

**SC reinstates Alok Verma** But bars CBI chief from taking policy decision till selection panel call

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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-pow-ered 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 com-mittee includes the Prime Minister, the Chief Justice of India (CII), 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 parmiting such actions and permitting such actions and decisions becomes available within the time frame indicat-ed," 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 court and it was pronounced by Justice Kaul. By its Tuesday's order, the

SC set aside the October 23, 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.

Verma and Special Director Asthana were sent on "leave" after corruption charges were leveled against each other and the CBI filed a

SC forms 5-judge

**Bench**, Ayodhya

trial from Jan 10

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 ver-

dict in the Vineet Narain case and subsequent amendment in law to drive home the point that legislative inter 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 alle-gations of corruption against high-ranking public officials. The top court referred to a pro-vision 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 leg-islative 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 institu-tion, the director, therefore, has to be the role model of independence and integrity which can only be ensured by free-dom from all kinds of control and interference except to the extent that Parliament may have intended," it said. **Continued on Page 4** 



#### PANEL COURT BALL IN SELECTION

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# **bonafide: Jaitley** PTI NEW DELHI

The Government took T the decision to send the CBI's two senior offi-cers on leave on the CVC's recommendation to pro-tect the integrity of the investigating agency, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said on Tuesday, describing the action as

"perfectly bonafide" Reacting to the Supreme Court on CBI chief Verma, Jaitley said the Government

would comply with the orders of the apex court. Continued on Page 4

Congress president Rahul Gandhi on

Speaking to the media outside Parliament, Rahul said the CBI chief was "ousted" at 1 am

nationalised banks soon: CM

Bill. Talking about Appropriation Bill, Baghel termed it as 'historic'. STAFF REPORTER RAIPUR

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel declared in the Chhattisgarh Assembly on Tuesday that that his This Appropriation Bill is an portant step towards fulfilling imp the aspirations of peo-ple of the State which we have promised, the



has been removed from the files, he also com-Replying to them, the Chief mented while naming SIT on PDS scam. He was addressing the

Minister questioned why the earlier Government did not reduce the farm loan other than ting Chhattisgarh Assembly during making in SR discussion on Appropriation loan free. making interest on short-term

CM said

In between his

speech, the Opposition members

demanded loan waiv-

With most Opposition par-ties grudgingly backing what they called a political "jumla" and the Government describing it as a "historic" measure, the Lok Sabha on Twendow pickt meased the land Tuesday night passed the land-mark Bill seeking to provide 10

Flowers blossom at Parliament house during the ongoing Winter Session of

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. member

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, quota. "I oppose this Bill. This is

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

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HRD Ministry on Tuesday convened a meeting to work out the modalities to implement 10 per cent reser-vation for the "economically weaker" sections within upper castes in higher educational institutions. Sources said the Ministry is working out the number of seats that need to be increased in the educational

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 high-er 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 Commission whether 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 edu-

join the interactive session from across the country and even abroad through video



### House passes resolution to **Farm loan waiver also from** raise Ministers' numbers

#### Raipur: Chhattisgarh State Assembly on Tuesday passed a res-olution unanimously ing law, any State can't induct more than 15 per cent of

asking the Centre to increase the number Council of Ministers and in Chhattisgarh the number of the in the Council of Ministers

from existing 15 per cent to 20 per cent of State's total strength of Legislators. The resolution was tabled Council of Ministers can't exceed 13 as State has total number of 90 legislators. in the House by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel.

The Congress which returned to power last month with a brute majority in In resolution, citing larger geographical area and urgency for speedy development of the State, the CM asked the Centre Chhattisgarh after a gap of 15 years is finding hard to satisfy its majority of MLAs who are nur-

# Verma leave order Now, none can save PM from Rafale probe: Rahul PNS NEW DELHI

Tuesday said no one can save Prime Minister Narendra Modi from Rafale investigation as the SC has reinstated CBI chief Alok Verma, who

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ministerial berth.

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the general category with con-stitutional 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

of whom dubbed the Bill as "jumla" and "gimmick", ques-tioned its legal standing and accused the Government of bringing it in haste with an eye on the Lok Sabha polls.

Narendra Modi's assertion when he assumed power in 2014 that his Government would be devoted to the cause of the poor and work for "sabka

per cent reservation in jobs and education for the economical-ly backward candidates among the general category. The Government will table the Bill in the Rajya Sabha on With an eye on upper cast votes in the forthcoming Lok Parliament in New Delhi on Tuesday Sabha election, all major politsaath sabka vikas" (With all, development for all). Modi and Congress presi-dent Rahul Gandhi were pre-sent in the House when the Bill ical parties supported the leg-islation even though they questioned the timing and legal "firmness' of the move. As many as 323 members voted in support of Bill and only three

10% general quota Bill

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Wednesday.

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.

policy and intention is good and that is why it has enabled

the reservation for the poor in

The Modi Government's

was passed. AIMIM Asaduddin Owaisi opposed the constitutional amendment

Bill saying the Bill is fraud on the Constitution. The Constitution (124th Amendment) Bill 2019 seeks to mend 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

while the Bill seeks quota for the economically weaker sections in the general category. Continued on Page 4

# key demand of upper castes

The related Bill was passed in the Lok sabha on Tuesday and

will come up in the Rajya sabha on Wednesday. As per the All-India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE), 2017-18, the coun-try has a total of 903 univer-sities. over 39 000 colleges sities, over 39,000 colleges and over 10,000 stand-alone institutions. The proposed reservation will be over and above the existing 50 per cent reservation enjoyed by the scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and the other backward classes, and will take the total

reservation to 60 per cent. The Bill is likely to intro-duce criteria like an annual income below Rs 8 lakh and income below Ks 8 lakh and not owning more than five acre of agricultural land for those seeking quota benefits. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will interact with students, teachers and parents about exami-nations and related stress this month end as part of the "Pariksha Pe Charcha" programme just like last year. Participants will also be able to



Gehlot claimed that the Bill is in line with Prime Minister

was unceremoniously removed by the Modi

as he was about to begin an investigation into the Rafale jet agreement

Ramana, UU Lalit and DY Chandrachud.

headed by Chief Justice Ranjan

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Take notice that the follave hore lowing 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 Lustice & Bobde 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 judg-ment, delivered in four civil suits, that the 2.77-acre land 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 the plea, saying it had already suggested that any decision on an Ordinance on Ram temple in Ayodhya can happen only cial process.



passed an order on October 29 relating to the hearing of the matter

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The plea for early hearing was moved by the Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha (ABHM)

Various Hindutva organi-

an Ordinance on early con

struction of Ram temple at the

disputed site. Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had

after the completion of the judi-

A mid opposition from the Congress, the TMC, Left parties and others as well National Democratic Alliance (NDA) allies Janata Dal which is one of the respondents in the appeal filed by legal heirs of M Siddiq, one of the origi-

(United) and Shiv Sena, the Lok Sabha on Tuesday approved a Bill seeking to pronal 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 vide Indian citizenship to non-Muslim minorities from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan reconsideration of the obser vations in its 1994 judgmen that a mosque was not integral to Islam. The matter had arisen

The contentious Bill pro-vides Indian citizenship to the Hindus Jains Christians Sikhs during the hearing of the Ayodhya land dispute. Buddhists and Parsis from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan after six years of residence in India instead of 12 years even if they do not possations have been demanding

Council of Ministers

sess any document

Piloting the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2019, Union Home Minister Rainath 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

BJP-led State Government, the Home Minister said the law is

would bear its "burden".

not meant for Assam only but for the entire country which

Congress and the TMC

staged a walked out from the House in protest with the lat-ter demanding that the Bill should have also included persecuted minorities from the Muslim community in these

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country. "It should have been a secular Bill.", said TMC member Sugata Roy. Describing the Bill as "divi-

cation for the "economically

weaker" sections, meeting a

sive" and "insidious". Roy said "This is the worst form of vote-bank politics." TMC sought that it be sent to select sought that it be sent to select committee for further pruning. 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 submitted its report on Monday. On the basis of the recom-mendations of the JPC, a fresh Bill was introduced on Tuesday

The Home Minister said minorities are persecuted in Pakistan and they have been taking shelter in India. He said though Governments in Devolution of the formation Bangladesh and Afghanistan are taking measures to protect non-Muslim minorities, still they are being persecuted there. Continued on Page 4

CAPSULE

conference

## 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.

Activists under various student union outfits protest against Citizenship Bill in Khumulwng, West Tripura, on Tuesday





# **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 IN NEW DELHI

s many as 100 irrigation A s many as 100 migures for about two decades now due to several issues, including 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 Communic original former 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

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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 reported in Rajasthan and Madhva Pradesh saving the outbreak has subsided

CINEMATOGRAPH ACT: I&B MIN PROPOSES CHANGES New Delhi: The Information & Broadcasting Ministry has proposed changes in the Cinematograph Act to impose strict penalties to combat film piracy and sought comments from people on a draft bill. In order to check film piracy. particularly release of pirated version of films on the internet which causes huge losses to the film industry and government exchequer, the I&B ministry intends to have an enabling provision in the Cinematograph Act, 1952, a statement said.

DGP'S APPOINTMENT: SC TO HEAR PLEAS ON JAN 15 New Delhi: The Supreme Court said it will hear on January 15, petitions of various State Governments seeking to implement local laws regarding selection and appointment of Director General of Police. The top court said it will hear the pleas of Bihar, Punjab and Haryana along with the petitions filed by West Bengal and Kerala.

ASSAULT ON BUSINESSMAN BY EX-MP: SC TAKES NOTE New Delhi: The Supreme Court took note of alleged incident of former MP Atiq Ähmed kidnap ping a businessman in a jail in UP and assaulting and forcing him to transfer his business.

Benefit Programme (AIBP) by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) revealed several deficiencies in the planning, implementa tion 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 ongo-ing 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 stip-ulated 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

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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

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 reac-tion to the Supreme Court order for CBI Director Alok

Verma. "The CBI chief was ousted

at 1 am in the night because he was about to begin a probe into the Rafale deal. The CBI chief

has been reinstated and we have got some relief. Now let's

cannot run away from Rafale,

it is impossible. Modi ji ran away from a debate. He should

have discussed with us the

sident Rahul

see what hap-pens. They

No one can save

probe, says Rahul



attributable to price escalation and ₹6,384.70 crore was due to change in design and inclusion of additional requirements. The cost Krishna Koyna 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 in design. The cost of Chokha Rao

project in Telangana was revised

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. 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

**Division Bench order** 

invalidating Monsanto's

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on

Tuesday set aside an order of the divi-sion bench of the Delhi High Court which had invalidated the patent right

of US-based agro major Monsanto

Technology over BT cotton seeds for

its Bollgard technology.

rejected the charges

Assam, Kosi Barrage in Bihar, Gumani Barrage in Jharkhand and Rukura Indira Irrigation project in Odisha from ₹6,016 crore to ₹13,445.44 in approval of Detailed Projects Reports. These projects were finally approved for a total amount of ₹7,498.77 crore. 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 Indiranma The canal length of 3,420 metre of Kachnari Diversion scheme flood canal in Telangana was revised from ₹1,331.30 crore to of Madhya Pradesh could not ₹5,940.09 crore in 2016 due to

be constructed due to non-availability of actual command change in Standard Schedule of area (CCA of 220 ha) on site Rates, deviation in the project execution and changes in the during execution. This showed that the DPR had not correctscope of work. Velligallu of Andhra ly assessed the availability of command area. The work of concrete lining Pradesh, Lower Wardha, Wang and Krishna Koyna LIS of Maharashtra were delayed

of the Madhya Ganga Canal project sanctioned in July 2007 at a cost of ₹117.87 crore was ranging from four to 25 years

Sarovar in Gujarat, Indira Sagar

Polavaram project in Andhra Pradesh, Gosikhand irrigation project in Maharashtra, Shahipur

Kandi dam in Punjab, Saryu

Bengal. Dhansiri project in

Nahar Pariyojna in Uttar Pradesh, Teesta Barrage in West

stopped after completion of 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 con-crete lining had not been adequately analysed at the DPR stage leading to avoidable expen-

diture 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 PNS NEW DELHI booked by the project author-ities during April 2010 to March 2017 under AIBP.

The CAG performance audit notes that the projects have been languishing due to abject mis-governance-apart from land acquisition issues, the projects has hit inter-state coor-dination, financial, rehabilitation and resettlement walls.

# Opp, Govt lock horns over RS Session extension

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A view of the Rajya Sabha Session on Tuesday

Finance Minister Arun Jaitley Jaitley asserted that it was

The Opposition and Government on Tuesday locked horns over the decision of the latter to extend the func-tioning 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

protect in the rouse even after adjournment for the day. Opposition parties led by Leader of Opposition Ghulam Nabi Azad also held a protest in front of the Mahatma Gandhi statue late evening while the Lok Sabha continued to discuss and debate the new ate and maintain with quality standards, besides taking mar ket risk and provide services at PMJAY rates, the Government will be entrusted the task of to discuss and debate the proensuring sufficient unencum-bered land on lease or through bidding, facilitate various perposed Quota Bill.

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

the infection among birds. "The

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.

Modi care: Guidelines for pvt investments for opening new hospitals in cities issued Modi from Rafale PNS 🔳 NEW DELHI tal can have 100 beds or more.

To incentivise private sec-tor, incentives will be provid-ed during land allotment, various clearances will be facili-PMJAY out of which 29 have already launched the scheme. "The objective of the broad tated with specific timelines among others. While private sector will have the responsibility to build, design, finance, manage oper-

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 qual-ity healthcare services at afford-

All 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 bade, under model U is doctor missions and clearances through special window with timelines, compulsory empanelment of the hospitals for PMJAY and other Government beds, under model II is doctor manager partnership-multispe-cialty (100 beds) while under cialty scheme, ensure timely paymodel III, multispecialty hospiments for services.

# Protect zoo birds against highly contagious viral: CZA

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Following death of peacocks, chicken and ducks 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 family.

lmost four months after it Alaunched the Pradhan

Mantri Jan ArogyaYojana (PMJAY) providing hospitali-sation 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 empan-

elled hospitals throughout the

country. So far 33 States/UTs have

signed MOU for implementing

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

#### SC seeks Bengal Govt's response on BJP plea seeking permission for rath vatra

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday sought response from the West Bengal Government on a plea by the BJP seeking permission to take out rath

a piea by the BJP seeking permission to take out rath yatra in the State. The party's West Bengal unit has challenged the December 21 order of a Division Bench of the Calcutta High Court, which had set aside the order of a single-

judge bench allowing the procession. A Bench comprising justices L Nageswara Rao and SK Kaul also asked the BJP state unit to submit a revised plan for its 'save democracy rally' for consideration by the State Government. The Bench posted the matter for

lic till situation 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 mini-mize the possibility of catching

zoo is being thoroughly sani-tised. The zoo will be opened bio-security measures in the zoos to avoid spread of the viral for visitors only after we get the negative reports from the lab disease among captive animals. Patna's Sanjay Gandhi Zoo director Amit Kumar said the where samples of the birds are zoo will remain closed for pubbeing sent time to time as per

#### Assessment order passed on taxes of Rahul, Sonia but not given effect, I-T informs SC

New Delhi: The Income Tax department informed the Supreme Court on Tuesday that an assessment order (AO) with respect to the tax of top Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi for 2011-12 in connection with the National Herald case has been passed but not being given effect. The top court allowed the AO, passed on

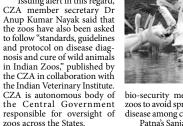
December 31, 2018 raising the tax demand from Congress president Rahul, his mother Sonia and

the CZA protocol," said Kumar In few parts of Odisha too, bird flu has taken its toll on poultry birds. The State Government has declared areas in Kendrapara district bird flu hit and have vaccinated 35,000 poultry birds. As a precau-tionary 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.

#### 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 proposi-tion, 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 sta bility in the war-torn country. 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, includ-ing 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 an stability in the war-rav-aged country. The Iranian sources said a Taliban-dominated Afghanistan will be security challenge to Iran, India, but it will be an existential threat to Pakistan. Iran is learnt to have conveyed its view to Islamabad about how Taliban can be real threat to its existence.



responsible for oversight of zoos across the States. The State authorities have also been advised to improve

CZA is autonomous body of the Central Government

SC sets aside Delhi HC's patent on BT cotton seeds

are prone to virus threat. Issuing alert in this regard, CZA member secretary Dr 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

Gandhi at latter's residence in New Delhi and is learnt to have discussed plans of u 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

T he 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 sta-tus 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 Government's appeal against the National Green Tribunal (NGT) order to reopen the plant.

The State had moved the top court saving 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.

The apex court restored the der of the single judge Bench of the high court which was not seized of the issue of patent but had dealt with the issue of trademark infringement claimed by Monsanto over the BT

cotton seeds by Nuziveedu Seeds Ltd. Deciding appeal of Monsanto, Bench of Justices RF Nariman and Navin Sinha said, "Order of division Bench (of Delhi High Court) is set

aside. The order of single judge dated March 28, 2017, is restored and suit is remanded to single judge for disposal in accordance with law. PTI

hearing on January 15.

"In the meanwhile, the petitioner (BJP) will submit a revised schedule of the Rath Yatra/Ganatantra Bachao Yatra/Chetna Yatra to the respondent — State Government, during the course of the day. The State Government shall consider the same," the order said. The BIP has now decided to cut short its 40-day programme to 20 and the fresh yatras would start from Bahrampur, Diamond Harbour, Midnapore and Kolkata North Lok Sabha constituencies, a lawyer associated with the matter said, adding the decision was taken in view of the upcoming school examinations and the 2019 gen-ΡTI eral elections.

others, to be placed on record after the I-T department insisted on it but said that it would not form any opinion on the merits of the case on its basis.

A Bench of Justices AK Sikri, S Abdul Nazeer and MR Shah also asked Sonia and Rahul to file an affidavit and place on record in four weeks a CBDT circular which was issued on December 31, 2018, to clarify about taxes on valuations, but was recalled on January 4.

The court asked the I-T department to file its reply to the affidavit and the circular to be filed by the Congress leaders within a week thereafter PTI

# Lok Sabha gives consent to DNA Bill

#### PNS NEW DELHI

The Lok Sabha on Wednesday passed a Bill that provides for regulation of use and application of Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) technology for establishing the identity of certain categories of per-sons, including offenders, victims, suspects and undertrials. The DNA Technology (Use

The DNA Technology (Use and 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 disputes, emigration or immigration, and transplantation of human organs.

Replying to the debate, Science and Technology Minister Harsh Vardhan said the DNA testing is being done on persons comprising a minuscule per centage of less than one per cent. On concerns of members on

the misuse of the Bill, the Minister said the misuse can happen of any-thing 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.

The Bill provides for establishment of a National DNA Data Bank and Regional DNA

criminal justice system, civil justice system and more so for the people

the indices including crime scene index, suspects' or undertrials' index and offenders' index. The Bill of the country. He also sought to know that if any investigative agency which is collecting the DNA abuses the power, what steps should be taken also provides for seeking consent of the individual when DNA pro filing is used in criminal investigations and identifying miss-ing persons. However, consent against that person under the law NK Premachandran (RSP) raised concerns about the Bill which includes Right to Privacy. requirements have not been spec-He was of the view that some legislature was required so that the ified in case of DNA profiling for

civil matters. DNA profile taken from the peo-ple was not misused. Participating in the debate on the Bill Sanjay Jaiswal (BJP) said that future of the world is on the Premachandran also said that

DNA Technology while Kalyan Banerjee (TMC) was of the view that the Bill was very good for the the Bill should be sent to a Parliamentary Standing Parliamentary Committee.

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# **Opp creates ruckus; demands motion** of thanks to Guy's address first

#### **Chhattisgarh Assembly** Winter Session

#### STAFF REPORTER E RAIPUR

The Opposition BJP members on Tuesday creat-ed ruckus in the Chhattisgarh Assembly during

the discussion on Appropriation bill. The members were protesting discussion on Appropriation bill taken up before motion of thanks on Governor's address and alleged that a wrong prece-dent is being set in the House and demanded dis-cussion on Governor's address first.

When the discussion on Appropriation bill commenced, the Opposition members objected and said that instead of giving priority to discussion on vote of thanks to the Governor the Treasury bench is holding discussion on Appropriation bill which was

an insult to the Governor, they charged. BJP member Brijmohan Agrawal said that it was a tradition of the House that discussion on motion

a tradition of the House that discussion on motion of thanks to the Governor is conducted first. Holding discussion on Appropriation bill prior to it was thus not justifiable, he said. Leader of Opposition Dharamlal Kaushik said: "We are not running out of the Assembly and the dis-cussion on Appropriation bill should be after the dis-cussion on vote of thanks to the Governor", he said. Legislative Affairs Minister Ravindra Choubey disagreed with the stand of the Opposition members

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while asserting that they were opposing the issue relat ed to interest of farmers of the State.

Earlier too in 2010, discussion on other topics have been done prior to discussion on vote of thanks to Governor, he said.

There would be point of order by the Chair on the issue and why you all are so furious over the issue of farmers, Choubey added.

Later, Speaker Charandas Mahant while dismissing the plea of Opposition members gave point of order that discussion on vote of thanks to the Governor would be held on January 9,10 and 11 and said that there were examples earlier too when discussions on Appropriation bill had been done prior to the discussions on vote of prior to the d thanks to Governor.



and Rural Development Minister TS Singhdeo flags off the 'Gajraj Project Vehicle' from his official residence in Raipur on Tuesday

# J Yojganandanam Chhattisgarh College to hold symposium today

#### **150th Birth** Anniversary of Father of Nation Mahatma Gandhi



officers on Central deputation right now

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the Central Government has informed.

STAFF REPORTERRAIPURMahatma Gandhi to India<br/>from South Africa'.Raipur, Additional Direct<br/>General Sudarshan S Pantode.<br/>The symposium will be<br/>the 150th Birth Anniversary of<br/>Father of Nation MahatmaMahatma Gandhi to India<br/>from South Africa'.Raipur, Additional Direct<br/>General Sudarshan S Pantode.<br/>The symposium will be<br/>the 150th Birth Anniversary of<br/>Father of Nation MahatmaMahatma Gandhi to India<br/>from South Africa'.<br/>The symposium will be<br/>to 150 the 150th Birth Anniversary of<br/>Father of Nation MahatmaMahatma Gandhi to India<br/>from South Africa'.<br/>The symposium will be<br/>to 150 the 150th Birth Anniversary of<br/>Father of Nation MahatmaMahatma Gandhi to India<br/>from South Africa'.<br/>The symposium will be<br/>to 150 the 150th Birth Anniversary of<br/>Father of Nation MahatmaMahatma Gandhi to India<br/>from South Africa'.<br/>The symposium will be<br/>to 150 the 150th Birth Anniversary of<br/>Father of Nation MahatmaMahatma Gandhi to India<br/>from South Africa'.<br/>The symposium will be<br/>to 150 to 112 to 120 t Chhattisgarh Cadre of Indian Officers in IAS. where the government had and said it was good that the apprehension on it, he said. Father of Nation Mahatma and Regional Outreach Bureau, on the subject.

Administrative Service (IAS).

Eight IAS officers of Chhattisgarh cadre are cur-rently on Central Deputation,

Inter Cadre Deputation to Uttar Pradesh as approved by

Accordingly, there is a shortage of 35 officers in Chhattisgarh Cadre of IAS. The shortfall in various cadres of IAS is a pan India phenom-enon. To address the problem Further, One officer is on the Government has increased

over the years, annual intake of IAS officers under Direct

# Kalluri headed panel to probe multi-crore PDS scam

#### STAFF REPORTER RAIPUR

The Chhattisgarh Government on Tuesday announced that it had appoint-ed Inspector General of Police (IGP), Anti Corruption Bureau and Economic Offence Wing S.R.P. Kalluri as Head of Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe alleged financial irregu-larities in the Chhattisgarh State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited. The other members of SIT are — I Kalyan Elsela, SP, Narawannur, Manoi Kumor

Narayanpur, Manoj Kumar Khilari, ASP, ACB, Raipur, Uneja Khatoon Ansari, ASP, Jashpur, Vishwas Chandrakar, Dy SP, EOW, Anil Bakshi, Dy SP, EOW, Raipur, L S Kashyap, Inspector, CID, Raipur, Brijesh Tiwari,Inspector, ACB, Raipur, Ramakant Sahu, Inspector, ACB, Raipur, Motilal Patel, Inspector, Kanker, Farhan Quereshi, Inspector, EOW, Raipur, N N Chaturvedi, Legal Expert and Retired Deputy Director

The team will submit its report within three months. The alleged scam was exposed in February, 2015 when ACB and EOW sleuths conducted simultaneous raids at 25 premises of Chhattisgarh tate Civil Supplies corporation Limited and res-State

idences of its officials. During the raid, a 113-page diary (in which names of beneficiaries of the scam were mentioned) was allegedly

recovered. The Congress party had alleged then that the content of only six pages of the diary was covered in the probe while remaining 107 pages were skipped. The scam is of the size of Rs 36,000 crores, it had stat-



# SRP heading SIT is not without thought'



STAFF REPORTERE RAIPUR

Minister Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu on Tuesday said that the respon-sibility of heading the SIT on PDS scam by IPS officer SRP ome Kalluri might have been entrusted upon the officer after some thought was given by the Chief Minister.

Some of the decisions are taken by the General Administration Department and Home Department can't intervene on them , he said. SRP Kalluri might have been posted with the Home Department but all transfers of All India Service officers are done after consultation with the

# Govt backtracked on total prohibition promise: Raman

#### STAFF REPORTER RAIPUR

Senior Bharatiya Janata Party Deader and former Chief Minister Raman Singh during discussion the Appropriation bill in the Chattisgarh Assembly on Tuesday charged that the rul-ing party of backtracking from its part promise of an foreing

Its poll promise of enforcing total Prohibition. Commenting on the Appropriation bill he said the government once again is depending on liquor contrac-tors in the State.

The former Chief Minister also claimed that his Government did tenfold better work for the farmers than the Congress Government. "We had provided farm loan on zero percent interest and ini-tiated scheme of supplying 7500 units of power to farm-ers, he said.

Singh further alleged that due to the Appropriation bill the fiscal deficit would get doubled. It would rise to 4 per cent from the present 2 per cent, he said.

Singh said the Congress had won the elections on basis



also waived farmer loans taken from nationalized banks. The Government here is 'fooling' the farmers and they

have now come to know that the poll promises were made by

Congress only to win the elec-tions, he said.

manifesto. Congress member Satyanarayan Sharma speaking thereafter said the former Chief Minister was giving so many advises to the new government but if he had done his work in

studied Congress party's poll

# CM to open 24th All India Forest Sports Meet today: Akbar

#### STAFF REPORTER RAIPUR

The five-day, 24th, All India Forest Sports Meet will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Wednesday at 4.00 pm at Swami Vivekananda Stadium in Kota here.

Addressing a press confer-ence here, Forest Minister Mohammed Akbar said that Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Dr Harsh Vardhan, forest ministers from Bihar and Puniab, senior officials of forest department of different states and former International Cricket player V.V.S. Laxman will participate in the inaugural session.

"A total of 2400 players from across the 29 states and seven Union Territories will be participating in the event including participants from seven All India level Forest and Wild Life related Institutes", Akbar said. The events to be held are

-athletics, archery, badminton, basketball, billiards, snooker, carrom, chess, cricket, cycling, football, golf, hockey, kabbadi, lawn tennis, shooting, squash, swimming and others," he said "All the preparation for

event has been completed while around 230 officers and employees of the State have been trained to participate in the event, Akbar said. Different committees have



been constituted while sports associations will extend all technical services. All the events will be played on Raipur based grounds," the Minister said.

"Cultural events will be held on themes of Chhattisgarh's art and culture along with tourist spot details to be shared with the visiting teams," he said.

"Last time , Chhattisgarh was runners-up but this time it hopes to be winner. The total budget is around Rs nine crore while the food, transportation and accommodation will cost around Rs 4-5 crores," said C K Khetan, Additional Chief Secretary, Forest Department.

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# **Opp members stage walkout,** shout breach of privilege

#### STAFF REPORTER RAIPUR

Opposition BJP members Staged walkout from Chhattisgarh Assembly while charging breach of privilege by Minister for Home Affairs, Tourism, Culture and Religious Endowment Tamradhwaj Sahu over declaration about Raiim Punni Mela in public despite the notification of Assembly session getting issued. A motion of breach of priv-

SC reinstates...

From Page 1 The Bench said all author

ities should be kept away from "intermingling or interfering" in the functioning of the CBI

director.

ilege was moved by BJP member Brijmohan Agrawal and said Shivratan Sharma but Speaker Charandas Mahant didn't allow earlier the Opposition mem-bers were stating that Congress has 60 years of experience and now surprisingly they were alleging that new government was inexperienced, they said. Meanwhile, asserting that the matter was under his con-sideration Sneeker Charandas a discussion on it while ruling that the issue had not been brought before him on time.

Raising the issue the Opposition BJP members including Brijmohan Agrawal charged that the new govern-ment was inexperienced and thus was making mistakes. Congress members object-ed to the statement of

sideration, Speaker Charandas Mahant disallowed discussion on it and the Opposition BJP members staged a walkout dis-

satisfied over his ruling.

# attendance despite strike call claims mgt **Bhilai:** During the strike call by Employees Union there was full attendance at the Plant level

Bhilai Steel Plant, employees showed their utmost commit ment and reached their work and normal working and pro-duction was reported in Bhilai Steel Plant (BSP) on Tuesday, a spot and to attend their duty osts, it informed. posts, it informed. Special arrangements were made at the gates for the safe passage of the employees to the Work spot. Arrangements

company press release Till B shift, 99.26 per cent attendance was reported in the were made in the canteens to take care of the needs of the Works area and 101.54 per cent attendance was reported in employees coming in various shifts, the press release Non-works area, it informed. Upholding the culture of

### BSP registers full staff 'Probe on death of lion cubs to depend on evidence received' STAFF REPORTER RAIPUR ago. After two of them died, the third one was separated from the Lioness. This led to her

month of November (2018)

The weaker four new born cubs

 $I\!\!I\!f substantial evidence is received, then the probe will be conducted into the death of$ Lion cubs in the Jungle Safari at Atal Nagar, said Forest Minister Mohammed Akbar on Tuesday. In month of November

had died within a short period. On the death of White Tiger in Bilaspur based Kanan last year, four lion cubs within few days of their birth had died Pendari, the Minister said, "The at Jungle Safari. The lioness named Vasundhara had given birth to three cubs five months report was sought from all the three doctors who performed the post-mortem. Individual

interaction was also done with doctors and they stated that due to hair, they could not find the point of snake bite on Tiger." mating and then giving birth to second set of four newborns in

But based on the colour of heart which turned black and the inside of mouth turning blue it was confirmed as snake bite. The body parts of Tiger have been sent to Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Bareilly for further probe. Based on final report action will be taken, he said.

# 'Spirited' Delhiites gulped over 16.5L litre to ring in New Year

#### Dealing with the situation PTI 🔳 NEW DELHI

where authorities may require to take action against CBI director, the Bench said public interest Delhiites partied hard to welcome 2019, gulping down over 16.5 lakh liquor botmust be writ large against the backdrop of the necessity and such a "compelling necessity can only be tested by the opin-ion of the committee" tles on the eve of New Year. According to a Delhi Government official, there was a spurt in sale of liquor in the city on December 31.

ion of the committee". The court also noted that the relevant law did not have any The official said, as per provision with regard to inter records, the total excise collection of the city Government on im suspension or removal of the December 31 was ₹16.4 crore. "16,59,636 bottles of liquor CBI director and made clear that decision has to be taken after taking consent of the high-powered selection panel.

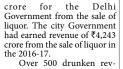
official said. In 2017, the month of

were sold by all entities, includ ing liquor shops, restro-bars



and clubs in the national Capital on December 31," the

December had generated ₹458



ellers, most of them youngsters, were penalised by the Delhi Police on New Year's eve, underlining a decline in the number of such cases as com-

He said citizenship will be

given to them only after due

scrutiny and recommendation

of district authorities and the State Government. The mini-

pared to last year. A total of 509 challans were issued for drink-anddrive cases on New Year's eve traffic police said.

### From Page 1 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 earli-er too by Governments at the Centre and States in this regard

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but failed because they were done either through common statutory provisions or notifi-cations, 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 ratifi-cation 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 amend-ment to Article 15 (5) with regard to promotion, he said, it regard to promotion, ne 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

party. With Opposition members using 'jumla' jibe, Jaitley hit back saying if the mention of a similar quota for the gen-eral category in their manifestos was a jumla as well.

Taking a jibe at Opposition arties for their protests, he said if they are supporting the Bill, they should be whole- hearted and not grudgingly doing it. Describing the reservation

Bill as political gimmick, Opposition parties led by the Congress expressed apprehen-sion that the law empowering 10 per cent reservation to the

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 Committee for examination.

"It was only yesterday that Union Cabinet approved the Constitution Amendment for 10 per cent quota for poor under general category on ecobasis and was intro nomic duced in Parliament today. It raises question on the sinceri-

ty 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, Thambidurai (AIADMK) М 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 mis-

#### clears... leading 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 never. 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 gen eral category but where are the jobs. To make this Bill more comprehensive, the Bill should be referred to the Joint Parliament Committee on Standing Committee, he added

Questioning the urgency of Bill, Supriya Sule (NCP) said if the Government had been sin-cere, 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 refer-ring to a remark made by Ramvilas Paswan who said the Government should ensure that it should not get into a

that it should not get into a legal tangle. 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

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 developm of society. nent

Verma leave order bonafide: Jaitley

From Page 1 "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 rec-ommendation," he said, referring to the decision to send Verma and CBI Special Director Rakesh Asthana on leave. The decision by the gov-

ernment 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 recommen dations 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 min-

ister said. He said the court has referred the matter to the committee to decide on the

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

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

"The government had accepted the CVC recom-mendations 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 rec-

mmendations to the SC. Verma had challenged the government's October 23 rder sending him on forced leave and appointing an inter-im chief, arguing that the CBI chief has a fixed two-year term and can be removed only by the high-powered "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 "Therefore, the court has referred the matter to that committee to decide on that issue within one week. And in accordance with the direc-tions of the court it will be complied with and the government will act in the same manner. The government is not biased," Jaitley said. The Supreme Court rein-stated 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.

### Citizenship Bill pulls through LS... The BJP appeared to have been isolated over the issue as been isolated over the issue as the AGP broke up with the saf-fron party while the NDA allies, the Shiv Sena and the JD(U), have opposed this leg-islation. Mizoram and Meghalaya Governments have opposed the Bill by adopting

Seeking to assuage the con-cerns in the North-East, which saw an 11-hour bandh on Tuesday against the legisla-tion, Singh said the proposed law will not be confined to Assam alone. "The burden of those per

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secuted 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.

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"They have no place to go to, except India," he said, adding several leaders includ-

ing first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru were in

favour of giving shelter to per-

secuted minorities in the neighouring countries.

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.

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The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh ted e-Procurement Portal (https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in) from Date 14.01.2019, at 17.31 Hours

Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to- 28.01.2019 at 17.30 Hour

The Union Cabinet's deci-sion can been seen as a bal-ancing act by the Central Government to strong opposi-tion to the Bill in Assam.

safeguards will be provided to protect the interests, rights and rivileges of existing Scheduled Tribes of Assam. "A separate Bill will be rought 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," Rainath 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 eli-"At the same time, full gible to apply for citizenship,"

Durg, Dated : 07.01.2019

mum residency period for citizenship in India is proposed to be reduced from existing 12 years under the present law to six years. The legislation also seeks to provide relief to persecuted migrants who have come through western borders of the country to States like Gujarat, Rajasthan, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh and other States, the Home Minister said.

he said

The Bill will apply to all States and Union Territories of the country and the beneficiaries of Citizenship Amendment Bill will be able to reside in any State of the country.

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

NIT No:68/ R-CAMC/ IB /EEC-I /E-in-C/NRDA/2018-19, Atal Nagar Distt.-Raipur(C.G) Dated: 08.1.2019 NIT Mos8J RCAMC/18/EEd-/E-in-C/NRBA/2018-19, Atal Nagar Dist.-Raipur(EG) Dated: 08.12019 The Chief Executive Officer, ANVP invites item rate tender for the above works. Estimated cost: INR 120.00 Lacs, EMD: INR 1.20 Lacs, period of completion: 2 Months for repair /replacement and 36 months for Comprehensive Annual Maintenance, Last time & date of online submission : 15:00hrs on 29.01.2019. The E-Procurement tender documents can be downloaded from the portal (Website) http://eproc.cgstate.gov.in directly and shall be submitted online on the same website only after making on payment of bid participation fees online. Modification/ Amendment if any, shall be published in the website only. vebsite only.

Atal Nagar Vikas Pradhikaran Paryavas Bhawan, North Block, Sector- 19 Atal Nagar (C.G.) 492 002, T: +91.771.251.2400

#### POLICE HEADQUARTERS, CHHATTISGARH, SECTOR-19, ATAL NAGAR, RAIPUR

Notice Inviting Tender

NO. PHQ/Sec-10/Prove-103 /19 Raipur, Dated 07/01/2019 Sealed tenders are being invited by the Director General of Police. Chhattisgarh on behalf of Governor of Chhattisgarh from Original equipment manufacturer(OEM)/authorized by OEM for this tender of the following item.

it as a test for the Opposition ent and Comprehensive Annual Main Contract for UPS at Indravati Bhawan, Sector -19 Atal Naga Distt.-Raipur (C.G.)

PUBLIC NOTICE: LOST ID CARD FICICI Bank

ICICI Bank Limited Registered Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, ICICI Bank Tower, Near Chakli Circle Old Padra Road, Vaddoara-390007. Corporate Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai - 400051

I, Gagandeepsingh Nirmalsingh Hanspal, employee no. C28046 currently posted at ICICI Bank Limited, Raipur in the capacity of a In House I- Process hereby undertake: 1. I have lost the ID Card dated December 27th 2018 (ID Card) issued

by the Bank in my favour, authorizing me to represent the Bank. 2. Nobody shall be allowed to represent the Bank by way of the ID Card. Date : 09.01.2019 Place : Raipur

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# **UN examining Saudi** woman's asylum bid

#### AFP BANGKOK

The asylum claim of a Saudi woman who resisted deportation from Thailand will take several days to assess, the UN said on Tuesday, as the 18-year-old's family, who she accuses of abusing her, was due to arrive in Bangkok. Rahaf Mohammed al-Qunun arrived at Bangkok's write sites term of the factors

Qunun arrived at Bangkok's main airport on a flight from Kuwait after running away from her family, who she alleges subjected her to physi-cal and psychological abuse. Qunun said she planned to seek asylum in Australia, fear-ing she would be killed if sent back by Thai impirgration offi-

hig she would be knied in sent back by Thai immigration offi-cials who stopped her at the air-port 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

Rahaf Mohammed al-Ounun 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 abuse

will.

"It could take several days to process the case and deter-mine next steps," the UNHCR representative in Thailand, Giuseppe de Vicentiis, said in a statement.

Thailand is not a signato-ry 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. In a short press release dis-tributed to media outside their

embassy in Bangkok on 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 embassy. In an earlier and separate

explanation released on Twitter. the embassy also denied send-ing officials to Suvarnabhumi airport to meet Qunun as she arrived via Kuwait or



Thai immigration chief Surachate Hakparn told reporters that Qunun's father and brother were due in Thailand later on Tuesday.

Haiand later on fuesday. 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-con-servative Saudi Arabia has some of the world's toughest restrictions on women, includ-

ing a guardianship system that allows male family members to 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 her hair. 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 air-port in both Arabic and English, racking up more than 80.000 followers

20 INJURED IN BEIJING School Attack

primary school here attacked

and injured 20 students with a hammer on Tuesday, according

to authorities. The attack took

place at the Beijing No.1 Affiliated Elementary School of Xuanwu Normal School in

Xicheng district just after 11.15 a.m., the police said on their official Weibo account.

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# Australia to 'carefully UK rules out Brexit extension consider' Saudi woman's plea

AFP SYDNEY

Australia on Tuesday vowed to consider an 18-yearold Saudi woman's plea for asylum, further easing fears she could be forcibly returned home.

Rahaf Mohammed Al-Qunun's desperate bid to reach Australia will be "carefully considered" if the United Nations deems she is at risk, an official told AFP. Qunun, fleeing alleged abuse by her conservative family, says she tried to reach Australia on a tourist

visa. But she was stopped en route by authorities in Thailand at the request of the Saudi govto reach Australia. "Any application by Ms Al-Qunun for a humanitarian ernment, which demanded the visa will be carefully considered once the UNHCR process has

woman return to her family. Qunun barricaded herself in a Bangkok airport hotel room, refusing to leave and

posting determined calls for asylum on social media to draw attention to her plight. She is currently being

assessed by the UN's refugee agency. Human rights activists had expressed concerns that Australia's government which takes a hard line on immigration — may revoke her

tourist visa. The official did not con-firm or deny if the visa had been revoked, but said it would make no difference to her bid

### as May seeks EU help on deal AP BRUSSELS The British government on Tuesday ruled out seeking an extension to the two-year period taking the country out of the European Union as Prime Minister Theresa May continued to seek further con-cessions from the EU ahead of a crucial parliamentary vote next week on her Brexit deal.

In a move that has massive trade, business and political implications, Britain will leave the EU on March 29 when the two-year period that governs the process by which a coun-try can leave the bloc times out, the so-called Article 50 of the EU's governing treaty.

Without a withdrawal agreement, Britain faces the prospect of crashing out of the bloc on that date with no deal, a development that could see tariffs slapped on British exports to the EU, widespread disrup-tion at ports and shortages of

food and pharmaceuticals. As things stand May does not appear to have the numbers to win the support of enough lawmakers for the Brexit deal that she forged with the EU last November And that's raised concerns of a "no-deal" Brexit and prompted talk of an extension to the two-year process or even another referendum on

Britain's membership of the EU. antees. She postponed a sched-uled vote on the deal in "Article 50 will not be extended. We are leaving the EU on the 29th of March this December after it became clear year, because that's what Article she would lose.



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Britain's Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt arrives for a cabinet meeting in Downing street in London on Tuesday AP

50 says, that's what Parliament France insisted Tuesday that the EU can only offer polit voted for, and that's now what domestic British legislation says as well," Britain's minister ical reassurances to help May persuade reluctant lawmakers

urged reluctant British law-makers to back the deal, which lays out things like Britain's future financial obligations, the rights of citizens hit by Brexit and steps to keep goods flowing freely across the Irish border.

"We really need to have a ratification of the withdrawal agreement. This is the best solution for both parties,

vince parliament, Loiseau said, would amount to "political assurances, but there is nothing more that we can do."

### **Kim Jong-un** arrives in **China for talks**

concluded," the official said. Whether someone holds a

whether someone nous a visitor visa does not have a bearing on this process." Australia had quietly pressed authorities in Thailand to grant

the UN access to Qunun, and now wants the matter dealt

with quickly. "The Government has

made representations to the Thai government and the Bangkok office of the UNHCR

about its serious concerns on

this matter and the need for Ms

Al-Qunun's claim to be

assessed expeditiously," the

official said

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

right-hand man in diplomatic negotiations with the US and South Korea, arrived in Beijing

He is visiting China from January 7 to 10 at the invitation of President Xi Jinping, state-run

Authorised Office ICICI Bank Limited



May is set to put the deal to lawmakers next week, and has been in talks with several Loiseau told reporters. EU leaders about fresh guar-Any help for May to con-

National Security Council spokesman Garrett Marquis said U.S.

Officials were told Erdogan cited local election season and a speech to parlia-

ment for not meeting with Bolton. In the speech to parliament Tuesday, Erdogan criticized the U.S. Position that the Kurds must be pro-

tected, reiterating his government's

position that they are a terrorist group.

Erdogan not to meet Trump aide in apparent snub AP 🔳 ANKARA

Us National Security Adviser John Bolton is set to depart Turkey with-out meeting with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, in an apparent snub over disagreements about Kurdish fighters in Syria.

A US official had said over the weekend that the two were expected to have consultations on Tuesday about the fate of Kurds allied with the United

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan says Turkey's preparations for States in Syria as part of discussions about President Donald Trump's troop a new military offensive against terror groups in Syria are "to a large extent" complete. draw-down from the country.

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4	Needle Cutter & Destroyer	9	Phototherapy	
5	ETO Sterilizer	10	Transport Incubator	
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### General Public is hereby informed that a male (depicted in the photo) namely Lalit Raghav S/o Chander Pal R/o Cunder: Lalit Raghav

22/23, JJ Colony, Khyala, New Delhi Age - 60 Years has been reported missing since 19.12.2018 at 07:30 pm vide DD No. 36A dated 20.12.2018 lodged at Police Station- Khyala, New Delhi. His physical description is as

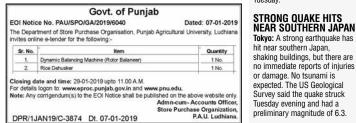
SEARCH FOR MISSING

Complexion: Fair, Height: 5'3", Face: Round, Built: Thin, Clothing: Pink Colour Pant and Grey Colour Jacket. Any person is having any information/Clue about this missing male, kindly inform SHO: Khyala at

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.nic.in or website: http://cbi.nic.in Tele No. : 11-24368638 or 24368641 Fax No. : 11-24368639

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**TENDER NOTICE** Tender No. NIFT-DEL/Building/7245/2018 dated: 04.01.2019 NIFT invites Sealed Tenders for UPS supply work at NIFT Campus Haux Khas, New Delhi -16 from reputed & eligible manufacturers agencies. Detailed tender document can be downloaded from NIFT' website E- portal – <u>https://nift.eproc.in</u>

Scheduled date of opening of tender	Assistant Director (Bldg)
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Last Date of submission of tender	- 23.01.2019 at 03:00 PM
Earnest Money Deposit	- ₹15000/-

### EU in talks with US over embassy 'downgrade Brussels: The European Union said Tuesday it is in talks with

US officials after President Donald Trump's administration reportedly "downgraded" the bloc's embassy in Washington, in the latest blow to transatlantic relations. The US State Department lowered the EU mission's diplo-

1 DEAD AFTER OIL TANKER BLAZE OFF HONG KONG matic status from member state to international organisa Hong Kong: One man was killed and two others declared tion late last year, according to missing after an oil tanker caught fire while it was being a report by German broad-caster Deutsche Welle.

The move apparently only came to light when the EU ambassador in Washington did STRONG QUAKE HITS NEAR SOUTHERN JAPAN not receive an invitation to the funeral of former US president George H.W. Bush in Tokyo: A strong earthquake has

"We understand that there was a recent change in the way the diplomatic precedence list is implemented by the United States' Protocol," Maja

on his private train.

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clearisation of the Korean peninsula. Kim, accompanied by his wife Ri Sol-ju and senior officials including Kim Yong-chol - his

While official media gave few details, Beijing witnessed familiar traffic snarls like during Kims previous visits during which traffic on the main thoroughfares were blocked for his convoy to

The reclusive North Korean let China thrice last year to meet with X after his first summit with Trump i

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#### POSSESSION NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

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co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagor(s) attention is invited to pro in 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset

Description of Property Immovable Asset- A Residential House admeasuring GS Sa, ysk, GS, 257 Sa, Mis, J bearing Property No. 13, Block-L-1, Entire Ground Floor, Hauz Khas Enclave, New Dehi and bounded as under: East: PLOT No. L-11/4, 15 & 16, West: L-115 & 6, North: Road, South: L-1/4			
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	Mr. Gurinder Singh Sahni, (Borrower) Rajinder Kaur, Jot Impex Pvt Ltd (Co- Borrower) (LBDEL0000 2352381/ LBGUR0000 2380237)	DPT 632 6th Floor, Prime Tower Plot 79 And 80, Okhala Phase I, New Delhi, Delhi 110020 and measuring area 801 Sq Ft. Carpet Area is 485 sq feet	(As on	Rs. 85,00,000/- (Rupees Eighty Five Lacs)	Rs. 8,50, 000	January 15, 2019 From 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM	January 31, 2019 From 12:00 PM onwards	
	Mr. Gurinder Singh Sahni Rajinder Kaur, Jot Impex Pvt Ltd (Co-borrower) (LBDEL0000 2352373/ LBGUR0000 2380239)	DPT 633 6th Floor, Prime Tower Plot 79 And 80, Okhla Phase I, New Delhi, Delhi 110020 and measuring area 759 Sq Ft. Carpet Area is 475 Sq feet	Rs. 10734730/- (As on December 28, 2018)	Rs. 83,00,000/- ( Rupees Eighty three lacs)	Rs. 8,30, 000	January 15, 2019 From 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM	January 31, 2019 From 12:00 PM onwards	

 [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
 Notice for sale of immovable property
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial
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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the

below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what

is", and "Whatever there is" basis as per the brief particulars given hereunder ; Name of Details of the Amount Reserve

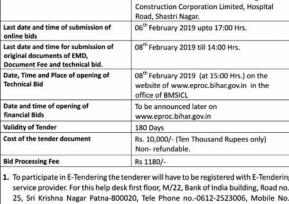
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# PAPER WITH PASSION -**Quota politics** Unexpected announcement of a 10 per cent reservation for

economically weaker sections is not a political masterstroke



ne 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 prev 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.

# opānion 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 Imrar Khan has offered to teach India how it should treat its minorities. Is it not likely that when he said this If 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 imag-ined 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 vithout 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 subsequentat the birth of Pakistan only to subsequent-ly regret it, plus, of course, being frequent-ly accused of blasphemy. The Communist Party had wholeheartedly sponsored Partition, only to later beat its breast — it was come of the party of the to correct of Idem 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 no 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 brough 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 Islamic nuclear bomb. He too was rewarded 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 All Jinnan. The relisted 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

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reduce its minority population to three per cent from the 22 per cent in Pakistan of 1947. Does the therefore, a mystery why most Pakistanis are callous about 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 safety, security and welfare of their brethren in India. Regimes in Islamabad pursue their own interests without caring for any repercussion in India. Earlier forgotten his cricket and probably believes that greater the poptheir great guru was the US. Now, the look to China for direction ostensibly, others be damed ulation, higher are the chances of throwing up more players. If not, the new Prime Minister has for-This is as old a syndrome as 1947 Within two months, Pakistan had no compunction in invading gotten that his country has cre-ated a new minority with the passing of every decade. the Kashmir Valley. As long ago as in 1951, Dr Zakir Husain, the then vice

The saga of creating ever new minorities began with the Sikhs at Rawalpindi; soon there-after, the Hindus. Then came the turn of the Ahmediyas at Lahore. chancellor of the Aligarh Muslim University and later Rashtrapati, took the lead along with 13 other Muslims eminences to Pakistan's Christians, who had backed Partition, in due course submit a memorandum to Dr Frank P Graham, the United became unpopular enough to be 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 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

of whom can be the country's useful allies against Pakistani misdemeanour. There is no doubt a problem. The only viable Muslim leadership in the coun try is ecclesiastical. The luminar thy is ecclestastical. The infinita-ies, who are not *maulvis*, do not have sufficient following. Addressing Muslim citizens through the *ulema* has its limi-tations. The substantive interest other successful is a successful for of the masses lies in a peaceful life

Pakistan might not have been. Even since his college days, this writer has been told that all where the individual and his family can try and prosper, to edu-Sunni Muslims of the world cate the children and so on belong to a single community, Whereas the thrust of the ulema

would be to protect and promote which is their first loyalty. It is, the influence of Islam, leaders in India should, therefore, find a channel of informing and seek ing cooperation of our Muslim brethren directly." The memorandum was also signed by Sir Sultan Ahmed, Sir Mohammed Usman, both for-

mer members of the Viceroy's Council. The signatories includ-ed 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 sub-mission 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 Muslim League leaders had repeatedly emphasised in the years preceding Partition that when the country was divided, there must be an exchange of population. Sir Feroz Khan loon 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)

should seriously follow the Pakistani example, it should NDBITE

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

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**Filmmaker** —Zoya Akhtar

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A path to elections with no holds barred



EDITOR





enable a non-believer to cross the teway 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 denomina-tions. 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 Rafio Zakaria in his widely read book, *The Man* Who Divided India, clearly stated that but for the Muslims of Uttar Pradesh (especially Aligarh), Bihar and Mumbai (then Bombay), Pakistan might not have been. Young men from Aligarh went all the way to

of Prophet Muhammed. A dis-Punjab to campaign for the 1945-46 general election, which proved decisive for Partition. tinguished Shia was Qaid-e-Azam Jinnah without whom They propagated Pakistan as the new Medina. Moreover, if India

bombs while praying. There is also a proposal to expel Shias from the fraternity of Islam. They are followers of Imam Hussein, who was the grandson

#### **Election propaganda**

Sir — The West Bengal Government has been denying permission to the Bharativa nata 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* yatra. The Union Government has failed to deliver on its promis-es to the masses and this is a lastditch effort by the RSS-BJP combine to woo the people by play-ing the Ayodhya card yet again. Shalini Gerald

Chennai

#### **Careful decision**

 This refers to the editori-Sir al, "Behind the scenes" (January 8). Emboldened by its tremen dous wins in Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, the Congress should have acted

his refers to the editorial, "Behind the scenes" (January 8). We all know that apart from the 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 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 Yaday 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.

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** 

### Taking lessons

 This refers to the editor-Sir ial, "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

Noida

Azhar A Khan Rampur 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 Kanpu

#### **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 societ will be enlightened only when it protects its women.

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amicably towards the Samaiwadi Party (SP) and the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP). It should have accommodated the SP's lone MLA in the Madhya Pradesh Cabinet. Similarly, it should have withdrawn all Bharat Bandh cases filed against the Dalits. It was only when Mayawati threatened them that she would take back the BSP's

support to them did they act. Additionally, the Congress is

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 Akhilesh Yadav and BSP supremo Mayawati seem to have taken a final call on keeping the Congress out of the grand alliance in Uttar Pradesh.



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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 radesh.' 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 foe-turned-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 num-ber 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 Raiasthan. 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 - Mavawati 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. So, expectation is that the 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 quit 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 eadership, 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)

# analysis

#### POINTCOUNTERPOINT



THE PEOPLE, WHO WERE HONEST, DECENT AND HARDWORKING TILL THEY WORKED WITH HER (MUFTI) ARE DUBBED GARBAGE NOW. -NC LEADER **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



I APPEAL TO THE EDUCATED YOUTH TO JOIN PDP AND

HELP IN BRINGING THE PEOPLE OUT OF THEIR MISERY.

ALL THE GARBAGE IN THE PARTY HAS GONE NOW.

-PDP LEADER

**MEHBOOBA MUFTI** 

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 und include a scientific article in 1950 recording two instances of a positive microscopic finding in the brain — evidence of rabies — of the Bengal In the brain — evidence or trades — or 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 peo-ple, 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.

The rabies virus was found in both cases. And though these two cases were examined follow-ing 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 expo-sure they deserve. The veterinary advisor for the Siberian Tiger recommended the vaccination pro-tocol for use in all wild tigers to save them from viral disease.

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 for-est on December 15, 2015. In both cases, the frenzied felines chased people and attacked a few of them, including the forest staff. The injured people 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 ence 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 the rabies virus, was taken seriously only when 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 virol ogists 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 spec-imens 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



was killed and the carcass was disposed off in a remote area of the village. What had happened to carni-vores such as jackals and foxes, which rage, which has jacklas 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 dis-appearing from the villages? Why are the hyenas becoming rare in the countryside? Why is it that the pop-ulation of the wild dog (dhole) declined drastically in its habitats such as the Satpura Tiger Reserve and then recovered in a few years and again declined drastically? Is it due to the spread of rabies or any other virus? 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. 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 such as Babesia protozoa are transmit-ted from an unhealthy prey. The World Health Organisation (WHQ) reported that rabies is a vac-

died within two weeks. Finally, the dog

(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-

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), mongoos-es, 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 to the category of feral or stray dogs. A substantial number of this forms the prey base for carnivores, especially for leopards, tigers, lions, hyenas, wolves and jackals

In 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 docu-mented across the African continent, convincing evidence for the circulation convincing evidence for the circulation of rabies in populations of wild carni-vores 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, leop-

ard, hyena, wolf, and jackal — are sus-ceptible to diseases as they largely prey upon domestic animals, including dogs and pigs which are a carrier of pathogens. Domestic livestock, includ-ing dore acceptible to prior for don ing 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 studies, it is difficult to assess deaths 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 them-selves 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.

(The writer is Member, National Board for Wild life)



diversified investment strategy

# FOREIGN EYE



**BASTARDISATION OF** THE OVERALL POLITY Education was the immediate victim of the buffoonerv 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.

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



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 opportu-

HIMA BINDU KOTA hen it comes to invest-ments, 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 accessful 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 aggres-

nities 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 mit-igate 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 port-folios 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

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	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%
Worst 20-year return (annualised)	2.54%	3.02%	2.95%

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

sively, when one is older, they may

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 sig-nificantly 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 additional risk in pursuit of long-term help reduce exposure to higher-risk 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-

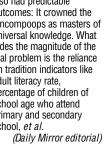
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investments in favour of more conser-vative ones like bond or money market funds. This can help mitigate the impact of extreme market swings on portfolio, which is important when one needs the money relatively soon Once they enter retirement, a large 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

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 diver-The other thing to remember about time horizon is that it keeps sified portfolio is the foundation of any smart investment strategy. (The writer is Assistant Professor,

changing constantly. So, let's say one's retirement is 10 years away, he/she may want to re-allocate their asset to Amity University)

to never be 100 per cent allocated in short-term investments if time horizon is greater than one year.



# **DMK** seeks resolution against 10% quota Bill

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Economic backwardness is against Constitution, says MK Stalin

#### KUMAR CHELLAPPAN CHENNA

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 eco-nomically weaker sections. This



for administrative reforms D Jayakumar replied that it was 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. is a move which has been brought in with an eye on the upcoming Lok Sabha elections Then only we will be able to make any comments on the Jayakumar. in mind," said Stalin. He reminded the House that such moves were struck down by the Interestingly, Tamil Nadu

has 69 per cent reservation policy though the national limit is 50 per cent. The 10 per Supreme Court in the past. "The Supreme Court has stated many times in the past cent quota, if implemented in Tamil Nadu will hike the reserthat reservation was meant for only people belonging to the socially and educationally vation quota to 79 per cent in backward classes and not to economically backward secthe State leaving just 21 per cent for the general category. tions. Economical backward-

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Except for Brahmins, and some of the few sub-sects in the Hindu religion, all communiness is against the Constitution," said the DMK ties in the State have been incorporated as backward com munities and other backward Karunanidhi, who played a major role in implementing the Mandal Commission Report communities because of the

political influence wielded by the community leaders.

Srinagar: PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Tuesday said coalition Governments deliver better results than single-party majority regimes, cit-ing the example of the BJP-led Government at the Centre. Backward Communities in central gov-

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

Brute majority has had a "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 tweated 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 estab-lished "a high bar of achieve-ments — opening of cross LOC roads (being) the singular political achievement post-

Gandhi era, coalition Governments had delivered

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better results than single party rule.

"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 pre-sent BJP single party rule,"

she said. "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 had said that "experiment of coalitions" had not worked 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.

Coalition Govt better than single party: Mufti

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 State.

"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 plough' (HAL in chaste hindi). Addressing a day-long round development of the vouth convention here at party State," Bukhari said in a stateheadquarters, Omar told youth ment

wing delegates, "gear up for the crucial polls ahead. The fight is not going to be easy. You have to work hard from now 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 onwards to win the majority seats. We need 45 seats to form our own Government. We can MLA from Amirakadal said. Bukhari further said that win these seats by working as a team and helping each other

coalition politics results in a in their constituencies". chaotic atmosphere and more often leads to "unstable 'mature' leader of the party he Governments that hugely said, "I am a changed man now. I am no longer the same Omar Abdullah who ruled affects the policy making and decisions of Government". **PTI** 

# Omar launches poll campaign

MOHIT KANDHARI 🔳 JAMMU

Former J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday launched his party's poll cam-paign from Jammu with the slogan, "HAL hi Hal hai". The election symbol of the party, as approved by the Election Commission, is

Positioning himself as a

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 anoth-er 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 con cern over growing inclination among Jammu & Kashmir youth towards militancy, Omar said shrinking of space has pushed them to the wall

# Rahul Gandhi to address farmers' rally in Rajasthan

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chief.

Jaipur: Congress president Rahul Gandhi will on 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. Congress-led The

Government in Rajasthan had on December 19, 2018 Pande said. addressing a public meeting where farmers will express their gratitude," he added. *PTI* announced a waiver for short term farm loans up to ₹2 lakh and constituted a committee to

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decide the eligibility criteria. The announcement was in line with the Congress chief's pre-poll announcement to waive farm loans.

'Congress president will be

Stalin also claimed that it

was his father late M

"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 politi-cal affairs in Rajasthan, Avinash polls.

The Sonowal Government has no moral right to continue and if the Bharativa 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 that the current Assam Government be dissolved,"

Mahanta told reporters. Accusing the BJP of adopting an anti-Assam policy, Mahanta said, "Let the BJP form a new Government alone. We will welcome that".

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

drew its support to the ruling BJP-led coalition Government after its "last-ditch attempt to convince" the Centre to with-

drew the proposed legislation failed Mahanta, the leader of the

"If the decision (to pull out) was taken earlier, people's anger and disappointment with the AGP would have been less." **PTI** 

"However, we support the meeting at Kosigi village in Kurnool district, as part of the

Minister

announced a grant of ₹100 crore for the benefit of the

recent Assembly polls in five states, he said, adding that the party has lost its credibility PŤI

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Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday said the

announcement of the Centre providing for 10 per cent reservation for the economically backward people was made in view of the Lok Sabha polls and also to divert the attention

from the alleged Rafale scam. 10 per cent reservation for the economically backward," the Chief Minister said at a public

Janmabhoomi programme. "At the same time, we

Valmiki community. Meanwhile, TDP politburo member and State Finance Yanamala among the people.





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

MLAs.

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

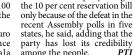
#### in the Assembly elections (in 2016) only due to the AGP. The AGP protested against the bill ever since it was proposed," the AGP founder said. The controversial Citizenship (Amendment) Bill Sonowal-led Government that इस्यिएमा सरकार



Assam Agitation, a popular movement against illegal foreigners that lasted for six years between 1979 and 1985, said,

said while recalling that the state legislature had passed bills in this regard and sent them to the Centre for approval. The Chief Minister

national party was fundamen-tally opposed to reservations. 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





#### Activists take out a torch light vigil in protest against Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016 in Guwahati on Tuesday still has the backing of 74 2016 was passed in Lok Sabha The BJP has 61 members

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# Lukewarm response to **Bharat Bandh in Bengal**

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

With the Trinamool Government taking a "strong stance against bandh culture? the first day of Left trade unions-sponsored 2-day Bharat Bandh evoked mixed response on Tuesday in Bengal. While life remained near-

ly normal in Kolkata reports from districts, particularly industrial towns of Barrackpore, Howrah, Hooghly and Durgapur-Asansol region witnessed low attendance of workers though the factories remained open, sources said.

In Kolkata buses, metro railways and ferry services functioned near-normally pre-senting a diametrically opposite picture than what it used to be like even a decade ago. While State Government offices saw near total presence of employ-ees, central government offices and banks remained completely closed apparently giving

people a trying time. Railway services particu-larly the suburban train sera trying time.



Left-sponsored trade union activists participate in a demonstration on the first day of a two-day general strike called by various trade unions in Kolkata on Tuesday

vices were partially affected with the strikers blocking bail, police said. tracks and disrupting powe supply at many places in Howrah and Sealdah Division.

Notwithstanding a nearnormal picture in most parts of the State strikers clashed with Trinamool supporters and the police at various places even as they vandalised buses and other vehicles at Jadavpur, Sodpur, Rishra, Uttarpara, Barasat, Basirhat, Siliguri etc. Senior CPI(M) leaders including party Legislative party Leader Sujan

party Leader Sujan Chakrabarty and former State oxygen before the elections by calling such bandhs but that Minister Anadi Sahoo were will not sustain them?



said.

the stampede

Amavasva'.

Along with the Railways, the commission also blamed UPSRTC, Allahabad district

administration and police for thoroughly failing in crowd management leading to the

tragedy. The commission conclud-

ed that the Railways did not make a clear assessment of the number of passengers for

which arrangement of trans-

ortation had to be made on the occasion of 'Mauni

(Retired) Omkareshwar Bhatt

#### PNS LUCKNOW

¬he State Government will L table in the Assembly a report by a one-member com-mission which probed the stampede at Allahabad railwav tation during Kumbh in 2013, beside implementing its sug-gestions for the imminent Kumbh Mela starting at Prayagraj from January 14.

At least 38 people were killed and 50 others injured in arrested and later released on the stampede at the Allahabad Reacting to the bandh call railway station during Mauni Amavasya on February 1, 2013, while devotees were Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said "we have taken a stand of not supporting any bandh. Enough is enough. In returning home after taking a holy dip at the Sangam. "The Government has

the past 34 years the Left have destroyed the State calling bandhs. Not any more." also worked on the recommendations of the commission BJP State president Dilip Ghosh thanked the State for the coming Kumbh Mela so that the lapses are not repeat-Government for taking a proactive part in thwarting bandh culture and added "the ed this time," spokesperson and Health Minister Sidharth Nath Singh said while briefing CPI(M) is trying to find some media persons after a Cabinet neeting on Tuesday. The one-member judicial

commission of Justice

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

#### Tripura suspends SMS. mobile internet for 2 days

Agartala: The Tripura Government on Tuesday sus-pended mobile internet and SMS services in the entire State blamed the Railways and UP State Roadways Corporation for the stampede at Allahabad junction railway station in 2013. This time we have asked for two days in the entre state for two days in the apprehen-sion of law and order problem following a clash in West Tripura district. In a notification, the home

the authorities to look into the department said, "Incidents of rioting and arsoning have occurred in some areas in lapses that occurred in 2013 and directed them to initiate Jirania police station under West Tripura district and phonecessary precautions," Singh The commission also held tographs of such incidents are the change made on the plat-form at the last moment and being uploaded in the social media which may likely to the lack of holding area of pasgenerate serious law and order sengers as the prime reason for situation..

Those photos are likely to be used for transmission of fake information and to prevent this, use of SMS messages and mobile Internet/data services are being prohibited for 48 hours since 3 pm Tuesday, the notification said.

At least seven persons were injured, some with gunshot wounds, on Tuesday at Jirania, about 15 km from here, when police and paramilitary jawans resorted to lathicharge and fired in the air to disperse Citizenship Bill protesters. **PTI** 

### DELHI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY E-TENDER PRESS NOTICE No.12/FO/EZ/2018-19(Pt-III)

Online Percentage rate tenders are invited/re-invited through e-tendering mode for the following works on behalf of DDA by EE/ED-2 & 5, Opp. Pkt.I Dilshad Garden, EE/8, 9, 14 and Elec Divn. No.1, Seed Bed Park, Shakarpur, Delhi from approve and eligible contractors of DDA, CPWD, MES, BSNL and Railway. For works costing upto ₹60.00 lacs, registered & approved Contractor of DDA will only be eligible. Last date and time of submission of tender for works at Sr. no.1 to 12 are 18.01.2019 at 3.00 p.m.

1. NIT No. 21/EE/ELD-1/DDA/2018-19. Name of work: M/O Various Scheme under NA-II (East Zone). SH: Re-connection of electric connection for street lighting at Gaushala Road Gazipur, Garg Hospital, Railway Road, Karkardooma, I.P. Extention and Pankaj Plaza Kondli. Estimated Cost: ₹5,27,322/-, Earnest Money: ₹10,546/-, Period of Completion Two Months

2. NIT No. 26/EE/ED-2/DDA/2018-19.(Short Notice) Name of work: Protection of DDA Vacant land under East Zone SH Providing/fencing with RCC post at vacant land Usmanput Village, Estimated Cost: ₹21.32.813/-, Earnest Money ₹42,656/-, Period of Completion: 30 days.

3. NIT No. 27/EE/ED-2/DDA/2018-19. Name of work: M/O Various Scheme under Nazul A/C-II (E.Z.): Repair and construction of boundary wall of Green land near A Pocket GTB Enclave and along with Rajeev Gandhi Hospital. Estimated Cost: ₹20.50.716/-, Earnest Money: ₹41.014/-, Period of Completion: 90 days

4. NIT No. 28 /EE/ED-2/DDA/2018-19. Name of work: M/O Various Scheme under Nazul A/C-II (E.Z.). SH: Repair of boundry wall at F1-Block, Sunder Nagri. Estimated Cost: ₹18,59,633/-, Earnest Money: ₹37,193/-, Period of Completion : 90 days

5. NIT No. 29/EE/ED-2/DDA/2018-19 Name of work: M/O Various Scheme under Nazul A/C.II (EZ). SH: Repair of boundary wall of vacant plot at Dilshad Garden. Estimated Cost: ₹20,55,245/-, Earnest Money: ₹41,105/-, Period of Completion: 90 days

6. NIT No. 22/EE/ED-5/DDA/2018-19. Name of work: Land Protection work in Trans Yamuna Area (EZ). SH: Providing barbed wire fencing in vacant land in the jurisdictions of ED-5 Estimated cost: ₹16,05,830/-, Earnest Money: ₹32,117/-Period of Completion: 60 days.

7. NIT No. 23/EE/ED-5/DDA/2018-19. Name of work: Land Protection work in Trans Yamuna Area (EZ). SH: Repair of boundary wall in vacant plot in the jurisdiction of ED-5 Estimated Cost: ₹18,75,073/-, Earnest Money: ₹37,501/ Period of Completion: 365 days.

8. NIT No.02/EE/ED-8/DDA/2018-19. Name of work: M/O Various Scheme under Nazul A/C.II (EZ) SH: Supply of drinking water through water Tanker at J.J. Colony Madanpur Khadar Phase-II. Estimated Cost: ₹17.63.867/-, Earnest Money ₹35,277/-, Period of Completion : (9) Nine Months.

9. NIT No. 26/EE/ED-9/DDA/2018-19. Name of work: M/O Various Scheme under Nazul A/C.II (EZ) SH: Repair of damaged road & footpath of Manglam road at institutional area Karkardooma (FC-18) Estimated Cost: ₹20,58,604/-, Earnes Money: ₹41,172/-, Period of Completion: 90 days

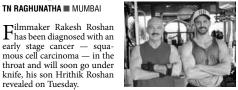
10. NIT No. 28/EE/ED-9/DDA/2018-19. Name of work: M/O Various Scheme under NA-II (EZ) SH: Day to day cleaning Sweeping, Maintenance of Community Halls at Shastri Nagar Kanti Nagar and Shankar Nagar. Estimated Cost: ₹5,91,193/ Earnest Money: ₹11,824/-, Period of Completion: 365 days.

11. NIT No. 10/EE/ED14/DDA/18-19. Name of work: D/O Sanjay Lake (Ph-II) i/c Eco-restoration plan at Mayur Viha Phase-II. SH: Covering of Eco-Restoration Plan Tank & P/L inter-locking paver block around the tank for passage Estimated Cost: ₹20,31,530/-, Earnest Money: ₹40,631/-Period of Completion: Two Months.

12. NIT No. 13/EE/ED14/DDA/2018-19. Name of Work: Land Protection work in Trans Yamuna Area. SH: Construction of boundary wall, P/F MS Sign board & steel gates in DDA vacant and under the jurisdiction of ED-14. Estimated Cost: ₹18,34,479/-, Earnest Money: ₹36,690/-, Period o Completion: Six Months.

For terms and conditions, eligibility criteria and other an technical related queries please call at 24X7 Help Desl Number-0120-4200462,0120-4001002, 0120-4001005, 120-6277787 and e-mail ID support-eproc@nic.in. please visit he Website- https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app.

Please give your feedback on DDA Apps at 🍺 Googlep Visit DDA's website - www.dda.org.in.or.dial.Toll Free No. 180011033



**Re-Tender Corrigendum** 

diagnosed with cancer

Tender Title: Procurement of Under Water Diving set with BA set Tender Ref. No: NIT-04/TFS/2018 Tender ID: 2018\_Fire2\_2267\_1

Due to the poor response received to the tender referred above in e-procurement Portal https://tripuratenders.gov.in it has been decided to extend the date of receipt of bids till 24th January 2019, at 15.00 hrs. The pre-qualification cum technica bid would be opened on 25th January 2019, at 11.00 hrs. All other terms and conditions of the tender remain unchanged

For more details please visit: https://tripuratenders.gov.in/www.tripuraindia.com/

www.tripuratoday.com/www.indigenoushearld.com/ www.tripurachronicle.in/ www.neindia.com For and on behalf of Governor of Tripura

> Sd/-(Uttam Kr Bhaumik, IPS) Joint Director, Fire Service Nodal Officer (E-Tender)

ICA/C-2141/19

#### Appeal For Identification



General public is hereby informed that this person Name : Unknown S/o : Unknown, R/o : Unknown, Age : 60 Years, Sex : Male, Height : 5 Ft. 8 Inch. Complexion : Wheatish. Wearing : Lining Shirt, Blue Colour Jacket, Grey Colour Pant and Bare Footed, has been found dead on 29.12.2018 at Footpath, Near Faridabad Bus Stand, Under

Yudhishthir Setu, Kashmere Gate, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 13-A Dated 29.12.2018 has been lodged at PS. Kashmere Gate, Delhi.

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

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

DP/9542/N/19. PS. Kashmere Gate, Delhi Ph.: 011-23968730, 8750870123 shared on Instagram with a photograph of him and his father Rakesh Roshan before a Prime Minister Narendra Modi will virtually kick off

Filmmaker Rakesh Roshan |PM to start poll campaign with

In an emotional post,

throat.

the ruling BJP's campaign for the Lok Sabha polls in Maharashtra on Wednesday, workout at their home Gym. Hrithik wrote: "Asked my dad for a picture this morning. Manarashira on wednesday, after he launches several devel-opment projects, including four-laned Section of Solapur-Tuljapur-Osmanabad stretch of a national highway and lays Knew he wouldn't miss gym on surgery day. He is probably the strongest man I know. Got diagnosed with early stage squamous cell carcinoma of the throat a few weeks ago, but

he is in full spirits today as he proceeds to battle it" "As a family we are fortu-nate and blessed to have a leader like him," Hrithik added. Squamous cell carcinoma a particular type of cancer that is characterised by an uncontrolled growth of abnor-mal cells in the lining of the

Having featured as an actor in 84 films in the 1970s under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana for beedi workers and and 1980s, Rakesh took to film textile workers, at Solapur in western Maharashtra. The 98.72 km four-lane direction in 1987 and the titles of all the films directed by him

ASHOK KUMAR physical description is as under:

colour shirt and chapal in feet

Phone: 011-24368638, 24368641

Fax No. 011-24368639

DP/8050/WD/18

Age: 40 Years, Height: 5'6", Complexion : Shallow,

Built : Thin, Face : Oval, Wearing : Blue colour pant & red

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing person, may inform SHO, Khyala, Delhi at

missing person, may morn one, sugar, established E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in or website: http://cbi.nic.in SHO

have begun with alphabet "K". Solapur-Tuljapur-Osmanabad

that a person (depicted in the

photo), Namely : Ashok Kumar S/o R. Murgam R/o E-339, J.J.

Colony, Khyala, New Delhi has

been missing from his home since 10.12.2018. In this regard a case

vide DD No. 15A dated

17.12.2018 has been lodged at

PS New Khyala, Delhi. His

Ph. No. 011-28335696, 28335686

P.S. Khyala, Delhi

West Distt., Delhi

projects' inauguration in Maha

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a Rs 244 crore Underground Sewerage System under AMRUT Mission and a project for improvement in Water Supply and Sewerage System, as part of Area Based Development in Solapur Smart City. This project is expected to bring significant improve-ment in service delivery and improve public health enabled by technology as a means to create smart outcomes for cit-

> After launching two devel-opment projects and laying foundation stones for three will in likelihood kick-start the BJP's Lok Sabha poll cam-paign at a public rally at Solapur, which incidentally is the home town of senior Congress leader and former Union Home Minister Sushil

#### APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified deadbody of male Namely: Ram Dass S/o Puran R/o Unknown Age : 50 years, Height : 5'5", Complexion : Shallow, Wearing: Dirty clothes & bare fotted has been admitted in Aruna Asaf Ali Hospital from

the jurisdiction of PS Timarpur, Delhi, During the Treatment the Doctors declared him dead. In this regard a case vide DD No. 65-A dated 25.12.2018 has been lodged at P.S. Timarpur, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this dead person may kindly inform to the following:-SHO

P.S. Timarpur, Delhi North Distt., Delhi

Tel. No. 011-23814421, 23812734

SEARCH FOR MISSING General public is hereby informed

and lay foundation stone for a ₹1,183 crore project for construction of 30,000 houses

Solapur-Maharashtra Karnataka Border section of NH 9 and dedicated 765 kV

izens.

Solapur-Raichur power trans-mission line – will also dedi-cate to the nation of Underground Sewerage System, and three Sewage

foundation stones for some others, at Solapur. During his second visit to Maharashtra in less than a month, the Prime Minister will also inaugurate the ₹972.71 crore four-lane Section of Solapur-Tuljapur-Osmanabad national highway (new NH-52)

DP/9537/N/19

Kumar Shinde.

Treatment Plants in Solapur. The sewerage project will increase the sewer coverage of the town and improve sanitation in the city. It will replace the existing system and also connect to the trunk sewers

national highway — con-structed in a span of 910 days — will help improve the con-nectivity of Solapur in western Maharashtra with Marathwada being implemented under AMRUT Mission. The Prime Minister will also lay foundation stones for region of the State. The highway consists of two major way consists of two major bridges, 17 minor bridges, 87 culverts, 14 underpasses, a 3.47 km by-pass and service roads of 33.21 km length. Modi — who during his earlier visit to Solapur in August 2014 had laid founda-tion stone for four laning of

#### ef: 1236/ITDA-63 Dated 08.01.1 Tender Notice No: 10/ITDA-630/2019 dated 08/01//2019

#### Selection of Service Provider for Providing Project Manageme Cell (PMC) for Uttarakhand State Data Centre

Cell (PMC) for Uttarakhand State Uata Centre P Request for Proposal) is being in Sund by TIDA. Department of IT, tarakhand to the reputed IT companies meeting the qualification teria, for Selection of Service Provider for Providing Project anagement Cell (PMC) for Uttarakhand State Data Centre. The RFP current can be downloaded from <u>www.uktenders.gov.in</u> from 001/2019. The tender document fee of Rs 10000-(Rupees Ten ANUT/2019. The tender document fee of Rs 10000/-(Rupes Ten housand Only (non-refundable) through demand draftBanker's Cheque auruing "Director, ITDA" payable at Dehradun should be submitted long with the Bid. The parties willing to participate in the bidding will have apply through the Electronic Tendering Procedure (e-Tendering) as per the guidelines issued by Government of Uttrankhand available on the bove mentioned web site under the link. Bidders Manual KIT, itector ITDA reserves the right to cancel the tender at any point of time, thoul assigning any reason thereof. to apply through the the guidelines issu

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	E-procurement Tender	Notice
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#### THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION LTD.

K-14, Sector 18, NOIDA - 20130

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#### FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002

We, the HSBC Bank, has issued Demand Notice U/S 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act. 2002, through our NOIDA branches/me the tted by you in the payment of instalments of principal, interest, etc. The outstandi

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower	Loan A/c No.	Date of 13(2) Notice	Limit	NPA Date	Rate of Interest	Demand Amount as per Sec. Act Notice	Mailing Address	Mortgaged Property
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	MR UPENDER JIT SINGH	053366 142001	30/11/2018	₹57,80,000/-	16/06/2018	10.2%	₹3949621.01	80/44 AB THIRD FLOOR BLOCK 08 MALVIYA NAGAR DELHI NEW DELHI INDIA     II B 47 LAJPAT NAGAR 2NEW DELHI 110024     719/720 INTERNATIONAL TRADE TOWER NEHRU NEW DELHI 414141     ORACLE INDIA LEVEL 7 DLF BUILDING NO 8 TOWER C GROUND DLF CYBER CITY 7TH FLOOR DLF GURGAON 122002	PLOT NO- 18, THIRD FLOOR(WITH TERRACE), BLOCK- G2, MALVIA NAGAR, DELHI
	ANJANA RANA	166065 029002	30/10/2018	₹29,71,000/-	17/08/2018	10.75%	₹2550877.78	1. DDA LIG FLAT NO. 25., GROUND FLOOR, POCKET GH 5 & 7, PASCHIM VIHAR, NEW DELHI 110063	723 GH 5 AND 7 PASCHIM VIHAR NEW DELHI 110063
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Further with reasons, we believe that you are evading the service of Demand Notice. Hence this publication of demand notice. You are hereby called upon to pay HSBC BANK within a period of 60 days of date of publication of this Demand Notice the aforesaid amount alongwith further interest, cost, incidental expenses, charges etc., failing which HSBC BANK will take necessary action under all or any of the provision of Sec 13 (4) of the said Act against all or any one or more of the secured assets including taking possession of this secured assets of the borrower/s. Further you are prohibited U/S 13(13) of th said Act from transferring either by way of sale/lease or in any other way the aforesaid secured assets. Please note that no further demand notice will be issued.

Place: NOIDA Dated: 9th January, 2019

The Authorised Officer For The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corpo



# Sensex jumps 130 pts; banking stocks rally

#### PTI MUMBAI

Benchmark equity indices ended higher for the third straight session on Tuesday on widespread buying in banking stocks towards the fag end amid fresh inflows by foreign

amid fresh inflows by foreign funds and positive global cues. The BSE Sensex spurted 130.00 points to end at 35,980.93, while the broader NSE Nifty advanced 30.35 points to 10,802.15. Both indices traded in the

negative zone through most part of the session as investors booked profits in recent gainers amid weakness in the rupee due to rise in global crude prices. However, with the emer-

gence of buying towards the close of the session, Sensex wiped off losses and hit a high

of 36,037.35 before settling 0.36 per cent higher. The index had rallied 336.45 points in the previous two straight sessions. The 50-share NSE Nifty orthod 0.28 per cent hickor

settled 0.28 per cent higher. Intra-day, it touched a low of 10,733.25 and a high of 10,818.45.

According to Hemang Jani, Head — Advisory, Sharekhan by BNP Paribas, banking stocks remained in focus after the RBI governor Monday expressed sat-isfaction over the performance of the banking sector by saying bad loans have declined, particular-ly that of state-owned banks.

"Also the sharp moderation in bond yields should significantly boost the treasury performance of the banking sec-

Market traded on a rangebound with a positive bias in which PSU banks led the gains on account of improving nonperforming asset (NPA) reso-lution along with capital infusion and depressed valuation. said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial

Services. Investors have some cau-tion ahead of corporate earnusing and a hope over ongoing US and China trade meeting, he added.

Earlier in the session, investors logged gains ahead of Q3 earnings of bluechip comnies such as TCS and Infosys later this week amid fresh weakness in the rupee which again breached the ₹70-mark against a dollar, traders said.

However, losses were apped on Central Statistics Office's positive advanced esti-mates of national income for 2018-19. The domestic economy is

expected to grow at 7.2 per cent in 2018-19 against 6.7 per cent in the previous fiscal mainly due to improvement in the perteck 0.02 per cent. formance of agriculture and

manufacturing sectors, the CSO had said on Monday. In the Sensex kitty, Sun Pharma was the top gainer, surging 3.98 per cent; followed by private lender ICICI Bank 3.46 per cent ahead of earnings. Shares of Tata Motors

surged 2.34 per cent largely on reports of strong JLR UK sales. Other gainers include SBI, Yes Bank, Axis Bank, Bajaj Federal Reserve

0.16 per cent.

money law Auto and IndusInd Bank, ris-PTI 📕 NEW DELHI ing up to 3.18 per cent.

While losers include Kotak Bank, NTPC, HDFC, HUL, Bajaj Finance and M&M, falling up to 1.41 per cent. Shares of Gruh Finance and Bandhan Bank tumbled Tuesday.

and Bandhan Bank tumbled Tuesday, with the former plung-ing 16.39 per cent following announcement of merger plans. Fresh spell of buying by foreign institutional investors (FIIs) also buoyed trading sen-timents, traders said. "As an outcome of the actions taken by the Income-

Meanwhile, foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) bought shares worth a net ₹736.18 crore, while domestic institutional investors (DIIs) sold shares to the tune of ₹141.97 crore, while on Monday, provisional data showed.

closed foreign assets and income valued at over ₹6,000 Among Sectoral indices, bankex took the top position by climbing 1.31 per cent, fol-lowed by healthcare 0.98 per cent, PSU 0.65 per cent, metal 0.58 per cent, auto 0.39 per cent Infrastructure 0.19 per crore have been detected," Minister of State for Finance Shiv Pratap Shukla said in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha cent, Infrastructure 0.19 per

Under the Act, a onecent, FMCG 0.13 per cent and time compliance opportunity for a limited period was pro-While, capital goods, wer, consumer durables, IT vided to those persons who have any foreign assets which have hitherto not been disclosed for the purposes of Income-tax. In this compliance win-

and oil & gas indices ended lower up to 0.35 per cent. The broader markets depicted a mixed trend with the small-cap index rising 0.17 per cent while mid-cap index fell dow, which closed on September 30, 2015, 648 declarations involving undis-closed foreign assets worth over ₹4,100 crore were made. Globally, Asian shares rose as investors were optimistic about trade talks between An amount of over ₹2.470 Washington and Beijing amid dovish remarks from the US crore has been collected by way of tax and penalty in such

Undisclosed assets | ₹ tumbles 53 paise of ₹6K cr detected to 70.21 against under foreign black USD on crude woes

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U<sup>ndisclosed</sup> assets totalling ₹6,000 crore have been he Indian T rupee on T u e s d a y plunged by 53 detected under the foreign black money law enacted by the Government in 2015, Parliament was informed on paise to close 70.21 against the US dollar Further, as on October 31, 2018, 34 prosecution complaints have been filed under the foreign black a m renewed con-

cerns over widening of current account deficit follow ng constant rise in global

tax Department under the Black Money (Undisclosed crude oil prices. Foreign Income and Assets) and Imposition of Tax Act, 2015' (The Black Money Act), Besides, strong demand for the American currency from importers also weakened the rupee performance. The US dollar's gains against major as on October 31, 2018, undisrival currencies yen, pound and euro too impacted the domestic currency market sentiments.

At the Interbank Foreign Exchange (forex) Tuesday, the rupee opened on a sluggish rupee opened on a sluggish note at 69.83. It weakened fur-ther to hit a low of 70.23 (intra-day), before finally clos-ing at 70.21, showing a loss of 53 paise.

This was the first loss for the Indian currency unit in three sessions. It had risen by 52 paise in the previous two trading days.

On Monday, the rupee had gained 4 paise to end at 69.68 against the US dollar. The brent crude, a global

benchmark, was trading at 58.07 per barrel, up 1.29 per

Investors seemed to have turned cautious keeping in view persistent rise in crude oil prices, which threaten lifting the country's oil import bill and expanding current account

deficit, according to analysts. Meanwhile, domestic bourses continued their stellar show for the third straight ses-sion, with the benchmark Sensex rising by another 130 points on account of fresh inflows by foreign funds and positive global cues.

The Financial Benchmark India Private Ltd (FBIL) set the reference rate for the rupee/dollar at 70.0221 and for rupee/euro at 80.1576.

The reference rate for rupee/British pound was fixed at 89.4238 and for rupee/100

Japanese yen at 64.37. Foreign funds Tuesday pulled out ₹553.78 crore from the capital markets on a net basis, while domestic institutional investors purchased shares worth ₹698.17 crore on Tuesday, provisional data showed

## **Business Corner**

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As part of National Level Pollution Response Exercise (NATPOLREX-VII) a workshop titled "Marine Environment Protection" was inaugurated by Directo General Rajendra Singh, PTM, TM, DGIGG. This workshop is part of a three-day exercise that will consist of presentations by

delegates from Bangladesh Coast Guard Japanese Coast Guard Korean Coast Guard, Sri lankan Coast Guard, NIO, DG Shipping, ONGC, and Indian Coast Guard



Union MoS (IC) for Power, New and Renewable Energy, RK Singh, released a book titled Smart Grid: Fundamentals & Applications co-authored by IS Jha. CMD POWERGRID, Subir Sen, COO (CTU PIg. and Smart Grid), Rajesh Kumar, Sr. DGM (Smart Grid), POWERGRID and renowned academician, Prof. DP Kothari

# MSME loan NPAs improve to 8.5% in the yr to Sept '18: Report

#### PTI MUMBAI

There has been a marginal improvement in bad loans among micro-small and medium enterprises (MSME) segment in the year to September 2018, a report said Tuesday. The non-performing assets (NPAs) for both banks as well as the non-bank finance companies (NBFCs) from the 'micro' enterprises segment have improved to 8.5 per cent in September 2018 from the 8.7 per cent last year.

2018 from the 8.7 per cent last year. The report by state-run lender Sidbi and credit infomration company Transunion Cibil comes days after the Reserve Bank announced a special dispensation to restructure MSME loans because of heightened stress due to events such as the note ban and implementation of GST.

The same for the small and medium enterprises has nproved to 11.3 per cent from the earlier 11.4 per cent. Credit to the MSME segment as a whole grew 13.5 per cent,

the quarterly report said. The RBI had announced a forbearance for MSME loans up

to ₹25 crore following pressure from the Government. In a January 2 comment, domestic brokerage Kotak Securities had wondered about the timing of the MSME dispensation at a time when the banks are growing the portfolios rapidly, while other analysts had termed it regressive. "We are quite surprised at the timing of the notification by

the central bank. Lenders usually step back lending when the early warning indicators suggest rising trends of deterioration," the report said.

Meanwhile, the Cibil report said lenders may be erring on fresh borrower acquisition in the segment going by the stress in asset quality and need to be more attentive on this aspect.

### Iran seeks Indian investments in fertilisers. petrochemicals

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Aiming to boost ties with India, Iran welcomed investment proposals from the

Neither side has provided

came after the two sides

Earnest Money

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Concluding his arguments for lenged the July 9 order of the Mumbai bench of the NCLT PTI NEW DELHI the investment

Mistry was removed from Tata Sons without any intimation

yrus Mistry was removed as chairman of Tata Sons without any prior intimation, the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) was told on Tuesday by two investment firms promoted by the Mistry family.

Senior advocate C A Sundaram representing the two firms said that removal of the chairman was not even on the agenda item of the board meeting of Tata Sons on October 24. 2016, when he was sacked. "The agenda did not con-

tained anything about removal of chairman," said Sundaram adding the proposal to remove him was brought "under any other item" of the meeting.

Questioning the order of the Mumbai bench of National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) in this, he said that it if you do not remove him, we would take Tata brand name from you."



Wednesday. Cyrus P Mistry has also moved NCLAT in his persontreated removal of Cyrus Mistry as "nature of employ-ment dispute." Later Mistry was removed

al capacity against his removal. as director of all Tata group companies as the trustees had The Tata side was repre-sented by senior advocates, Abhishek Manu Singhvi and others during the hearing. The Mistry camp had chal-'written to all companies that

which dismissed the pleas against his removal as Tata Sons firms, Sundaram said: "In our opin-ion, he (Mistry) is chairman, as also the allegations of rampant miscondu on part of Ratan Tata and the the best man for us

(to protect minor-ity shareholders)." J a n a k Dwarkadas, who is representing Cyrus Mistry, in the matter has started his arguments and would ousted as chairman because the continue on Tata Sons' Board and its major ity shareholders had "lost confidence in him".

Under the Companies Act 2013, an order of NCLT can be challenged before the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT).

October 2016. He had taken over as the chairman in 2012 after Ratan Tata announced his retirement. Two months after his removal, Mistry's family-run firms approached the NCLT

as minority shareholders, against Tata Sons, Ratan Tata, and some other board mem-

was not in accordance with the Companies Act and that

He also alleged that Tata

fered with the day-to-day oper-ations of the group companies, they acted as shadow directors, and all of the above caused massive revenue loss for the group.





 $U^{\mathrm{S}\,\mathrm{officials\,held\,a\,second\,day}}_{\mathrm{of\,trade\,talks\,with\,Chinese}}$ counterparts in Beijing on Tuesday, overshadowed by an unannounced visit from North

Korean leader Kim Jong Un. This is the first time the two sides have met face-to-face since President Donald Trump and Chinese leader Xi Jinping agreed to a tariff truce during a meeting in Argentina on

December 1 The talks between the US delegation — led by Deputy US Trade Representative Jeffrey Gerrish and including officials from the Treasury, Commerce,

Agriculture and Energy depart-ments — and the Chinese side were still ongoing late Tuesday, a source told *AFP* on condition

resolve a number of thorny issues that have threatened an all-out trade war between the

world's two biggest economies. These include more Chinese purchases of US goods and services to reduce a yawning trade gap, increased access to China's

markets, stronger protection of intellectual property and a reduction in Beijing's subsidies.

any details about the talks. The temporary ceasefire Tuesday.

imposed import duties on more than \$300 billion of each

sions in that area (urea) and we welcome proposals from India...India has been a customer for Iranian urea fertilisers for a long time. "Because of the illegal US

country in urea and petrosanctions, the Indian consumer, the Indian farmers are paying 38 per cent more for the fer-tilisers and we have possibilities of providing that to India at a reasonable rate," Zarif said. He said trade arrangement with the European Union (EU) was moving slower and Iran was moving slower and frain was working with its traditional partners like India, China and Russia to protect its interests. "While we continue to work with Europeans on their special purpose vehicle, we are working with our tradi-tional partners like India, China Russia so that we con tinue to work in the interest of our people. "Europeans have been try-ing...But they have not been able to do it as rapidly as we had expected them to do ...We are in touch with Europe but we are not waiting for Europe...," Zarif said. In November last year, Iran said the EU must be given more time to set up a trade mechanism meant to circumvent reimposed US sanctions on Tehran, but warned it could not "wait forever". The EU is working on a payment system to continue trade and business ties with Iran after the US ditched a landmark 2015 nuclear deal with Tehran in 2018 and reintroduced a raft of sanctions on the country.

chemicals and is willing to provide fertilisers at reasonable rates, an Iranian minister said

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Mistry, who was the sixth chairman of Tata Sons, was ousted from the position in

company's board. A special bench of the tri-bunal had held that the board of directors at Tata Sons was "competent" to remove the executive chairperson of the company. The NCLT bench had also said that Mistry was

bers. Mistry in his pleas pri-

there was rampant mismanagement of affairs across Tata

Trust chairperson Ratan Tata and trustee N Soonawala inter-

of anonymity. Negotiators are seeking to

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Minister Nitin Gadkari, Iranian foreign minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said India can look other's goods. US Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said Monday that at investments in sectors like petrochemicals and fertilisers China's economy was more vulnerable to the fallout from in the Chabahar area. the trade war "We have offered discus-

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# **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-year-old Ki-Jana Hoever. "Hamstring, is what I heard without any signs before," said

SINGLES

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

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

WEAH JOINS CELTIC ON LOAN FROM PSG PARIS: Scottish champions Celtic reinforced their

would not bid to do so

PAK RESCHEDULES KABBADI SERIES Какасни: The Tri-nation Kabbadi International series

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 Jimenez and Ruben Neves either side of halftime sent the hosts into round four, where they will face Shrewsbury or Stoke City, despite Divock Origi's fine strike briefly bringing Liverpool level after the

PTI MUMBAI

14 runs more to notch a

crease.

break

#### Arsenal to host Man Utd in 4th round

LONDON: The FA Cup's two most successful ever sides will meet in the fourth round as Arsenal host Manchester United in the last 32. Monday's draw confirmed Premier League champions Manchester City are at home to

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

Burnley, while Tottenham face a tough trip to Crystal Palace. Chelsea have an easier task with Sheffield Wednesday or Luton to travel to Stamford Bridge. Wolves reward for beating L'pool is a trip to either Shrewsbury or Stoke. AFP

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 for-

ward. 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 ĥigh past John Ruddy.

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

shoot from range," said Wolvess boss Nuno Espirito Santo. "It was a good strike." Only a bril-liant 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 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 firepow er failed to spark a fightback and Klopp's team selection will now

Hopp's team's election with 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 injuries.

"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 arms 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." and was injured."



# Stephens, Kvitova advance in Sydney

#### AFP SYDNEY

International.

qualifier on Tuesday to join two-time Wimbledon champion Petra

Kvitova in round two of the Sydney

losing to 72nd-ranked Ekaterina Alexandrova, who had the former US Open champion on the ropes.

Alexandrova won the first set

to love and was serving for the match and two points away from victory in the second set. But

Stephens somehow rallied to win 0-6, 7-6 (7/3), 7-6 (7/3).

"So it was like I might as well just play. "Obviously she was playing

well. Sometimes when you play a player that's just playing like that,

there is not much you can do." Earlier, Kvitova avenged her US

Open defeat to in-form Aryna

The Czech, who slumped to 29 in the world after being attacked in

said of the first set.

Sabalenka.

"I was, like, it's not going to get worse than this," Stephens

Less than a week before the Australian Open — the season's first Grand Slam — the American was twice two points away from

in 2016, has battled back to number eight and was encouraged by World number five Sloane Stephens battled back from the brink of a shock defeat to a her 6-1, 7-5 win over the Belarusian

Sabalenka is a form player, racing to number 11 in the world after a stellar 2018 and starting the year by winning the Shenzhen

sport 11

year by winning the Shenzhen Open. There was no such joy for 2017 French Open winner Jelena Ostapenko, whose poor form con-tinued in a 6-3, 6-3 defeat to Australia's Ash Barty, who is rewarded with a second-round clash against world number one Simona Halen

Simona Halep. After picking up a thigh injury at the Hopman Cup, Garbine Muguruza – another major win-par, sciely narotitized har first safely negotiated her firstner round encounter with fellow Spaniard Carla Suarez Navarro 6-3, 6-4.

Last year Muguruza was the top seed and world No 2, but 12 months on she is unseeded and down to 18.

In the men's draw Australian teenager Alex De Minaur, a finalist last year, continued his prepa-rations for the Australian Open with a 6-4 6-3 win over Dusan Lajovic

Towering Americans Sam Querrey and Reilly Opelka are also through to the next round.

her home by a knife-wielding man

# Rajasthan rout Tripura to enter Ranji quarters

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, hosts Haryana needed 98 runs to win against Services, with nine wickets in hand. Haryana conceded the

first innings lead, but fought visitors

Hosts Mumbai, who are already out of con-tention 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

Mumbai on brink of maiden win

consolation victory. Mumbai ended the second day innings on Monday, replied with 188 at 77 for 0 in their second innings, chasing a target of 91, with their after starting day two on 118 for three. openers Jay Bista (36 not out) and Vikrant Auti (32 not out) at the

The hosts then shot out the visitors for 149 in the second innings to place themselves on the cusp of Mumbai, who had bundled out their maiden outright win of the seathe opposition for 129 in the first

First innings wreckers-in-chief, pacers Shardul Thakur (4-47) and Tushar Deshpande (4-53) were again the main destroyers in the visitors second innings. At Rajkot, Saurshtra post-ed 356 in their first innings

with some vital contributions from the lower-order against reigning champions Vidarbha.

Faiz Fazal, and adrift by 293 runs. In another inconsequential Elite

runs in New Delhi. Railways bundled out Maharashtra for 131 in the second

to record the win and grabbed seven points.

PTI AGARTALA Rajasthan trounced Tripura to book a berth in the quarterfinals from Elite Group C on Tuesday

sive victory and enable it to storm into the last eight of the

national championship. With this empathic win, Rajasthan became the first team from the group to qualify for the knockout rounds by topping the back and dismissed Services for just 79 in their second pool with 51 points, having won 7 of their 9 matches. essay to tilt the match in their

# 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 Kanpur, hosts Uttar

Pradesh, who secured the cru-cial first innings lead, ended the second day at 377 for 5 in the second essay, with middle-order batsman Rinku Singh unbeaten on 96.

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

At close of play, Vidarbha were 63 for 2, having lost their openers Aharva Taide and

TN SEIZE ADVANTAGE

Group A tie, hosts Railways thrashed Maharashtra by an innings and 58

Led by pace spearhead Deepak Chahar, the Rajasthan bowlers bundled out Tripura for 106 in the second innings to guide their team to a mas-

international Timothy Weah on Ioan 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 5th place in La Liga.

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 her opening round. Agencies



## **Anmolpreet's ton** puts Punjab on top

KOLKATA: Anmolpreet Singh cracked an unbeaten century as Punjab grabbed a firm grip over Bengal, tak-ing a 170-run first innings lead, in their must-win Elite Group B clash.

Anmolpreet was unbeaten on 124 from 288 balls (13x4, 1x6) in his first century of the season as he guid ed Punjab to 357/7 on the second day, in reply to Bengal's first innings total of 187.

Talented 19-year-old Shubman Gill (91) seized the initiative earlier in the day, hitting at brisk pace all around the ground with Anmolpreet playing second fiddle. But the youngster missed his century by nine runs when he tried to step down to seamer Mukesh Kumar only to mishit to midoff in the first session.

Gill and Anmolpreet put together 89 runs in quick time to set the tone for Punjab before the latter anchored Punjab's innings and stitched two more fifty-plus stands n Mandeep Singh (44) and Gitansii Alica (2007). The winners of the match are set to make the quar-PTI with Mandeep Singh (44) and Gitansh Khera (42). terfinals

# AGAINST DELHI

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Two late strikes helped Tamil against Delhi at stumps on the second day of the Dite Court in the hest hourier second day of the Elite Group 'B' match at the M A Chidambaram picking up 5 for stadium. 142 from 45.4 Delhi ended the day at 35 for

2 in reply to Tamil Nadu's massive first innings score of 422 built on Abhinav Mukund's superb 134 (319 balls, 13X4) and half-centuries by captain Baba Indrajith (86) and debutant Pradosh Ranjan Paul (78, 129 balls, 12X4, 1X6) and M Shahrukh Khan 55 (139 halls, 4X4, 1X6)

For Delhi, Vikas Mishra was the best bowler, picking up 5 for 142 from 45.4 overs while Shivam Sharma took 4 for 105 from 44 overs.

R Sai Kishore struck the first blow for the host, dismissing opener Shivam Sharma (7) before Vijay Shankar effected a superb run-out to send back the other **Shivam Sharma** took 4 for 105 opener Kunal Chandela for 27 in the 13th over. from 44 overs

# UK inch closer to quarters

overs while

#### PTI 🔳 DEHRADUN

Uttarakhand enforced fol-U low-on against Mizoram after bowling out the visitors for 198 to inch closer to grabbing the solitary quarterfinal berth from Plate Group. Taruwar Kohli remained

Cricket Stadium. Asked to bat again, Mizoram were 32/1 at stumps, still needing 147 runs to avoid an innings defeat. Earlier the visitors were 31 unbeaten on 96 on day two after Mizoram were bowled out for 198 in their first innings in for no loss but they slipped to 67/4 with Sunny Rana (2/46) striking twice.

Dhanraj Sharma was the pick of the bowlers, claiming 3/49. reply to Uttarakhand's first innings total of 377 at the Rajiv Gandhi International

Taruwar found some support at the other end from Lalhruai Ralte (30) as the duo added 57 runs to repair the

damage. But Mayank Mishra dismissed Ralte to break the part-nership before they folded in 75.2 overs.

# over Karnataka

**Baroda prevail** 

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Deepak Hooda and Bhargav Bhatt cliamed five wickets each to help Baroda register a nail-biting win against Karnataka in a Group A match and

keep their quarterfinals hopes alive. On a day when as many as 16 wickets fell, Baroda almost lost the match, but ultimately won by two wickets, chasing down a 110-run target in their second innings. After this win, Baroda are now placed third with

26 points from eight matches. They had won three matches, lost one and drew the remaining matches.

On the other hand, Karnataka retained their second place with 27 points from eight matches. They have won three matches and lost two.

Yet, both Baroda and Karnataka's fortunes of qualifying for the quarterfinal depend on other match results.

Batting first, Baroda dismissed Karnataka for 112 before the hosts scored 223 runs, riding on Sonalki's 69 and a 60-ball 51 by Hooda, to take a crucial lead.

In the second innings, Karnataka were bowled out for 220, leaving Baroda to get 110 runs to win the match. Yusuf Pathan's 41 off 30 balls with seven boundaries and a six played a crucial role in achiev-

ing the target. Bhatt produced an impressive performance as he bagged eight wickets in the match. He ended the first innings with figures of 3 for 27 and 5 for 116 in the second innings. Bhatt was ably assisted by Hooda who also claimed five wickets while conceding 31 runs in 14.4 overs.



# PUJARA, PAN RISE IN RANKINGS

#### PTI DUBAI

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 Australia.

Austrana. Wickeet-keeper batsman Rishabh Pant has jumped as many as 21 places to be 17th, the joint-highest by a spe-cialist India wicketkeeper along with Farokh Engineer, who did so in January 1973. M S Dhoni's highest Test rank-ing was 19th. ing 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 perfor-mances in the second Test between South Africa and Pakistan in Cape Town.

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-

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



for all the reserve players, as well as the members of the support

The coaches will be awarded with ₹25 lakhs each, while the the

# **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 India's maiden Test series win on Australian seil Australian soil. Virat Kohli and Co defeated

as the members of the support staff. "The bonuses will be equiva-lent 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 nucleus reliable are supported." Australia 2-1 in the four-match Test series Down Under, ending India's 71-year-old wait for the rare non-coaching support staff will receive bonuses which will be equivalent to the pro-rata salary/professional fee. achievement. Congratulating the team, the BCCI also announced cash awards

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 Bayuma 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 cen-tury has lifted him six places to 16th position.

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 the team rankings, while Australia have lost one point but remain in fifth posi-



#### Bumrah rested from Aus ODIs, NZ tour PTI SYDNEY

In-form Indian pacer Jasprit Bumrah was on Tuesday rested from the upcoming ODI 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.

ing wicket-taker alongside Australian off-spinner Nathan Lyon. "Keeping in mind the work load

home series against Australia. Mohammed Siraj will replace Bumrah in the squad for the Australia and New Zealand tour,"

has also been drafted into the squad for the three-match T20I series against New Zealand," it added.

become India's go to pacer in all

India play three ODIs against Australia starting here on Saturday before travelling to New Zealand for a five-ODI and three-T201 assign-



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comprising chairman Vinod

Rai and former women's cap-tain Diana Edulji, met on

Tuesday to discuss the venues and window for the league. "We will have all the pri-

mary venues backed up by

ities as well as secu-rity 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 elec-tion dates are announced," he added

central and state government author-ities as well as secu-

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

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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 yet 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 a need to shift matches. This will be done in consultation with

have detailed discus-sion with all the Stakeholders before releasing the IPL 2019 Schedule," a BCCI statement

read. As per the new BCCI con-stitution, there has to be a 15day gap between the end of the IPL and India's international

engagements. The IPL has been played outside India twice due to gen-eral elections. In 2009, the edi-

eral 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 play-ers' auction in Jaipur last month.

# Kohli leads India's best pace, fielding team: Chappell

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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

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

added, but did not dwell on which batting line-up he con-sidered the best.



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'

With the series already decided,

Nicholls and Taylor used the dead rub

ber 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 one-

"I'm getting old and hopefully I've got a few more left in me," he said.

Lanka attack with an aggressive 154-run

Sri Lanka's senior bowlers were all

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stand.

Former Australia international Simon Katich on Tuesday said the Indian pac-ers' ability to maintain "scoreboard pressure" on impatient and needlessly aggressive home batsmen proved to be decisive in vis-

that Australian batsmen couldn't manage

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

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 big one, much like the other batsmen.

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 one-

will be rosy when Smith and

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

Warner come back. "For the Ashes this summer,

best in batting. The historic victory in Australia has garnered wide-spread praise for Kohli's men with several former players

ting side. I have seen better batting combinations from India than this team," he

Although Cheteshwar Pujara was adjudged man of the series for being the series' top-scorer, India's traditionally



engagement. The visiting pace trio of Jasprit Bumrah, Ishant Sharma

and Mohammed Shami com-bined for an average of 21.62 in the four-match series, while Australia's pace battery, com-prising Pat Cummins, Mitchell Starc and Josh Hazlewood, averaged over 30.

fielding side that I have seen from India." "But it's not the best bat-



With 21 scalps, Bumrah ended the four-Test series as the joint-lead-

of the bowler, it was best felt to give him adequate rest ahead of the

said the BCCI in a statement. "Punjab pacer Siddarth Kaul

Bumrah, who made his Test debut just 12 months ago, has

three formats.

ment starting January 23.

#### 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 Mav. The early start this year is because of the ODI World Cup in England which will get underway from May 30.

added.

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itors maiden Test series triumph. India won the four-Test series 2-1 with the fourth Test ending in a draw. Katich said

period of pressure well enough. "On previous tours they (pacers) haven't

"India's bowlers were really patient and Australia's batsmen haven't been patient enough to withstand that pressure. And very it was Ashwin, Kuldeep or Jadeja," he said. Katich said Australian batsmen did not

tempo batting, rather than going with ebbs while respecting the opposition bowling."





In his column for *'The Daily Telegraph'* following India's maid-Test series triumph Down en Under, Vaughan wrote that Australia's issues run far deeper than the absence of suspended Smith and Warner.

Former England captain Michael Vaughan feels Australia, beat-en for the first time in a home Test series against India, are "kidding

themselves if they think everything

David Warner come back"

will be rosy when Steve Smith and

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"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

Cup. "...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

fuller length," he said.

Vaughan's column sparked a debate with former Australian batsman and selector Mark Waugh disagreeing with the Englishman. I'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 selec-tors for their "ridiculous and senseless selections" agreed with Vaughan.

Unfortunately, I have to agree Unfortunately, mave to agree with @MichaelVaughan here Jmr. Yes Warner & Smith will help, but Aust cricket needs a complete overhaul re the following. Coaching at all levels, the ridicu lous under 23 programme, acad-

emy etc. As we are not producing quality smart cricketers-why?" Warne *tweeted*.

# Black Caps sweep ODI series



Ross Taylor celebrates after scoring hundred in the final game of ODI series in Nelsor

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Veteran Ross Taylor and rising star Henry Nicholls both smashed cen-turies as New Zealand beat Sri Lanka by 115 runs in the third one-day interna tional 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 to bat.

It was a record ODI score at Nelson's Saxton Oval, where the aver-age is just 275, and Sri Lanka never looked like reaching the mammoth total

series ended with a whimper. Thisara Perera, who scored a blis-

| Magnificent performance by Virat and his team: Richards tering 140 in the second ODI, was again



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In his last 11 ODI innings Taylor has scored three centuries and six half centuries. He came to the crease with Congratulatory messages con-tinued to pour in a day after India's historic Test series victory New Zealand struggling at 31 for two but combined with skipper Kane Williamson for a 116-run partnership on Australian soil with leg-endary batsman Sir Vivian to steady the innings. When Williamson departed on 55, Richards labelling the visitors performance as "magnificent". "Let me take this opportu-Taylor and Nicholls plundered the Sri

nity to congratulate Virat and his team for such a magnificent per-formance 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 perfor-mance 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.

They were all out for 249 in the 42nd over, throwing away their final four wickets without scoring a run as the

