconduct allegations. The 64-year-old was thinner — his family says he has lost up to 20 kilogrammes (44 pounds) due to the ricebased diet in his Tokyo detention centre — and his hair was greying. He appeared in a dark suit without a tie and wore dark

green plastic slippers.
"I have been wrongly accused and unfairly detained based on meritless and unsubstantiated accusations," he told the Tokyo District Court in a clear and steady voice. Throughout proceedings, he



showed no emotion and mostly faced forward or looked down, glancing occasionally at the gallery in the packed courtroom as journalists and sketch artists rushed in and out. His cheekbones were more prominent as a result of the weight loss but the executive otherwise appeared in decent health, coughing occasionally during the hearing.

In a career spanning decades, during which he won praise for turning around the struggling Japanese car maker, he said he had "always acted

with integrity" and had never before been accused of any wrongdoing.

"I have acted honourably, legally and with the knowledge and approval of the appropriate executives inside the company," stressed Ghosn. From the moment on November 19 that prosecutors stormed his private jet at a Tokyo airport, the twists and turns of the Ghosn case have gripped Japan and the business world.

At one point, the Franco-Lebanese-Brazilian tycoon appeared on the point of release, only for prosecutors to him to escape." Ghosn is produce further allegations expected to be kept in custody against him to continue his cus-

In an indication of the interest the case has sparked in Japan, more than 1,000 people waited outside the court from the early hours in the hope of getting one of just 14 tickets for the public gallery.

caught observers off-guard as Ghosn's lawyers deployed a rarely-used article of the Japanese Constitution to force the court to explain the reasons for his detention. Presiding Judge Yuichi Tada read out the charges against Ghosn and said he was being detained because he was a flight risk and there was a possibility he would conceal evidence.

The suspect has "bases in foreign countries" and may "escape", Tada said. Go Kondo, one of Ghosn's lawyers, countered: "There is no risk that he will run away. He's CEO of French company Renault. He's widely known so it's difficult for until at least January 11. He faces a host of allega-

tions of financial impropriety. Prosecutors have formally charged him over suspicions he under-declared some five billion yen (\$44 million) from his

salary in documents to investors over five fiscal years avoid accusations he was paid

Authorities also suspect he continued this scheme over the next three tax years, seeking to defer another four billion yen of his salary until after retirement. A third, more complex, accusation is that he sought to shift personal foreign exchange losses onto Nissan's books and then paid a business contact from Saudi Arabia some \$14.7 million — supposedly from company funds — who allegedly stumped up collateral for him. Ghosn has not been formally charged over the latter two allegations and systematically rebutted all of

them in court. "I never received any compensation from Nissan that was not disclosed." he said.

He added that Nissan never incurred any losses from his foreign exchange contracts and that the Saudi partner, Khaled Juffali, was "appropriately compensated" for "critical services that substantially benissued on behalf of Juffali's company, the first since the allegations emerged, said the compensation was for work done to benefit Nissan, including resolving a local business dispute and lobbying for the approval for a new plant in Saudi Arabia.

A towering figure in the auto industry, Ghosn is credited with turning around a struggling Nissan — also giving him a high profile rare for foreign executives in Japan. He forged an unlikely threeway alliance between Mitsubishi Motors, Renault and Nissan that now outsells any other rival group.

Human trafficking takes on 'horrific dimensions'; almost a third of victims are children: UN report

PTI ■ UNITED NATIONS

Trafficking victims from South Asian countries including India are detected in many parts of Europe, according to a new UN report that said human trafficking has taken "horrific dimensions" with children accounting for a third of those being trafficked.

The 'Global Report on

Trafficking in Persons 2018' from the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) draws on information from 142 countries, examining trafficking trends and patterns.

The report said human trafficking is taking on "horrific dimensions", with sexual exploitation of victims the main

driver. Children now account

for 30 per cent of those being

trafficked, and far more girls are detected than boys. Victims from South Asia (and South-West Asia) are also detected in many parts of Western and Southern Europe. They account for about 5 per cent of the total detected victims

in this subregion. 'Victims are trafficked from most South Asian countries, including Bangladesh, India, and Pakistan, and to a limited extent also from Nepal



Afghanistan have been detected in the Nordic countries, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom," it said.

The report further said that as an origin area for trafficking to the rest of the world, victims from South Asia have been detected in more than 40 countries around the world.

The main destinations appear to be the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council in the Middle East. To a lesser extent, victims from South Asia have been detected in Western and Southern Europe and in North America. Victims from South Asia - Bangladesh and India - have also been detected

Based on the limited information available for Bangladesh, Maldives, Nepal and Pakistan, female victims in this subregion account for 59 per cent of the total detected victims.

UNODC Executiv

Executive Director said Yury Fedotov said that "human trafficking has taken on horrific dimensions as armed groups and terrorists use it to spread fear and gain victims to offer as incentives to recruit new fighters," citing child soldiers, forced labour and sexual slavery as examples. While the average numbers of reported victims had fluctuated during the earlier years for which UNODC had collected data, the global trend has shown a steady increase since 2010. Asia and the Americas are the regions which have seen the largest increase in the numbers of victims detected, which may be explained by improved methods of detecting, recording and reporting data on trafficking - or a real increase in the number of victims.

Most victims of trafficking detected outside their region of origin are from East Asia, followed by sub-Saharan Africa: whilst there has been an increase in the number of convictions for trafficking in these regions, the study concluding that large areas of impunity still exist in many Asian and African countries, and conviction rates for trafficking remain very low. Trafficking for sexual exploitation is the most prevalent form in European countries, whilst in sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East, forced labour is the main factor driving the illicit

Women and girls make up most trafficking victims worldwide: almost three-quarters of them are trafficked for sexual exploitation, and 35 per cent (women and girls) are trafficked for forced labour.

German, 20, confesses to massive data hack spurred by 'annoyance'

Perman authorities on

Tuesday said a 20-year-old hacker had confessed to stealing and leaking private data from hundreds of politicians, including Chancellor Angela Merkel, because he was "annoyed" by some of their public statements. The young German, who lives with his parents, was taken into custody after police searched the family home in the western state of Hesse on Sunday. The suspect was not remanded in custody however because he was fully cooperating with the enquiry and not deemed a flight risk, said Georg Ungefuk, a spokesman for the Frankfurt prosecution service's internet crime office ZIT.

The accused said he published the data because he had been annoyed by certain statements made by those affected," Ungefuk told a press conference in Wiesbaden.

The suspect, who because of his young age falls under juvenile law in Germany, told police he acted alone.

Ungefuk added that the young man had shown "clear remorse" about the stunning cyber security breach which



affected around 1,000 German politicians, journalists and celebrities and piled political pressure on the government. The information leaked online comprised home addresses, mobile phone numbers, letters, invoices and copies of identity documents. The data was first released via Twitter in December but its spread gathered pace last week.

Among those hit were members of the Bundestag lower house of parliament and the European Parliament as well as regional and local assemblies. Deputies from all parties represented in the Bundestag were targeted with the exception of the far-right Alternative for Germany (AfD), the largest opposition group in parliament.

Wolves throw Liverpool out of FA Cup

Goals from Raul Jimenez and Neves sent the hosts into fourth round

AFP WOLVERHAMPTON

iverpool manager Jurgen Klopp believes an early injury to ✓defender Dejan Lovren highlighted why he chose to name a second-string side in bowing out of the FA Cup 2-1 to Wolves on Monday.

Klopp made nine changes to the side that lost narrowly for the first time in the Premier League this season to Manchester City on Thursday, with Lovren one of only two players to retain their place.

However, the Croatian pulled up with a hamstring injury after just six minutes and was replaced by 16-yearold Ki-Jana Hoever.

"Hamstring, is what I heard -without any signs before," said Klopp on what forced Lovren off. "I asked everybody, no signs, nothing, just out of the blue, so that's the decision you have to make.

'I am not sure what you all would have said if immediately from the beginning if our centre-half situation was Fabinho and Ki-Jana; then probably a few very smart people would tell me that I don't respect the competition or whatever."

Goals from Raul Iimenez and sent the hosts into round four, where level after the break.



Wolverhampton's Ruben Neves, left, celebrates after scoring his sides second goal during the English FA Cup third round match against Liverpool at the Molineux Stadium

they will face Shrewsbury or Stoke City, despite Divock Origi's fine Ruben Neves either side of half-time strike briefly bringing Liverpool

Hoever's introduction meant Liverpool fielded three teenagers for the majority of the match with Rafael Camacho and Curtis Jones also

handed debuts.

However it was the visitors' most experienced player, Milner, who was at fault for the opening goal when Diogo Jota caught the former England international in possession in midfield and put Jimenez clean through for the Mexican to score his seventh goal of the season.

Without Mohamed Salah, Roberto Firmino and Sadio Mane, Liverpool were struggling to get any momentum going forward.

But the visitors were level out of nothing when Origi collected a loose ball on the edge of the area six minutes into the second period and smashed the ball high past John

Wolves, though, have made a habit of upsetting the Premier League's established top six in their first season back in the top flight.

After beating Chelsea and Tottenham and holding City, Manchester United and Arsenal in the Premier League, Liverpool can now be added to the list of scalps for Nuno Espirito Santo's side thanks to a wonder strike from Neves.

"He has talent, he has done it before and we encourage him to shoot from range," said Wolves boss Nuno Espirito Santo. "It was a good

strike." Only a brilliant save from Ruddy denied Xherdan Shaqiri a stunning equaliser and Liverpool a replay as the Swiss's free-kick was touched onto the inside of the post by the Wolves goalkeeper. Klopp had a final roll of the dice by throwing on Salah and Firmino for the final 20 minutes, but even their firepower failed to spark a fightback and Klopp's team selection will now be seriously questioned as he is still to deliver a trophy in his four seasons in charge.

However, with Liverpool still in pole position to deliver a first league title in 29 years, the German coach defended his selection to minimise the chance of his stars suffering

"We played a similar line-up and had three tough games in the last couple of weeks, so it was clear we had to change," Klopp added after a run of four Premier League games in 13 days over the festive period.

The intensity of the last few games gave me the information it was not possible to start with these three up front. Only Dejan played a lot of games in the last three or four weeks, pretty much all the games...He played today and was injured."

PAK RESCHEDULES KABBADI SERIES

KARACHI: The Tri-nation Kabbadi International series involving India, Pakistan and Iran was rescheduled after the organisers on Tuesday failed to get security clearance for the inaugural matches in Jhang. The organizers said that the series was scheduled to start from Tuesday with a clash between Pakistan and Indian teams at Jhang but the tournament will now be held from January 10 to 14. "We didn't get security clearance from the interior ministry and now the event will start from January 10th from Bahawalpur and continue in Sahiwal and end in Lahore on the 14th." the organisers said.

EGYPT TO HOST AFRICA CUP OF NATIONS

DAKAR: Egypt will host the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations between June 15 and July 13, Confederation of African Football (CAF) president Ahmad Ahmad announced on Tuesday. The CAF executive committee preferred Egypt to South Africa as replacements for original hosts Cameroon, who were dropped due to delays in preparations and concerns over security. It will be the fifth time Egypt stage the biennial showpiece of African football after 1959, when the country was called the United Arab Republic, 1974, 1986 and 2006. Egypt only entered the running to host the Cup of Nations when fellow north African country Morocco announced they would not bid to do so.

WEAH JOINS CELTIC ON LOAN FROM PSG

PARIS: Scottish champions Celtic reinforced their striking options on Monday with the signing of USA international Timothy Weah on loan from Paris Saint-Germain for the rest of the season. Son of 1995 Ballon d'Or winner and Liberian president George Weah, the 18-year-old has scored two goals in three appearances for PSG this season but saw his opportunities limited by a star front three of Neymar, Kylian Mbappe and Edinson Cavani. "He has a long career ahead of him but he has those natural attributes in terms of his pace and technique. He's hungry too." Celtic manager Brendan Rodgers told the club's website.

KROOS FACING 3-WEEK INJURY LAYOFF

MADRID: Spanish football giants Real Madrid have announced that their German midfielder Toni Kroos faces three weeks on the sidelines after tearing his left hamstring. Kroos will miss both legs of the club's Copa del Rey tie against Leganes as well as La Liga matches against Real Betis and Sevilla. The 2014 World Cup winner, who celebrated his 29th birthday last Friday, has played 14 league matches so far this season, contributing one assist. Real Madrid have been beset with injuries since the beginning of the 2018-19 season, and are currently languishing in

RAMKUMAR, ANKITA MAKE WINNING START

MELBOURNE: India's Ramkumar Ramanathan and Ankita Raina recorded straight sets victories to make a promising start at the Australian Open qualifiers but Karman Kaur Thandi went down fighting in the first round here on Tuesday. Seeded 21st, Ramkumar knocked out Spain's Sergio Guiterrez-Ferrol 6-3, 6-2 in his men's singles opening round. Appearing in her third Grand Slam Qualifiers, Ankita (ranked 205) got the better of Myrtille Georges (ranked 238) from France 6-2, 6-2 in

CHAMPIONS CLUB THRASH KALYANPUR STRIKERS

LUCKNOW: Man of the match Pyoosh Kusumwal (54 runs and 4 wickets) and Pranjal Sharma's five wicket haul helped Champions Cricket Club thrash Kalyanpur Strikers Club by 225 runs in BBD 'D' Division Cricket League on Tuesday. Batting first, CCC piled up 275 runs in their quota of overs. In reply, KS were bundled out for mere 50 runs.



UP stretch the lead to 202 runs

Pradesh secured the crucial national championship. first innings lead, ended the second day at 377 for 5 in the second essay against touring Assam in the Ranji Trophy Elite Group C match at Green Park, Kanpur on on Tuesday.

Middle-order batsman Rinku Singh unbeaten on 96. UP is now 202 runs ahead.

At Agartala , Rajasthan trounced Tripura by an innings and 77 runs to book a berth in the quarter-finals. Led by pace spearhead

Deepak Chahar, the Rajasthan bowlers bundled out Tripura for 106 in the second innings to guide their team to a massive victory and enable it to

With this empathic win, Rajasthan became the first team from the group to qualify for the knockout rounds by topping the pool with 51 points, having won 7 of their 9

After bowling out Tripura for a paltry 35 in their first innings, Rajasthan took a dominant 183-run lead by scoring 218 in their first essay.

Chahar wreaked havoc as he returned with figures of 5-17 in just eight overs and was well supported by pacers Aniket Choudhary (2-18) and T M Haq (2-21).

Meanwhile, at Rohtak,

KANPUR: Host Uttar storm into the last eight of the hosts Haryana needed 98 runs to win against Services, with nine wickets in hand.

Haryana conceded the first innings lead, but fought back and dismissed Services for just 79 in their second essay to tilt the match in their favour.

At Bhubaneshwar, Odisha secured the crucial first innings lead against Goa. The hosts, who decided not to enforce the follow-on, ended the second day at 37 for 1 as the overall lead swelled to 273 runs. At Jammu, Jammu and

Kashmir, who chose to bat, were shot out for 151 with Ajay Yadav (5-16) being the wrecker-in-chief

Mumbai on brink of maiden win

PTI MUMBAI

Hosts Mumbai, who are already out of contention for a quarter-final berth, are on the cusp of registering their first win of the season against Chhattisgarh in their Elite Group A game.

At the end of day two of the four-day game at the Wankhede Stadium, the 41-time champions needed 14 runs more to notch a consolation victory.

Mumbai ended the second day at 77 for 0 in their second innings, chasing a target of 91, with their openers Jay Bista (36 not out) and Vikrant Auti (32 not out) at the crease.



Mumbai, who had bundled out the opposition for 129 in the first innings on Monday, replied with 188 after starting day two on 118 for three.

The hosts then shot out the visitors for 149 in the second innings to place themselves on the cusp of their maiden outright win of the season.

First innings wreckers-inchief, pacers Shardul Thakur (4-47) and Tushar Deshpande (453) were again the main destroyers in the visitors second

At Rajkot, Saurshtra posted 356 in their first innings with some vital contributions from the lower-order against reigning champions Vidarbha.

At close of play, Vidarbha were 63 for 2, having lost their openers Aharva Taide and Faiz Fazal, and adrift by 293 runs.

In another inconsequential Elite Group A tie, hosts Railways thrashed Maharashtra by an innings and 58 runs in New Delhi. Railways bundled out Maharashtra for 131 in the second to record the win and grabbed seven points.

















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PUJARA, PANT RISE IN RANKINGS

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heteshwar Pujara has gained a spot to be third in the latest ICC batsmen rankings, following his man of the series performance in India's maiden Test series win in

Wickeet-keeper batsman Rishabh Pant has jumped as many as 21 places to be 17th, the joint-highest by a specialist India wicketkeeper along with Farokh Engineer, who did so in January 1973. M S Dhoni's highest Test ranking was 19th.

India captain Virat Kohli has maintained his number one position in the batsmen rankings.

Pant, a star at the ICC U19 Cricket World Cup in 2016 when he scored an 18-ball half-century against Nepal, has moved into the top-20 after only his ninth Test with an unbeaten 159. Pant had started the Australia tour in 59th place and made rapid progress, scoring 350 runs in a series that also saw him take 20 catches.

Pujara, who scored 521 runs to help beat Australia 2-1, is another batsman to gain in the latest rankings update, which also takes into account performances in the second Test between South Africa and Pakistan in Cape

Pujara has gained one slot to reach third position while all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja (up six places to 57th) and rookie opener Mayank Agarwal (up five places to 62nd) are the others from his team to advance at the end of a historic series win.

Spinner Kuldeep Yadav has gained seven slots to reach a career-best 45th position after his figures of five for 99 in Australia's first innings even as Jasprit Bumrah has held on to 16th position and Mohammed Shami has gained one place to take the 22nd slot. Jadeja has gained one place to reach fifth among bowlers and has also leapfrogged Windies captain Jason Holder into sec-



BCCI announces cash awards

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The BCCI on Tuesday announced cash awards of ₹15 lakhs per match for each of the playing eleven that featured in Îndia's maiden Test series win on Australian soil.

Virat Kohli and Co defeated Australia 2-1 in the four-match Test series Down Under, ending India's 71-year-old wait for the rare achievement.

Congratulating the team, the BCCI also announced cash awards

for all the reserve players, as well as the members of the support

"The bonuses will be equivalent to the actual match-fee payable: which is ₹15 Lakhs per match for Playing XI and ₹7.5 Lakhs per match for the reserve players," the BCCI said in a release.

The coaches will be awarded with ₹25 lakhs each, while the the non-coaching support staff will receive bonuses which will be equivalent to the pro-rata salary/professional fee.

ond place among all-rounders.

South Africa's Aiden Markram has moved back into the top 10 after his knock of 78 at Cape Town, gaining seven slots to reach 10th position. Temba Bavuma has moved into the top 30 for the first time (up five places to 26th) after his score of 75 while captain Faf du Plessis's first-innings century has lifted him six places to 16th

Among their bowlers, Vernon Philander has gained one slot to reach third position while Duanne Olivier has continued his surge to move up to 32nd place from 36th.

There has been no change in position or points for leaders India in he team rankings, while Australia have lost one point but remain in fifth posi-



Bumrah rested from Aus ODIs, NZ tour

PTI ■ SYDNEY

Tn-form Indian pacer Jasprit Bumrah was on Tuesday rested from the upcoming ODÍ series against Australia and the subsequent tour of New Zealand with Mohammad Siraj replacing the hero of the team's maiden Test series triumph Down Under.

With 21 scalps, Bumrah ended the four-Test series as the joint-lead-ing wicket-taker alongside Australian off-spinner Nathan Lyon.

"Keeping in mind the work load of the bowler, it was best felt to give him adequate rest ahead of the home series against Australia. Mohammed Siraj will replace Bumrah in the squad for the Australia and New Zealand tour," said the BCCI in a statement.

"Punjab pacer Siddarth Kaul has also been drafted into the squad for the three-match T20I series against New Zealand," it

Bumrah, who made his Test debut just 12 months ago, has become India's go to pacer in all three formats.

India play three ODIs against Australia starting here on Saturday before travelling to New Zealand for a five-ODI and three-T20I assignment starting January 23.



IPL to stay in India

PTI NEW DELHI

The Indian Premier League (IPL) will stay in the country despite a speculated clash of dates with the general elections but the glitzy T20 extravaganza will start earlier than usual, from March 23, the Committee of Administrators announced on Tuesday.

The two-member CoA, comprising chairman Vinod Rai and former women's captain Diana Edulji, met on Tuesday to discuss the venues and window for the league.

"We will have all the primary venues backed up by alternate venues in case there is a need to shift matches. This

will be done in consultation with central and state government authorities as well as security agencies," Rai said.

"The specific reason for having a back-up venue is to ensure that we don't have any issue if there is polling or recounting or PM's rally in any of the states once the election dates are announced," he added.

The last time the IPL started in March was back in 2010. After that, the league has always

kicked off in the first half of April and ended in late May. The early start this year is because of the ODI World Cup in England which will get

underway from May 30.

Rai said the specific venues and match dates will worked out later after due consultation with government agencies.

"Once we chalk out the itinerary, we will get the dates and venues cleared by various govt agencies," he said.

Tuesday's decision ended months of speculation about the league's venue this year given the possibility of a clash of dates with the Lok Sabha elections, the schedule of which is not vet out.

It is learnt that the cash-rich tournament has been kept in the country keeping in view the fact that the elections will be held in phases and it wouldn't be too

much of a logistical issue to schedule the games accordingly.
"The CoA will have detailed discussion with all the Stakeholders before

releasing the IPL 2019 Schedule," a BCCI statement As per the new BCCI constitution, there has to be a 15-

day gap between the end of the IPL and India's international engagements. The IPL has been played outside India twice due to general elections. In 2009, the edi-

tion was moved to South Africa, while in 2014, some games were played in the UAE. That the IPL will stay in the country was first hinted by

BCCI officials during the players' auction in Jaipur last month.



Smith, Warner return no cure-all for Aus: Vaughan

Former English skipper feels Aussies are kidding themselves thinking all will be rosy when Smith, Warner return

PTI SYDNEY

Former England captain Michael Vaughan feels Australia, beaten for the first time in a home Test series against India, are "kidding themselves if they think everything will be rosy when Steve Smith and David Warner come back".

In his column for 'The Daily Telegraph' following India's maiden Test series triumph Down Under, Vaughan wrote that Australia's issues run far deeper than the absence of suspended Smith and Warner.

"If you think Australia's problems will be solved the moment Steve Smith and David Warner are available for selection again then you are wrong... Batting, bowling, selection and tactics were poor against India, and Australia has to admit they were just not good enough," wrote Vaughan.

'Clearly, if you take the two best players out of any team they will struggle. But losing Smith and Warner is an easy excuse to hide behind. India was beaten 4-1 in English conditions last summer, although the matches were closer than the final score suggests, but would have beaten Australia 3-1 had it not rained in Sydney for the last two days."

Considering the current scenario, Vaughan can't see Australia beating England in the away Ashes to be held after the 2019 World

...Unless they assess themselves brutally. Batting techniques have to be better and they need to be more consistent with the ball. Every facet of their Test team has to improve. They are kidding themselves if they think everything will be rosy when Smith and Warner come back.

"For the Ashes this summer, Australia have to look at breaking up Mitchell Starc, Josh Hazlewood and Pat Cummins. They need a more skilful bowler, such as a Peter Siddle or Trent Copeland. They need someone who can match England's consistency and skill with the Duke ball and bowl the fuller length," he said.

Vaughan's column sparked a debate with former Australian batsman and selector Mark Waugh disagreeing with the Englishman.

T'm not so sure about that Mr Vaughan. Assuming Warner and Smith get back to somewhere near their best I'm suggesting they will make a huge difference," Waugh tweeted.

Waugh suggested that any team would struggle if they were to lose two of the best batsmen in the squad.

You take the 2 best batsmen out of any cricket team in the world and see what happens or even 1. Kohli, Root, Williamson etc," he added. However, Australian spin leg-

end Shane Warne, who had earlier criticised the Australian selectors for their "ridiculous and senseless selections" agreed with

Vaughan.
"Unfortunately, I have to agree with @MichaelVaughan here Jnr. Yes Warner & Smith will help, but Aust cricket needs a complete overhaul re the following. Coaching at all levels, the ridiculous under 23 programme, academy etc. As we are not producing quality smart cricketers-why?

Kohli leads India's best pace, fielding team: Chappell

PTI NEW DELHI

Former Australia captain Ian Chappell feels the Virat Kohli-led side is India's best in pace bowling and fielding but it is nowhere close to being the

The historic victory in Australia has garnered widespread praise for Kohli's men with several former players lauding the gritty perfor-Asked if this was the best

Indian team of all time on

'ESPNCricinfo', Chappell said, "This Indian side is the best fast bowling contingent I have seen from India and the best fielding side that I have seen from India. 'But it's not the best bat-

ting side. I have seen better batting combinations from India than this team," he added, but did not dwell on which batting line-up he considered the best.

Although Cheteshwar Pujara was adjudged man of the series for being the series' top-scorer, India's traditionally



much-vaunted batting was, for once, overshadowed by the team's pacers.

The Indian pacers accounted for 50 of the 70 Australian wickets during the engagement.

The visiting pace trio of Jasprit Bumrah, Ishant Sharma and Mohammed Shami combined for an average of 21.62 in the four-match series, while Australia's pace battery, comprising Pat Cummins, Mitchell Starc and Josh Hazlewood, averaged over 30.

Chappell said the Indian bowlers did well to exploit the conditions.

"I thought the Indian bowlers did really well and overall they out-bowled the Australians. They got more swing than the Australian

bowlers. "I think the seam position of the Indian fast bowlers was very good. They kept it up the whole time and perhaps that's why they swung the ball more than the Australians," he explained.

'Aussie batsmen were needlessly aggressive'

PTI ■ SYDNEY

 $F^{\rm ormer} \ \ {\rm Australia} \ \ {\rm international} \ \ {\rm Simon} \\ {\rm Katich} \ {\rm on} \ \ {\rm Tuesday} \ {\rm said} \ \ {\rm the} \ \ {\rm Indian} \ \ {\rm pac-}$ ers' ability to maintain "scoreboard pressure" on impatient and needlessly aggressive itors maiden Test series triumph.

India won the four-Test series 2-1 with the fourth Test ending in a draw. Katich said that Australian batsmen couldn't manage period of pressure well enough.

'On previous tours they (pacers) haven't been doing well in these conditions. But in this series, this pace attack was magnificent and they built scoreboard pressure. They have got pace and variety, and they were also able to move the ball. Perhaps that has been the big difference in the two teams," Katich said. "India's bowlers were really patient and

Australia's batsmen haven't been patient enough to withstand that pressure. And very good spinners backed up the pacers, whether it was Ashwin, Kuldeep or Jadeja," he said. Katich said Australian batsmen did not

apply themselves after getting starts. At times the Australian batsmen showed they could apply themselves well but they couldn't do it for long periods of time. You need to do it day-after-day in Test cricket. Marcus Harris had had a good series — he

has got time and a good technique. But he



got a lot of starts and didn't go on to make

a big one, much like the other batsmen.
"When Australia look back at series, they will see they have got out trying to be too aggressive. They didn't show the right shot selection or right temperament at the right time in any game. There was too much onetempo batting, rather than going with ebbs while respecting the opposition bowling.

Black Caps sweep ODI series



Ross Taylor celebrates after scoring hundred in the final game of ODI series in Nelson

AFP ■ NELSON

Veteran Ross Taylor and rising star Henry Nicholls both smashed centuries as New Zealand beat Sri Lanka by 115 runs in the third one-day international in Nelson on Tuesday to complete a 3-0 series whitewash.

Taylor top-scored with 137, and Nicholls was unbeaten on 124 off just 80 balls, lifting the hosts to 364 for four

after they lost the toss and were sent in

It was a record ODI score at Nelson's Saxton Oval, where the average is just 275, and Sri Lanka never looked like reaching the mammoth total.

They were all out for 249 in the 42nd over, throwing away their final four wickets without scoring a run as the

series ended with a whimper. Thisara Perera, who scored a blistering 140 in the second ODI, was again the tourists' standout performer, racing to 80 in 63 balls.

With the series already decided, Nicholls and Taylor used the dead rubber to send a message to New Zealand selectors ahead of this year's World Cup.

It was Nicholls' maiden ODI ton and the 27-year-old will hope his strong Test form is finally transferring to the limited overs format. Taylor's 20th ODI century tightened

the 34-year-old's grip on the New Zealand record he already holds for oneday centuries.

"I'm getting old and hopefully I've got a few more left in me," he said.

TAIL-END COLLAPSE

In his last 11 ODI innings Taylor has scored three centuries and six half centuries. He came to the crease with New Zealand struggling at 31 for two but combined with skipper Kane Williamson for a 116-run partnership to steady the innings.

When Williamson departed on 55, Taylor and Nicholls plundered the Sri Lanka attack with an aggressive 154-run

Sri Lanka's senior bowlers were all wayward, particularly at the death, as the tourists conceded 57 runs in the final

Magnificent performance by Virat and his team: Richards



PTI NEW DELHI

Congratulatory messages continued to pour in a day after India's historic Test series victory on Australian soil with legendary batsman Sir Vivian Richards labelling the visitors performance as "magnificent".

"Let me take this opportunity to congratulate Virat and his team for such a magnificent performance Down Under. It was always going to be tough, but you guys came out smelling sweet," Richards said in a video message. The 66-year-old West Indian also lavished praise on Player of the Series, Cheteshwar Pujara, who scored 521 runs at an average of 74 with the help of three hundreds.

"And to Pujara just mag-nificent batsmanship... I just felt real gold stuff. Well done to everyone. Magnificent performance again. Congratulations to the Indian team and to my good mate Ravi well done again."

IMRAN CONGRATULATES

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Prime Minister and former cricket captain, Imran Khan on Tuesday congratulated India on becoming the first Asian team to win a Test series in Australia. "Congratulations to Virat

Kohli and the Indian cricket team for the first ever win by a subcontinent team in a test series in Australia," Khan tweet-

Considered an inspirational former captain, Khan led Pakistan to their sole World Cup title till date, in Australia in 1992.