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Rahul hails Didi's Opp unity bid

Cong prez writes to TMC chief; Opp leaders to take part in show of strength today

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

As West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee prepared to hold a massive show of strength on Saturday, which will be attended by a galaxy of major Opposition leaders, Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Friday wrote to her hailing the TMC chief's initiative to unite India against the BJP.

The Congress president wrote, "I extend my support to Mamata Di on this show of unity and hope that we send a powerful message of a united India together."

Saying that there were "powerful forces afoot" angry with the Narendra Modi Government for peddling false promises, Rahul wrote these "forces are fanned by anger and disappointment of hundreds of millions Indians who have seen through the false promises and lies peddled by the Modi Government."

Rahul's letter came at a time when political who's who from all over the country including former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda, former UP Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav and NCP chief Sharad Yadav had started landing at Kolkata.

On united Opposition against the BJP, the Congress president wrote, "The entire Opposition is united in our belief that true nationalism and development can only be defended on the tested pillars of democracy, social justice



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee interacts with SP chief Akhilesh Yadav and other leaders at a hotel in Kolkata on Friday. Anti-BJP leaders have arrived in Kolkata to attend TMC's mega rally on Saturday. PTI

and secularism, ideas that the BJP and Modi are intent on destroying."

While neither Sonia Gandhi nor Rahul Gandhi would be joining the rally, the Congress will be represented by the party's Leader in Lok Sabha, Mallikarjun Kharge. His presence and Rahul's letter tends to neutralise BJP's argument that Mamata's much-hyped Brigade rally lacked the backing of the second biggest party of India indicating at the schism within the much touted Opposition unity.

Rahul's support apart, Deve Gowda too praised Mamata for taking the "grand initiative to bring the entire Opposition

together against the Narendra Modi Government. She is a hardworking leader and her endeavour will bring success," Gowda said after landing at Kolkata.

Congratulating the Chief Minister for bringing the whole India to Kolkata, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav said, "Mamata Didi has sent a message by bringing all leaders to Kolkata. Every segment of the society is unhappy with the Modi Government and time has come for a new Prime Minister for the country."

Former Arunachal Chief Minister Gegong Apang who left BJP a couple of days ago said, "Mamata is a great leader

and we all have come here to support her initiative."

Meanwhile, stage is set for the expected record-breaking rally even as thousands of TMC cadres poured in from districts. Kolkata prepared for a historic Brigade rally that according to a rough ruling party estimate break the Left Front record by assembling no less than 30 lakh people sources said.

By Thursday late-noon a galaxy of politicians had landed in Kolkata led by former HD Deve Gowda, NCP chief Sharada Pawar, Gegong Apang, Akhilesh Yadav. Mamata had on Thursday said that leaders of about 20 Opposition parties

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would be coming to join the "Mahagathbandhan rally against the BJP's misrule."

Apart from those who had already landed at Kolkata, others who were expected to join the rally are Karnataka Chief Minister Kumaraswami, his Andhra Pradesh counterpart N Chandrababu Naidu, National Conference leaders Farooq Abdullah, Omar Abdullah, RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, DMK leader Stalin and BSP leader Amit Mishra, Mamata said.

BJP leader Shatrughan Sinha and Yashwant Sinha were also likely to join the rally.

PC: Rafale jets number cut for French windfall

Ex-FM says Govt paid ₹186 cr/jet, Defence Ministry denies charges

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The NDA Government's decision to buy 36 Rafale jets instead of 126 as was decided by the UPA regime led to escalation of the price of each aircraft by 41 per cent and came as a windfall for French aircraft-maker Dassault, said Congress leader P Chidambaram citing an exhaustive report published by The Hindu newspaper.

The Defence Ministry has denied the charges in detailed statement.

Claiming that the Government paid Euro 25 million more per aircraft compared to the price negotiated by the Congress-led UPA, Chidambaram said the Government did not buy 90 more aircraft needed by the Air Force and paid Rs 186 crore more to French firm Dassault, maker of Rafale, for 13 India-specific enhancements in the medium multi-role combat aircraft (MMRCA).

The former Finance Minister reiterated his party's demand for a joint parliamentary committee (JPC) probe into the Rafale jet deal, saying the decision is not amenable to court but to a parliamentary



Congress senior leader P Chidambaram addresses a Press conference in relation to the alleged scam in the Rafale deal in New Delhi on Friday. PTI

panel.

The Congress has alleged earlier that the Prime Minister increased the 'Benchmark Price' of Rafale deal from 5.2 billion Euros to 8.2 billion Euros and that the NDA Government paid over Rs 1,600 crore per aircraft against the UPA's negotiated price of Rs 527 crore per aircraft, demanding answers as to who is responsible for the loss to the State exchequer.

Chidambaram's Press conference came in the backdrop of a media report claiming that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's decision to buy 36 aircraft instead of the 126 asked for by the Indian Air Force pushed the price of each jet up by 41.42 per cent.

"The Government has wronged the country in two ways - firstly, it has compromised national security by

denying to the Air Force 90 fighter aircraft that they desperately need. Secondly, it has purchased two squadrons that will cost about ₹25 million more per aircraft. At the 2016 exchange rate, Euro 25 million is equal to Rs 186 crore. India will pay Rs 186 crore more per aircraft," Chidambaram said.

"There is no doubt any longer that Rafale aircraft deal deserves to be examined thoroughly by a Joint Parliamentary Committee. The Congress reiterates its demand for constitution of a JPC," he said.

The Rajya Sabha member said he feels that Dassault "is laughing all the way to the bank", as the NDA Government gave a "gift" to the French firm over amortisation or recovery on the cost of 13 India-specific enhancements sought in the aircraft that cost 1,300 million Euros.

Cong inks poll alliance with regional players in J'khand

Of 14 LS seats, Cong to fight 6, JMM 4, RJD 1, JVM 2, CPI 1

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

After Bihar and Maharashtra, Congress has firmed up its alliance with regional parties in neighbouring Jharkhand for Lok Sabha elections and later the State Assembly polls. The alliance to take on BJP will have five parties - Congress, JMM, RJD, CPI and Jharkhand Vikas Morcha (JVM).

The anti-BJP alliance in the State has also agreed to project JMM working president Hemant Soren as the CM candidate for the State Assembly polls later this year.

Of the 14 seats in Jharkhand, JMM will contest in four seats, according to sources. One seat - either Palamu or Chatra - will go to RJD. JVM will be contesting in two seats and CPI will contest from



Hazaribagh, a seat held by Union Minister Jayant Sinha. Congress will field its candidates on the remaining seats.

The BJP won 12 of the 14 seats in Jharkhand in the last Lok Sabha elections. The remaining two were won by the JMM. The Congress which contested in nine seats in alliance with the JMM lost in all nine.

As a pre-condition for a tie-up in Lok Sabha elections, the JMM has been insisting on projection of Soren as the chief ministerial candidate for the State Assembly polls. The demand seems to have been met by the alliance partners.

The ties between the JMM and the Congress had soured last month when the former supported an Independent candidate in the Kolebera bypolls to the State Assembly. The

Congress, however, managed to win the seat defeating the BJP by more than 10,000 votes.

Congress president Rahul Gandhi had earlier said he will contest the State Assembly elections under Soren's leadership and it was reiterated in the meeting. Jharkhand Congress president Ajay Kumar said after a meeting of Opposition parties in Ranchi on Thursday. "You can see all of us here together. We will discuss contours of our alliance within our party and finalise the seat-sharing arrangement by this month-end," JVM chief Babul Marandi said after the meeting. Marandi who was in BJP became the first Chief Minister after Bihar was bifurcated and Jharkhand came into existence. Later he quit over differences and formed JVM and tied up with Congress in couple of elections.

Jharkhand is the third State where Congress has stitched an alliance with regional parties after Bihar and Maharashtra. The party, however, failed to get berth in the alliance formed by once UP rivals Akhilesh Yadav's Samajwadi Party and Mayawati's BSP.

LS polls likely in April, May; EC to announce date in ides of March

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Election Commission (EC) may announce the schedule of the parliamentary elections sometime in the middle of March, while the polls are likely to take place in April and May. The polling is likely to be conducted in several phases across the country and the EC is keen to ensure that the poll dates do not clash with the school examinations as well as festivals in the States. The term of the present Lok Sabha ends on June 3.

An EC spokesperson, however, said, "No decision has been taken as yet on the date when the elections would be announced." According to sources, the Commission is in the process of deciding the number of phases and the months in which polling would be held. The charting of the phases would also depend on the availability of security forces and other requirements, the sources said, adding the announcement of the mega exercise is likely to be made in first week of March.

The polling to elect the new Assemblies in Arunachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Sikkim are likely to take place along with the parliamentary elections. The state assembly polls in J&K, which is now under President's Rule may also be held with Lok Sabha polls in April-May.

The Assembly in Jammu and Kashmir was dissolved in November, 2018 and the upper limit ends in May. In normal circumstances, the J&K Assembly's six-year term was to end on March 16, 2021. The other State Assemblies and the Lok Sabha have a five-year term. The State Assembly elections in Maharashtra and Haryana are scheduled to be held later this year. While the term of the Sikkim Assembly ends on May 27, 2019, the terms of Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Arunachal Pradesh assemblies end on June 18, June 11 and June 1 respectively.

The final electoral rolls with January 1, 2019, as the qualifying date were published in all the States and Union Territories.

Govt forming rules to protect interest of para-teachers: CM

PNS ■ RANCHI

Chief Minister Raghubar Das today said that the Government is forming rules to protect the interest of para teachers.

While holding meeting with a delegation of Para teachers here on Friday, the CM said, "Children of the poor study in Government schools and the Government's goal is that those children also become doctors and engineers.

For this, it is necessary to give quality education. Para teachers have a significant role in this. The Government is working positively on the demand of para teachers. Manuals are being prepared to safeguard the interests of para teachers so they don't have to agitate for their demands again and again."

The CM said that welfare fund has been set up for para teachers. This will benefit them. It is important to follow the process in solving any problem. The Government is working under the process so that the decisions that will be made benefit everyone, he added.



Chief Minister Raghubar Das holds meeting with a delegation of para teachers in Ranchi on Friday. Pioneer photo

"Government is working positively on the demand of para teachers"

Das said that the Government is ready to work in accordance with the rules of Chhattisgarh or Uttar Pradesh, but it will not help para teachers. On this, the para teachers said that they do not have to go

to other States' manual. They accept the manual of Jharkhand. Para teachers apologised for protesting on the Foundation Day of the State.

Expressing satisfaction at the positive attitude of the Government, para teachers thanked the Chief Minister for the meeting.

Para teachers, including Sanjay Dubey, Bajrang Prasad, Rishikesh Pathak, Sintu Singh, Narayana Mahto and others were present in the meeting.

House witnesses legislators at work on Day 2

Third Supplementary Budget of ₹2,239 crore presented in House

PRANAV PRATYUSH ■ RANCHI

Call it the effect of election year or settling down of issues like para teachers' strike, the legislators of Jharkhand State Assembly finally came down to work in the House after passage of several sessions in the state of imbroglion on the second day of Budget Session here on Friday.

The session saw the MLAs finally raising issues of people's interest in their constituencies on the day when the demands for the third Supplementary Budget were presented before the House just ahead of the Budget for the next financial year is to be put up in the Assembly.

Question Hour in the House, a number of MLAs came up with issues including entry of outsiders in High School teachers' recruitment, inclusion of Ghatwar caste in Scheduled Tribe, land acquisition and displacement etc. They tried to bring work adjournment motion on few issues but Speaker Dinesh Oraon rejected the demand.

Earlier, before the House could assemble Congress legislator Sukhdeo Bhagat protested outside the Assembly with colleagues seeking immediate stay on the JPSC mains examination scheduled to begin on January 28. He said that when the matter was subjudice in the Jharkhand High Court how the process of examination can continue with distribution of admit cards. This makes it clear that there is some sort of corruption in the examination being conducted and even



Chief Minister Raghubar Das arrives for attending the Budget Session of Jharkhand Assembly in Ranchi on Friday. Ratan Lal | Pioneer

Minister Amar Bauri had said that one has to pay bribe at JPSC, he added.

During the Question Hour Sindri MLA Phoolchand Mandal raised the issue of poor implementation of

Ayushman Bharat scheme in the State. Ruling party MLA and Chief Whip of BJP RK Kishore also supported him and sought a reply from Health Minister Ramchandra Chandravanshi as to how many people were benefitted by the scheme between September and December.

The Health Minister got baffled with the questions and remarked on Kishore that he should not be in such haste as it will not make him a Minister in the Government. Later, Kishore said that he asked the question as an MLA and the Health Minister only knows what connection of Ayushman Bharat scheme has with him becoming a Minister.

The Government also laid before Assembly the third supplementary budget for FY 2018-19 in the tune of ₹2,239



Opposition party leader Hemant Soren along with MLAs attending the Budget Session of Jharkhand Assembly in Ranchi on Friday. Ratan Lal | Pioneer

crore, out of which maximum demands have been placed for Rural Development, Urban Development and Housing, Health and Family Welfare and Energy departments.

The issue of displacement was raised by legislators form

the Government has already formed 3-tier panels to find solutions to the problem.

Later, replying for the Government on Governor's speech, Chief Minister Raghubar Das congratulated the legislators for working in true spirit of democracy. He said that the Governor in her speech has given different directions for the Government for better functioning and the government will follow the same. The CM said that several MLAs have also criticised the works of the Government, but they welcome the criticism with positive vibes so that the true sense of democracy could prevail.

The CM also talked about various works of the government undertaken in last four years including public welfare schemes, skill development of youths, initiatives for tribal population and primitive trib-

al groups, improvement in law and order etc. "I am happy to say in the House that the people of the State are now alert and aware to safeguard their interests. We always welcome discussions in the House because it is a sign of a healthy democracy," he said.

"We have not promised a moon to the people of the State. We will provide them support, food and roof for the poor. And, we accept that we have lacunas but we will improve and do better. Today the strike of para teachers, MGNREGA workers, JHASA has ended. These are good news to share will all and many more will come in future," said the CM.

The House was adjourned by the Speaker till January 21, when the remaining works of January 19 will also be dealt with apart from the schedule of the day.

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
ग्रामीण विकास विभाग (ग्रामीण कार्य मामले), कार्य प्रमंडल, सिमडेगा

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ग्रामीण विकास विभाग, (ग्रामिकांमा) कार्य प्रमंडल, खूँटी

प्रेस विज्ञापित

एतद् द्वारा इस प्रेस विज्ञापित के माध्यम से संवेदक एस०बी०एन० कन्स्ट्रक्शन ग्राम-हुल्लहुआ, पोस्ट- मथैया, जिला- गढ़वा, पिन नं०- 822121 को सूचित किया जाता है कि राज्य संपोषित योजनान्तर्गत आमजोड़ा से बरेडीह तक पथ निर्माण कार्य जिसका एकरारनामा सं० F271/2016-17 एवं कार्य समाप्ति की तिथि 01.03.2018 है जो अभी तक अभी तक अपूर्ण है। इसको पूर्ण करने के लिए आपको इस अनेको इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक 1437 दिनांक 14.09.2018 एवं पत्रांक 1551 दिनांक 09.10.2018 द्वारा स्मार दिये गये परन्तु आपके द्वारा उक्त कार्य को पूर्ण करने में रुची नहीं लीया गया। अतः निर्देशानुसार उक्त पथ में आपके द्वारा किये कार्य के अंतिम मापी दिनांक 06.02.2019 को 11.00 बजे पूर्वाह्न में संबंधित सहायक अभियंता ग्रामीण विकास विभाग (ग्रामिकांमा) कार्य अवर प्रमण्डल, बुण्डु, सत्यदेव प्रसाद, कनीय अभियंता ग्रामीण विकास विभाग (ग्रामिकांमा) कार्य प्रशाखा, बुण्डु महेश रवि दास द्वारा मापी ली जायेगी, जिसमें आप या आपके द्वारा प्राधिकृत प्रतिनिधि का उपस्थित होना अनिवार्य है। यदि आप या आपके द्वारा प्राधिकृत प्रतिनिधि कार्य स्थल पर उपस्थित नहीं होते हैं तो भी सहायक अभियंता/ कनीय अभियंता द्वारा मापी ली जायेगी, जो मान्य होगी और बाद में आपका कोई भी दावा स्वीकार नहीं होगा। एकरारनामा के शर्तों के अनुरूप कारवाई की जायेगी।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
ग्रामीण विकास विभाग (ग्रामिकांमा) कार्य प्रमण्डल, खूँटी

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कार्यालय जिला निर्वाचन पदाधिकारी -सह- उपायुक्त, गिरिडीह

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-: ब्रादेश:-

मुख्य निर्वाचन पदाधिकारी -सह- अपर मुख्य सचिव, मंत्रिमंडल (निर्वाचन) विभाग झारखण्ड राँची का पत्रांक 3199 दिनांक 28.12.2018 एवं पत्रांक 101 दिनांक 11.01.2019 में निहित निदेश के आलोक में आगामी लोकसभा चुनाव 2019 हेतु **EVMS** एवं **VVPATS** से संबंधित विस्तृत मतदाता जागरूकता अभियान चलाये जाने का निदेश प्राप्त है। यह मतदाता जागरूकता अभियान जिला मुख्यालय, प्रत्येक अनुमंडल, प्रखण्ड, अंचल, मतदान केन्द्र, टोला, मुहल्ला, सरकारी विभागों, उच्च विद्यालय, उच्चतर माध्यमिक विद्यालयों, महाविद्यालयों, विश्वविद्यालयों औद्योगिक घरानों एवं अन्य सभी महत्वपूर्ण स्थलों पर किया जायेगा। मास्टर ट्रेनर के माध्यम से उक्त स्थलों पर प्रखण्डवार मतदाता जागरूकता अभियान चलाया जाना है। इस हेतु जिला शिक्षा अधीक्षक, गिरिडीह ने अपने पत्रांक 40/ गिरिडीह दिनांक 15.01.2019 के द्वारा जिला न्यायपालिका सहायक मास्टर ट्रेनरों की सूची उपलब्ध कराई गई है।

उक्त चिन्हित प्रखण्ड स्तरीय मास्टर ट्रेनरों के लिए जिला स्तर पर प्रशिक्षण देने के निमित्त एक दिवसीय प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम दिनांक 28.01.2019 के पूर्वाह्न 11.00 बजे जिला समाहरणालय सभाकक्ष, गिरिडीह में आहूत किया गया है।

उल्लेखनीय है कि **EVMS** एवं **VVPATS** का प्रशिक्षण **SLMT** के रूप में सहायक निर्वाचक निर्बंधन पदाधिकारी सह अंचल अधिकारी, गिरिडीह द्वारा गत माह दिसम्बर-2018 में दिल्ली से प्रशिक्षण प्राप्त कर आये हैं, जिनके द्वारा प्रशिक्षण दिया जायेगा।

अतः सभी प्रखण्ड स्तरीय मास्टर ट्रेनरों को आदेश दिया जाता है कि उक्त आहूत एक दिवसीय प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम में ससमय निर्धारित स्थान पर भाग लेते हुए प्रशिक्षण प्राप्त करना सुनिश्चित किया जाय।

जिला निर्वाचन पदाधिकारी
सह- उपायुक्त, गिरिडीह।

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PR199990 Election(18-19)D

सैनिक कल्याण निदेशालय
गृह, कारा एवं आपदा प्रबंधन विभाग झारखण्ड सरकार

डॉ० राजेन्द्र प्रसाद जवान भवन-सह-सैनिक बाजार, मेन रोड राँची
के दुकान के आवंटन के लिये आवेदन आमंत्रण की सूचना

1. सैनिक कल्याण निदेशालय, गृह, कारा एवं आपदा प्रबंधन विभाग, झारखण्ड सरकार, झारखण्ड राज्य के इच्छुक वीर नारी, विधवा और पूर्व सैनिकों से डॉ० राजेन्द्र प्रसाद जवान भवन-सह-सैनिक बाजार, मेन रोड, राँची के दुकान नं० आई-112 (200 वर्गफीट) के आवंटन के लिये आवेदन आमंत्रित करता है।

2. शर्त:-
(क) दुकान के आवंटन की अवधि करीब तीन साल के लिए होगी।
(ख) वीर नारी, विधवा तथा पूर्व सैनिक जिन्हें जवान भवन परिसर में पूर्व सैनिकों के लिए आरक्षित दुकान आवंटित है, आवेदन देने के पात्र नहीं हैं।
(ग) अन्य शर्तें आवेदन आदेश में यथा वर्णित के अनुसार होगी।

3. दुकान के आवंटन के लिये अपने निम्नलिखित कागजातों के छायाप्रति के साथ निदेशक, सैनिक कल्याण निदेशालय, गृह, कारा एवं आपदा प्रबंधन विभाग, झारखण्ड सरकार, डॉ० राजेन्द्र प्रसाद जवान भवन-सह-सैनिक बाजार, मेन रोड राँची को सादे कागज/लेटर हेड पैड पर निबंधित डाक/स्पीड पोस्ट द्वारा आवेदन करें।
(क) कुरियर द्वारा तथा शब्धों-हाथ आवेदन स्वीकार नहीं किया जाएगा। आवेदन के साथ रु 15,000/- (पंद्रह हजार रुपये मात्र) का बैंक ड्राफ्ट 'जवान भवन फंड सैनिक कल्याण निदेशालय' (Jawan Bhawan Fund, Sainik Kalyan Nideshalaya, payable at Ranchi), राँची के पक्ष में भुगतये संलग्न होना आवश्यक है:-
(क) डिस्ट्रिक्ट ब्रुक।
(ख) पी०पी०ओ।
(ग) पूर्व सैनिक पहचान पत्र।
(घ) पैन कार्ड।
(ङ) आधार कार्ड।
(च) आर्थिक प्रमाण या पास बुक की छायाप्रति।
(छ) अगर आयकर रिटर्न भरना लागू हो तो पिछले तीन माह का आयकर रिटर्न की छायाप्रति संलग्न करना होगा।

4. आवेदन 04 फरवरी 2019, 05 बजे अपराह्न तक अवश्य पहुँच जाना चाहिए। इसके बाद प्राप्त आवेदन पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा। ऊपर लिखे गये कागजातों के छायाप्रति के बगैर आवेदन अथवा निर्धारित तिथि के बाद प्राप्त आवेदन को अमान्य कर दिया जायेगा।

5. आवेदन जो सादे कागज/लेटर हेड पैड पर लिखा जायेगा उसका प्रारूप इस प्रकार होगा:-
(क) सेना संख्या :
(ख) पद :
(ग) नाम :
(घ) स्थाई पता :
(ङ) पत्राचार का पता :
(च) महिने का किराया प्रति वर्ग फीट जो देना चाहते हैं :
(Rate of rent per Square Feet per month which is offered)
(छ) बैंक ड्राफ्ट संख्या, तारीख और रकम :
(ज) मोबाइल नं० :

6. आवेदन के लिए फीट के उपरी भाग में 'दुकान के लिए आवेदन' अवश्य लिखा होना चाहिए। आवेदन प्रपत्र पूरा भरा होना चाहिए एवं प्रत्येक पृष्ठ पर आवेदक का हस्ताक्षर और तारीख लिखा होना चाहिए। आवेदन के ऊपर में आवेदक का तत्कालिक स्वभिप्राणित फोटो चिपकाया होना चाहिए।

7. अगर तीन से कम आवेदन आते हैं तो प्रस्ताव पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा।

8. मासिक किराया के साथ 10 प्रतिशत मासिक किराये पर रख रखाव शुल्क एवं नियमानुसार गुड्स सर्विस टैक्स देय होगा जो प्रत्येक माह के उसी महिना का किराया 03 तारीख तक 'जवान भवन फंड, सैनिक कल्याण निदेशालय' में आवेदी द्वारा विशिष्ट जमा पर्ची द्वारा जमा किया जायेगा। दुकान का आवंटन संबंधित डाक द्वारा निविदा खोलने के एक माह के अन्तर्गत कर दिया जायेगा।

9. मासिक किराया के साथ 10 प्रतिशत मासिक किराये पर रख रखाव शुल्क एवं नियमानुसार गुड्स सर्विस टैक्स देय होगा जो प्रत्येक माह के उसी महिना का किराया 03 तारीख तक 'जवान भवन फंड, सैनिक कल्याण निदेशालय' में आवेदी द्वारा विशिष्ट जमा पर्ची द्वारा जमा किया जायेगा।

10. अगर सफल निविदाकर्ता (successful bidder) अपने प्रस्तावित निविदा तथा आवंटन के पश्चात भी हटता तो उसका बयाना राशि जो निविदा के साथ जमा होगा, जब कर लिया जायेगा तथा अन्य निविदाकर्ताओं का बैंक ड्राफ्ट उनके द्वारा निविदा में दिये गये पते पर निबंधित डाक द्वारा निविदा खोलने के एक माह के अन्तर्गत कर दिया जायेगा।

11. आवंटन के लिये दस माह (10 months) का किराया सिक्कुरिटी के रूप में आवंटन के पूर्व जमा करना होगा जो बिना सूद के आवंटन अवधि तक निदेशालय के पास रहेगा तथा आवंटन समाप्ति के समय किराया एवं अन्य मद की बाकी राशि के समायोजन करने के बाद बची राशि वापस की जायेगी।

12. इच्छुक वीर नारी, विधवा या पूर्व सैनिक दुकान को किसी भी समय देख सकते हैं और इस संबंध में अगर कोई जानकारी चाहते हैं तो वे भू-सम्पदा पदाधिकारी, जवान भवन, मेन रोड, राँची से किसी भी कार्य दिवस को सुबह 10 बजे से सायं 06 बजे के बीच मिल सकते हैं।

13. निदेशक, सैनिक कल्याण निदेशालय को ये अधिकार सुरक्षित है कि बिना कारण बताये किसी या सभी आवेदनों को खारिज या आवंटन को रद्द कर सकते हैं।

14. निर्धारित समय सीमा के अन्दर प्राप्त आवेदनों को एक बॉर्ड ऑफ अफसर द्वारा 05 फरवरी 2019 को 11.00 बजे पूर्वाह्न जवान भवन कार्यालय परिसर में खोला जायेगा और आवेदक को आवेदन खोलने के समय उपस्थित होना चाहिए।

निदेशक के आदेशानुसार
(भू-सम्पदा पदाधिकारी) डॉ० राजेन्द्र प्रसाद जवान
भवन-सह-सैनिक बाजारमेन रोड, राँची

स्थान : राँची
दिनांक : जनवरी 2019

PR199998 Home(18-19)D
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XLRI student dies in mysterious circumstances

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

Tension gripped the top B-school XLRI campus as a second year HRM student of XLRI died under mysterious circumstances on the institute's campus under Bistupur police station area early Friday morning. The student Shashwat Dixit (26) was rushed to Tata Main Hospital, where the doctors on emergency duty declared him as brought dead.

Police have seized the body and kept it in the Tata Main Hospital morgue. The XLRI management has informed the deceased's parents about the incident. The parents who are residents of Kanpur are on

their way to the steel city. A communiqué issued by XLRI said, "We are extremely sad to inform you about the sudden demise of one of our students Shashwat Dixit today morning. He had an accidental fall while walking towards another hostel and was rushed to the hospital. Shashwat was a 2nd year student of Human Resource Management 2017-19. He hails from Kanpur, UP. His parents have been informed and they are on their way to Jamshedpur. We extend our deepest condolence to his family."

According to sources in the B-school, Shashwat stayed at room No 11 on ground floor of



St Thomas Hostel and was walking towards another hostel, Mother Teresa Residency in the campus as he fell down in front of the hostel at 5.50 am today. Some faculty members who found him lying near the Mother Teresa Hostel, a girls hostel, rushed him to Tata Main Hospital.

As Shashwat would stay in the single room and none of the students is able to say what happened to him, causing him to die so suddenly. Shashwat was of the 17-19 batch students and was selected for Acceture Talent Accelerator Programme in the pre-placement offer.

As the news spread, OC, Bistupur police station, Srinewash rushed to the Tata Main Hospital and started investigation. Later superintendent of police (city) Prabhat Kumar and deputy superintendent of police (composite control room) Sudhir Kumar also reached the spot for investigation.

"It is too early to comment.

The student, Shashwat Dixit was found lying in front of the Mother Teresa Residency at about 5.50 am. There is no apparent reason behind the death and the cause of death can be known only after the autopsy of the body," said Srinewash.

The OC said the deceased student's parents are on their way to the steel city. He said they would shift the body to the MGM Medical College mortuary for post-mortem only after arrival of Shashwat's parents.

Srinewash said they are trying to find out the fact by scanning CCTV footage gathered from the campus.

3.54 lakh children to be given polio drops in Bokaro

PNS ■ BOKARO

As many as 3.54 lakh children between zero and five years of age are likely to be administered polio drops during the first phase of an immunisation drive on 3 to 5 February in Bokaro district, informed Dr Arjun Prasad in-charge Civil Surgeon.

Dr Prasad said, a micro plan to administer polio drops has been ready, at least 3,54,071 children would be given polio drops.

"As many as 2034 vaccination booths have been set up (including 1830 in the urban

area and 204 in rural areas) and 4,261 vaccinators have been posted along with 309 observers in 2135 groups (team) to administer polio drops," he added.

"We have targeted about 42000 kids in Bermo, 42801 in Chandankiyari, 119904 at Chas, 40759 Gomia, 18829 in Jaridih, 14054 Kasmar, 29254 Nawadih, 23324 Paterwar and 23166 kids at Bokaro Steel City to administer polio drops," said a health official.

Parents should come with their children to the nearby vaccination booths and get the drops administered on February 3.

The District Health Department will be doing mop up exercises (go door to door) on 4 and 5 February and administer polio drops to children who have missed out on 28 January, said Dr Prasad.

"The mop-up exercises will be conducted in both urban as well as rural areas," he added. The second phase of an immunisation drive (administer polio drops) will be conducted across the district on 11 to 13 March, said Dr Prasad.

"Few transit booths will be also available at railway stations and bus stations to administer polio drops," he added.

System efficiency must for sustainable development, says TV Narendran

National convention on Advances in Engineering Materials at NML

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

The 32nd national convention cum seminar on "Advances in Engineering Materials for Sustainable Development (AEMSD 2019)" organised by The Institution of Engineers (India), Jamshedpur Local Centre in association with Tata Steel and CSIR-National Metallurgical Laboratory kicked off on Friday at CSIR-NML Auditorium.

T.V. Narendran, CEO & managing director, Tata Steel, Indranil Chattoraj, director, CSIR-NML, Jamshedpur, K K Mehrotra, Chairman, MMDB of IEL, Avneesh Gupta, vice-president, shared services, Tata Steel and P.N. Chaudhary, former Chief Scientist & organisational Secretary, AEMSD, inaugurated the event.

Narendran in his address stressed on the need of 'system efficiency' in view of the sustainable development. He said materials due play very important role.

There has been a debate regarding the material consumption as developed countries use the largest chunk (80%) than the developing countries (20%), thereby, the quality/ enriched materials getting gradually depleted.

But over last 15-20 years the trend is getting reversed and consumption by the developing countries are in the rising order. As a result the demand for materials are



T V Narendran, CEO & managing director, Tata Steel, inaugurates the seminar on Friday

increasing and realising the inter-dependency of materials, the sustainability is becoming the thread and the main focus of engineers. This is true for almost every sector, namely - Auto industry, Civil construction, Manufacturing industry, Steel, Environmental and likewise.

While welcoming the gathering, Avneesh Gupta said, "Use of materials and metals dates to stone and iron age and there has been a constant drive to bring in breakthroughs". Sustainability oriented society is forcing the transformation of manufacturing and engineering sectors which is where digitization and use of advance analytics has also started taking a leading role. In this context the AEMSD 2019 seminar has become relevant for exchange of knowledge amongst the learned gathering.

Indranil Chattoraj spoke

on the occasion and said, "The imperatives for developing newer and better materials are many; but such development have to be sustainable to avoid the environmental pitfalls of the past. He added the convention and the seminar venue has been appropriately selected at our laboratory keeping space with the times as well as metallurgical and materials engineering communities as large".

K.K. Mehrotra said, Society faces great challenges to sustain continued development in the 21st Century for which technical innovations are the key tools for engineering solutions, by implementing sustainable practices in the use of materials, the materials science and engineering community will be well-positioned to take active role in shaping public policy in support of sustainable development.

S.E. RAILWAY TENDER

e-Tender Notice No. : TRD-RNC-2018-19-17, dtd. 18.01.2019. e-Tenders invited by the Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (TRD), South Eastern Railway, Ranchi for and on behalf of the President of India scheduled to be opened on 19.02.2019 at 15.30 hrs. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **Brief Description of work :** Modification of OHE due to Raising and renovation of platform no. 1, 1A and saloon siding at Ranchi station. **Approx. cost of work : ₹ 19,92,479.98. EMD : ₹ 39,900/-**. Date and time of closing : 19.02.2019 at 15.30 hrs. **Website particulars and details :** www.ireps.gov.in The tender details can be viewed at the website <http://www.ireps.gov.in> The tenderer/bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate and must be registered on IREPS portal. Only registered tenderers/bidders can participate on e-tendering. All relevant papers must be uploaded at the time of participating in e-tendering. **PR-1023**

e-Tender Notice No. : TRD-RNC-2018-19-18, dtd. 18.01.2019. e-Tenders invited by the Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (TRD), South Eastern Railway, Ranchi for and on behalf of the President of India scheduled to be opened on 19.02.2019 at 15.30 hrs. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **Brief Description of work :** (i) Modification of OHE due to Raising of existing platform 1, 2, 3 at Murti Station. (ii) Construction of First FOB at 06 station (KITA, GATD, GAG, TIS, TUL and BLNG). **Approx. cost of work : ₹ 66,74,606.86. EMD : ₹ 1,33,500/-**. Date and time of closing : 19.02.2019 at 15.30 hrs. **Website particulars and details :** www.ireps.gov.in The tender details can be viewed at the website <http://www.ireps.gov.in> The tenderer/bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate and must be registered on IREPS portal. Only registered tenderers/bidders can participate on e-tendering. All relevant papers must be uploaded at the time of participating in e-tendering. **PR-1024**

e-Tender Notice No. : (1) SERCON-GR-C-CE-01-95-18; (2) SERCON-GR-C-CE-01-96-18. e-Tender invited by the Chief Engineer (Con)/J/GR, South Eastern Railway, for and on behalf of the President of India uploaded on website www.ireps.gov.in The tender shall be closed at 12.00 hrs. on due date. **Sl. No. Brief Description of works, Due Date, Approx. Cost, EMD, Completion period are as follows :** (1) Doubling work between Hatia and Bondamunda Section - Earthwork, Minor Bridges, P Way Linking, Supply of Track Ballast etc. from Km : 538 to Km : 545.400 etc. between Tali (Including Yard) - (Ex) Prabratonia (Excluding Yard) stations, **13.02.2019**, ₹ 58.14 crore, ₹ 30.57,100/-, 18 months; (2) Doubling work between Hatia and Bondamunda Section - Earthwork, Minor Bridges, P Way Linking, Supply of Track Ballast etc. from Km : 545.500 etc. between Prabratonia (Including Yard) - Orga (Excluding Orga Yard) stations, **13.02.2019**, ₹ 55.82 crore, ₹ 29.41,100/-, 18 months. Interested tenderers may visit website www.ireps.gov.in for full details/description/specification of the tenders and submit their bids online. In no case manual tenders for these items will be accepted. **NB : Prospective Bidders may regularly visit www.ireps.gov.in to participate in all other tenders.** **PR-1028**

Government of Jharkhand Department of Information Technology and e-Governance Jharkhand Mantralaya, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004

Corrigendum-II

The Corrigendum-II against advertisement PR. No. 197970 for tender ref. no. IT/UID-ASA-75/2016/001, the last date of bid submission has been extended for one week i.e., from 18.01.19 to 25.01.19.

Sd/- (U P Sah) Director

PR 200027 (Information Technology) 18-19 #D

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Corrigendum-I (Tender Ref.: JCNL- 02/2019)

The Corrigendum-I for the tender (Tender Ref.: JCNL-02/2019) on published RFP for "Selection of agency for development, Maintenance & Operation of Web Based ERP Solution for JCNL" has been published on Govt. official site at jharkhandtenders.gov.in.

The advertisement PR No. is- 199305.

Sd/- CEO
Jharkhand Communication Network Ltd., Ranchi, Jharkhand
PR.200036 Information Technology(18-19):D

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता, प्रमण्डल, लातेहार।

शुद्धि - पत्र

पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, लातेहार के ई०-प्रोक्योरमेंट अतिअल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना सं० DWSD/LAT-PTG/Mini WSS-14/2018-19 जो PR 199873 water resource (18-19) D द्वारा Group no. - 01 DWSD/LAT/PTG/MWSS से Group no. - 16 DWSD/LAT/PTG/MWSS तक दैनिक समाचार पत्रों के दिनांक 18.01.2019 अंक में प्रकाशित है। जिसमें परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य 2500.00 रु० एवं 1250.00 रु० अंकित किया गया है। जिसे सुधार करते हुए 2500.00 रु० के स्थान पर 5000.00 रु० एवं 1250.00 रु० के स्थान पर 2500.00 रु० किया गया है। (पढ़ा जाए) तदनुसार निविदा में स्या लेना सुनिश्चित किया जाय। निविदा की प्रकाशित शेष सभी जानकारी यथावत है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल,
PR 199957 (Drinking Water and Sanitation) 18-19 (D) लातेहार।

NO VOTER TO BE LEFT BEHIND

Maoists only at junction of Lohardaga, Latehar and Garhwa: DIG

PNS ■ DALTONGANJ

Palamu police range has now Maoists only at the tri junction of Lohardaga, Latehar and Garhwa districts. Stating this DIG, Palamu, Vipul Shukla said it is Ravindra Ganju here who rears his head.

The Maoists have now a shrunken contingent where there top cadres are moving since there is no recruitment in their fold since common people have seen their real face.

Burha Pahar is now empty of the Maoists and police need just one more picket to set up at Behra Toli in Jharkhand area to further dominate the hill as Chhatishgarh's Pundaag starts at this Behra Toli, added the DIG.

He said that 11 police pickets- 4 in Latehar district, 4 in Garhwa district and 3 in Palamu district in 2018 -have contained and curbed the free passage of the Maoists.

On naxal violence DIG said there is a considerable decline but there is no room for any complacency.

He said Palamu remained calm and quiet more in 2018 but here went 48 operations against naxals, while Latehar, which witnessed a series of naxal violence, mostly arson, had 47 anti naxal operations and Garhwa only 14.

The DIG said, "48 in 31 days of December in Palamu and 47 in Latehar and just 14 in Garhwa need to be noticed." He praised his three SPs Shivani Tiwary (Garhwa) Prashant Anand (Latehar) and Indrajeet Mahatha (Palamu) making a prophesy that "These



On naxal violence, DIG said there is a considerable decline but there is no room for any complacency

three will come out as successful police officers."

On cattle smuggling here the DIG said, "It is I who get maximum of this input of cattle smuggling. We take action. Police cannot check any vehicle. There are delicacies. But despite this we take prompt actions against the smugglers of cattle and ascertain if they are habitual offenders too."

On the invocation of section 174 A of IPC against the thick skinned absconders the DIG said 37 have been booked and they are surer to cool their heels behind the bars.

As for no figure of cyber crime in this range DIG right through his press briefing asked his aide to give the figure which did not come till the briefing ended today.

15 CCLs, Nirmal Hriday to lose registration

KELLY KISLAYA ■ RANCHI

State Women and Child Development department issued notice to cancel the registration of 16 child care institutions (CCI) along with Nirmal Hriday, a branch of Missionaries of Charity (MoC), on Friday.

Nirmal Hriday came to light in July 2018, when it was allegedly found involved in selling of new born babies. The case came as a shocker for the nation and raised questions on the functioning of CCLs in the State.

The decision to cancel the registration was taken following the report submitted by Jharkhand State Commission for Protection Child Rights (JSCPCR) and district administration recommending shut-

ting down several CCLs in the State, which were violating various norms of Juvenile Justice (JJ) Act.

Director of Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS), DK Saxena said, "The report recommended action to be taken against 31 CCLs in the state. We sent show cause notices to them and after getting a reply from them, decided to cancel the registration 16 homes."

Saxena informed that of these 16 homes, some did not reply to the show cause notice, a few were not interested in running the homes any further while a few were in such bad shape that they could not have been allowed to function, keeping in mind the safety of the children. "The remaining 15 CCLs have been given a warn-



Nirmal Hriday Bhawan at East Jail road in Ranchi Pioneer photo

ing and directed to improve their condition so as to function further," he said.

After the case of 'baby selling' at Nirmal Hriday came to light in July 2018, Chief Minister Raghuraj Das had directed the JSCPCR to conduct a survey of all the CCLs in the state and submit a status report in a meeting on July 10, 2018.

On July 3, 2018, a couple had filed a complaint at Child Welfare Committee (CWC) of Ranchi alleging the workers of Nirmal Hriday selling them a baby, following which an FIR was lodged at Kotwali police station, one nun of MoC and a worker was arrested and four 'sold' babies were recovered from various locations in the city. The commission, along with district administration officials, surveyed 116 CCLs and 10 observation homes across the state following which a report was submitted to the CM on October 4.

The 16 shelter homes to be shut down are from various districts including Garhwa, Bokaro, Dhanbad, Ramgarh, Ranchi, Khunti, East Singhbhum, Hazaribag and Chatra.

HC orders high-powered committee probe into extortion by extremists

PNS ■ RANCHI

The Jharkhand High Court on Friday ordered the State government to form a high-powered committee to investigate the allegations of extortion of money by various extremist organisations from coal transporters across the State.

While passing the order in a PIL (6320/2015) Sagar Sao v/s Home department, the division bench comprising Chief Justice Anurudh Bose and Justice BB Mangal Murti also disposed of the case. Saw had alleged that extremist organisations including Tiritiya Prastuti Committee and Maoists were extorting money from transporters of Central Coalfields Limited's Amrapali project in Chatra district. He had asked for an

inquiry by CBI or an independent agency on the issue at various coal-raising areas of the state.

Saw alleged the money is being shared by different extremist groups while opining the LWE organisations were getting vital resources for their expansion including purchase of arms.

He further alleged that police were also getting part of the money adding, that is why the State police were not acting against the miscreants.

Former Chief Secretary of State and counsel for petitioner Dr AK Singh informed that during the hearing he was relying on a report from Chatra SP, in which he had stated these allegations were not unfounded. He added, "The court

ordered for a high-powered committee to inquire into three main aspects including the alleged extortion of money from coal transporters by extremists, sharing of money with local police and number cases of cases registered in this regard and also their status so far. In short the committee is supposed to act as a watch dog."

During the course of hearing the counsel for the home department said that police have lodged 11 FIRs against different extremist groups on the issue.

Dr Singh said nature and members of the committee would be decided by State government. He added even though the court did not order CBI inquiry the petitioner was satisfied with the decision.

INBRIEF



Water Resources and Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation Minister Chandra Prakash Choudhary being presented a bouquet by AJSU Chief Sudesh Kumar Mahto during his 52nd birthday celebrations in Ranchi on Friday Pioneer photo

SBPS STUDENTS SHINE IN ENGLISH OLYMPIAD
Students of Sarala Birla Public School added another feather to its cap by their excellent performance in the SOF-International English



Olympiad (IEO). Students who bagged the medal of distinction are Sanat Ujjain of Std. II, Soumya Kashyap of Std. II, Kshitij Kumar of Std. VI, Ritwika Khaitan of Std. VIII, Pulkit Mohata of Std. IX and Akshat Kumar of Std. IX. Also, 14 students bagged gold medals, 12 students bagged silver medals and 12 students won bronze medals. School Head Personnel & Admin Pradip Varma praised the students for their efforts.

26 DPS STUDENTS SHINE IN IMO 2018-19
After an overwhelming performance in KVPY, RMO & SMTE, DPS Ranchi has again added another feather to its cap of success by a stupendous number of 26 students from the school, have secured top 10 Zonal Rank in the prestigious IMO 2018-19. These students have added yet another historical chapter in their saga of success. The International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) is the World Championship Mathematics Competition and is held annually in different countries.

ROTARY FELICITATES ROTRACR GOVERNOR
Rotary Club Ranchi members felicitated Rahul Rajgadgia for his



achievement on being elected as Rotaract Governor for the year 2019-20. They gave him good wishes on this special occasion and listened as he spoke on his plan for his tenure at Maharaja Kumar RKN Shahdeo Rotary Hall. Dr Asit Mohapatra from IIM and CM Gupta congratulated Rahul Rajgadgia governor of Jharkhand Bihar of the District 3250 year 2019-20, presented him flowers bouquet, club flag and symbol.

BUY OR SELL BULK SCRAP AT SCRABID
Now scrap trade is so smooth and easy as never before at ScraBID, a new startup founded by Praful Chauhan, a bright student of class 12th studying in Bhavan Vidyalaya Chandigarh and is registered under CM Startup scheme, Himachal Pradesh. ScraBID is a unique B2B online platform to buy or sell bulk scrap by scrap producers, scrap dealers and scrap recyclers, through an amazing bidding system. This platform is available on web and both the app stores. The project has been incubated at Jaypee University of Information and Technology, Solan.

2,500 students register for district level 'Youth Parliament' event

Students being assessed through live interactions and youtube videos

PRAGYA PALLAVI ■ RANCHI

In an innovative approach to foster the inclusive understanding of essential subjects among the youths that affects the country's overall development, the screening session for the upcoming district level contest of 'Youth Parliament aka Yuva Sansad' started here in the State Capital on Friday. So far, around 2,500 students had registered themselves to showcase their skills in the district level event.

Covering the opinion of youths falling in the age group 18 to 25 years on develop-

mental issues, government schemes and policies, the screening session was successfully held at St. Xavier's College, Ranchi.

Further to ensure the participation of youths in sufficient number, screening test will be conducted for another two days at different colleges.

The screening assessment is being organised following two methodologies - Digital (sharing videos on You-Tube) and Walk-ins (face to face interaction).

'Yuva Sansad' organised under the aegis of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, GoI in coordination with National Service Scheme (NSS) have planned the district level event from January 24 to 28 here.

As per State NSS Officer, Brijesh Kumar, focusing on all major socio-cultural, econom-

ic, political and developmental matters, the first district level competition will be organised at Palamau, Garhwa, Latehar, Deoghar, Jamtara on January 24.

"Another district level event will be held on January 25 at Dumka, Godda, Sahibganj, Pakur while on January 28, the districts like Ranchi, Gumla, Lohardaga, Khunti, Simdega, Giridih, Dhanbad, Bokaro, Hazaribagh, Ramgarh, Chatra, Koderma, Jamshepur, Chaibasa including Seraikela-Kharsawan will be covered," added Kumar.

"As many as 100 students will be shortlisted in the screening test from different districts. The top contestants who qualify the district level round will participate in the State level event, scheduled on February 7 in Ranchi. Nearly 36 students

are expected to participate in the State level round," Kumar further added.

Meanwhile, during the 'Walking Screening' session, the students shared their views on socio-economic empowerment and inclusion of the marginalised, enhancing women empowerment from 'Beti Bachhao, Beti Padhao to Sukanya Samridhi Yojana', ease of living for all citizens and curbing corruption through 'Zero Tolerance Policy'.

On the digital platform, the students showcased their understanding on the topics ranging from health issues to policies meant to eliminate farmers' distress.

"For digital platform, subjects like sanitation, Ayushman Bharat - a revolution in the health sector, Jan-Dhan to Mudra Yojana, Seeds

to Market—efforts being taken up by the government for doubling farmers income have been selected. The response of the students on the digital platform is also quite encouraging," the State NSS Officer stated.

"The videos shared by the students on You-tube will be evaluated soon by the special committee members comprising academicians and other noted personalities.

The videos will be reviewed at the digital centers constituted at Ranchi, Jamshepur, Hazaribagh and Dumka. The final merit list of the screening test will be released on January 20," added Kumar.

Notably, the annual event is organised to encourage the youths to engage with public issues giving voice to common

man, form their opinions and express it in an expressive manner.

Also, development and enhancement of decision making abilities obtaining youths' opinions on 'Vision of New India in 2022' while forwarding the views to policy makers and implementers is the prime motto behind holding 'Youth Parliament'.

"The state-level successful participants will rub their shoulders for the national level challenge slated on February 24 and 25 at New Delhi.

Two students who had performed exceptionally well at the State level contest will get to share the dais with the students from across the country at the national event while the district toppers will be the observers at the national event," Kumar said.

JHASA, MGNREGA workers end agitation

PNS ■ RANCHI

The members of Jharkhand Administrative Service Association (JHASA) and MGNREGA workers of the State today ended their agitation in support of their various demands after respective meetings with Chief Minister Raghuraj Das. The MGNREGA workers were agitating for more than two months demanding pay hike, equal work equal wages etc.

A delegation of MGNREGA workers under Jharkhand State MGNREGA Workers Union (JSMWU) today met Chief Minister Raghuraj Das to talk about their grievances.

Speaking on the issue JSMWU Secretary John Peter Bage said, the State government has assured that it will increase the workers' wages. If the Central funds allocated will not be sufficient, the government will provide them wages from the share of the State government.

He said that the State government declined to regularize them but assured that after three months it will constitute a bilateral committee in which members of workers' union and another side government will be included to examine the matter. Commenting on the other facilities provided by the State government, Bage said, "MGNREGA workers can work up to 60 years of their age. They will get facility of health scheme-Ayushman Bharat Yojna and the expenses of registration under



CM Raghuraj Das holding a meeting with a delegation of Labour Union leaders in Ranchi on Friday Pioneer photo

the scheme will be given by the government. The government also said that the workers will get facility of life insurance of Rs. Five lakh and in cases of accidents the workers will get Rs 50,000 in case of serious accident and in case of minor accident the worker will get Rs 25,000."

During the meeting Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Personal, KK Khandelwal, Principal Secretary, Rural Development Department, Avinash Kumar, Principal Secretary to the CM, Sunil Kumar Barnwal, General Secretary, Bhartiya Majdoor Sangh, Bindeshwari Prasad, president JSMWU, Anurudh Pandey were also present.

Meanwhile, Jharkhand Administrative Service Association (JHASA) members have also ended their agitation as CM, Raghuraj Das accepted almost all of their demands after a meeting.

Speaking on the issue JHASA president Ram Kumar Sinha said, "Almost all the demand of the Association has

been accepted by the State government and for few demands the government has sought one month time. So the Association ended the agitation."

Before the development a delegation of JHASA met the CM. To consider demand of the Association it was decided to constitute a committee under the chairmanship of the Development Commissioner. The committee will include Additional Chief Secretary Finance and Additional Chief Secretary, Personnel, Administrative Reforms and Official Language Department. The committee has given opportunity to the Association to put forward their grievances.

Chief Secretary Sudheer Tripathi, Additional CS Finance, Sukhdev Singh, Additional CS, Department of Personnel KK Khandelwal, Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Sunil Kumar Barnwal and JHASA president, Ram Kumar Sinha, General Secretary Jitendra Prasad, Vice President, Arvind were present during the meeting.

Health Secretary inaugurates Haemophilia Day Care Center

PNS ■ RANCHI

Health, Medical, Education and Family Welfare, Secretary Dr. Nitin Madan Kulkarni has directed the private hospitals of the city to organize Blood Donation Camp. After launching the Haemophilia Day Care Center in the new building of Sadar Hospital, Dr. Kulkarni was directing the officials in the meeting organized with the representatives of the private hospitals of the city in the Civil Surgeon Office Auditorium.

He said that in the last six months, around 343 private hospitals in the city have used around 32,989 units of blood. "So if you (hospital) are using more than 100 units of blood in a month, then it is mandatory to organize a camp. For this, a letter has also been issued from the department. It does not seem to have any effect. He said that the help will be provided to the hospitals to organize the camp," he said.

The hospital representatives requested Dr. Kulkarni to simplify the licensing process. On this he told the representatives, "You instruct the doctors of your hospital to stop prescribing whole blood. Two or three patients can be benefited with the amount of blood." Dr Kulkarni also instructed the representatives of private hospitals to install component separator.

Earlier, during the meeting with the representatives of the Haemophilia Society, the



Secretary Health, Medical, Education and Family Welfare Nitin Madan Kulkarni cuts a ribbon during the inaugural ceremony of Haemophilia Day programme at new building of Sadar Hospital in Ranchi on Friday. Civil Surgeon Dr V.B. Prasad and other physicians and health officials are also seen in the picture. Ratan Lal I Pioneer

Secretary spoke of providing poster banners related to Haemophilia. He said that awareness should be spread by the IEC in the district so that people are aware of it. Representatives of the Hemophilia Society gave information about the data related to haemophilia to the Health Secretary through a presentation. Dr. Nitin Kulkarni, after inaugurating the Haemophilia Day Care Center, went to the Shishu Ward of Sadar Hospital and inquired about the facilities and gave several instructions.

Civil Surgeon Dr V.B. Prasad, D.S. Dr. A.K. Jha, A.C.M.O Dr. Neelam Chaudhary, Dr. S.B. Khkhho, Dr. Vimlesh Singh, Ranjit, Antara and other physicians and health officials were present on the occasion.

Who will lead Grand Alliance is still not clear: Mangal Pandey

PNS ■ RANCHI

National Democratic Alliance (NDA) announced its leader as Narendra Modi, but who will be leader of Grand Alliance is still not clear, said BJP Lok Sabha election State In-charge Mangal Pandey here on Friday. He said that the Congress Party wants a weak government on the pretext of the alliance and BJP wants a strong government to strengthen the country.

Pandey was participating a meeting of BJP, Ranchi City and District officials, Board Presidents, Morcha Presidents and Cell Conveners held at the party office on Friday. During the meeting the organisation-work done in the past was reviewed and the upcoming events were decided.

While addressing the party workers Pandey said, "The unit of the State Capital is the mirror of the entire State and messages spread from here. This is a good opportunity for us to take a mandate to make Narendra Modi Ji the Prime Minister in 2019 again. The



Regional Lok Sabha Election In-charge Mangal Pandey address a gathering during a meeting at BJP State head office in Ranchi on Friday Pioneer photo

Party has to win the 2019 battle on the basis of workers."

Speaking on the occasion State, BJP president Laxman Gilua said that party's main aim is to win all 14 Lok Sabha seats in Jharkhand to make Modi Ji Prime Minister again. He said that the father-son (Shibu and Hemant Soren) duo has done the most of the violations of the CNT-SPT Act.

Organization, General Secretary, Dharmapal Singh, reviewed the organizational work and announced the upcoming events scheduled by the central leadership, on 26th February Kamal Jyoti Dipawali will be celebrated on every booth, on 2nd March, motorcycle rally will be organised, which will go from booth to Mandal Center and then to the Assembly Center. At the same time, PM's 'Man Ki Baat' and dedication day will be celebrated.

BJP City president Manoj Mishra put forward the preparation plan and said all plans were completed on booth level in respect to 2019 elections.

The meeting was conducted by the City General Secretary KK Gupta and vote of thanks was given by Raja Singh.

RMC looks for O&M agency to operate Vendors' Market

Mayor assures to start marketing complex by mid-February

PNS ■ RANCHI

The 'No Vending Zone' demarcated from Kutchery Chowk to Albert Ekka Chowk remains under the dominance of street sellers as the dedicated marketing complex meant for the street vendors' is yet to be made serviceable. Despite the efforts of the Civic Body, the newly constructed 'Atal Smriti Vendors' Market' is yet to get a competent agency for its operation and maintenance (O&M).

As per a senior official of Ranchi Municipal Corporation (RMC), the tender regarding the maintenance of the Vendors' Market was floated recently. The first of its kind vendors' market inaugurated on November 16, 2018 for the rehabilitation of the street vendors here is lying unused since past two months. "Tender was

floated a while ago for hiring an experienced agency for O&M of the Vendors Market. Attempts are being made to start the vendors' complex by mid-February," said Mayor Asha Lakra.

Earlier in December 2018, a fresh proposal was put forward by RMC stating that a month will be required more to start the vendors' complex.

Further, as per RMC officials, due to some technical hiccups like total number of registered vendors to be allocated place inside the street vendors, claims and objections matter including other issues, the operation of marketing complex has been hanging in the balance.

"Things are under process. No O&M agency has come forward. Soon, the Municipal Corporation will complete the task of finalising the list of street vendors' to be settled down in the first phase there. So far, 227 claims and objections have been received by the Civic Body," said RMC City



Atal Smriti Vendors Market in Ranchi Pioneer photo

Manager and In-charge DAY-NULM Cell, Vikash Kumar.

During the inauguration, it was announced that 127 street vendors will be settled there immediately. However, considering the intervention of the members of Town Vending Committee (TVC), the shifting process was kept on hold. As per the RMC estimate, the vendors' market has a capacity of accommodating 472 street vendors'.

In the first survey as many as 660 vendors were registered

in the list. A number of objections were entertained as it was found that the actual strength of street vendors is 541, having all valid documents. The resurvey was completed on November 1.

Around 36,831 street vendors have been identified, out of which 5,901 street vendors are from Ranchi. Around 16, 141 Identity (ID) cards have been distributed among the street vendors across the State.

The building (G+5) that cover a carpet area of 2,94,240

sq. feet with basements, a banquet hall, a cafeteria, 23 offices, 472 kiosks, 108 shops is the first and the biggest Vendors Market of the State with all State-of-the-Art facilities.

Constructed at a cost of Rs. 54 crore granted by the Government of Jharkhand (GoJ) has advance facilities ranging from CCTV cameras, fire extinguishers, public announcement systems, advance parking service, landscaping and fountains have been equipped inside the building for better crowd management and maintenance.

J'khand to raise Tasar production to boost self employment

MIRUTANJAY KUMAR ■ RANCHI

With a view to increase production of Tasar silk in the largest Tasar producing State, the Directorate of Handloom, Sericulture and Handicraft organized a workshop 'To Eradicate Poverty through Self Employment' on Friday.

While speaking on the occasion as chief guest Department of Handloom, Sericulture and Handicraft, Director Uday Pratap said, "The production of Tasar silk in the year 2010-11 in the State was 1200 metric tonnes and now in 2017-18 it was at around 2,600 metric tonnes. The State had produced more than 2600 metric tonnes of Tasar in 2016-17 but in next year the production decreased. We have to find out the reason and need to work on it. The State is largest producer of Tasar silk in the country and in world also."

While encouraging other farmers to start sericulture

Pratap said, "This industry has immense power to convert one's dream into reality because environment and climate of the State is conducive for the industry. Indulging women in large numbers in sericulture is very good for self employment for them.

The Central Government and the State Government both have taken various steps to double the income of farmers involved in sericulture."

The department has recruited Resham Doots, who get duty to provide required facilities like information regarding farming to farmers to improve their produce, Pratap added.

While lauding the State Tasar silk industry, Central Silk Board Deputy Secretary, GS Prabhakar said, "India is the main producer of Tasar silk with Jharkhand being the main State of its production. Producing Tasar is a rural art.

The State is successful to save its tradition and turned it



Handloom, Sericulture and Handicraft Director Uday Pratap addresses a workshop 'To Eradicate Poverty through Self Employment' in Ranchi on Friday. Pioneer photo

While speaking on the occasion as chief guest Department of Handloom, Sericulture and Handicraft, Director Uday Pratap said, "The production of Tasar silk in the year 2010-11 in the State was 1200 metric tonnes and now in 2017-18 it was at around 2,600 metric tonnes

The State had produced more than 2600 metric tonnes of Tasar in 2016-17 but in next year the production decreased. We have to find out the reason and need to work on it. The State is largest producer of Tasar silk in the country and in world also"

The Central Government and the State Government both have taken various steps to double the income of farmers involved in sericulture"

While lauding the State Tasar silk industry, Central Silk Board Deputy Secretary, GS Prabhakar said, "India is the main producer of Tasar silk with Jharkhand being the main State of its production. Producing Tasar is a rural art

The Tasar silk industry makes extensive use of rural and tribal labour

The women who are absorbed by the industry are trained for production of Silk. It takes them 3 days to finish a single 10 meter Tasar silk cloth. For each employed labour, the task is to weave at least 10 silk sarees in a month. Each Tasar silk saree is sold for ₹3,000 to ₹3,500.

While the rural women who are involved in making the saree earn between ₹1,500 to ₹2,500 for a saree," he added.

Additional Director, Handloom, Sericulture and Handicraft, Ranchi, Lalan Kumar Singh and Additional Director, Handloom, Sericulture and Handicraft, Dumka, Sudhir Kumar Singh were also present on the occasion.

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Open transport of coal, filth raises concerns

PNS ■ BERMO

Ferrying of coal and garbage in uncovered vehicles through well-populated localities is one of the main reasons behind the high pollution levels of Bermo sub-division with the respective stakeholders, coal companies and local Bermo Municipal Corporation (BMC) turning a blind eye to the health hazard.

In blatant violation of environment rules, an average of over 5,000 heavy vehicles, including tippers without covers, transport coal from mines including Govindpur, Swang, Kathara, Dhori, Kargali, Makoli to various places everyday and expose mineral polluting in the air increasing health risks, locals said.

Similarly, over 50 tractors deployed by the local civic body and power projects carry garbage in the open, the tar-



not only unbearable, but also raise hygiene posers that the authorities ignore blatantly.

Realising the gravity of the situation, Bokaro deputy commissioner (DC) Mirtunjay Kumar Barnawal, at a district level environment committee meeting held recently, had issued strict instructions to coal firms and Bokaro Thermal and Chandrapura Power plants and ensure transport of coal using covered vehicles only.

He had also asked District transport officer Santosh Garg to carry out periodic checks to prevent coal transport in uncovered vehicles.

Last month, environmentalist Gulab Prajapati took up the matter, sending a letter to Chief Minister Raghubar Das to draw his attention towards the plight of coal town residents, who are prone to various lung disorders like bronchitis, tuberculosis etc, because of the practice of transporting coal in open vehicles by coal companies and power projects.

"As a majority of coal transport work is carried out by contractors, we have included the provision of covering the vehicles with tarpaulin sheets in their agreements.

But they are violating the terms of agreement. We can take action if the violations are brought to our notice," head of a coal company's environment department, said.

District transport officer of Bokaro, Santosh Garg admitted that though they had organised checking drives to stop open ferrying of coal, which had curbed the menace to some extent, violations were still taking place.

On garbage disposal, insiders at BMC admitted that sanitation workers were not using tarpaulin sheets because of lax monitoring by the authorities.

Gulab Prajapati environmentalist, who cited Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) figures in his letter to point out that respirable suspended particulate matter (RSPM) in Bokaro district was exceeded over permissible limit, called for strict action.

We need initiatives from the government at all levels to check air pollution," he said.

Government of Jharkhand
Dr. Ram Dayal Munda Tribal Welfare Research Institute,
Schedule Tribe, Schedule Caste, Minorities and OBC
Welfare Department, Ranchi

Ref no. 103 (ii) Ranchi, Dated 18.01.2019

Expression of Interest

Dr. Ram Dayal Munda Tribal Welfare Research Institute (TRI), Ranchi invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from interested agencies/firms/societies / for supply of Tribal Ornaments/Jewellery for Museum of the institution during the year 2018-2019:

Interested agencies are hereby requested to submit Technical Bid and Financial Bid for supply of Tribal Ornaments/Jewellery for all the 32 tribes of Jharkhand required for Museum of the institution during the year 2018-2019 along with details of the agencies on or before 28/01/2019 by 4.30 pm. The price should be inclusive of (all requisite statutory taxes, if applicable) and not open ended.

The intending agencies may submit their technical bid and financial bid in separate sealed envelope clearly written in BOLD TECHNICAL BID AND FINANCIAL BID FOR SUPPLY OF TRIBAL ORNAMENTS/JEWELLERIES FOR MUSEUM OF DR. RAM DAYAL MUNDA TRIBAL WELFARE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, RANCHI on or before the due date written on the top of the envelope. These envelopes are to be addressed to the Director, Dr. Ram Dayal Munda Tribal Welfare Research Institute (TRI), Morabadi, Ranchi-834008. TRI will not be responsible for delay in transits or damages or loss of tender document sent by post. Bid will be opened on 29/01/2019 at 3.30 P.M in the office of the Director, TRI, Ranchi.

The Terms of Reference can be downloaded from the website www.trijharkhand.com under tender notice section. The detail list of Tribal Ornaments/Jewellery are mentioned in Annexure I, in Terms of Reference. In case of any other details regarding the study can be obtained from the office of the TRI on any working day during office hour.

TRI, Ranchi reserves all rights to accept or reject all or any of the EOIs at any stage without assigning any reasons. TRI, Ranchi also reserves the right to engage/employ one or more firm depending on requirements.

Sd/-
Director
 P.R.200014 Welfare(18-19):D

कार्यालय-कृषि प्रौद्योगिकी प्रबंधन अभिकरण, आत्मा, कोडरमा
 दिनांक 17.01.2019

विज्ञापन संख्या-17

GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND COOPERATIVE.
SUB MISSION ON AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION (SMAE) UNDER NATIONAL MISSION ON AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION & TECHNOLOGY (NMAET)

Invitation for submitting applications for providing services on contractual basis at te Block Level in National Mission on Agricultural Extension & Technology, Jharkhand

The Department of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry & cooperative. Government of Jharkhand Project Director ATMA, Koderma invites applications from unemployed/retired officers of Government of India/ State Government Department / Public sector Undertakings/ Private sector organization or otherwise with requisite qualification and experience as elaborated below for providing services against following post on contractual basis.

Sl No.	District	Description of Post	No. of Vacant Post	Qualification	Experience	Service basis	Contract Period (In year) (Maximum)	Monthly consolidated remuneration (In case of contract) and for other calculation on the basis of pay scale
1		Block Technology Manager (BTM)	Gen-01 ST-00 SC-01 BC-I-01 BC-II-01 Total-04	Graduate/ Post Graduate in Agri./Allied Sector with computer skill	Minimum 2 years field experience in Agri. Related activities if post Graduate otherwise 3 years			Consolidated Rs. 25000/-p.m increase of 10% in emoluments for such employees who continue in their employment for one year)
2	Koderma	Assistant Technology Manager (ATM)	Gen-01 ST-02 SC-03 BC-I-02 BC-II-01 Total-09	Graduate/ Post Graduate in Agri./Horti./Economics/Marketing/Veterinary science/AHD/ Fisheries with computer skill	Preferably one year	Contractual	12 th plan	Consolidated Rs. 15000/-p.m increase of 10% in emoluments for such employees who continue in their employment for one year)

The condition of providing services on contractual basis are as follows:-

- Posts advertised shall be filled up only on contractual basis initially for a period of one year. The contract can further be extended up to 12th plan period on the basis of performance appraisal report.
- The total number of vacancies as indicated above will be filled up as per the requirement strictly in accordance with merit.
- Period of providing services would be for a maximum period of the programme.
- Monthly performance Monitoring and Appraisal would be carried out to ensure achievement of the objectives behinds this arrangement.
- The contract shall be effective from the date of actual contractual engagement
- The selected personnel would assist the Secretary Agriculture/ Director Agriculture/ State Nodal officer / Director, State Agricultural Management & Extension Training Institute / Deputy Commissioner-cum-Chairman (ATMA)/ Project Director ATMA/ Dy. Project Director ATMA/ Block Technology Manager as the case may be in carrying out various functions and also carry out the instructions issued by Department of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry & Cooperative, Govt. of Jharkhand from time to time in a time bound manner.
- Reservations as per the policy of Government of Jharkhand shall be applicable as per district roster.
- Successful candidates on contract basis will have to sign a contractual agreement with the Project Director ATMA of the corresponding district.
- The candidates having age less than 45 yrs. Will be preferred, but their age should not exceed 65 yrs. As on date of advertisement.
- The contractual engagement shall not confer any right or claim of extension / absorption under the Department of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry & Cooperative, Govt. of Jharkhand.
- Application should be submitted online at recruitment.jharkhand.gov.in Portal from 21.01.2019 to 05.02.2019 at 5.00 PM after this link will be closed or before 15 days after the date of advertisement till 5.00 p.m. Attached Board certificate for date of birth, mark sheets, caste certificate, Residential certificate, professional qualification, experience and DCA certificate etc. and an application fee of Rs. 500/- (Rupees five hundred only) should be deposited online in favor of Project Director ATMA, Koderma in A/C No. 11429920204. IFSC code- SBIN0003592 SBI Koderma Bazar branch
- Interested candidates can download the application format and other details from the website koderma.nic.in.
- The appointing authority for this post will be Project Director ATMA Koderma of the corresponding . The selection of the candidates for this post would be done by the selection committee in the chairmanship of deputy Commissioner cum chairman, ATMA of the district.
- No traveling allowance etc will be admissible to the candidates for appearing in interview.
- A waiting list of the candidature will be prepared for each post, which will be valid for one year and vacancies will be filled from the waitlisted candidates in order of merit.
- The number of vacancy can be increased or decrease as per the further decision taken by the State Government.
- The undersigned has the right to cancel the above advertisement without assigning any reason.

Project Director, D.D.C.- Cum- Vice Chairman, D.C.-Cum- Chairman, ATMA, Koderma ATMA, Koderma ATMA, Koderma
 PR199964 Agriculture(18-19)D

BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED
 (A Govt. of India Enterprises)
 Office of the DE (NWO), ETR, Hazaribagh - 825301

No. DE/HZB/ETR/Tender/2018-2019/ Dated at Hazaribagh, the 17/01/2019
CORRIGENDUM

The last date of submission and opening of the e-tenders floated by ETR Hazaribagh (BSNL) which was scheduled on 18th of January, 2019 is hereby extended to 25th of January 2019.

For details please visit www.tenderwizard.com/BSNL
 Sd/- Divisional Engineer,(NWO), ETR, Hazaribagh

कार्यपालक अभियन्ता का कार्यालय लघु सिंचाई प्रमण्डल, राँची

इस कार्यालय का पत्रांक 1410 दिनांक 29.11.2018 द्वारा आमंत्रित ई-निविदा जो PR No196596 दिनांक 01.12.2018 द्वारा प्रकाशित है कि तृतीय पुन ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। तृतीय पुन अत्यकालीन ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना ई-निविदा संख्याWRD/MID/RANCHI F2 10/2018-19

1. कार्य का नाम	मिलानी उद्वह सिंचाई योजना का निर्माण कार्य प्रखण्ड- चान्ही।
2. प्राक्कलित राशि	₹ 51.00 लाख
3. कार्य पूर्ण करने की तिथि	11 माह
4. अंतिम तिथि/ईं निविदा प्राप्त करने की तिथि	07.02.2019 up to 5.00 P.M.
5. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि	29.01.2019 up to 2.00 pm
6. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता , ईमेल	कार्यपालक अभियन्ता लघु सिंचाई प्रमण्डल, राँची, कमरा सं 302, अभियन्ता भवन, कचहरी चौक, राँची eamidran-cemr-jhr@nic.in
7. ई-निविदा पदाधिकारी का दूरभाष नं०	
8. ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष नं०	0651-2491232

नोट :- सिर्फ ई - निविदा ही स्वीकृत की जायेगी। विस्तृत जानकारी के लिये वेबसाइट <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> में देखा जा सकता है।

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 PR199976 (Minor Irrigation)18-19'D

कार्यपालक अभियन्ता लघु सिंचाई प्रमण्डल, राँची

सुदृढ प्रजातंत्र हेतु वृहत्तर सहभागिता
जिला निर्वाचन पदाधिकारी-सह-
उपायुक्त का कार्यालय, सरायकेला-खरसावाँ

प्रेस विज्ञापित

सभी आम नागरिकों को सूचित किया जाता है कि दिनांक 01.01.2019 को अहर्ता तिथि मानते हुये मतदाता सूची विशेष संक्षिप्त पुनरीक्षण कार्यक्रम 2019 के निमित्त मतदाता सूची के अंतिम प्रकाशन हेतु पूर्व निर्धारित तिथि को विस्तारित करते हुये दिनांक 30.01.2019 निर्धारित की गयी है।

उक्त के आलोक में मतदाता सूची विशेष संक्षिप्त पुनरीक्षण कार्यक्रम 2019 के निमित्त मतदाता सूची के अंतिम प्रकाशन 30.01.2019 को ही किया जायेगा।

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जिला निर्वाचन पदाधिकारी
 -सह-उपायुक्त, सरायकेला-खरसावाँ।
 P.R.200003 Election(18-19):D

Government of Jharkhand
Dr. Ram Dayal Munda Tribal Welfare Research Institute,
Schedule Tribe, Schedule Caste, Minorities and OBC Welfare Department
Ranchi

Ref. No: 105 (ii) Ranchi, Dated: 18.01.19

CORRIGENDUM
 PR No:-199035 Welfare (18-19)D
TOPIC 1: Study on Cuisines of Jharkhand
Objective of the study

- To explore the cuisines of tribal and others community in Jharkhand
- To explore famous/commercial/popular/sweets/cuisines specifically invented or explored in specific place (in markets /fairs) of Jharkhand.
- To study the varied Jharkhandi food items which are specially prepared on local festivals like karma/sohrai/sarhul/tusu etc. ; their preparation and their speciality
- To study the various festival cuisines which are specially cooked on festivals like sarhul/karma/sohrai/Tusu/Holi.
- To identify the emerging food items among tribals.
- To explore new avenues for establishing the popularity of Jharkhandi food items.

TOPIC 2: Desajj Buddha: Search of Buddha path tradition of Buddhism in Jharkhand and relation with Shrawan & Sarna Dharam (Aadi Dharam)
Objective of the study

- To explore and document the places of Buddha in Jharkhand
- To understand the similarity between tribal custom and philosophy with Buddhist Philosophy and tradition means a relationship between Shrawan and Sarna

S. No.	Reference	As in EOI Document	Amendment
1	Important Dates	Bid Submission End Date :17/01/2019 (4.30 PM hrs)	Bid Submission End Date :28/01/2019 (4.30 P.M hrs)
2	Dates	Date of Technical Bid Opening :18/01/2019 (3:30 P.M hrs)	Date of Technical Bid Opening :29/01/2019 (3:30 P.M hrs)

*Note: 1. Remaining all other mentioned terms and conditions in EOI will remain unchanged for details see our website- www.trijharkhand.com

NO VOTER TO BE LEFT BEHIND Sd/-
 PR 200023 (Welfare) 18-19 (D) Director

JHARKHAND URJA SANCHARAN NIGAM LIMITED
 (CIN No. - U40108JH2013SGC001704)
 OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER-CUM-CHIEF ENGINEER
 TRANSMISSION ZONE-I, KUSAI COLONY, DORANDA, RANCHI,
 Fax No. 0651-2490269, Email:-gm.jusnl@gmail.com, Tel. No. :- 0651 2490513

e-TENDER NOTICE
NIT No.262 / PR / JUSNL/ 2018 - 19

e- tender in two parts i.e. Technical (Part -I) and Financial (Part - II) is invited from the reputed parties ,having adequate financial and technical resources to undertake the following work:-

Name of work	Details	Package A
Work of "Design for Engineering, Supply Erection and commissioning of 01 no. of new Tower & dismantling and stringing of HTLS conductors between loc. No. 73 -74 of 132 KV D/C 3 phase Hatia-Sikidiri -Namkum Transmission Line.		
Completion Period		03 (Three) Months
Minimum average annual turnover during best three years out of last five years		Rs. 73, 14,000/- (Rupees Seventy three lac fourteen thousand) only.
e-Tender fee		Rs. 10,000/- in the form of DD
Earnest Money Deposit		Rs. 1,47,000/- in the form of DD/BG
A Start Date & Time for Downloading of Tender Documents		23-01-2019 at 03:00 PM
End date and time for uploading of BID		13-02-2019 upto 03:00 PM
Last date of submission of hard copy of bid, tender cost and EMD in the office of General Manager, Transmission Zone -I, Ranchi		Upto 14-02-2019 at 05:00 PM
BID Opening date for technical part		15-02-2019 at 12:00AM
BID Opening date for price part		Will be communicated
Procurement Officer and address for communication		GENERAL MANAGER TRANSMISSION ZONE-I, KUSAI COLONY, P.O.-DORANDA, RANCHI, Pin -834002

A complete set of bidding documents may be downloaded by any interested bidder from website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>. Interested bidders have to necessarily register themselves on <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> to participate in the bidding under this NIT. It shall be the sole responsibility of the interested bidders to get themselves registered at the aforesaid website and apprise themselves adequately regarding all the relevant procedures and provisions related to uploading of the bids on the aforesaid website. Bidder shall upload scan copy of Demand Draft (DD) for the amount mentioned above of any Nationalized/ Scheduled Commercial Bank in favour of Manager (Accounts), Transmission Zone-I, Ranchi payable at Ranchi , as a proof of payment towards e -Tender fee. Original DD towards e -Tender fee must be submitted along with the technical bid (kept in 'e-Tender Fee & Bid Security' envelope inside the cover envelope) before opening date and time of the bid as mentioned in BDS failing which bid will be rejected.

Address for Communication:
 GENERAL MANAGER, TRANSMISSION ZONE-I,
 KUSAI COLONY, P.O.-DORANDA, RANCHI, PIN-834002
JHARKHAND URJA SANCHARAN NIGAM LIMITED

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Sd/-
GM-cum-CE
 (Trans Zone-I) Ranchi, JUSNL
 PR 200039 Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam Ltd(18-19)D

UP ILLEGAL SAND MINING SCAM IAS officer Chandrakala, SP leader get ED summon

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has issued summons to four accused persons, including IAS officer B Chandrakala and a Samajwadi Party (SP) leader, in connection with an alleged illegal mining scam case in Uttar Pradesh.

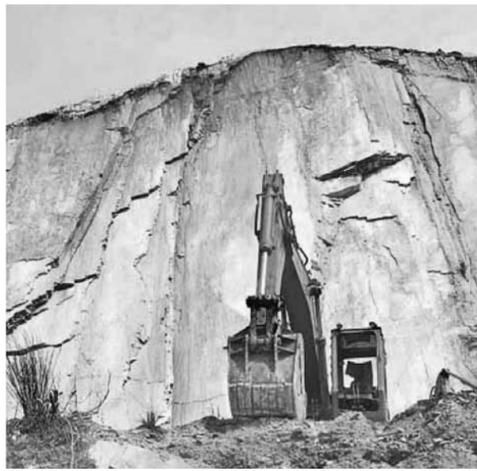
The ED had registered a criminal case under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) after taking cognisance of a CBI FIR to probe illegal mining of minor minerals (sand and gravel) in the Hamirpur area between 2012 and 2016.

The CBI has said it is probing the role of former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav too in the case as he had held the mining portfolio during this period.

Chandrakala and SP MLC Ramesh Kumar Mishra had been summoned by the ED to appear before the Investigating Officer of the case in Lucknow on January 24 and 28 respectively. Besides Chandrakala and Mishra, the ED has summoned two more officials to appear before it next week, sources said.

The ED is probing the money trail and whether the alleged proceeds of crime generated due to the kickbacks received in these cases were laundered by the accused.

The agency will also look for assets, both immovable and movable, of the accused that can be attached under the



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anti-money laundering law after establishing the proceeds of crime. The CBI had carried out searches at 14 locations earlier this month in connection with its FIR against 11 persons including IAS officer Chandrakala, Mishra and Sanjay Dixit (who had unsuccessfully contested the 2017

Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls on a BSP ticket), to probe the alleged illegal mining of minor minerals in Hamirpur district during 2012-16.

The role of the then mining ministers of the State is also under the scanner of the ED.

Yadav, who was the CM of the State between 2012 and 2017, held the mining portfolio during 2012-13, a reason why his role is under the scanner for investigation, according to the CBI FIR.

He was succeeded by Gayatri Prajapati, who took charge as the mining minister in 2013 and was arrested in 2017 following a complaint of rape by a woman residing in Chitrakoot.

CITIZENSHIP BILL Centre likely to call N-E CMs meeting

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Against the backdrop of strong protests over the controversial Citizenship Amendment Bill, the Centre is expected to soon call a meeting of the Chief Ministers of all northeastern States to address concerns.

Sources said a decision in this regard was taken after Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh discussed the matter in detail with Mizoram and Meghalaya Chief Ministers in a meeting here.

The controversial Bill was passed in the Lok Sabha on January 8.

However, large scale protests were witnessed in the northeastern States including Assam and Mizoram over the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) Government's attempt to pass the Bill in the Upper House of Parliament.

"There was a serious discussion on the Bill in the meeting. The Centre has assured that it will look into the concerns of northeastern States before moving ahead," a highly placed Government source said.

"Most likely, a meeting of chief ministers of all northeastern States will be called soon to resolve their concerns," the source added.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma said:



Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh with Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma (2nd R), Mizoram CM Zoramthanga (L) and Meghalaya Dy CM Prestone Tynsong (R) during a meeting regarding Citizenship Bill, in New Delhi on Friday

"Northeastern States will be forced to take a call if it does not get a positive response on the scrapping of the Bill."

In the meeting, Mizoram Chief Minister Zoramthanga said the Centre was informed that all northeastern States were opposing the Bill and the law should not be diluted.

"It (amendments) should not be there. Let it be as it is. Let it not be amended as it is proposed. That's what we want," he said.

The Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016, pro-

Mizoram CM against dilution of existing Citizenship Act

New Delhi: Mizoram Chief Minister Zoramthanga on Friday said there should not be any dilution of the 64-year old Citizenship Act. "It (amendments) should not be there. Let it be as it is. Let it not be amended as it is proposed. That's what we want," Zoramthanga told reporters here.

vides for Indian citizenship to Hindus, Jains, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists and Parsis who fled religious persecution in Bangladesh, Pakistan and

Afghanistan after six years of residence in India instead of the current requirement of 12 years, even if they do not possess any document.

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RS SECY PITCHES FOR GENDER EQUALITY

New Delhi: Rajya Sabha Secretariat Secretary Dr PPK Ramacharyulu on Friday said that the constitutional provisions for gender equality have been supplemented from time to time by significant women-centric legislations like the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act. The implementation of this Act has, however, not been able to address the concerns regarding women security and safety at the workplace, he said at the concluding address of the two day sensitisation workshop on various aspects of the issue of sexual harassment at workplace and the provisions of the Act in this regard.

WOMEN TO BE RECRUITED IN MILITARY POLICE: MIN

New Delhi: Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday said the Government has taken a "historic" decision to induct women in the military police with an aim to enhance their representation in the armed forces. Women will be inducted in a graded manner to eventually comprise 20 per cent of total Corps of Military Police, the official handle of the Defence Minister tweeted. Their role would range from probing rape and molestation cases to assisting the Army wherever required.

'CELEBRATE BOSE'S B'DAY AS DESHPREM DIVAS'

New Delhi: The Forward Bloc has urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to celebrate the birthday of its founder Subhas Chandra Bose as "Deshprem Divas", more than eight years after the demand was rejected by the then Congress-led government. Bose had quit the Congress and floated the All India Forward Bloc in 1939. Calling Modi an "ardent admirer of Netaji", the Left party, in a letter to the prime minister, requested that the day be renamed as soon as possible as January 23, 2019 would be the 123rd birth anniversary of Bose.

'BIG DECISION FOR FARMERS SOON'

New Delhi: BJP farmers' wing president Virendra Singh Mast on Friday said the Centre will soon announce a "very big decision" aimed at boosting the income of farmers. He said the government had taken a number of "historic" decisions for rural development and the agriculture sector.

IRANI SLAMS CONG OVER ANTI-INDIA SLOGANS

New Delhi: The BJP is committed to make India a strong and resurgent nation while the Congress is standing with those who raise anti-India slogans, Union Minister Smriti Irani said on Friday. She further attacked the Congress, saying one of its senior leaders had advocated repealing the law that defined sedition.

India lodges strong protest with Pak over Gilgit-Baltistan

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

New Delhi: India on Friday summoned the Deputy High Commissioner of Pakistan and lodged a strong protest on a recent order by Pakistan Supreme Court extending its jurisdiction over Gilgit-Baltistan. The Pakistani official was conveyed that the entire state of Jammu and Kashmir, which also includes the so-called 'Gilgit-Baltistan', "has been, is and shall remain an integral part of India", the Ministry of External Affairs said. In an order, the Pakistan Supreme Court has said that its jurisdiction and power extend to Gilgit-Baltistan.

"The Deputy High Commissioner of Pakistan was summoned today and a strong protest was lodged on recent order by Supreme Court of Pakistan on the so-called 'Gilgit-Baltistan' which is an interference in India's internal affairs," the MEA said.

It also said Pakistan was asked to immediately vacate all areas under its illegal occupation. "Pakistan Government or judiciary have no locus standi on territories illegally and forcibly occupied by it. Any action to alter the status of these occupied territories by Pakistan has no legal basis whatsoever," the MEA said in a statement.

It said India rejected such continued attempts by Pakistan to bring material change in these "occupied territories and to camouflage grave human rights violations, exploitation and sufferings of the people living there".

Survey to identify those who left out by Govt schemes, says Puri

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In a move to identify eligible people who are left out under the Prime Minister's flagship schemes, a survey, 'safety net survey', is being conducted by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (HUA). All necessary formalities are expected to be completed by January 31, 2019. The survey is being done among the self help group (SHG) members, whose number stands at 34 lakh across the country.

Besides, the Ministry will extend outreach of its flagship project Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana among the poorest of poor in the country through a series of events in the coming month.

Announcing this, the Union HUA Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Friday said the survey is being conducted to identify eligible self help group members not covered by Government programs including Swachh Bharat Mission (urban), Prime Minister Awas Yojana (Urban), Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Yojana and National Nutrition Mission.

According to HUA officials, there are reports that numbers of eligible people have not been able to get benefit from the flagship schemes. "We will try to include those eligible who have not been covered," officials added.

Puri also announced that the 'Shehri Samridhi Utsav',

Kartarpur corridor: Access mode for Indian devotees yet to be decided

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Friday said the mode of access for Indian devotees headed for Kartarpur Sahib Gurudwara in Pakistan, is yet to be decided by the two countries. "Whether access will be given to them by using passport as a travel document or VISA will be applied, are issues that are to be discussed bilaterally between the two countries. It is yet to be finalised," Puri told reporters. He said that a decision has been taken that access from the Indian side — the main road which goes up to Kartarpur Sahib will be completed in a time-bound manner.

focusing on urban livelihoods, will be held from February 1 to 15, showcasing initiatives of the Deen Dayal Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihood Mission (DAY-National Urban Livelihood Mission).

The Mission has made "significant progress" in the last five years, organising 34 lakh urban poor women into self-help groups, besides providing subsidised loans to over 8.5 lakh individuals and groups.

"Over 8.9 lakh candidates have been skill trained and certified. Over 4.6 lakh have been placed," Puri said.

Among other achievements under the mission, 16 lakh street vendors have been identified through a survey and half of them have been given identity cards. More than 1,000 permanent shelters have been set up, creating space for

more than 60,000 urban homeless, he said.

Housing and Urban Affairs Secretary Durga Shanker Mishra said various activities will be organised in the city, state and at the national level as part of the 'Shehri Samridhi Utsav'. A national exhibition will be held in New Delhi from February 8 to 17 along with a national street food festival which will start on February 14, he said.

A national conference on street vending will also be held to discuss issues and seek a way forward to support livelihoods of hawkers. National-level workshop on sanitation and a conference on street vending will also be part of the planned programmes. Further, rally by self help groups, job melas, loan camps, identity cards for street vendors and other activities will be organised.

51 women in 10-50 age group entered Sabarimala shrine till now: Kerala to SC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Fifty-one female devotees in the age group of 10-50 years have entered the Sabarimala temple through an online process since the Supreme Court removed the bar on their entry in September last year, the Kerala Government on Friday told the apex court.

The submission was made during the hearing of a plea filed by Bindu and Kanakadurga, the two women who had entered the temple on January 2, seeking security.

The apex court ordered the state to provide two of them round-the-clock foolproof security.

A bench of Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justices L N Rao and Dinesh Maheshwari said it was only going into the

aspect of security of the two women, and would not like to entertain any other prayer made in the petition.

"We deem it appropriate to close this writ petition at this stage by directing the State of Kerala to provide adequate/full security to the petitioner Nos. 1 (Bindu) and 2 (Kanakadurga) herein which would be provided to the petitioners round the clock," the Bench said.

It was hearing the petition of 42-year-old Bindu, a college lecturer and CPI(M) activist from Kozhikode district's Koyilandy, and Kanakadurga, 44, a civil supplies department employee from Angadipuram in Malappuram, who had entered the Sabarimala shrine on January 2.

The state has witnessed violent protests over the issue.

SC considers four advocates for elevation to Delhi HC

New Delhi: The Supreme Court collegium has considered four advocates for elevation to the Delhi High Court and has deferred decision on two of the recommended names while the other two have been sent back, according to a resolution posted on the apex court website on Friday.

The four — Krishendu Datta, Saurabh Kirpal, Priya Kumar and Sanjoy Ghose — were among nine advocates whose names were recommended for elevation by the collegium of the Delhi High Court on October 13, 2017.

Justices Dinesh Maheshwari, Sanjiv Khanna sworn in as apex court judges

New Delhi: Justices Dinesh Maheshwari and Sanjiv Khanna were on Friday sworn in as Supreme Court judges amid a raging controversy over the functioning of the Collegium which recommended their elevation by ignoring some senior judges of various high courts.

Both the judges were administered the oath of office by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Ranjan Gogoi during a ceremony held in court number 1 of the apex court.

ISRO to give students practical experience of satellite building

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Indian Space Research Organisation will select over 100 students from across India and give them a practical experience of how satellites are built under the new 'Young Scientist Programme', its chairman K Sivan announced on Friday.

The initiative, chalked to attract young minds and arouse interest in this niche arena, is conceptualised on the lines of a similar programme run by American space agency NASA.

Sivan said mostly Class 8 students — three each from 29 states and seven Union territories — will be given lectures by ISRO scientists and they will also get access to the space agency's laboratories.

The programme will be funded entirely by ISRO, he said.

"We want them to get a practical experience of building a small satellite. If the satellites are good, we want them to fly,"

Sivan said. Vivek Singh, director of media and public relations, said the students will be encouraged to develop "scientific payloads" that can be launched by ISRO.

Sivan said six incubation centres will be established in various parts of the country — North, South, East, West, Centre and North-East, and the first such centre has been established in Agartala in Tripura. The students will be able to use these centres for R&D purposes. ISRO, he said, will ask the students to address problems and buy solutions from them.

The PS4, the last stage of PSLV, can be used for various experimental purposes, Sivan said, urging students to send their satellites which can be launched by ISRO.

PSLV is a four-stage launch vehicle with alternating solid and liquid stages. Singh said since PS4 can be used by launching satellites by students with no extra cost to ISRO.



Anti-vaccine movement threat to global health in '19: WHO

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

It is not only India but even several countries across the globe are witnessing the anti-vaccine movement particularly myths circulated on social media, prompting the World Health Organisation (WHO) to declare the disturbing trend as one of the ten biggest health threats that the humanity faces in 2019.

Other key threats for 2019 in the list, that the WHO compiles every year and was released recently, include climate change, air pollution, a global influenza pandemic, dengue, poor primary health-care facilities, HIV and ebola.

Reluctance or refusal to immunise "threatens to reverse progress" made in tackling preventable diseases, the UN

health body has noted. "Vaccination is one of the most cost-effective ways of avoiding disease — it currently prevents 2-3 million deaths a year, and a further 1.5 million could be avoided if global coverage of vaccinations improved. An estimated 1,10,000 people, mainly children, died from the vaccine-preventable disease across the world in 2017," said the WHO.

Though, India, is a biggest exporter of vaccine, it has failed to reach out to every needy kid because of several reasons including vaccine hesitancy.

The WHO warning comes after a 30 per cent spike in measles cases worldwide, including in several countries where the virus had been virtually eliminated. In India too,

10 biggest threats to global health in 2019

➤ Vaccine hesitancy, Ebola virus, fragile and vulnerable settings, HIV, Dengue fever, noncommunicable diseases like diabetes and heart conditions, HIV, weak primary health care and antimicrobial resistance (AMR)

measles cases are on increase.

"The reasons for this rise are complex, and not all of these cases are due to vaccine hesitancy," the WHO said. "However, some countries that were close to eliminating the disease have seen a resurgence," the WHO said terming it as 'of serious concern'.

With nine out of ten people breathing polluted air every day, air pollution has been touted as the greatest environmental threat in 2019.

Microscopic pollutants in the air can penetrate respiratory and circulatory systems, dam-

aging the lungs, heart and brain, killing 7 million people prematurely every year from diseases such as cancer, stroke, heart and lung disease.

"Around 90 per cent of these deaths are in low- and middle-income countries, with high volumes of emissions from industry, transport and agriculture, as well as dirty cookstoves and fuels in homes," as per the global health agency.

The primary cause of air pollution (burning fossil fuels) is also a major contributor to climate change, which impacts people's health in different

ways. Between 2030 and 2050, climate change is expected to cause 2,50,000 additional deaths per year, from malnutrition, malaria, diarrhoea and heat stress.

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR)- the ability of bacteria, parasites, viruses and fungi to resist these medicines - threatens to send us back to a time when we were unable to easily treat infections such as pneumonia, tuberculosis, gonorrhoea, and salmonellosis. India is already battling with AMR cases in TB.

While India has launched Ayushman Bharat scheme aiming to help the poor people to avail medical facilities free of cost at the tertiary hospital, primary health care which is usually the first point of contact people have with their health

care system, remain wanting. Dengue is yet another threat that the countries including India will have to tackle in 2019. A high number of cases occur in the rainy seasons of countries such as Bangladesh and India.

Also, though much progress has been made against HIV, the epidemic continues to rage with nearly a million people every year dying of HIV/AIDS. Today, around 37 million worldwide live with HIV. Reaching people like sex workers, people in prison, men who have sex with men, or transgender people is hugely challenging. Often these groups are excluded from health services, noted the WHO. In India, new pockets are witnessing emergence of HIV cases.

3 grenade attacks on security forces in J&K

JeM claims responsibility

KHURSHED WANI ■ SRINAGAR

Militants lobbed three grenades on police and security forces in Srinagar and south Kashmir on Friday a day after three policemen were wounded in a similar attack in Rajbagh area of summer capital Srinagar. Jaish-e-Muhammad outfit claimed responsibility for the grenade blasts.



Police personnel collect samples after a grenade attack by militants who were reportedly targeting a CRPF picket at City Centre Lal Chowk in Srinagar on Friday

There was no damage to life or property in the three blasts. Security sources said that unidentified terrorists hurled hand grenade towards security personnel near Ghanta Ghar (Clock Tower), one of the main market places in Srinagar. They said the grenade exploded with damage to some vehicles and no one was hurt in the attack. Security forces launched search operation to nab the attackers. Another hand grenade was lobbed towards a camp of Special Operations Group of Police in south Kashmir's Shopian area. The grenade

exploded outside the camp and did not cause any damage. Around the evening, another grenade was hurled at a police station in Kakapora in south Kashmir's Pulwama district. The explosive went off inside the police station compound but there was no damage. A spokesperson of banned JeM outfit claimed responsibility for the attacks and said that several personnel of police and CRPF were injured. The three grenades were hurled a day after three policemen including a junior officer were injured in a blast at Zero Bridge in Rajbagh area of capital Srinagar. Security experts said that militants usually up the ante ahead of Republic Day in Kashmir. Meanwhile, Police on Friday presented charge-sheet against seven accused persons allegedly involved in a case related to killing of a policeman guarding a senior separatist leader Fazlul Haq Qureshi's house and snatching his service rifle last year in Soura pocket of Srinagar outskirts. Four of the accused persons Omar Noor Bhat, Waseem Ahmad Sofi, Adil Majeed Bhat and Obaid Altaf Zoji are currently lodged in Central Jail Srinagar.

5 killed, 5 missing as avalanche hits Ladakh's Khardung La

Srinagar: Five persons were killed and five others were missing after their truck came under an avalanche in the Khardung La area of the Ladakh region of Jammu & Kashmir on Friday, officials said. The avalanche hit the truck carrying 10 persons at Khardungla pass in Ladakh region at 7.00 am on Friday, an official of the Border Roads Organisation said. The BRO pressed into service its men and machinery to rescue the passengers of the truck believed to be trapped under debris. The police, Army and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) personnel have reached the spot for rescue operations, the BRO official said. "So far, the bodies of five persons have been recovered from the avalanche site, while a search is on for the other missing persons," he said. PTI

J&K Governor condoles deaths

Jammu: Jammu & Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik expressed grief over the loss of lives due to an avalanche in Ladakh region on Friday. The Governor has prayed for peace to the departed souls and strength to the bereaved families in their hour of grief.



Malik has announced an ex-gratia of ₹5 lakh for the next of the kin of those killed in the avalanche. Ten persons on board two trucks are feared dead after the avalanche buried two vehicles under 20 feet of snow at Khardung La pass in Leh district, officials said. PTI

Ex-BJP MP Uday Singh quits party; may join Grand Alliance

Patna: Former BJP MP Uday Singh, who has represented the Purnea Lok Sabha constituency in Bihar twice, announced his resignation from the party here on Friday alleging that it has surrendered before the discredited JD(U) headed by Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. Singh did not reveal his cards saying until resigning from the BJP, he had no right to negotiate with any other party but gave ample hints saying he may join a Grand Alliance constituent. He stated he saw Congress president Rahul Gandhi's popularity growing even as Prime Minister Narendra Modi of whom he had been an ardent supporter, seemed to have withdrawn himself from reality even if he has good intentions. He also said that even while in the BJP, he never approved of the slogan of Congress-mukt Bharat. A democracy cannot survive if the opposition is wiped out. It will degenerate into a totalitarian regime. Singh, whose elder brother N K Singh is the Chairman of the 15th Finance Commission, had lost his seat in 2014 to JD(U)'s Santosh Kushwaha by a margin of more than one lakh votes notwithstanding the strong Modi wave. With the BJP and the JD(U) having agreed to fight 17 seats each, leaving six for Ram Vilas Paswans LJP, and Purnea being a sitting seat of Nitish Kumar's party, there is little likelihood for Singh being considered for the seat, which he had won in 2004 and 2009 and his mother Madhuri Singh had represented as a Congress nominee in the 1980s. Singh, however, maintained that his



decision had nothing to do with the possibility of getting a ticket from his seat as NDA constituents are yet to finalize which constituency will be fought by which party. Replying to a query, he said so far he had no talks with Rahul Gandhi or (RJD supreme) Lalu Prasad. But he was looking forward to speaking to them after taking his supporters into confidence. He claimed that there was widespread resentment among the party's cadre over the undemocratic style of current leadership and remarked it is so difficult to meet BJP president Amit Shah. RLSP chief Upendra Kushwaha kept requesting for an appointment, which was never given, and he ultimately had to resign from the Union council of ministers and quit the NDA in sheer disappointment. Committed BJP workers are appalled over the manner the party agreed to share power with Nitish Kumar, forgetting our bitter experiences with him in the past, and also over the fact that his government is rapidly losing goodwill. Now the BJP will end up sharing the blame for his misdeeds. And as if that was not enough he was given such a massive share of seats, he remarked. PTI



Silhouette of a Pelican bird seen flying past fishermen collecting their fishing nets after day end's work at Foreshore Estate beach (Pattinapakkam beach) in Chennai on Friday

Maha Government mulling Ordinance against dance bars

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Under severe criticism from the Opposition and other quarters over the Supreme Court relaxing some of its stringent legal provisions restricting licensing and functioning of dance bars in the State, the Maharashtra Government on Friday announced that if necessary, it would promulgate an Ordinance to enforce rules and stop reopening of dance bars in the State. A day after the apex court permitted dance bars to operate from 6 pm to 11.30 pm and allowed the sale of liquor in these joints, Maharashtra

Finance Minister Sudhir Mungantiwar said that the State Government was contemplating bringing an ordinance to prevent reopening dancing joints in Mumbai and other parts of the State. "While we respect the decision of the Supreme Court, we are of the firm view that the dance bars cannot be allowed to function. In the larger interests of the people and to protect the cultural fabric of the state,



the Maharashtra Government is considering bringing an ordinance to stop dance bars from operating in Mumbai and other parts of the State," Mungantiwar said. "After going through the Supreme Court's order and seeking legal opinion, we intend to bring an ordinance in the next two weeks to make necessary changes and strengthen the existing law to enforce restrictions on the dance bars in Mumbai and other parts of the State," Mungantiwar said. The Maharashtra Cabinet is likely to discuss the issue at its weekly meeting to be held next week.

Congress MLAs being 'terrorised' as part of BJP's toppling bid, alleges Kharge

Bengaluru: Senior Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge on Friday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of attempting to "take control" of his party MLAs in Karnataka by using CBI, ED and Income Tax to "terrorise" them in the BJP's alleged bid to topple the State Government. "They are trying multiple things such as threatening our MLAs by carrying out CBI, Enforcement Directorate (ED) and Income Tax raids. Modi is attempting to take control over our MLAs," Kharge alleged while addressing Congress workers at a ceremony where H K Patil took over as

KPCC campaign committee chief. Kharge, the Congress leader in the Lok Sabha, reminded BJP leaders that Congress workers were "strong and stubborn" and they would not yield to any pressure. He spoke about an incident to underline 'Operation Lotus', an alleged BJP attempt to topple the coalition government. Kharge said he, Modi, Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan, and senior BJP leader L K Advani had assembled on January 16 evening to decide on the Gandhi Peace Prize. PTI

Notice Inviting e-Tender
No. SSA/Esst/TT/Print/2018-19/1/2019/5688 Date: 17.01.2019
Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam invites tender through e-Tendering process from reputed offset printing presses having Web Offset Machine/ Sheet Offset Machine for printing and supply of Open Educational Resources (OER).
To participate in this tender process through e-procurement document, bidder should have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of class-II (minimum) and have to register in the portal <https://assamtenders.gov.in> by themselves.
The Bidder who have downloaded the tender schedules containing the tender details, terms and conditions, from the website shall submit their tender on-line on the website <https://assamtenders.gov.in>, with proof of payment of non refundable tender fee of Rs. 1000/- (Rupees one thousand) only in the form of demand draft/Bankers Cheque drawn in favour of Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam, from any nationalized/Scheduled Bank and payable at Guwahati. The tender should be submitted on-line as per date and time of submission as per prescribed schedule.
Sd/- Mission Director,
SSA, Assam, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

Woman who got HIV after blood transfusion delivers baby girl

Madurai: A 24-year-old woman, who contracted HIV at a Government hospital allegedly after being transfused contaminated blood, has given birth to a baby girl here. The woman had a normal delivery on Thursday, Government Rajaji Hospital dean Dr S Shanmugasundaram told PTI, adding that the baby weighed 1.75 kg. "C-section would have facilitated lesser contact with the mother's blood. But the mother developed labour pain and the delivery hap-

pened quickly," he said. The low birth weight baby is being treated in the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit and has been administered medicines for prevention of HIV transmission, the dean said. A healthy baby weighs between 2.5 kg and 3.5 kg at birth. HIV screening would be conducted on the 45th day to ascertain whether the child has been infected by the virus, he added. Last month, the pregnant woman contracted HIV at a Government hospital in Sattur in

Virudhunagar district allegedly after being transfused contaminated blood supplied by a blood bank. Following this, the state government ordered examination of stocks in the State's blood banks. It was later found that a 19-year old blood donor's infected blood was transfused to the woman. On learning that she had contracted the virus, he consumed rat poison and died on December 30. Services of three lab technicians of the blood bank attached to the Government hospital was terminated. PTI

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
X-ray services in District Hospitals & Sub-Divisional Hospitals and Tele-radiology services for DHS operated x-ray centres on Hub and Spoke model under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode
e-tender (NIT) Reference No. - 9/SHSB/PPP(X-ray)/2018-19

- The State Health Society, Bihar(SHSB), Patna intends to select agency via e-tendering for setting up & providing X-ray services in District Hospitals & Sub-Divisional Hospitals; and tele-radiology services for DHS operated X-ray centres on Hub and Spoke model under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode, in the state of Bihar, for the period of 5 years from the date of agreement. The State Health Society, Bihar (SHSB) invites bids from eligible business entities, in providing the services as mentioned in this tender document. (Note: For the purpose of this tender, the terms, agency/ bidder/ consortium/ service provider/ tenderer/ applicant shall all denote the same, if not stated otherwise.)
- The Service Provider shall be responsible for Development (where "Development" means financing, design, build, equip, operate, maintain & manage) of X-ray services in DH & SDH in Bihar.
- The service provider shall be required to do

- In the government healthcare facilities, where X-ray units are to be established, it shall be required to undertake a gap assessment cum compliance study as per Atomic Energy Regulation Board (AERB) Regulations (Atomic Energy (Radiation Protection) Rules, 2014) as amended from time to time, and upgrade the infrastructure in the healthcare facilities in compliance to it.
- Procurement and installation of X-ray machines of the required specifications, as mentioned in the tender document - Digital X-ray in District hospitals and Computerized X-Ray machines in Sub-divisional hospitals.
- Accountable and responsible for getting "License for operation" from AERB for the equipment's and all the relevant government healthcare facilities, where X-ray units are to be established, as well as for renewal of licenses from AERB, for the period of the contract.
- Establish tele-radiology network for digitization, transmission and reporting of X-rays and ensuring availability of qualified personnel including Radiologists for preparing the reports based on the X-ray images and delivering it to the facility. Provide digital infrastructure/ IT based solutions (for transferring images to radiologists) at all government healthcare facilities where all the X-ray units are to be established as mentioned in Appendix D.
- Maintain and manage all the concerned facilities and provide qualified manpower/technicians, including X-ray technicians for facilities and radiologists for preparing reports based on the X-ray images for ensuring effective operations, as per the terms and conditions mentioned in the tender document.
- SHSB/ DHS shall install and operate X-ray units at Primary Health Centres (PHC)/ Referral Hospitals (RH)/ Community Health Centres (CHC), and the agency shall provide tele-radiology service (receive X-ray reports, interpret, diagnose and send back reports digitally signed by authorised qualified radiologists) for the tests conducted at these PHCs/RHs/CHCs, if required. Also, the agency shall install the required software for seamless transmission of X-Ray images from facility to the agencies' empanelled/employed radiologists.
- The contract agreement with the successful agency/bidder will be signed with SHSB, and on behalf of the SHSB, the day-to-day execution of the contract will be done by the District Health Society (DHS) of the concerned districts.
- The Bidder cannot bid for an individual government healthcare facility or a group of government healthcare facility, but has to bid taking into consideration all the government healthcare facilities in all the districts in the state, subject to all the conditions as laid down in this tender document.
- To participate in the e-tendering process, the bidder/ agency are required to get themselves registered with Bihar Government Centralized e-Procurement portal, i.e., <https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON>, shall contact the helpdesk at the following address, "e-Procurement HELP DESK, 1st Floor, M/22, Bank of India Building, Road No. 25, Shree Krishna Nagar, Patna- 800001, Phone No. 0612 - 2523006, Mob. No. 7542028164 (Timings: Every Day from 08:00 AM to 08:00 PM) or may visit the link "Vendor Info" at <https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON>.

1. Schedule of Events

S.No.	Event Description	Timeline
7.1	Date & time of downloading the RFP	Till 13/02/2019 (Wednesday) up to 05:00 PM, on the e-Procurement Portal (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON).
7.2	Last date & time for submission (upload) of online bidding document.	14/02/2019 (Thursday) till 05:00 PM, on the e-Procurement Portal (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON).
7.3	Last date & time for submission of EMD in Hard (Physical) Copies (Offline Mode)	20/02/2019 (Wednesday) by 05:00 PM, to "The Executive Director, State Health Society, Bihar, Pariwar Kalyan Bhawan, Sheikhpura, Patna-800014"
7.4	Time, Date of opening of Technical Bid	21/02/2019 (Thursday) at 11:00 AM on the e-Procurement Portal (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON).
7.5	Time, Date of opening of Financial Bid	To be announced later on the e-Procurement Portal (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON).
7.6	Pre-bid meeting (Date & time)	28/01/2019 (Monday) at 11:00 AM
7.7	Pre-bid meeting venue	Conference Hall, State Health Society, Bihar, Pariwar Kalyan Bhawan, Sheikhpura, Patna-800014

Note - i) Interested tenderers may obtain further information about this Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) from the office of State Health Society, Bihar.
ii) No tender will be accepted after closing date and time in any circumstances.

- For further enquiry and information, please contact to the following officers during office hours 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- Sri Ravish Kishore, BAS, Deputy Secretary (DS), SHSB- 9473197729
- Sri Avinash Kumar Pandey, State Programme Manager, SHSB- 9470003016
- All further notifications/Corrigendum/Addendum, if any shall be posted on e-Procurement Portal (<https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON>)

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1	HSPV PANCHKULA	PROV.FURNITURE & EXECUTION OF INTERIOR WORKS/AUDIO VIDEO IN NEW OFFICE BLDG. IN SITE NO.3 MADHYA MARG, SEC 18A,GHD INCL.1YR MTC & DEFECT LIABILITY	CLOSING 07.02.2019	EMD-7.96 LACS	stenders.hry.nic.in https://div.11/2018-19/261	9914683874 xenhuda2@gmail.com
2	HSPV GURUGRAM	CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS(AREA VACATED FROM ENCROACHMENT) IN SECTOR-1 AT PATAUDI, EARTH WORK EMBANKMENT PREPARATION OF SUB GRADE, COLLECTION	CLOSING 23.01.2019	5.10 LACS	https://etender.hry.nic.in	9124-2251510 xenhudagan@gmail.com
3	HSIIDC	SUPPLY,INSTALLATION,TESTING,COMMISSIONING OF REAL TIME EFFLUENT QUALITY MONITORING SYSTEM WITH CCTV CAMERA INCLUDING 5 YEARS WARRANTY & CAMS FOR 5 MLD CETP AT JE RAI	22.01.2019 05.02.2019	30.65 LACS	https://hsidc.harayanaeprocurement.gov.in	9416873860 hsidcraha@gmail.com
4	HSIIDC	DEVELOPMENT OF MASTER ROADS (60MWIDE) AT IMT KHARKHODA, DISTT. SONEPAT	18.01.2019 11.02.2019	10250	https://hsidc.harayanaeprocurement.gov.in	9130-2370586 smiakun91@gmail.com
5	HSIIDC	CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD ALONG NADA CHOE FROM SECTOR ROAD OF 22-23 IN TECHNOLOGY PARK, SECTOR-22 PANCHKULA	22.01.2019 05.02.2019	24.80 LACS	https://hsidc.harayanaeprocurement.gov.in	9466120016 hsidcpanchkula@gmail.com
6	BPSMV KHANPUR KALAN	TENDER FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW TOILETS AND RENOVATION OF EXISTING TOILETS IN K.G.S.S.AT BPSMV KHANPUR KALAN + 1 OTHER WORK	CLOSING 30.01.2019	19.27 LACS	http://www.bpsvsoniversity.ac.in	01263-283007 xenbpsmv@gmail.com

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R-POCKET DILSHAD GARDEN DELHI-95
PRESS NIT NO. 38 (2018-19)

S. No.	Name of Work	Amount put to tender	EMD Amount	Tender Fees	Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution	Last date/time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1.	Replacement of old / damaged / deep 150 mm dia water line at Foshan Vihar road from Karawal Nagar road in Mustafabad AC-69 Tender ID No. 2019_DJB_1659935-3	30,27,414.00	61,000.00	500.00	15.01.2019	04.02.2019 upto 02.30 P.M.

ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)
Adv. No. J.S.V. 689/2018-19

Sd/-
EX. ENGINEER (NE)-II

DMK moves Madras HC against 10% quota

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

The DMK, which demanded earlier this month that the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly pass a unanimous resolution against the 10 per cent reservation announced by the Centre for the economically weaker sections in the forward communities, approached the Madras High Court on Friday with a writ petition, challenging the Constitutional validity of the recent amendment incorporated in the Constitution in this regard.

According to R S Bharati, MP, the petitioner, the amendment made in the Constitution setting apart ten per cent quota in Government jobs and seats in educational institutions to the underprivileged sections in forward communities was unconstitutional and violated the basic feature of the Constitution.

A division bench consisting of Justices S Manikumar and Subramaniam Prasad agreed to hear the case as and



when the High Court Registry lists the matter before them for admission.

Bharati said in his affidavit that reservation in education and public employment were provided under the Constitution for uplifting the oppressed and backward classes and to end caste-based discrimination in existence in the country for about three millenniums.

In such circumstances, the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-Fourth Amendment) Bill of 2019, intended at providing reservations on the basis of economic status, was introduced in the Lok Sabha on January 8 and rushed through its introduction was not part of the agenda of

the Lower House of Parliament on that day, he claimed.

Though the ruling AIADMK too had expressed their Opposition to the Constitution amendment to ensure 10 per cent quota for the poorest of the poor in the forward communities, it has not shown any interest in adopting a resolution in the legislative Assembly. Thambi Durai, deputy speaker of the Lok Sabha and the propaganda secretary of the AIADMK had stated in the House itself that his party would vehemently oppose any move to dilute the reservation system.

The reservation in Tamil Nadu is already at 69 per cent due to the operation of the Tamil Nadu Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Reservation of Seats in Educational Institutions and of Appointments or Posts in the Services under the State) Act, 1993 (Tamil Nadu Act 45 of 1993) which has the protection of Article 31-B and has been placed in the IXth Schedule of the Constitution.

Alliance with BSP, RLD final; seat-sharing no problem: Akhilesh

Lucknow: The Samajwadi Party's (SP) alliance with the BSP and the RLD was "final" and there would be no issues as regards seat-sharing in the coming Lok Sabha polls, party chief Akhilesh Yadav said on Friday, while ruling out any understanding with the Congress.

"Our alliance with the BSP, the RLD and smaller parties like the Nishad Party is final and seat-sharing will not be a problem. It will be worked out soon. We have emerged as a strong force in the State, which has changed the tone and tenor of the BJP, whose leaders have started using foul language against us," the SP national president told PTI.

"Uttar Pradesh has always acted as a catalyst for change. This time, the people of the state will change the prime minister. Our fight is with the BJP and the people are supporting us," Yadav said in an interview at the SP headquarters here.

He, however, ducked the question as to who would be his choice as the next Prime



Minister.

Maintaining that the SP will only "concentrate" in Uttar Pradesh, Yadav ruled out any understanding with the Congress in the State in the Lok Sabha polls.

"How can we have an understanding with it (Congress)? It is a national party. We have given them two seats (Amethi and Raebareli), which the SP had been leaving for them. Presently, my focus is on Uttar Pradesh. In Madhya Pradesh and Uttarakhand also, the SP will field one or two candidates who are strong and we will explore (the possibility of an) alliance with others," he said.

Sabarimala action committee to hold mega rally in Kerala

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

Sabarimala Action Committee, an umbrella organisation fighting the Supreme Court verdict that quashed the ban on the entry of women in the child bearing age group in the holy shrine of Lord Ayyappa is organising a mammoth rally on Sunday at Thiruvananthapuram, the Capital city of Kerala.

The rally and public meeting titled Ayyappa Bhakta Sangamam to be held at Putharikandom Maidan of the heritage city would be addressed by leading Hindu monks, sanyasins and spiritual leaders, according to a release issued by the organising committee on Friday. For the first time in modern times, the State of Kerala will see Swamy Chidanandapuri, the spiritual leader of the Hindus, Mata Amrithanandamayi, popularly known as the hugging saint along with a galaxy of monks and sanyasins sharing the stage to address the gathering.

"Using the Supreme Court verdict as an excuse feminist activists with connections to Maoists are being escorted to



Representational image

the shrine by the State Government machinery to desecrate the holy abode of Lord Ayyappa. The devotees who have mounted a constant vigil to protect the temple and its sanctity have been subjected to brutal State repression," the SAC alleged in the release.

It said the Sangamam is being organised in response to the attempts to desecrate the shrine and show the determination of the devotees to resist the efforts to browbeat them into submission. "More than 150 leaders of social organisations will be present on the dais along with prominent activists, intellectuals, and artists from the entertainment industry," said M S Giri, the convener of the event.

Devotees from Tamil Nadu

, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana are also on their way to Thiruvananthapuram to take part in the Nama Japa Yatra as well as the public meeting, said Durai Shankar, leader of Dharma Raksha Samiti, Tamil Nadu.

Meanwhile, a war of words erupted between the Government of Kerala and the SAC on Friday following a report submitted by the former to the Supreme Court that 51 women in the 10-50 age group have visited the shrine this season. The government also submitted a list of the women devotees. But Sreedharan Pillai, president Kerala BJP charged that the list was a fake one made out from the virtual queue system operated by the Kerala Police.

Citizenship Bill: Rajnath rings up AASU, seeks to resolve issue via talks

Guwahati: Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh has rung up the All Assam Students Union (AASU) spearheading the agitation over the Citizenship Amendment Bill expressing the Centre's desire to resolve the issue through discussions, a statement by the students' body said here on Friday.

Talking to Singh, AASU and North East Students Organisation (NESO) Chief Advisor Samujjal Bhattacharyya insisted that the bill "which will make the indigenous people extinct and only protect the Bangladeshis has to be scrapped as desired by the people of Assam and the northeast region."

NESO is the umbrella organisation of major students unions of the seven northeastern states.

"Only through implementation of the historic Assam Accord 1985, signed at the end of the Assam Movement, the burning issue of citizenship problem has to be solved," the statement quoted Bhattacharyya as telling the Minister.

A six-year long movement

by the AASU demanding identification and deportation of illegal immigrants culminated with the signing of the Assam Accord by the Rajiv Gandhi government and the AASU on August 15, 1985.

AASU president Dipanka Nath and General Secretary Luringiyoti Gogoi said the organisation will apprise the leadership of its allied 30 ethnic community and the NESO about Rajnath Singh's phone call.

Asserting that the controversial bill has to be scrapped, the two AASU leaders said the organisation is firm about its demand and will continue its agitation for the existence of indigenous people.

Rajnath Singh also discussed the matter with Mizoram and Meghalaya chief ministers in a meeting in New Delhi during the day.

Meanwhile, the Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) that severed its alliance with the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the state recently over the bill, took out a torch rally in Guwahati on Friday evening as part of its statewide protest. PTI



Tiwa tribal members exchange goods using a traditional barter system at the Jonbeel Mela festival in Morigaon district of Assam on Friday

Special fee on IMFL, beer for 'gaushalas'

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Facing the heat over stray cattle menace, the Uttar Pradesh Government has imposed a special fee on Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL) and beer for funding 'gaushalas' (cow shelters) for the stray cattle in the State.

This decision was taken in the State Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath here on Friday.

Briefing media persons here, State Government

spokesperson and Energy Minister Shrikant Sharma said the Government would collect an additional revenue of ₹165 crore annually by imposing special fee on excise.

"While an additional fee of ₹0.50 to ₹2 will be imposed per bottle on purchase of beer and IMFL, the special fee will be ₹10 per bottle for liquor consumed in bars. The money generated will be used to fund construction of shelters for stray cows in the State," he said.

Train runs over 25 cows in UP's Hamirpur district



Banda (UP): A train ran over 25 cows near Ragoal railway station in neighbouring Hamirpur district on Friday, officials said.

"The cows were found dead on the track. They were buried in a nearby field," Superintendent of Police (SP), rural, Hamirpur Hemraj Meena said. Police personnel have been deployed in the area after some persons alleged the cows were deliberately kept on the track.

Police are investigating the matter. PTI

UP 3rd State to approve quota for the poor

Lucknow: The Uttar Pradesh Government on Friday approved 10 per cent reservation in jobs and educational institutions for the economically weaker sections in the general category.

The nod was given at a meeting here of the State cabinet presided over by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, senior Cabinet Minister and UP Government spokesperson Shrikant Sharma told mediapersons.

Uttar Pradesh became the third State after Gujarat and Jharkhand to approve the legislation which has to be ratified by at least half the State Assemblies in the country.

The Constitution (124th Amendment) Bill, 2019, pro-

viding for 10 per cent reservation in Government jobs and educational institutions to the economically weaker sections in the general category was passed by Parliament in its recently concluded winter session.

President Ram Nath Kovind has since given his assent to the bill.

"The Cabinet meeting presided over by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath approved the notification granting 10 per cent reservation to the poor in the general category which has come into effect on January 14," Sharma said. PTI

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person Vishnu Kumar S/o Sh. Krishan Lal, R/O H. No. 6772/I, 1st Floor, Gali No. 3, Block No. 10, Dev Nagar, Karol Bagh, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case F.I.R. No. 199/13 u/s 420/467/468/474/120-B/506(2)/34 IPC registered at P.S. Karol Bagh, New Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon that the said Vishnu Kumar could not be found and where it has been shown to my satisfaction that the accused Vishnu Kumar has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Vishnu Kumar is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before 06.03.2019
By Order
Ms. Shilpi Jain
DP/5997/CD/19 Metropolitan Magistrate, Central District,
(Court Notice) Room No. 180, 1st Floor, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

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निगम को लगभग 4000 बरू लाईन साधारण एवं दुर्गामी वाहनों जिनमें निगम द्वारा अनुबंधित वाहनों भी शामिल हैं, के चालक/परिचालक साइड पैनेल पर विज्ञापन हेतु ई-टेंडरिंग प्रक्रिया द्वारा ऑनलाइन निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदा से संबंधित सम्पूर्ण विवरण वेबसाइट www.rsrtc.rajasthan.gov.in & <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> पर देखें।
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New Okhla Industrial Development Authority
Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida-201301 (U.P.)
Website : www.noidaauthorityonline.com
E-TENDER NOTICE
E-Tenders are invited from eligible contractors/firms for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on NOIDA Authority's official website: www.noidaauthorityonline.com & <https://etender.up.nic.in>. Please ensure to see these website for any changes/amendments & corrigendum etc.
A (1) 28/SPE/PE(PH-I)/E-T/2018-19 Supply of Labour and Machinery for cleaning and Desilting of drain from Sandeep Paper Mill to Horola Sec-4, 19, 27, 28, 29, 37, 38, 40, 41 to Sec-5/1 Irrigation Drain, Noida. Cost : Rs. 3621568.00. (2) 31/SPE/PE(PH-I)/E-T/2018-19 Supply of Labour and Machinery for cleaning and Desilting of drain from Sec-11 to 34 Main Irrigation Drain, Noida. Cost: Rs. 4218907.00 (3) 32/SPE/PE(PH-I)/E-T/2018-19 Supply of Labour and Machinery for cleaning and Desilting of drain from Sec-14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 27 to Drain No.-2. Noida. Cost: Rs. 2737568.00. The above tenders can be uploaded by dated 05.02.2019 upto 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on dated 06.02.2019 at 11.00 AM.
(S.K. Gupta)
Sr. Project Engineer (Public Health), Noida
Office -> Sector-39, Noida
CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & SECURE NOIDA

Notice Inviting e-Tender
No. SSA/Esst/TT/ELP/544/2018-19/5687 Date : 17.01.2019
Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam invites tender through e-Tendering process from reputed offset printing presses having Web/Sheet Offset Machine for printing and supply of REP Materials.
To participate in the tender process through e-procurement document, bidder should have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of class-II (minimum) and have to register in the portal <https://assamtenders.gov.in> by themselves.
The Bidder who have downloaded the tender schedules containing the tender details, terms and conditions, from the website shall submit their tender on-line on the website <https://assamtenders.gov.in>, with proof of payment of non refundable tender fee of Rs. 1000/- (Rupees one thousand) only in the form of demand draft/Bankers Cheque drawn in favour of Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam, from any nationalized Bank and payable at Guwahati. The tender should be submitted on-line as per date and time of submission as per prescribed schedule.
Sd/- Mission Director,
SSA, Assam, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

GUJARAT WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD.
SECTOR-10/A, GANDHINAGAR
BRIEF SHORT NOTICE INVITING ON LINE TENDER FOR REQUIREMENT OF D.I. PIPE FOR THE YEAR 2018-19
GWSSB invites online tender through e-tendering from Manufacture, Supply & Delivery D.I. pipes (80 to 1200mm Dia/ K-7 & K-9 class) with ISI Mark 128067 Mtr./ 10158.48 MT Estimated amt. Rs. 5157.21 Lacs (without GST) from approved vendor of GWSSB only. Interested bidder who wish to participate in above tender may view the detailed tender notice & down load the Tender documents at free of cost from website. <https://www.nprocure.com>.
The last date of submission of online tender is 12-2-2019.
NO/INF/VPN/2018/G/2658

(R-II) Division, Civil Engineering Deptt.
NEW DELHI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
Zonal Centre, Tilak Lane, New Delhi
e-Procurement Tender Notice
Tender ID - 2019_NDMC_166079_1
Subject : Repair and Maintenance of Infrastructure Assets in R-II Division During 2018-19
1. SH :- Providing and fixing Porta Cabin at Tees January Lane in area of Sub-Division-I (R-II)
Estimated Cost : ₹ 7,09,602/-
Tender ID - 2019_NDMC_166089_1
2. SH :- Repair work near D-147, D-1/69 and CC work at Berms in Ravinder Nagar Colony
Estimated Cost : ₹ 7,31,409/-
Date of release of tender : 17.01.2019
Last date/time for receipt of tenders : 28.01.2019 at 16.00 hours.
Further details can be seen at www.ndmc.gov.in or <http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>
Note: To participate in e-tender in NDMC, registration with application services provider (ASP) of DGS & D is mandatory.
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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (E&M)-II
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E-mail: ee-enm2-sdmc@nctd.gov.in, Telephone Number - 011-24620140
PRESS NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
No. EE (E&M)-II/SDMC/2018-19/D-645 Dated: 17.01.2019
Executive Engineer (E&M)-II, South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) on behalf of Commissioner, SDMC invites online item rate tenders on website <https://www.tenderwizard.com/SOUTHDMCETENDER> in two bid system for the work of Operation and minor Maintenance of 18 numbers of Mechanical Road Sweeping Machines for a period of one year working in all four zones under SDMC, Estimated Cost Rs. 3,24,01,958/-, Earnest money Rs. 6,48,100/-
The tender documents may be downloaded from the website <https://www.tenderwizard.com/SOUTHDMCETENDER>. However the drafts for the tender cost (Rs. 1500/-) and EMD has to be deposited in the tender box kept in the office of SE (E&M), 2nd Floor, Dr. SPM Civic Center, New Delhi-110002 up to 28.01.2019 at 14:30. Addendum/corrigendum etc. (if any) shall be uploaded on the aforesaid website only and the same shall be considered to be part of tender document. No press notification in this regard shall be made. All prospective bidders are advised to regularly scan the said websites for any update with regard to the subject tender.
Ro No.162/DPIIS/2018-19 EE (E&M)-II, SDMC

DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF N.C.T. OF DELHI
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (NW) II
H-BLOCK: SECTOR-15: ROHINI: DELHI-110089
PH: 27851040 (E-MAIL: eenw2.djb@gmail.com)
SHORT PRESS NIT No. 46 (2018-19) Press Notice Tender

S. No.	Name of Work	Amount Put to tender	Earnest Money/ Tender Fee	Date of release of receipt of bid through e-procurement solution/I.D. No.	Last date/time of bid through e-procurement solution
1.	Improvement of sewerage system by repairing, reconstructing the damaged manholes in narrow lanes of C Block, Sector-5, Rohini in AC-06 Rithala under EE(NW)-II	Rs. 30,73,582/-	Rs. 61,500/- Rs. 500/-	17.01.2019 2019_DJB_166082_1	30.01.2019 Upto 3.00 PM
2.	Improvement of water supply by replacing old under sized water lines in D-8 Pocket of Sector-6, Rohini in AC-06 Rithala under EE(NW)-II	Rs. 29,95,498/-	Rs. 60,000/- Rs. 500/-	17.01.2019 2019_DJB_166088_1	30.01.2019 Upto 3.00 PM

Further details in this regard can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in> ISSUED BY P.R.O (WATER) Advt. No. J.S.V. 992/2018-19 EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (NW)-II

BSES Yamuna Power Limited, New Delhi
... A joint venture with Govt. of NCT of Delhi
NOTICE INVITING TENDER Date: 19.01.2019
Sealed tenders under two Bid System (Unpriced & Priced) are invited for following jobs:

NIT No.	Brief Work Description	Estimated Cost (₹)	Cost of EMD (₹)	Due Date & Time of Submission	Date & Time of Opening
CMCBY/18-19/RB/SS/088	Providing of Commercial Vehicles on hire for various offices in BYPL	4 Crore	8 Lakh	08.02.2019, 14:30 HRS	08.02.2019, 15:00 HRS

For details in respect of Equipment/BOM/Services, Qualifying requirements, Terms & conditions, purchase/submission of tender documents, corrigendum etc. please visit our website www.bsesdelhi.com -> Tenders -> BSES YAMUNA POWER LTD -> Open Tenders Head (Contracts & Materials)
Regd. Off: BSES Yamuna Power Ltd, Shakti Kiran Building, Karkardooma, Delhi-110032 | CIN: U40109DL2001PLC11525
TEL: 011-39997111 | Fax: 011-39992076 | Website: www.bsesdelhi.com

GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI, IRRIGATION AND FLOOD CONTROL DEPARTMENT
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER CD-III
LM BLIND OFFICE COMPLEX, SHASTRI NAGAR, DELHI-110031
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
The Executive Engineer, Civil Division No. III & FC, Delhi invites on behalf of the President of India, online tender for the following works.
1. NIT No: EE/CD-III/NIT/50/2018-19
HOA: MLALAD FUND
Name of work:- Improvement of Quabristan at Seemapuri, Shahdara AC-62, Estimated Cost: Rs. 21,34,531/-, Earnest Money: Rs. 42,691/-, Period of completion: 90 Days: Last date & time of submission of tender: upto 3:00 p.m on 24.01.2019
(Tender I.D 2019_IFC_165726_1).
2. NIT No: EE/CD-III/NIT/51/2018-19
HOA: MLALAD FUND
Name of work:- Providing and fixing RCC Bench with hand rest at various locations in AC-56 Kondli. Estimated Cost: Rs. 20,34,800/-, Earnest Money: Rs. 40,696/-, Period of completion: 120 Days: Last date & time of submission of tender: upto 3:00 p.m on 24.01.2019
(Tender I.D 2019_IFC_165727_1).
Other details can be seen at website <https://delhi.govt.nic.in/tender>
Executive Engineer, CD-III
DIP/Shabdarth/2777/18/19

PAPER WITH PASSION

Thali to the rescue

The Lancet study has set markers for a planet-friendly diet but it already has a template in ayurveda



For all our environmental sensitivities and the need to reduce our carbon footprint, rarely do we look beyond the atmospherics — pollution, air quality, industrial and development monstrosities — and at ourselves, more importantly what we eat sitting atop the food chain. The latest Lancet study warns us that if we do not change our patterns of consumption and work towards a “planet friendly” diet, then we could not leave enough to support the 10 billion population that we are expected to become by 2050 as the earth can produce only so much and no further. All we need to do

is shift from meat to vegetables, cut down on sugar and processed foods and eat what we can grow if we are to bequeath reserves and prevent 11 million premature deaths, the result of our current dietary habits. This would simultaneously reduce the damaging effects of climate change, soil erosion, deforestation and loss of biodiversity. In everyday life, a conscientious diet — as advocated by the report that relied on experts from around the world, including India — means halving red meat and sugar, doubling nuts, fruits, vegetables, legumes, lentils and chickpeas and apportioning 35 per cent of our calorie requirements from whole grains, tubers and plant proteins. If you are a diehard carnivore, then nutritionists estimate that you could just about provision for seven grams of red meat, 29 grams of poultry and 28 grams of fish per day. In short a nugget here and there. And if we are wondering what all this means in real terms, then one needs to internalise that food production is responsible for up to a third of global greenhouse gas emissions. A recent blog post from the World Resources Institute, a global sustainability think-tank, warns that agriculture alone could raise the Earth’s average temperature by more than 1.5 C above than in pre-industrial times if we don’t change our eating habits. This can be well understood from the fact that a simple non-vegetarian sandwich, from acquiring the land for a farm, feeding the animals whose meat you might prefer, to harvesting the wheat to processing, packaging and refrigerating the finished product and transporting it, piles up carbon debts. A recent study on the warming potential of animal-heavy diets by the University of Waterloo in Canada has even quantified how omnivores generate emissions equivalent to driving nearly 15,000 km! The World Resources Institute corroborated this with its finding that producing meat uses 20 times the land and generates 20 times the emissions as producing beans per gram of protein.

While all of these may be well-nigh alarming, for us Indians it is not too difficult a target to meet considering that our traditional diet patterns were based on the sustainable logic of ayurveda. In fact, the south Indian breakfast platter has often been rated internationally as the most wholesome start-the-day spread there is. And it certainly stays away from animal protein. Ayurveda practitioners have for long understood that the stomach of human beings, by virtue of being foragers and food gatherers at one time, is more conditioned to plant food and the latest obsession with animal protein actually does more harm than good, overloading our system. We are lucky to have an existing roadmap for a sustainable food future. Already our chefs have gotten together to revive our legume and grain heritage, something with proven nutritional benefits, and create a smart food network of the hospitality industry, advocacy groups, food producers and marketers to promote sustainable and farmer-friendly food. Gastronomic tourism is being promoted by even the Government to revive our native foods and crops, something which could help our farmers, who have lost out on their livelihood by growing market-friendly rather than geologically-appropriate vegetables and cereals. A traditional Indian diet, with its dependence on plant products and a moderation of animal protein, could well turn out to be the answer the world is looking for.

A morality play

Even if the Supreme Court has allowed dance bars to re-open, there is no looking in the rear-view mirror



A few decades ago, dance bars and cabarets were common across many metropolitan areas of India but they came to define Mumbai nightlife and were made even more glamorous by Bollywood. They then mutated to becoming a conduit into the underworld; dance bars functioned not just as places where one could have a good time but also as barely disguised brothels where illicit alcohol and drugs flowed. And with the police turning a blind eye to what was going on, thanks to payments in cash or kind, Mumbai nightlife remained the most vibrant across India. Many of the dancers believed that dancing at one of these bars would be their route to fame and fortune, if not as a Bollywood starlet then as a gangster’s moll.

With the emergence of politicians going after the temperance vote of women, these dance bars became an easy target back in 2005. Even after the Supreme Court itself ruled in 2013 that dance bars could be allowed, the state fought back both with new legislation and morality-crusading policemen. In fact, the Supreme Court came down heavily on moral policing, saying in its judgement that “a practice which may not be immoral by societal standards cannot be thrust upon the society as immoral by the State with its own notion of morality and thereby exercise social control.” For this, the bench headed by Justice AK Sikri must be commended. But the judgement also left a leeway for the State to decide what is obscene, and that opens another grey area which politicians are sure to take advantage of. It is not as if dance bars completely died out after the ban. In Mumbai, there are some ‘Orchestra Bars’ that, for lack of a nicer term, function as places where prostitution is rampant. Also while the Supreme Court has said that the Maharashtra Government should issue licences, the State can easily drag its feet on this front. A new sort of morality has emerged across India that perversely sees these dance bars as dens of vice while refusing to admit that prostitution and drug usage are shooting through the roof in the country. Dance bars have moved on, any visitor to Dubai can find several Bombay-style dance bars functioning with impunity in that country, although they are more controlled. Mumbai has not quite been the same as Bombay was in the 1970s; it is a different city in all aspects now. But Mumbaiers should have an equal right to have some fun.

Endgame in Afghanistan

India must force its way into the peace process. It must show its willingness to support the Kabul regime with military hardware, other than financial and technological aid



HIRANMAY KARLEKAR

One has heard the question before: “What is going to happen in Afghanistan?” There are two reasons for revisiting it. The first is the delegation-level talks between Zalmay Khalilzad, the US special representative for Afghanistan, with Pakistani authorities in Islamabad on Thursday. Both sides agreed there that direct talks between the Afghan government and Afghan Taliban were essential to ending the 17-year-old war in the country. The second is the statement by the spokesman of Pakistan’s foreign office, Mohammad Faisal, on the same day that India had no role in Afghanistan and that Islamabad had played a key role in arranging talks between the Taliban and the US.

It is clear that Washington and Islamabad are now working closely together on Afghanistan. Also, Pakistan sticks to its old position that it does not want India to have anything to do with Afghanistan. The shift in the US posture from the minatory — withholding aid to compel Pakistan to act against the Afghan Taliban — to the cooperative, clearly stems from the Trump administration’s keenness, bordering on desperation, to end the war in Afghanistan and bring its troops home. That this is so is corroborated by the Trump administration’s decision, announced on December 20, to withdraw 7,000 troops from Afghanistan by this summer.

The shift in the US position was discernible as early as July last year, when the Trump administration began seeking direct talks with the Taliban, a significant shift in American policy given Taliban’s long-held position that they would first discuss peace only with the Americans, while the US had been insisting on the Afghan government’s participation. Since then, Khalilzad has met Taliban representatives in Doha, Qatar and has been conducting what can be called talks that could lead to formal talks to end the conflict.

The question is: Where do things go from here? So far, the Taliban can be seen to have been insisting on two fundamental demands. It would not entertain any delegation from the present Afghan government. The country’s constitution will have to be changed. It is difficult to see them relenting on either; the US government’s keenness to end the conflict is liable to convince them that they have only to sit tight and a desperate Washington would lead under circumstances in which they can march to Kabul and grab power. This would be in keeping with the strategy of attrition they have followed so far vis-à-vis the Americans and their Western allies. Their logical strategy will be to go on talking about holding formal talks while further building up their strength on the ground while carrying out high profile terrorist strikes and attacks on cities to demoralise the Afghan government and security forces.



It is not just a question of strategy. There are fundamental differences on the issue of the Constitution. The Taliban do not recognise the present Afghan constitution approved in 2004 by a *Loya Jirga* (a grand tribal council with legislative functions). On their part, they issued in 2005 their Order of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, the nearest document to a constitution they have produced. There is inadequate space here for a discussion of the fundamental differences between the two in detail. Suffice it so say that they relate to the political systems they stand for.

The Afghan constitution has established a democratic system of government in which a popularly elected president is the head of state and government. The Taliban order, by contrast, proclaims Afghanistan as an Islamic Emirate under the leadership of Mullah Mohammad. The legislative and judicial branches of the two systems differ significantly. The Afghan constitution has established a bicameral National Assembly in which the lower house is directly elected and the upper house consists of a mix of indirectly elected and presidentially appointed senators. The Taliban order, by contrast, establishes a single chamber Islamic Council as the highest legislative organ, whose members are appointed by the Amir ul-Momineen (Commander

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of the Faithful) based on their familiarity with the principles of jihad and sharia. The order does not mention how the Amir ul-Momineen is to be selected nor how long an individual may serve in this role. It does, however, specify that he must be a male Muslim follower of the Hanafi school of Islamic jurisprudence.

It is difficult to imagine how the basic contradictions between the Afghan constitution and the Order of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan can be resolved. One can, therefore, visualise the talk for formal talks, and even perhaps the latter, continuing until the Taliban have entrenched themselves in the Afghan countryside to the extent that they can launch a massive offensive which sends the Afghan government forces reeling and the Americans see no alternative to peace on the Taliban’s terms. And, of course, a major beneficiary of all this will be Islamabad which will continue to milk Washington as “the honest broker.”

Of course, there will be many twists and turns on the way. One would need to see what the Russians, who have been holding a parallel peace process in Moscow with the participation of the Taliban, do. Whatever happens, India has to get actively involved. Its historic ties with Afghanistan have been deepened and reinforced by the ones developed in recent years. It has already

invested nearly \$3 billion in building up Afghanistan’s institutional, welfare and educational infrastructure and provided educational and technical assistance to re-build indigenous Afghan capacity in different areas. It has been encouraging investment in Afghanistan’s natural resources and providing duty-free access to the Indian market for Afghanistan’s exports. It has signed a strategic partnership agreement with Afghanistan in 2011 and has been supporting an Afghan-led, broad-based and inclusive process of peace and reconciliation, and advocating the need for a sustained and long-term commitment to Afghanistan by the international community.

Given Pakistan’s attitude and the unpredictability of Trump’s policies and actions, India has to make all concerned — including Russia and China — that it needs to be a party to any peace process. For this, it must show its willingness to support the Kabul regime not only with investments and financial and technological aid but military hardware. It has so far provided it with attack helicopters — more are on the way — and training its military personnel. It must now consider giving it heavy artillery, tanks and combat aircraft phased here but good enough for fighting the Taliban.

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SOUNDBITE

Some leaders are even accidental and are foisted into the position by others. The accidental leaders do wake up to the responsibilities after given the position.

Goa Governor —Mridula Sinha



Nobody accepted the results of the general elections. The Imran Khan-led Government will not be able to complete the stipulated tenure.

Former Pak President —Asif Ali Zardari



Today in films, there is no lack of opportunity. I have been able to bridge the gap, in terms of what my male contemporaries get paid versus what I am getting paid.

Actress —Deepika Padukone



The next election is not just an election, it is a battle for India’s soul and its future and there the Opposition parties all stand together.

Congress MP —Shashi Tharoor



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Triumph of truth

Sir — The judgement of the special CBI court sentencing the self-styled godman Gurmeet Ram Rahim to lifetime imprisonment is commendable. By taking this decision, the judiciary has restored the faith of the common people in democratic institutions.

We also need to acknowledge the indomitable spirit of rape victims and their family members who meticulously fought to expose the unscrupulous godman. There arises a fundamental question, who makes such imposters God? The answer is a mass of blind followers backed by media and political parties. And large numbers of these followers are uneducated and unemployed. Secularism truly means keeping religion out of politics. Likewise, democracy truly means keeping politics out of religion. Distort either one and you muck up the other. The judiciary cannot solve every problem. It is high time, as part of preventive measures, that we reject such pseudo-spiritual leaders and use our conscience before following any such spiritual scamsters.

Sameer Bhoi Bargarh

Dance bars finally freed from moral fetters

The quashing of the curbs on dance bars by the Supreme Court deserves an unreserved welcome. It has given bar dancers a new lease of life and made moral prudes and puritans squirm. We laud the apex court’s ruling for putting the right to livelihood above our misplaced morality. We also laud it for recognising bar dancers as individuals in their own right and restoring their freedom of choice and dignity of their labour. There is nothing obscene or immoral about bar dance. If it offends the ‘moral sensibilities’ of the ‘decent and respectable’ people, they can avoid visiting such places. A country which boasts the *Kamasutra* and the erotic sculptures of the Khajuraho as part of its architectural tradition cannot disapprove of bar dance and carnal beauty. Social conservatives can be a little less hypocritical.

It is a fallacy to say that human trafficking is rampant in dance bars. The court’s prescription of a contract between the bar dancers and bar owners as part



of regulating such bars is aimed at reducing if not avoiding their exploitation. The re-opening of dance bars in Mumbai and other cities in Maharashtra following the court order will restore bar dancers — mostly from impoverished background — their means of livelihood.

G David Milton Maruthancode

Kashmir problem

Sir — It has been reported that Srinagar would get its first multiplex soon. Jammu & Kashmir has seen a lot of violence and disorder since the onset of militancy in the State and the news that its Capital would get its first multiplex soon is likely to be welcomed by many who would want

to have some respite from the horrors of militancy that have shaken the State so far.

However, multiplex alone cannot resolve the larger problem and that is how peace can return to the Valley. The State of Jammu & Kashmir needs more progress and development. It needs to involve young people in developmental activities to wean them away from the desire to choose

the path of self-destruction.

Devendra Khurana Bhopal

Challenging approach

Sir — This refers to the editorial, “Quota push and a drag” (January 17). Ten per cent quota for the economically-weaker sections (EWS) will fuel discrimina-

tion within society. Although the system of quota to EWS was not practically possible till this time, its acceptability and application will surely take time. However, the government can make the EWS quota simpler by setting up a proper committee that can look into all the matters for rapid redressal. It is quite challenging but not impossible.

Kirti Wadhawan Kanpur

Fresh lease of life

Sir — I welcome the Supreme Court’s decision on dance bars. Every major city in the world has a night life — it is a mode of entertainment. There is a need to govern but not to control. The court has drawn a right balance between the rights of citizens and duty of the state to govern. But the authorities must ensure that the thin line between morality and immorality is maintained. Otherwise it will only lead to chaos.

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New paradigm for prosperity

India needs to create 12-15 million jobs each year if it wants demographic dividends, say **Arindam Bhattacharya & Aparna Bijapurkar**

India is preparing its 15-year vision document and seven-year strategy and action plan. The destination is clear; India needs eight per cent growth over the next 20 to 30 years to grow the Indian economy from a lower-middle income to an upper-middle income country. Implicit in this aspiration is also the need to create 12-15 million jobs each year if India has to reap the benefits of the demographic dividend, which should perhaps be the biggest policy imperative given the situation of growth with low job creation facing the country. In recent years, however, very few countries have achieved such a sustained period of high growth and job creation, other than China. India faces two challenges. The first is to adopt a set of strategies that will enable us to sustain a growth rate of eight per cent or higher in the "new" global economic environment, which is characterised by low to medium global growth and the absence of the "trade multiplier." The second, and perhaps more serious, challenge is to ensure that the high growth rate is accompanied by high job creation. Between 2004 and 2012, the average annual gross domestic product (GDP) growth was 8.1 per cent but job growth averaged only 2 per cent. While the traditional models of globalisation — and consequently the economic model of manufacturing and export-led growth — are being disrupted, a set of new opportunities is emerging from the growth of digital technologies.

The first opportunity arises from the trend of growing "servitisation" of business. We are increasingly witnessing changing business models with growth of services consumption and trade, driven by a consumer need towards "solutions" rather than simple product-related transactions. These value-added services command higher margins for business. This growth can be seen, for example, in the rise of forward services in manufacturing, like asset performance improvement and predictive maintenance services, that leverage largescale data generated by connected devices. It can also be seen in the rise of asset-sharing models like Uber, which are beginning to disrupt traditional industries, such as automobiles, which are growing by service provision rather than product sales. In India, the services sector has shown immense promise with a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 8.6 per cent (2010-2014), outperforming China (8.4 per cent) and the US (1.8 per cent). The second, related, opportunity is the growth in platform players, which is driving the viability of new start-ups, individual entrepreneurs, micro entrepreneurs employing a few workers and self-contracted workers. Hence, they support an entire ecosystem of self-employment; of "job creators" rather than only "job seekers." By aggregating micro-entrepreneurs, platforms provide these services at relatively low transaction fees, lower costs for customers and grow the market.

The global and local challenges to growth and jobs on one hand, and the new opportunities presented by servitisation and the growth in platform players enabled by newer digital technologies on the other, strongly point to the need for a new economic development paradigm for India around three pillars: i) Domestic demand will have to be the primary driver of growth (although exports, especially in services, will continue to contribute to GDP growth). ii) Services will provide a strong opportunity for both domestic and export growth; even more so for job creation as manufacturing will become increasingly capital or automation-intensive. iii) Micro entrepreneurs will play a bigger role in driving growth and job creation, alongside larger enterprises.

The Government has already launched major policy initiatives, such as Ease of Doing Business, Digital India and Startup India, to lay a strong foundation for this new economic development paradigm. What is needed is a concerted, focussed implementation of these policies as well as a special focus on "activating" four key leverage points. First, digital infrastructure will be as critical as physical infrastructure. This should cover all layers of the "technology stack" — high quality and ubiquitous broadband and low cost smart phones, the India stack, societal platforms and standards and norms for inter-operability of digital systems that enterprises can leverage. Second, the risk and growth capital for micro entrepreneurs has to be scaled up rapidly, along with the rules and mechanisms for easy access to them. Third, the learning and skilling ecosystem has to move towards a "lifelong learning system" as new kinds of jobs emerge with very different skill profiles. Finally, labour norms need to be revisited.

While heavy manufacturing sectors are likely to start shedding jobs as they become automated, in the short-term the light manufacturing sector in India has the potential to grow and create more jobs by taking advantage of the industry shifts away from China, where labour costs are rising rapidly. We have to leverage the complementarity between labour and technology. "Evolved" services like construction and financial services are currently contributing over five per cent of GDP and a large number of jobs. "Under-penetrated" services, such as education, tourism, transport and storage and healthcare will see rapid growth and job creation, fuelled by the growth in technology. Finally, a new set of "emerging" services sectors, such as natural infrastructure management and digital services, will need to be developed in order to bridge the jobs gap.

(Courtesy: India: Growth and Jobs in the New Globalisation, BCG and CII)

2018 HAS BEEN A GREAT YEAR FOR THE SECURITY FORCES AS THE ARMY HAS KILLED MANY MILITANTS WHILE OTHERS SURRENDERED UNDER PRESSURE.

—NORTHERN COMMAND CHIEF LT GEN RANBIR SINGH

POINT COUNTERPOINT



IT IS STRANGE THAT A WELL-TRAINED ARMED FORCE IS CELEBRATING AND PATTING ITS BACK ON KILLING YOUNG MEN AND BOYS.

—HURRIYAT CONFERENCE (M) CHAIRPERSON MIRWAIZ UMAR FAROOQ

Roots of a divided past

Assam has lived under a threat of marginalisation of its culture and ethos. Adding to the tale of continual tension, the Citizenship (Amendment) Act lit a fire that is yet to die down



PRAFULL GORADIA

For a good century and a quarter, Assam has lived under a dual threat of its culture and ethos being marginalised. On occasions, the threat came from immigrants whose language would overshadow the indigenous tongue, pushing it into the background. And there were times when there were deliberate designs to reduce the sons of the soil to a religious minority. It has been a tale of continual tension caused by neighbours to the south and frequent anxiety emanating from friends in the west. The Assamese could not always be sanguine that their own sons were playing the sly role, enabling the neighbours who were short of fertile lands to till and live off them. A threat engineered and egged on by persons within is worse than a danger posed by antagonists without.

The anxiety among the Assamese people at the passing of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act is wholly understandable. Merely assuring the people that protecting their culture is as much the Centre's concern as securing the culture of the entire country is hardly satisfying. For several good reasons, Assam is a very special and distinct case. For one, Assam and Bangladesh share a border. It is, therefore, most convenient for immigrants to cross over. Since the turn of the 19th and the 20th centuries, there was infiltration, especially from Mymensingh district into the Brahmaputra Valley. From Sylhet into Cachar district, a cross over is even easier as they were twin districts pre-Partition. The two formed the legendary Surmah Valley.

Unless one has lived or frequently travelled in Assam, it is difficult to appreciate what night-mares the Assamese see when they think of infiltration. They are a gentle people with a soft, peace-loving nature. They have their own festivals. They were gifted by nature with plenty of land or even more rivers and water. They do not have to work too hard for survival. The climate is mostly warm and humid and does not lend itself to hard work. They are not competitive by nature and understandably shudder at the fear of this ethos being disturbed by outsiders.

Believe it not, until two decades ago it was a popular impression that the Congress strategy for winning elections in Assam was "Ali, Coolie and Bengali." Coolie implied the tea garden workers and their families. Ali and Bengali are self-explanatory; they are mostly people who had over the years immigrated into Assam. Even the tea garden workers were Adivasis brought from Jharkhand and neighbouring areas to plant and pluck the bushes. To this day, it is difficult to find an original Assamese who is a plucker in a tea garden. In sum and substance, the Congress depended on settlers from outside to win a majority vote.

Earlier a near fatal game was played with Assam. As mentioned, they are a gentle people. When World War II broke out in Europe, the British also declared that India was a participant. Congress leaders expressed their grave disapproval for the government doing so without consulting Indian leaders. In a loud protest, all Congress provincial ministries resigned forthwith, as did the one in Assam. It was replaced by a Muslim League ministry led by Mohammed Saadullah. The idea of Pakistan was already floating in the political air by then. Saadullah concocted a new theory that the Adivasis in Assam were animists and not Hindus. The result-

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ing arithmetic made the Muslims come within striking distance of a majority.

In 1947, MA Jinnah nearly convinced the British rulers in New Delhi that Assam was a Muslim-majority province and should, therefore, go to Pakistan. Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, in his book on eastern Pakistan, stated that tribals were not only non-Hindus but also unfit for civilised life. The generally vague conclusion of the sympathisers for Pakistan was that Eastern Bengal and Assam should be combined into one province. As was the case under the first Partition of Bengal by Viceroy Lord Curzon in 1905. Fortunately, it was undone by 1911. Lord Pethick-Lawrence, Secretary of State for India, and also one of the three members of the Cabinet Mission, 1946, sent by the British government to find out what structure would be acceptable to Indian leaders, also swallowed this theory about an amalgamation of the two.

It was touch and go when Gopinath Bordoloi, the Assam Congress leader, rushed to New Delhi and persuaded those in power and influence that the Jinnah contention was untrue. As a result, Assam was saved for India, except for Sylhet district, which is now in Bangladesh. That is the kind of price Assam nearly paid for allowing illegal migrants to settle. Incidentally, until 1874, Assam was a part of the Bengal Presidency. It was then separated and placed under the rule of a Chief Commissioner. To make Assam a viable separate province, three Bengali-speaking districts of the Presidency, namely, Goalpara, Sylhet and Cachar were merged into the new province. That is how Assam became not only separate but also began its joint existence in company with Bengalis as well as Muslims. The allocation of Sylhet to East Pakistan in 1947 relieved this pressure to an extent.

Nevertheless, the Partition added

Bengalis to the population as Sylhet had been a sister district of Cachar and its people were at least 46 per cent Hindu. Moreover, Mymensingh district was also nearby, enabling refugees to cross over. Due to the poverty of the landless peasants, Muslim infiltration also continued. West Pakistan monopolised the country's power and the eastern wing was treated as a colony. Emigration was perhaps the only way many a easterner could survive. The poorest came to Assam as well as West Bengal. The more resourceful went to England and other richer countries. Called Bangladeshis since 1971, they have the reputation of being the world's number one migrants in recent decades. No state in India has been spared by their visitation. The writer's temporary gardener at Cochin (now Kochi) turned out to be from Bangladesh. Delhi has any number of domestic servants, many albeit with Hindu pen-names.

Assam, however, can ill afford to host these infiltrators; the Assamese population is very small. The recent Citizenship (Amendment) Bill is a major irritant for them especially since what was discovered in 1979. Some young men discovered in the electoral rolls of the Mangaldai Assembly constituency that many a voter was an obvious infiltrator. In order to spread the protest and try and stop such distortion of the electoral rolls of the State, the All Assam Students' Union (AASU) was formed. Some members also went on to establish the Assam Ganatantra Parishad (AGP), a major political party. A few members took to terrorism under the name of the United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA).

The Citizenship (Amendment) Bill has understandably upset the people of Assam in the light of the events just narrated. The fear is that many a Hindu

from Bangladesh may take advantage of this legislation and come over to Assam. Such a legal migration would reduce the percentage of the ethnic Assamese and dilute their indigenous culture. From the viewpoint of illegal infiltrators, the Bill is welcome because many of them who came 1971 onwards can be sent away. But in their place many a legal migrant may come. The dilution of the local culture and the threat to the political voice of the Assamese would be about the same. Hence the disturbed mood not only in Assam but also in the other northeastern States.

The solution to this potentially serious national problem would lie in making the Cachar district a separate Union Territory having no special political connection with Assam. Cachar has a population of some 40 lakh people of whom a little over half are Hindu. Under two per cent are Christian and the rest Muslim. More or less, all speak and write Bengali. Its economy is viable, especially with the help of over a hundred tea gardens which produce five crore kilograms of tea worth some ₹800 crore annually. That would separate some 16 per cent of the total Assam population, virtually all of whom are either Bengali or Muslim; a great relief to the Assamese. Remotely perhaps, the Bodos also may use the chance as an example and demand a Union Territory of much less than two million people living between Kokrajhar town and Sankosh river to the west. This is the one sure way to bring happiness to the Assamese people after at least a century. In any case, the Cacharis would be pleased at being semi-independent with Silchar becoming a mini rajdhani.

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The evolution of mohajir consciousness

Was the Muttahida Qaumi Movement simply engineered by Gen Zia or was there more to its history?



NADEEM PARACHA

The Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM), once the most dominant political party in Karachi, is in complete disarray. At the moment there are three factions of the party vying for the Mohajir vote and at least two sub-factions within one of the splinter groups. The immediate memory associated with the MQM in the minds of the party's supporters is that of an organisation that was able to stall the political and economic alienation of Sindh's Mohajirs. The other immediate memory of the party — mostly held by its detractors — is of an outfit which plunged Sindh's capital, Karachi, into ethnic turmoil and of heinous crimes allegedly committed by the party's armed wings.

There are also those who have maintained that the party was the outcome of "political engineering" undertaken by the 'agencies' at the behest of

Gen Zia's dictatorship. This has often been repeated by various political analysts. Although this claim was convincingly substantiated, it's possible that this indeed was the case before MQM broke away from the agencies' orbit sometime in the late 1980s.

This perception is largely rooted in comments by some Jamaat-i-Islami (JI) leaders and then those belonging to the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP). In 1986, when one of the worst ethnic riots in Karachi propelled the MQM into the forefront, the JI claimed that the party had been created by the Zia dictatorship to neutralise the support the JI once enjoyed in Karachi. The PPP, on the other hand, claimed that the party had been engineered to "balance out the PPP's influence in Sindh." There are various theories about MQM's formation. But there is enough agreement among historians and analysts about the train of events which led to the formation of Mohajir nationalist outfit. Dr Yanvir A Tahir's book *Political Dynamics of Sindh* traces the roots of this evolution all the way back to the 1950s when, according to Tahir, the Mohajir community began to feel it was being pushed out of the country's ruling and economic elite. Tahir writes that

the Mohajirs had become part of this elite immediately after Pakistan's creation in 1947 when the Punjabis dominated the military and the Mohajirs were prominent in the bureaucracy.

After the assassination of Pakistan's first Prime Minister Liaquat Ali Khan (a Mohajir), the Mohajirs began to feel that they were being nudged out. According to Tahir, the Mohajirs — who had come in droves from various parts of India and had mainly settled in Sindh — did not find the need to become familiar with the Sindh culture because they became a majority in Karachi. Tahir also writes that this delayed the formation of a Sindh middle class because the Mohajirs immediately managed to bag important positions in the province's economy and government from Karachi that had become the country's first capital.

In 1954, a Mohajir politician, Mahmud-ul-Haq Usmani demanded that Karachi be made a separate Mohajir-majority province. But the imposition of the One Unit system, that clubbed West Pakistan as a single province, somewhat placated the Mohajir community which was suspicious of provinces being based on ethnic considerations. According to Tanvir,

the Mohajirs found themselves almost completely ousted from the ruling circles during the Ayub Khan regime in the 1960s. They vehemently took part in the 1968 anti-Ayub movement. But when, after Ayub's departure in 1969, Gen Yahya Khan agreed to do away with the One Unit, the Mohajir groups protested against Karachi becoming part of Sindh.

The February 23, 1969 edition of *Dawn* reported the formation of a Jeay Karachi Committee. It was mainly led by a faction of the Left-wing National Students Federation. The Committee demanded the creation of a "Karachi sooba (province)." Another organisation, the Mohajir Mahaz (MM) came into being in late 1969. But it could win just one Sindh provincial Assembly seat during the 1970 election. Mohajir vote largely went to JI and Jamiat-i-Ulema-i-Pakistan (JUP).

In 1972, when the PPP-led Sindh government, declared Sindh as the province's official language, groups of Mohajir students formed the Muttahida Talaba Mahaz Karachi (MTMK). They asked car owners to change their number plates to Urdu and attacked English signboards. Riots broke out between the police and the MTMK in Karachi and

between Mohajir and Sindh youth elsewhere in Sindh.

Usmani, who had demanded Karachi to be made a separate province in 1954, had joined the Left-wing National Awami Party (NAP). But he lost the election in 1970. During the 1972 riots, he formed the Urdu Qaumi Council. The July 15, 1972 edition of daily *Jang* quotes the Council members as saying that the organisation was launched to "inculcate in the minds of Mohajirs, scientific consciousness of their history and culture." The Council also demanded that the state treat Mohajirs as a separate ethnic community as it does the Punjabis, Sindhis, Baloch and Pakhtuns. Two years later, in 1974, a Karachi Province Movement was launched but it fizzled out.

The Mohajirs of Karachi played a leading role in the 1977 movement against the Bhutto regime. In 1978, two Karachi University (KU) students, Altaf Hussain and Azeem Ahmad Tariq formed the All Pakistan Mohajir Students Organisation (APMSO). In his 2011 biography, *My Life's Journey*, Hussain writes that Mohajir youth were exploited by JI and JUP against the Bhutto regime. In 1981, APMSO became a member of the progressive

student alliance, the United Students' Movement (USM) at Karachi University (KU). Hussain writes that JI's youth wing "expelled" APMSO from KU and the party began to establish offices in Mohajir mohallas (localities).

According to their 2011 essay for *Berkeley Journal of Social Sciences*, Ali Chandio, M Ahmad and F Naseem quote famous Sindh scholar Ibrahim Joyo as saying that "Punjabi economic hegemony" increased immensely in Sindh during the dictatorship of Gen Zia. This situation had a negative impact on the interests of Karachi's prominent (non-Punjabi) business communities. This concern saw some members of these communities form an organisation called the Maha Sindh (MS) in 1983. It was an organisation set up to protect the economic interests of Karachi's Memon, Sindh and Mohajir businessmen and traders. Chandio, Ahmad and Naseem write that Maha Sindh encouraged the formation of a Karachi-based party. Many APMSO members were involved in the party's activities. MS eventually became a Mohajir-dominated organisation, which then evolved into becoming the MQM in 1984.

(Courtesy: Dawn)



FOREIGN EYE



REVIEW CURRENT ENERGY POLICIES

The questions of onshore wind and solar subsidies must be revisited, along with recent developments in carbon capture and battery technology. Affordable offshore wind must be scaled up. The job losses in Wales are an especially harsh blow after last year's decision to reject the Swansea tidal power project. The problem facing the whole country is that this government's energy policies do not add up.

(The Guardian editorial)

Sensex, Nifty end marginally higher

RIL shines post Q3 show

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Markets closed marginally higher on Friday after a volatile session as investors largely stuck to index heavy-weights despite positive global cues.

The BSE Sensex settled 12.53 points, or 0.03 per cent, higher at 36,386.61. The broader NSE Nifty inched up 1.75 points, or 0.02 per cent, to 10,906.95.

During the week, the 30-share Sensex gained 378.77 points, or 1 per cent and the Nifty rose 112 points, or 1.02 per cent.

Reliance Industries was the biggest gainer on Sensex in Friday's session, spurring 4.43 per cent, after the company became the first Indian private sector company to report a quarterly profit of more than Rs 10,000 crore following record earnings from petrochemical, retail and telecom businesses.

Other gainers included Kotak Bank, HCL Tech, ONGC, Asian Paints, Vedanta, HDFC Bank, Bajaj Finance, Maruti and TCS, gaining up to 1.41 per cent.

Sun Pharma was the top loser, cracking 8.58 per cent, on reports of fresh allegations by a whistleblower against the



company.

Bharti Airtel, L&T, Axis Bank, Yes Bank, ITC, Tata Motors and PowerGrid also fell up to 6.42 per cent.

"Domestic indices failed to absorb the rebound in global market as plunge in pharma stocks and weak rupee dragged the sentiment," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services.

"Global headwinds continue to dictate a range-bound movement in the market while any green shoots in quarter earnings provide opportunity to accumulate," he added.

On a net basis, foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) purchased shares worth ₹842.13 crore Thursday, while domestic institutional investors (DIIs) were net sellers to the tune of ₹727.46 crore, provisional data available with BSE showed. According to analysts,

global trade tensions and risk of recession will cast a cloud over the sentiment, while lack of major triggers in the domestic market could see range-bound movement in the near term.

The rupee, meanwhile, depreciated 10 paise against the US dollar to 71.13 intra-day.

The benchmark Brent crude futures rose 0.98 per cent to \$61.78 per barrel.

Elsewhere in Asia, Shanghai Composite Index jumped 1.42 per cent, Hong Kong's Hang Seng rose 1.25 per cent, Japan's Nikkei gained 1.29 per cent, and Korea's Kospi climbed 0.82 per cent higher.

In Europe, London's FTSE rallied 1.03 per cent, Frankfurt's DAX was up 0.97 per cent and Paris CAC 40 surged 1.29 per cent in early deals.

Ghosh received 8m euro in 'improper' payments: Nissan

AFP ■ TOKYO

Former Nissan boss Carlos Ghosn received nearly eight million euros in "improper payments" from a Netherlands-based joint venture, the Japanese car giant alleged Friday, threatening to sue to recover the funds.

Nissan said Ghosn entered into a personal employment contract with Nissan-Mitsubishi BV (NMBV), a company formed "with the mission of exploring and promoting synergies within the Nissan-Mitsubishi Motors partnership."

"Under that contract, he received a total of 7,822,206.12 euros (including tax) in compensation and other payments of NMBV funds," Nissan said, citing an ongoing investigation into alleged wrongdoing by Ghosn.

The firm said the contract was signed without consultation with current Nissan CEO Hiroto Saikawa or Mitsubishi Motors CEO Osamu Masuko.

"Nissan views the payments Ghosn received from NMBV to be the result of misconduct and will consider measures to recover from Ghosn the full sum," the firm said in a statement.

Since his out-of-the-blue arrest on November 19, Ghosn has been kept in a Tokyo detention centre and has made only one public appearance in court when he passionately rejected the accusations against him.

Ghosn faces three formal charges.

First, he is accused of under-declaring his income by five billion yen (\$46 million) between 2010 and 2015 in official documents to shareholders, apparently to fend off criticism he was overpaid.

Second, he stands accused of continuing this practice for three more years, understating his pay by a further four billion yen.

A third, more complex, charge relates to allegations he sought to transfer personal investment losses to the firm and paid a Saudi intermediary from company funds to stump up collateral for him.

The 64-year-old auto tycoon rejects all the charges, arguing in court that he has been "wrongly accused and unfairly detained based on meritless and unsubstantiated accusations."

He has appealed several times to be released on bail and filed another appeal earlier Friday.

So far, the appeals have all been rejected, with the court reasoning that he is a flight risk and could tamper with evidence.

His lawyers have vowed to lodge an appeal with the Supreme Court against his continued detention, but even his lead attorney has told reporters it is unlikely he will taste freedom before a trial — and that could take six months at least.

Meanwhile, the allegations continue to stack up against Ghosn — once revered as a corporate genius who saved Nissan from the verge of bankruptcy.

Renault posts record sales as Ghosn successor sought

AFP ■ PARIS

French carmaker Renault unveiled record sales on Friday of nearly 3.9 million vehicles last year, even as it prepares to turn the page on the era of chief executive Carlos Ghosn who remains behind bars in Tokyo on fraud charges.

The company said sales in 2018 were up 3.2 percent from the previous year putting it ahead of its French rival PSA, whose brands include Peugeot, Citroen and Opel.

Sales were driven higher by demand for Renault's low-cost models, including two light utility vehicles manufactured in a joint venture with China's Brilliance, which offset the effect of its pullout from Iran because of renewed US sanctions and a slump in the Turkish market.

Renault's Dacia and Lada brands also continued to book brisk sales, rising seven percent and 19 percent respectively.

Renault said it was aiming for "slight" growth in sales "with an acceleration in the second half of the year" thanks to the launch of new models, including an updated version of its flagship Clio compact.

Business Corner



Prime Minister, Narendra Modi graced the MSME Pavilion at Vibrant Gujarat 2019 wherein the constituents of the Ministry of MSME displayed live display of their innovative technologies and offering for the Entrepreneurs, Youth, MSMEs. Present on the occasion were Sudhir Garg, CMD, NSIC and P Udayakumar, DPM, NSIC, Manoj Lal, GM (SG), NSIC, Satvinder Singh, CGM, Rajesh Jain, GM and other NSIC officials



Mrutyunjay Mahapatra, Managing Director and CEO of Syndicate Bank presided over a Town Hall Meeting with more than 1000 staff members of Delhi and Faridabad Regions at Mavlankar Hall, New Delhi

Complexity of Indian financial system warrants robust corp governance in banks: RBI Guv

PTI ■ GANDHINAGAR

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das on Friday said efforts are being made to strengthen corporate governance in the public sector banks to effectively check incidence of financial frauds.

In his first public speech after assuming the charge as RBI Governor in December, Das also flagged challenges that Indian companies may face on account of developments around the Brexit.

Speaking at the 9th Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2019, the RBI chief said the central bank is committed to play its role as the monetary authority for maintaining mandated price stability objective while keeping in mind the objective of growth.

As the regulator and supervisor of the banking sector as also payment systems, the Reserve Bank "will take necessary steps to maintain financial stability and facilitate enabling conditions for sustainable and robust growth," said Das, who would be chairing the Monetary Policy Committee meeting for the first time next month.

The RBI governor further said that the growing size and complexity of the Indian financial system warrants strengthening of corporate governance

systems in banks. Citing incidence of financial frauds in recent times, he said such cases further underscore the significance of sound corporate governance standards in banks.

"The government, the Banks Board Bureau and the Reserve Bank are currently engaged in developing an objective framework for performance evaluation and this should redefine the contours of corporate governance in the public sector banks (PSBs) with a focus on transparency, accountability and skills," Das said.

The PSBs have been hit by a series of frauds in the recent past, including the much-talked about ₹14,000 crore fraud at Punjab National Bank.

Referring to the problems being faced by the non-banking financial sector, the RBI chief said the debt default of a systemically important NBFC highlighted the vulnerability and need for strengthening regulatory vigil on the sector in general and on asset liability management (ALM) framework in particular.

"The Reserve Bank intends to strengthen the ALM framework for NBFCs and harmonise it across different categories of NBFCs with the objective of enabling the NBFCs to play a vital role in our economy," he said.

In order to allow additional access to funding for the NBFC sector in the wake of the recent crisis, the Reserve Bank has relaxed the norms for NBFCs to securitise their loan books, he added.

On challenges before the economy, Das said the foremost priority is to preserve domestic macroeconomic and financial stability, especially in a global environment that is clouded by high uncertainty.

Not only downward risks to global growth, trade and investment have risen, but also the spillover effects on emerging markets due to increase in global interest rates could be profound, he said.

Wipro announces 1:3 bonus share offer

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Wipro board on Friday approved an issue of bonus shares wherein shareholders will get one bonus share for every three shares held by them.

"Issue of bonus equity shares in the proportion of 1:3, that is one bonus equity share of Rs 2 each for every three fully paid-up

equity shares held and a bonus issue...Of one ADS for every three ADS held, as on the record date, subject to approval of the Members of the company," Wipro said in a regulatory filing.

The record date for reckoning eligible shareholders (including ADS holders) entitled to receive bonus shares will be communicated later, it added.

Toyota introduces new Camry Hybrid

Plans to bring in hybrid technology on other vehicles

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Toyota Kirloskar Motor, the Indian arm of the Japanese carmaker on Friday launched the latest generation of their Camry sedan as their latest offering in India. The car will feature Toyota's 'Hybrid Synergy Drive' with a total power output of 178 horsepower. "We are calling this a self-charging hybrid vehicle," TKM's newly appointed Managing Director Masakazu Yoshimura said. "In a hybrid system, the vehicle should be able to run on either the battery or engine alone, that is the definition of a hybrid car," he added hinting at 'Mild Hybrids' sold by other Indian carmakers. The new Camry which has several new features and additional safety with nine airbags has an intro-



ductory price of ₹36.95 lakhs.

Yoshimura who arrived in India recently highlighted that 2018 was a good year for TKM with sales of their Innova and Fortuner reaching new heights. He also said that TKM will look at launching many new products going forward. "New rules permit manufacturers such as ourselves to sell 2,500 units of a vehicle without requiring

homologation in India and Japanese or European certification will be accepted. This will give us the opportunity to bring in some models to test market in India," he said. No further details of which models were given by Yoshimura who also admitted that TKM will need to work on their entry-level models.

Yoshimura added that Toyota is betting big on hybrids and particularly such 'self-charging' hybrids as they require no infrastructure. "No need to build charging stations and develop industrial infrastructure, but such hybrids can give major benefits of increased economy and much lower emissions", he said, adding that the long-term goal of electrification remained on track.

PUBLIC NOTICE - AGENCY TERMINATION

ICICI Bank
ICICI Bank Limited

Regd Office: ICICI Bank Tower, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara - 390007, Gujarat.

Notice is hereby given that ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office as stated above, has terminated the services of **M/s. VCARE WEALTH ADVISOR PRIVATE LIMITED** as its collection agency having its place of business in Delhi and is no longer associated with it in any way.

We were compelled to cancel and terminate the Agreement dated 02/07/2011 as the agency has grossly failed and neglected to perform & observe the stipulated terms & conditions of the said agreement to the Bank's satisfaction and have committed gross breach in due performance and observance thereof.

We have also sent several reminders to return Identity Card (ID) card and the stationery issued by ICICI Bank to its employees **Mr. BAIDYANTH KUMAR JHA** and **Mr. AMAN SEMWAL** however, **Mr. PANKAJ SHRIVASTAVA (Director)** did not take any steps towards it.

All individuals coming into contact with the said Collection agency or its representatives are hereby notified that neither **Mr. PANKAJ SHRIVASTAVA**, nor the partners/ directors and/or any of its employees/representatives of **M/s. VCARE WEALTH ADVISOR PRIVATE LIMITED** have any authority to represent ICICI Bank Limited in any manner whatsoever. We further inform the public at large that not to deal in any arrangement with the said **Mr. BAIDYANTH KUMAR JHA**, **Mr. AMAN SEMWAL** and **Mr. PANKAJ SHRIVASTAVA** and same shall not be binding on us as ICICI Bank Limited is henceforth not responsible in any manner for any acts done or representations made by the said agency.

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

Date: 19 January, 2019
Place: Delhi/NCR

Corrigendum-4

This is for information of all concerned that the opening date of tender for **NIT No. 327/PD&C/2018** is hereby extended upto 28-01-2019. The tender shall be received & opened on 28-01-2019 at 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM respectively. Other terms & conditions shall remain unchanged.

Chief Engineer/ PD&C,
DHBVN, Hisar

RO NO. 74930 DI. 18-01-2019

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Notice is hereby given that the Final Dividend of Re 1/- per Equity share for the Financial Year ended on March 31, 2018 has been declared as on 29th November, 2018 at the 51st Annual General Meeting of the Company. In this regard the details as are given hereunder:

- Date of declaration of Final Dividend was 29th November, 2018
- Members holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form as on 22nd November, 2018 i.e. cut-off date shall only be entitled for Final Dividend.
- The Final Dividend has paid either ECS/Demand Draft or Equity Dividend Warrant.
- ECS has been made on 7th January, 2019
- Dividend Warrants, Demand Drafts and ECS confirmation letters have been sent to all share holders as on 15th January, 2019

The share holders who have not received the Dividend Warrants, Demand Drafts and ECS within a period of fifteen days, are requested to contact the Company as per the following details:

Subodh Kumar (Company Secretary)
Contact No.: 011-49570000
Email: info@cmlimited.in, cmics@cmlimited.in

For CMI Limited
Subodh Kumar
(Company Secretary)

Date: 18.01.2019
Place: New Delhi

NORTHERN RAILWAY
e-AUCTION NOTICE NO. 11

No. 117-S-Sales-Auction Programme-2018-19 Dated 18.01.2018

E-Auction will be conducted for disposal of Ferrous Scrap, Non Ferrous Scrap, Other Misc. Scrap, Compressed Loco, Coaches and Wagons, Scrap Rail and other scrap P Way material. Used lead Acid Batteries/Used oil/Refused oil will be sold only to recyclers registered with State Pollution Control Board. Auction programme is as under-

e-AUCTION DATES FOR FEBRUARY 2019.					
S.No	Depot conducting auction	1st round	2nd round	3rd round	4rd round
1	Alambagh Lucknow	06	16	25	--
2	Shakurbasti	08	19	27	--
3	Jagadhari Workshop	09	18	28	--
4	Sr.DMM/LKO	05	13	21	--
5	Sr.DMM/FZR	08	16	26	--
6	Sr.DMM/JMB	06	14	22	--
7	Sr.DMM/MB	01	09	18	28
8	Sr.DMM/DLI	11	20	28	--

1. The details of item to be sold in auction will be available in catalogue at www.ireps.gov.in. 2. The intending purchasers may inspect the scrap material before the auction during working hours at nominated locations. 3. To participate in e-auction, purchasers need to get themselves registered with the details on last sold rates in auctions are available at www.railnet.gov.in. 4. ireps. For further details regarding registration and other conditions of e-auction, please visit Railway website www.ireps.gov.in. 114/19

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SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a Boy namely **Pramod S/o Shiv Chander, R/o B-Block, Near Dispensary, Gokul Puri, Delhi, Age : 22 yrs., Height : 5 ft., Complexion : Fair, Face : Round, Built : Medium, Wearing : Black-White Colour Shirt and Blue Colour Jeans**, has been missing / kidnapped since 08.12.2018 from his house. In this regard a case **MPR No. 192/18 dated 11.12.2018** has been registered at PS. Khajuri Khas, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local Police to trace out the missing / kidnapped Boy but no clue has come to light so far.

if anyone have any information about this missing / kidnapped Boy please inform undersigned.

Website: http://cbi.nic.in, Email: cbc@cbi.gov.in, Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641, Fax : 011-24368639

DP/6848/NE/19. SHO PS. Khajuri Khas, Delhi Ph.: 011-22562112, 8750870725

Ordnance Factory Nalanda gets ISO certification

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Ordnance Factory Nalanda has got ISO certificate for producing Bi Modular charge System (BMCS) and Nitrocellulose.

The foundation of Ordnance Factory Nalanda was laid down on 14 April 1999 by the then Defence Minister George Fernandes.

In due course, the factory was given its first indent for the production of 50,000 BMCS in 2016-17 by the Indian Army.

BMCS facilitates propelling the munitions fired from 155 mm artillery guns. At present, the factory is producing two variants of BMCS; M 91 and M 92. The M-91 has a range of 7 to 12 kms whereas the M-92 has a range of 13

to 48 kms. Kargil war has enhanced the importance of BMCS as it was extensively used in the artillery guns of the Indian Army.

Production of BMCS is a significant example of the state of the art technology in indigenization. Nalanda Factory is working towards achieving its target of 2 Lakhs module for 2018-19.

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF PERSON ACCUSED

See Section 82 Cr. PC

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Laxmi Chand (Prop.) of M/s Madhu Enterprises, R/o H.No. A-53, 2nd Floor, Gali No. 4, Hardev Puri, Ashok Nagar, Delhi, (2) H.No. 279/10-A, Gali No. 10, Friday Market, Ashok Nagar, Delhi**, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the Offence CC No. 930/16 u/s 138 Ni Act at PS. Gokul Puri, Delhi, and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Laxmi Chand** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Laxmi Chand** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation u/s 82 CrPC is hereby made that the said **Laxmi Chand** accused of CC No. 930/16 u/s 138 Ni Act is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 20.02.2019.

DP/6812/NE/19- By Order (Court Matter) Sh. Devender Kumar Garg Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, (North-East Distt) Room No. 66, Karkardooma Court, Delhi

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that one unknown male, Age 45 years, Height 5'7", Complexion Wheatish, Wearing White colour shirt, mahroon colour coat, black colour jacket, blue colour lower and red colour socks in feet was found dead at Near Railway Under Bridge, Pull Mithai, Pilli Kothi, Lahori Gate, Delhi on 16.01.19. In this regard a DD No. DD No. 28-A dated 16.01.19 has been lodged at PS Lahori Gate, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned.

SHO PS: Lahori Gate, Delhi Ph.: 23953736, 23955900

DP/9582/N/19

Rupee settles 16 paise down at 71.19 vs USD

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee on Friday weakened by 16 paise to close at 71.19 against the US dollar amid rise in demand for the greenback from exporters and unabated increase in global crude oil prices.

This is the second successive week of loss for the Indian currency. During the week the domestic unit registered a loss of 27 paise. In the previous week, the local unit had slumped by 81 paise.

Forex traders said foreign fund outflows, gain in domestic equity market and stronger dollar against its key rival currencies impacted the rupee trading pattern.

At the Interbank Foreign Exchange (forex) market, the rupee opened lower at 71.12 and fell further to touch the day's low of 71.24.

The domestic currency, however, pared some losses and finally ended at 71.19 per dollar, down by 16 paise against its previous close.

On Thursday, the rupee had settled 21 paise higher at 71.03 against the US dollar.

"Along with rupee, the benchmark government bonds also dropped, as fiscal worries have continued to weigh on markets with Finance Minister Arun Jaitley hinting of a possible 'people friendly' budget ahead of general election," said V K Sharma, Head PCG & Capital Markets Strategy, HDFC



Securities.

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Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading lower by 0.04 per cent at 96.02.

"ICE dollar index steadied during the day but was set for its first weekly rise in five weeks as doubts grew on the ability of other major global central banks such as the European Central Bank to start raising interest rates this year," Sharma

said.

Brent crude, the global benchmark, was trading at USD 61.90 per barrel, higher by 1.18 per cent.

On a net basis, foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) purchased shares worth Rs 842.13 crore Thursday, while domestic institutional investors (DIIs) were net sellers to the tune of Rs 727.46 crore, provisional data available with BSE showed.

The Financial Benchmark India Private Ltd (FBIL) set the reference rate for the rupee/dollar at 71.1418 and for rupee/euro at 81.0656. The reference rate for rupee/British pound was fixed at 92.2946 and for rupee/100 Japanese yen at 65.04.

Infra firm REPL bags contract for water supply project in Bundelkhand

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Infrastructure consultancy firm REPL on Friday said it had got a contract for Uttar Pradesh government to plan, design and prepare a project report for piped drinking water in Bundelkhand.

The company has bagged the contract from the State Water and Sanitation Mission under the Department of Rural Development of the UP government, it said.

"The larger scheme of water supply project of the state government will focus on addressing the acute problem of drinking water supply in Bundelkhand region, and at a later stage, arsenic/fluoride and acute encephalitis syndrome (AES) and Japanese encephalitis affected areas in UP including the Bundelkhand and Vindhya regions," REPL said.

Currently, the rural household needs to travel a great distance to fetch water and people still face the challenge of accessing pure drinking water, the company added.

REPL will prepare a detailed project report (DPR) which includes the overall planning, engineering survey, designing of the supply model of piped drinking water in Banda, Chitrakoot and Hamirpur districts.

"It is a project of overwhelming responsibility as it directly impacts health and daily life of people residing in the area," said REPL chairman and managing director Pradeep Misra.

REPL is working on several important government projects including Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Directorate General of Married Accommodation Project (DGMAP) and Smart City projects.

Rudrabhishek Enterprises Ltd (REPL) is an integrated urban development and infrastructure consultant listed on NSE.

QUICK TAKES

NIIT TECH Q3 NET PROFIT UP 32.6% TO ₹100.2 CRORE

New Delhi (PTI): NIIT Technologies on Friday posted a 32.6 per cent year-on-year rise in consolidated net profit to ₹100.2 crore for the December 2018 quarter and said the demand continued to be robust in large markets like the US and Europe. The net profit stood at ₹75.6 crore in the corresponding period of previous year. Sequentially, the net profit declined by 10 per cent on account of lower 'other income' and increased effective tax rate, the company said. The consolidated revenue for the third quarter was up 28.5 per cent year-on-year to ₹971.7 crore helped by "all round growth across verticals and geographies," NIIT Technologies vice-chairman and managing director Arvind Thakur told PTI. Asked about the tightening of visors in key markets like the US, Thakur said mobility of people was definitely a "challenge" but the company had, in response, stepped up localisation and set up two nearshore centres. He declined to comment on media reports about Baring Private Equity Asia acquiring a stake in NIIT Technologies in a deal valuing the IT firm at ₹8,000-10,000 crore. The operating profit at ₹180.5 crore marked a growth of 39.4 per cent over the same period last year and 10.4 per cent sequentially.

WIPRO Q3 NET PROFIT RISES 31.8% TO ₹2,544.5 CRORE

New Delhi (PTI): IT services major Wipro on Friday posted a 31.8 per cent increase in consolidated net profit at ₹2,544.5 crore for October-December 2018 compared to the year-ago period. Wipro's board has also approved an issue of bonus shares, offering one bonus share for every three held by shareholders, a BSE filing said. The net profit in the October-December 2017 quarter was at ₹1,930.1 crore. Wipro's revenue from operations expanded 10.17 per cent to ₹15,059.5 crore during the period under review from ₹13,669 crore in the third quarter of FY2017-18. The company's IT services segment revenue, which accounts for a bulk of

its topline, was at USD 2,046.5 million (around ₹14,555 crore), up 1.8 per cent sequentially.

LTI NET PROFIT UP 32.8% TO ₹375.5 CR IN DECEMBER QUARTER

New Delhi (PTI): Larsen & Toubro Infotech (LTI) on Friday said consolidated net profit had increased 32.8 per cent to ₹375.5 crore for the quarter ended December 2018 compared to the year-ago period. The company had registered a net profit of ₹282.8 crore in the October-December 2017 quarter, LTI said in a statement. Its revenue grew 31.3 per cent to ₹2,472.9 crore in the quarter, against ₹1,883.8 crore in the third quarter of FY18, it added. On a sequential basis, the net profit declined 6.2 per cent (from ₹400.3 crore), while revenue was higher by 6.1 per cent (from ₹2,331.2 crore in September 2018 quarter). In dollar terms, LTI's revenue was at USD 346.9 million, growing 18.2 per cent year-on-year.

RALLIS INDIA Q3 PROFIT DOWN 45% TO ₹13.8 CR; REVENUE UP 7% AT ₹423 CR

New Delhi (PTI): Tata group firm Rallis India, which is into crop protection business, has reported a 45 per cent decline in consolidated net profit to ₹13.76 crore for the quarter ended December 2018 on higher tax outgo and other expenses. Its net profit had stood at ₹24.94 crore in the year-ago period, according to a regulatory filing. Total income, however, rose by 7 per cent to ₹423.25 crore in the third quarter of this financial year, from ₹393.86 crore in the corresponding period of the previous year. "Margins remain constrained owing to higher raw material prices. Expect profitability to pick up going forward following growth-specific initiatives undertaken towards driving growth," Rallis said in a statement. Higher input cost, imports from China resulted in profitability and margin compression, the company said. It is working towards improving product mix - share of value-added/specialty products to offset impact of rising raw material. The company said the revenue grew in the back of steady performances in domestic and global markets.

NIFTY 50

SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP CHANGE
NIFTY 50	10914.85	10928.20	10852.20	10906.95
RELIANCE	1148.80	1189.90	1135.25	1185.80
WIPRO	336.00	347.50	333.40	346.55
KOTAKBANK	1220.10	1243.00	1216.50	1240.20
HINDALCO	206.65	209.40	205.95	208.95
HCLTECH	948.60	968.75	946.35	968.00
ONGC	145.10	147.70	145.10	146.75
ADANIPORTS	396.50	399.95	392.25	398.70
VEDL	199.00	200.00	196.25	198.75
BAFINANCE	254.00	255.00	252.10	254.75
MARUTI	7345.00	7379.95	7318.00	7370.00
TECHM	730.00	714.20	703.75	708.40
ASIANPAINT	1391.00	1404.75	1385.00	1394.80
TCS	1881.00	1904.20	1876.00	1899.50
IBULHSGFIN	82.90	82.95	80.65	81.80
INFY	730.00	736.20	726.30	734.00
MITAN	734.50	737.90	728.00	735.00
TITAN	961.55	965.00	954.05	961.10
IOC	137.50	138.70	137.15	137.55
CIPLA	510.20	513.00	507.30	509.20
ZEELE	441.80	445.00	436.20	440.50
HDFCBANK	2135.00	2139.00	2114.55	2130.00
HDFC	2004.00	2012.40	1989.25	2000.05
POWERGRID	194.00	196.70	192.50	193.45
HINDUNILVR	1750.00	1768.85	1727.30	1746.40
HEROMOTOCO	2916.40	2929.95	2863.00	2894.95
GRASIM	828.90	834.55	818.20	825.50
BPCL	353.90	357.70	351.30	353.90
BAJAJAUTO	2741.00	2746.50	2696.65	2718.85
NTPC	145.30	146.40	144.10	144.30
UPPL	768.00	771.00	764.00	765.80
TATASTEEL	473.55	477.70	468.00	471.05
INDUSINDBK	1523.10	1532.40	1513.00	1515.10
TATAMOTORS	185.65	185.65	181.30	183.90
ICICIBANK	374.60	376.40	370.35	372.00
SBIN	298.75	299.85	294.25	295.30
DREDDY	2605.00	2629.35	2594.50	2600.00
ULTRACEMCO	3859.00	3859.00	3771.60	3815.05
ITC	293.25	295.10	290.10	291.10
COALINDIA	232.15	232.55	229.60	229.80
INFRADEL	280.65	283.40	277.00	277.60
ECHERMOT	2040.00	2045.00	1995.00	2013.05
YESBANK	202.00	203.05	196.20	198.95
JSWSTEEL	288.35	291.85	283.25	285.15
AXISBANK	674.90	676.05	661.45	664.25
BAJAJFINSV	636.10	637.95	623.00	626.00
LIT	1350.85	1352.20	1313.00	1319.50
HINDPETRO	243.85	245.35	238.25	239.30
GAIL	332.40	332.85	320.50	321.50
BHARTIARTL	330.50	332.45	304.30	310.55
SUNPHARMA	424.05	424.10	370.20	390.25

BSE 500

Script	Open	High	Low	LTP
RCOM	13.80	13.80	13.26	13.37
SUNPHARMA	425.50	425.50	375.40	390.75
RELIANCE	1149.70	1189.25	1135.50	1182.95
JETAIRWAYS	284.00	295.00	276.00	281.35
YESBANK	202.05	203.00	196.45	198.25
SPARC	173.30	173.30	141.10	148.40
JPASSOCIAT	7.23	7.29	7.12	7.16
SUZLON	5.31	5.33	5.20	5.24
PHILIPCARB	206.00	208.25	182.35	184.45
LINDEINDIA	770.00	770.85	613.60	613.60
GRAPHITE	734.00	737.00	698.00	700.00
BHARTIARTL	331.45	332.35	305.10	310.95
ASIANPAINT	1391.00	1404.75	1385.00	1394.80
SUNTV	567.30	568.40	513.75	524.90
LT	1351.00	1352.00	1313.00	1318.25
ICICIBANK	374.20	376.50	370.05	371.90
DHFL	220.75	222.70	214.00	215.35
WIPRO	336.40	348.45	333.95	346.20
KRBL	342.05	386.70	341.40	381.25
HINDUNILVR	1757.00	1768.65	1728.65	1743.70
HINDTREE	867.95	893.00	855.80	886.80
ITI	109.85	110.25	104.00	104.40
CYIENT	600.00	618.00	577.30	614.85
HEG	3601.00	3649.90	3531.00	3546.85
IBULHSGFIN	82.70	82.70	80.55	81.90
TATASTEEL	474.00	477.45	468.10	470.50
VEDL	198.50	199.90	195.90	198.15
IOC	137.85	138.60	137.00	137.40
LTT	1711.00	1746.95	1625.40	1637.35
ASHOKLEY	93.75	93.75	91.90	92.25
RECLTD	128.00	129.00	125.10	126.10
RELCAPITAL	218.50	219.50	208.60	210.15
SBIN	298.05	299.70	294.20	295.20
AXISBANK	675.70	675.80	664.30	664.30
RELIINFRA	298.05	299.85	292.25	297.25
INFY	731.95	736.00	726.50	731.00
SPICEJET	84.30	84.35	81.10	81.35

NIFTY NEXT 50

SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP
NIFTY NEXT 50	27763.45	27768.60	27335.20	27410.55
BHEL	70.40	71.15	69.70	71.00
DABUR	422.95	427.00	418.55	424.30
ICICIPRULI	350.15	353.20	342.50	353.00
DMART	1371.00	1388.80	1361.00	1380.00
BOSCHLT	19234.00	19290.00	19019.60	19255.00
HAVELLS	677.55	686.00	671.45	679.20
HINDZINC	273.60	275.10	271.30	271.80
PIDILITIND	1152.00	1162.60	1140.35	1150.55
PGHI	999.45	1005.00	993.95	998.00
AUROPHARMA	780.10	781.00	765.00	774.00
MRF	6600.00	6698.20	6565.00	6703.10
OIL	172.95	173.60	170.50	172.40
L&T	142.20	142.20	138.35	141.00
MARICO	382.10	382.60	375.25	379.15
SAIL	50.00	50.45	49.50	49.65
GODREJCP	793.70	797.50	781.00	789.25
ABB	1290.00	1294.30	1274.00	1276.65
MOTHERSUMI	160.10	160.85	155.55	158.20
ASHOKLEY	93.35	93.55	92.00	92.40
BANKBARODA	119.20	119.90	117.55	118.05
NMDC	92.00	92.10	90.55	90.90
BIACON	660.00	672.50	650.00	651.15
NIPCO	182.00	183.50	180.65	180.60
BEL	87.90	88.25	86.05	86.25
COPAL	1330.00	1331.75	1306.15	1319.95
ACC	1468.00	1468.00	1435.00	1439.00
LUPIN	861.10	867.35	851.85	859.00
NHPC	25.50	25.70	25.10	25.25
BRITANNIA	3214.85	3217.35	3134.25	3169.35
SRTANSFIN	1159.00	1167.40	1131.35	1135.00
SBILIFE	627.00	629.50	615.05	615.00
GICRE	258.20	259.90	254.00	254.50
AMBUJACEM	215.70	216.00	212.20	212.30
SIEMENS	1067.95	1067.95	1050.00	1050.00
PETRONET	222.50	224.55	216.35	218.40
HDFCLIFE	391.00	392.45	383.00	384.30
CONCOR	696.00	697.80	680.10	682.50
ABCAPITAL	95.90	95.75	93.50	93.75
ICICI	875.00	879.90	859.30	860.00
MCDOWELL-N	595.00	596.65	583.00	584.00
OFSS	3685.40			

Regretful Brexit backers lobby for another vote

AFP ■ LONDON

Britons who have changed their minds since voting to leave the European Union in 2016 are among those uniting to call for another chance to reverse the decision.

These 'Remainer now' voters, former Brexit supporters, are adding their voices to the chorus of calls for a second referendum amid political paralysis in Britain over the issue.

Gary Maylin, 38, from Norwich in eastern England, said he originally backed leaving the bloc after more than four decades of membership because he "wanted sovereignty for the UK".

He recalled facing a barrage of pro-Brexit sentiment at the time which influenced his choice.

"My MP was (pro-)Leave, all the arguments I heard were for Leave," he told AFP.

"So I decided the EU was to blame for a lot of the things that were going wrong - the inability of our government to control our destiny."

The world's fifth-largest economy is in political turmoil and grasping for solutions that could smooth its planned departure from the bloc just 10 weeks from now.

British Prime Minister Theresa May is scrambling to put together a new Brexit strategy after MPs rejected her EU divorce deal, but admitted Thursday that she can not rule out a potentially damaging "no-deal" split.

Maylin was among 51.9 per cent of voters to support leaving the bloc in the nationwide referendum two and-a-half years ago, trumping the 48.1 per cent who voted to Remain.

Trump declares intent to appoint Indian-American to advisory committee

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump has announced his intent to appoint prominent Indian-American financial expert Prem Parameswaran to a key presidential advisory committee, the White House said.

Parameswaran, 50, is the only Indian-American among the 12 members the president intends to appoint to the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

Based in New York, Parameswaran is the Group Chief Financial Officer and president of Eros International's North America operations.

Trump also announced his intent to designate Elaine L. Chao to be Co-Chair of the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, the White House said in a statement on Thursday.

US announces new missile defence system

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

The US has announced a new missile defense policy aimed at addressing the challenges posed by Russia and China, which seeks to displace America in the Indo-Pacific region and has adopted an assertive posture in disputes over territorial boundaries with its neighbours.

In its 'Missile Defense Review' report released Thursday, the Pentagon said Russia and China were developing advanced cruise missiles and hypersonic missile capabilities that can travel at exceptional speeds with unpredictable flight paths which challenge the existing defensive systems.

These are challenging realities of the emerging missile threat environment that US missile defense policy, strategy, and capabilities must address, it said.

"While Russia and China pose separate challenges and are distinct in many ways, both are enhancing their existing offensive missile systems and developing advanced sea and air-launched cruise missiles as well as hypersonic capabilities," Acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan said.

The report presents a comprehensive and layered approach to prevent and defeat adversary missile attacks through a combination of deterrence, active and passive missile defences, and attack operations to destroy offensive missiles prior to launch.

This comprehensive approach to missile defense strengthens America's ability to protect the homeland, allies and partners and deters adversary threats and attacks, Shanahan said.

It assures allies and partners, engages in diplomacy from a position of strength, hedges against future risk and preserves America's freedom of action to conduct regional military operations in defense of its interests, Shanahan said.



COUNTER THREATS FROM RUSSIA, CHINA

Britain's Prince consort Philip escapes unhurt in major car crash

PTI ■ LONDON

Britain's Prince Philip, husband of Queen Elizabeth II, miraculously escaped unhurt in a terrifying accident when a Land Rover the 97-year-old duke was driving flipped onto its side after a collision with another car carrying two women and a baby.



The Duke of Edinburgh was unharmed but the two women in the Kia hatchback were injured in the accident near the Queen's Sandringham estate on Thursday. The nine-month-old baby who was in the back seat of car was uninjured.

Pictures from the scene showed Tata Motors' Land Rover laying on its side with debris scattered around it. It has been suggested that the royal was dazzled by sunlight at a T-junction and his vehicle hit the Kia. Witnesses said the duke was "conscious but very, very shocked and shaken" as he was pulled out from the wreckage of his overturned Land Rover, the Sun reported.

The driver of the Kia suffered cuts, while the passenger sustained an arm injury, police said. Both were treated at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in King's Lynn.

The Press Association reported that there was a passenger in the duke's vehicle who was likely his close protection officer.

A witness said Philip seemed "distracted" and it was a "miracle" he escaped uninjured.

"I saw the car flip," Roy Warne, 75, told daily, adding that he rushed to help free the driver before he "suddenly realised it was Prince Philip".

The duke saw a doctor as a precaution who confirmed he was not hurt. Police breathalysed both the drivers. Police said it was standard policy to breath test drivers involved in collisions and both had provided negative readings.

21 die in car bomb attack on Colombian police academy

AFP ■ BOGOTA

Colombia's Government declared three days of mourning on Thursday after at least 21 people died in a car bomb at a Bogota police cadet training academy, and 68 were wounded — the worst such incident in the city in 16 years.

The defense ministry said the "terrorist act" was carried out using a vehicle packed with 80 kilograms (around 175 pounds) of explosives.

"Unfortunately, the preliminary toll is 21 people dead, including the person responsible for the incident, and 68 wounded," Colombian police said in a statement, adding 58 of those injured had been discharged from hospital. The defense ministry had previously reported 11 dead and 65 injured.

"All Colombians reject terrorism and we're united in fighting it," President Ivan Duque tweeted in the aftermath. Later in a statement to the nation, he said he had ordered reinforcements to Colombia's borders and routes in and out of cities.

"I have also requested that priority be given to all the investigations... To identify the masterminds of this terrorist attack and their accomplices," he said. The bomber -- who authorities confirmed was killed in the attack -- struck at the General Francisco de Paula Santander Officer's School in the south of Bogota during a promotion ceremony for cadets.

No group has claimed responsibility, but public prosecutor Nestor Humberto Martinez named suspect Jose Aldemar Rojas Rodriguez as the "material author of this abominable crime." Martinez said Rojas Rodriguez entered the school compound at 9:30 am (1430 GMT) driving a grey 1993 Nissan Patrol truck, but gave no details about the explosion.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Draft DERC (Power System Development Fund) Regulations, 2019

In exercise of powers conferred under Section 181 (1) and Section 181 (2) (zo) of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Act 36 of 2003) and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission has prepared the Draft DERC (Power System Development Fund) Regulations, 2019.

The said Draft Regulations are available on the website of the Commission <http://derc.gov.in/>

The stakeholders are requested to forward their suggestions on the said Draft Regulations to the Commission, latest by 5:00 PM on 20/02/2019. The suggestions may be forwarded to Secretary, DERC either by post or through e-mail to secyderc@nic.in

Dated: 11th January, 2019
DIP/Shabdarth/2773/18-19 Secretary, DERC

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

Principal Chief Engineer, Northern Railway, Head quarters office, Baroda House, New Delhi-110001, Publication in newspaper of E-Tender Notices for procurement of Small Track Machines, spare thereof and Spare parts for Track machines has been stopped by the office of Principal Chief Engineer, Northern Railway, Head quarters office. Firm's desires to participate in tenders for procurement of Small Track Machines, spares thereof and Spare parts for Track machines Northern Railway are requested to visit the website www.ireps.gov.in regularly after registering themselves on this portal and submit their e-bids on this portal only. **Notice No. 219-S/1/TMC/20/2018-19 Dated: 16.01.2019. 109/2019**

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

NORTHERN RAILWAY Notice for Potential Bidders for Commercial Earning Contracts

Firozpur division, Northern Railways is in the process of progressively switching over to E-Tendering for Commercial Earning Contracts from January, 2019. The electronic tenders (E-Tenders) will be uploaded on Indian Railway E-Tendering portal (IREPS) i.e. www.ireps.gov.in and for such electronic tenders the offers shall be submitted by the bidders online on IREPS portal. Submission of manual offers against electronic tenders is not allowed, and any manual offer received shall be summarily rejected. This would inter-alia include all earning tenders viz. parking (Normal and App based), catering, Commercial Publicity, SLR/VPU leasing, ATMs, Pay & Use Toilets etc.

For submission of electronic offers, the bidders will have to get themselves registered on the IREPS portal. Registration in IREPS portal is an online process and no charges are to be paid for such registration. Interested contractors can access online registration form by clicking on **New Vendors/Contractors (E-Tender)** link on the Home page of IREPS portal (www.ireps.gov.in)

For Registration, and also submission of electronic offers the Contractors will need a **class III Digital Signing Certificate with Company Name/Individual** issued by any Certifying Authority (CA) authorized by Controller of Certifying Authorities i.e. CCA, India. The list of Certifying Authorities from whom such Digital Signing Certificate can be obtained is available on the website of Controller of Certifying Authorities (www.cca.gov.in)

Registration on IREPS portal usually takes 3-4 working days. Interested Bidders are requested to arrange the Digital Signing Certificate, and submit their request for registration at the earliest to avoid any inconvenience in submission of offers.

A permanent helpdesk is available to clarify the doubts of the contractors and assist them on various aspects of E-tendering viz. registration, online payments, bid submission etc. Assistance from the Help Desk can be obtained telephonically or through e-mail. The timings of helpdesk, email and telephone numbers etc. can be accessed through Helpdesk link on the Home page of the IREPS portal.

No. MC/38015/PUB/POLICY/18 **Dated: 16.01.2019**
104/2019

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

The Executive Engineer, Udaipur Division, PWD(R&B), Udaipur, Gomati District, Tripura invites e-tender against press NIT No 16/EE/UDP-DIVN/UDP/2018-19 DATED 07.01.2019

For Development of Jagannath Dighi at Udaipur, Gomati District, Tripura / Development of Waterfront and construction of Toilet block.

With Estimated cost: ₹2,70,64,238.00, Earnest Money : ₹2,70,642.00

Time of Completion - 12 (twelve) months. Last Date of bidding for bids - 06.02.2019, upto 15.00Hrs

For more details kindly visit: <https://tripuratenders.gov.in/>
www.tripuratoday.com/www.tripurainfo.com/
www.tripuraindia.com/www.neindia.com/www.tripurachronicle.in

NOTE:
NO NEGOTIATION WILL BE CONDUCTED WITH THE LOWEST BIDDER

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Udaipur Division, PWD(R&B)
Udaipur, Gomati District, Tripura
ICA/C-2262/19

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is publicly notified that residential EWS House No.125, Block-1, Sector-22, Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar U.P., allottee of Sh. Har Kishan Lal Grover/S/O Sh. Hanu Lal Grover/R/O I-125 Sector-22, Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar U.P., had sold on the basis of General Power of Attorney to the following person.

The General Power of Attorney was registered on dated 03.12.1985 in the name of Mr. Balam Singh S/O Sh. Kalyan Singh R/O I-125, Sector-22, Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar U.P. and Agreement to Sell is executing in favour of Smt. Jamoti Devi W/o Sh. Balam Singh R/O I-125, Sector-22, Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar U.P., which is not registered. Because an Agreement to Sell is not registered so it is publicly notified that the transfer of the property bearing residential EWS House No.125, Block-1, Sector-22, Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar U.P., is going to be transfer in the name of Smt. Jamoti Devi W/o Sh. Balam Singh R/O I-125, Sector-22, Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar U.P. If some one has any objection he/she file his/her objection along with the sufficient proof in the Housing Department(H) of the Noida Authority within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. **Balam Singh**

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. PC

Whereas complaint has been made before me that Amit Dhall , S/o Sh. Ramesh Dhall, R/o: D-60A, 2nd floor, Saraswati Garden, Kirti Nagar, Delhi, has committed (or is suspected to has committed) offence in case FIR No.107/09 u/s 420/406 IPC registered at P.S. Naraina, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person Amit Dhall cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Amit Dhall has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Amit Dhall of case FIR No. 107/09 u/s 420/406 IPC, at P.S. Naraina, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 22.02.2019.

By Order
Ms. Manisha Tripathy
Metropolitan Magistrate-3,
Patiala House Courts,
New Delhi
DP/8083/WD/19

NOTICE

A notice of intended marriage has been received from Mr. Achint Jain S/O Mr. Sachin Kumar Jain R/O E-20, Sector-40, Noida and Ms. Priyanka D/o Mr. Mahesh R/O Flat No.106, Florence-C, 1st Floor, Grand Omaze Society, Sector-93B, Noida Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar in the office of the undersigned, any person interested therein, may file objections to it on any day upto 13-02-2019 in the office of the undersigned. **Marriage Officer**
Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar (U.P.)

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients Sh. Asha Ram S/o Sh. Sumer Chand and Smt. Geeta W/o Sh. Asha Ram both R/o A-374, Amar Puri, Ram Nagar, Nari Karim, Central Delhi-110055, have severed their relations and debarred their son Ashok and daughter-in-Law Preeti from all their moveable-immovable properties due to their misbehavior and misconduct. My clients and their family members shall not be responsible for their any act(s) transaction(s).

V. K. Sharma (Advocate)
Karkardooma Court, Delhi

Tulsi Gabbard apologizes for her past statement on LGBTQ

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Democratic presidential aspirant Tulsi Gabbard apologised on Thursday for her past remarks that were critical of the LGBTQ community, saying now she has a strong commitment to fight for their rights.

Gabbard, 37, the first Hindu elected to US Congress and a four-time Democratic lawmaker, last week announced she will run for President in 2020.

In the past, she "forcefully defended" her father who was fighting against gay rights and marriage equality in Hawaii.

In a video message, Gabbard said: "In my past I said and believed things that were wrong, and worse, hurtful to the LGBTQ community and their loved ones. Many years ago, I apologised for my words and, more importantly, for the negative impact that they had."

"I sincerely repeat my apology today. I'm deeply sorry for having said them. My views have changed significantly since then, and my record in Congress over the last six years reflects what is in my heart: A strong and ongoing commitment to fighting for LGBTQ rights. When we deny LGBTQ people the basic rights that exist for every American, we are denying their humanity, denying that they are equal. We are also creating a dangerous environment that breeds discrimination and violence."

FORM A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
(Under regulation 6 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate persons) Regulation, 2016)
FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CREDITORS OF M/S UTC SOFTCH PRIVATE LIMITED

RELEVANT PARTICULARS	
1. Name of Corporate Debtor	M/S UTC SOFTCH PRIVATE LIMITED
2. Date of Incorporation of Corporate Debtor	08/11/2007
3. Authority under which Corporate Debtor is Incorporated/Registered	ROC (Delhi)
4. Corporate Identity No./ Limited Liability Identification No. of Corporate Debtor	U72000DL2007PTC10285
5. Address of the registered office and principal office (if any) of Corporate Debtor	F-1098, Basement, Chitranjan Park, New Delhi-110019
6. Insolvency commencement date in respect of Corporate Debtor	17.01.2019
7. Estimated date of closure of Insolvency Resolution Process	16.07.2019
8. Name and registration number of the Insolvency Professional acting as Interim Resolution Professional	Mr. ANUP KUMAR Regd. No. IBI/PA-02/1P-N00333/2017-18/10911
9. Address and E-mail of the Interim Resolution Professional, as registered with the Board	Ch. No. 734, Lawyers Chamber Block, Western Wing, T5 Hazratpur Court, Delhi-110054 E-mail : Sachinlaxanani@gmail.com
10. Address and E-mail to be used for correspondence with the Resolution Professional	Mr. ANUP KUMAR Ch. No. 734, Lawyers Chamber Block, Western Wing, T5 Hazratpur Court, Delhi-110054 E-mail : up.jlc@gmail.com
11. Last date for submission of claims	02.02.2019
12. Classes of creditors, if any, under class (b) of sub-section (6A) of section 21, ascertained by the Interim Resolution Professional	Allottees under a Real Estate Project under section 5 (B) (f) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016.
13. Names of Insolvency Professionals identified to act as Authorized Representative of Creditors in a class (Three names for each class)	1.Mr. Dinesh Kumar Gupta IBI/PA-01/1P-N00692/2017-18/11590 Adr: B-125 Sector-18, Noida-201301 2.Mr. Prabhakar Singh IBI/PA-02/1P-N00428/2017-18/11239 Adr: 119, C.K. Dargahy Block, Supreme Court of India, T14k Lane, New Delhi-110001 3.Mr. Kunal Agasthi IBI/PA-02/1P-N00692/2017-20/811466 Adr: 407/21, School Road Near Peeragarh Metro Station, New Delhi-110087
14. (a) Relevant Forms and (b) Details of Authorized representatives are available at:	https://www.ibbi.gov.in/downloadform.html

Notice is hereby given that the National Company Law Tribunal has ordered the commencement of Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process of M/s UTC SOFTCH PVT. LTD. on 17.01.2019.

The Creditors of M/s UTC SOFTCH PVT. LTD. are hereby called upon to submit their claims with proof on or before 02.02.2019 to the Interim Resolution Professional at the address mentioned against entry no. 10.

The Financial Creditor shall submit their claims with proof by electronic means only. All other creditors may submit the claims with proof in person, by post or by electronic means.

The Financial Creditor belonging to a class, as listed against the entry no. 12, shall indicate its choice of authorized representative from among the three Insolvency Professionals listed against entry no. 13 to act as authorized representative of the class [Allottees under a Real Estate Project under Section 5 (B) (f) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016] in Form CA.

SUBMISSION OF FALSE OR MISLEADING PROOFS OF CLAIM SHALL ATTRACT PENALTIES.

Place: - New Delhi
Date: - 19-01-2019

Sd/-
ANUP KUMAR
INTERIM RESOLUTION PROFESSIONAL
M/S UTC SOFTCH PVT. LTD.
Regd. No. IBI/PA-02/1P-N00333/2017-18/10911

The Submission of proof of claims should be made in accordance with Chapter IV of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016 (CIRP Regulations). The proof of claim should be submitted by way of the following specified forms in the CIRP Regulations.

FORM B - for claims by Operational Creditors
FORM C - for claims by Financial Creditors
FORM CA - Submission of claim by Financial Creditor in a class.
FORM D - for claims by Workmen and Employees
FORM E - for claims by Authorized Representative of Workmen and Employees
FORM F - for claims by Creditors other than Financial Creditor and Operational Creditors.

In order to get a copy of the form, you may download from the abovementioned website www.ibbi.gov.in <http://www.ibbi.gov.in/downloadform.html> and the CIRP Regulations.

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Notice Inviting e-Tender
(<https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON>)
Tender Notice No: BSSCL 11/18-19

Chief Executive Officer, Bihar Sharif Smart City Limited, Bihar Sharif invites online Bids on two stage system for the following works:

NIT Reference No.	Name of Project/ Work(s)	Approximate Cost of Project in Crore (Without Taxes)	Bid Security / (Earnest Money) (Rs.)	Cost of Document/ Tender Fee (Rs.)
Tender No: BSSCL 11/18-19	REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR SELECTION OF MASTER SYSTEM INTEGRATOR FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF INTEGRATED COMMAND & CONTROL CENTER AND E GOVERNANCE BASED SMART CITY SOLUTION AT BIHARSHARIF	103.61 (Rupees One Hundred Three Crore Sixty one Lakhs only)	2,00,00,000/- (Rupees Two Crore Only)	10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) + Extra Charge (online fee) as per BELTRON web portal

1. Important Dates of RFB as mentioned below:

NIT Reference No.	Availability of Tender on-line for Requesting	Last Date & Time for on-line Submission of Bids	Date & Time of opening of tender	
			Technical Bid	Financial Bid
Tender No: BSSCL 11/18-19	1100 hrs.	12-03-2019 1700 hrs.	13-03-2019 1700 hrs.	19-03-2019 1500 hrs. To be Notified.

2. A Pre-Bid meeting is as mentioned below:

NIT Reference No.	Meeting Schedule	Venue
Tender No: BSSCL 11/18-19	Date: 11-02-2019; Time: 1100 hrs.	Place: 1st Floor, Administrative Building, Bihar Sharif Municipal Corporation, Nalanda, Bihar

3. Last Date and Place for submitting the DD for Bid Security / (Earnest Money), Cost of Document/ Tender Fee (Original Copy) and another documents as per RFP.

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SHORT CIRCUITS



EMRAAN HASHMI

#MeToo is a great movement but there has to be a due process. We just jump the gun and start making accusations. We understand that the accusations have been made but there has to be some kind of process where there is some kind of investigation, so I hope that gets done for the girl.



ANKITA LOKHANDE

I owe every bit of my career and appreciation I have been receiving to my parents, they have been my pillars of strength through all the ups and downs. Every time I was low, they were there to boost my self-esteem. Now I am finally here making my Bollywood debut, I have never seen them happier. I thank them for being the best parents.



VARUN DHAWAN

It's my fourth film with Alia Bhatt. It always feels like it's new. She is amazing in the film. And one thing that she has done great is to run very well, and I'm proud of her. She knows she is my favourite but Shanaya, Kavya, Vaidehi and... wait for it, people are going to be as blown away as I was by her and her performance.



MIKE POSNER

My album is about pain, loss and the joy that comes with it. It's about getting a call that my father has a tumour the size of a tangerine in his forehead. It's about falling in love after his death. It's about having that relationship fall apart and not really knowing why. It's about somehow finding peace through it all.

KANGANA RANAULT

Four historians have certified *Manikarnika*. We have got a censor certificate as well. The Karni Sena has been conveyed this but they are continuing to harass me. If they don't stop, then they should know that I am also a Rajput and I will destroy each one of them.



ENCOUNTER 30 MINUTES

A WINK AND A WONDER

One of the most under-rated actors, ARSHAD WARSI is at equal ease in both comic and serious roles. But it is the box-office window that frames the identity of a true artiste, says SAIMI SATTAR



Dressed in black, actor Arshad Warsi is pacing the expanse where the entire wall is made of glass. He wants to know if there is a place where he can step out or if there is a window pane which can be opened. When the person replies in the negative, he immediately says, "It is such pleasant weather. I would have loved to enjoy the cold," which sounds a little strange coming from a person who is essentially from Mumbai, a place which is not necessarily known for the mercury plummeting. Outside, it is blustery grey, even though it is way past noon. Still he would rather have a breath of fresh air. Rather he would find it despite all the greyness.

But then Arshad is known to take his own road. His latest comedy *Fraud Saiyaan* released yesterday, a genre that has a way of finding the actor. Even though he has been a part of many many comedies, notably *Munnabhai* and the *Golmaal* franchise, each of his characters has quirks that set them apart. He says, "I have been asked that each of my roles looks different compared to those essayed by other actors in comedies. First, I am lucky to get characters which are colourful and have layers even in their behaviour and eccentricities. I simply follow my director. I ask the writer what the character is like and with that information, I add a little bit of me to develop it further. Five different writers write five different characters and if I follow their vision, then I would be playing each one distinctly. Otherwise where is the fun?"

In the same breath, the 50-year-old, who never tires of a good laugh, goes on to add that he would never play a role similar to Circuit, the much-loved sidekick of Munnabhai, again. "I was inundated with similar roles after the film but I did not take any of them up," he specifies.

When one prods him further about what went into his iconic character, he confesses that he had no idea that Circuit would have such a mass appeal. "I didn't expect anything of it. I went to Raju and told him 'why are you making me do this?' It straightaway takes me away from hero, second hero or even sup-

porting cast and categorises me straightaway into a character role." He replied, "It is good for me but it might not be good for you." I did it because I like Raju. I knew it was a good film and would do well. But if I give you the script, you will know why I am saying that I had no hopes for the character," he adds.

In hindsight, he feels fortunate as an actor that a character that he has played despite his better judgment will be remembered for eternity. "It does not happen very often and such roles can actually be counted on your fingers," he says.

Coming to his latest role, he says that he plays an out-and-out bad guy as people like to see such characters on the big screen. "It is inspired by the real life of a person who married several women and was living off them. The writers picked that idea and wrote the script," he says. There were several reasons why Arshad, who says that he is extremely picky about his choices, did this film which could teeter on the edge of misogyny, according to critics. "A comedy film from Prakash Jha was interesting as he does credible stuff. There can be no buffoonery because he does not work like that. I heard the script and liked it. For instance, there is one shot which is also featured in the promo where he is trying to woo a woman in a strange language and manner. If you mute that scene, it seems to be serious but when you put on the volume, it is an utterly ridiculous conversation. It is the language, mentality and sensibility of the person which is funny," he says.

Arshad points out that though he appears to be doing a lot more comedies than serious films, he defies categorisation. "The comedies that I am doing are the ones that are sequels and I am obliged to do these. Truth is that most scripts which are coming to me are terrible. On my way from Mumbai to Delhi, I read five scripts, one more terrible than the other and I got off the plane and rejected all of them," he says.

But with the change and improvement in content, isn't better work coming to him now considering the fact that he has been called one of the most underrated actors by

the likes of Naseeruddin Shah? "The truth is great scripts come from good writers who incidentally have access to big stars, the likes of Shahrukh, Salman and Aamir, so why will they cast me? That is the reality," he says nonchalantly with a shrug. He goes on to add that the last interesting film that he acted in was *Jolly LLB*, which released in 2013.

He believes that the audience is not stupid and can tell a good film apart from a bad one. "They can say this is a good film and that one made a lot of money but was not great," he says but further explains, "All of us want to see a film with stars and stardom won't die. But looking at the trend last year where the big films without content flopped, the stars will have to pick up scripts that are worthy of them being in it."

The audience is a lot more discerning and can pick out the good films from the bad as they are exposed to all kinds of cinema from all over the world. "Even children know what is good and what is bad," he says. He believes that this is the reason that many of the so-called stars are also doing interesting content-driven films. "In a *Dangal* for instance, an Aamir will get into a *dhoti*, go to a village and shoot which is the way it is supposed to be done. Earlier, this would have been called an art film but now the gap is being bridged. There were two kinds of films earlier — commercial and art and that is now merging into content-driven films. But five or 10 years ago, we would have called it an art film. Now everything is on the same level, waiting to be taken by everybody."

The actor is, therefore, working on a web series for giving full play to his creative energies. *Asura*, on Voot, which is a psychological thriller murder mystery and will be out by May. And there is *Total Dhamaal* releasing next month. "I start working on *Pagalpanti* which is Anees Bazmi's film with John, Illeana, Saurabh and Pulkit. It is a silly comedy which people love and which will make a lot of money," he says. Arshad has dabbled in serious films as comfortably but hasn't had a recall though. "I don't have a fear of acting. There are a lot of actors who say *Humse comedy hoti nahin*. I do both happi-

ly without getting stressed. I just listen to the script and I go ahead if I like it. My serious stuff happens on the web and my funny stuff on the big screen. So all is good," he says.

He goes on to add that it takes a lot to get him out of the house and "so it should better be worth it. I do not want to keep going on and on to realise that my whole life has gone without doing anything besides work. My son is 14 and my daughter is 11. In some years they won't need me. But work will keep on happening," says the actor who made his debut with the film *Tere Mere Sapney* in 1996.

Incidentally, it was the *tapori* number, *Ankh Marey*, from this film that was recently featured in *Simmba* starring Ranveer Singh and Sara Ali Khan. He unabashedly admits that he is happy that people like the original better and recalls that his friend Tisca Chopra called him during the screening to tell him that people were clapping, singing and whistling when he came on screen. "They clapped not because I appeared on screen; I think they clapped because I would be gone in 10 seconds," he says, underplaying the moment of glory.

And since no interview can be completed without references to the #MeToo movement, particularly when it concerns one of his favourite directors, Raj Kumar Hirani, he says, "Of course, no predatory behaviour should be tolerated. But it works both ways. Women use their sexuality to get ahead and there are women whose sexuality is abused. Having said that, let me say that such incidents are difficult to assess. I have worked with him (Hirani) in two films. Never was there a hint of anything going wrong. He is such a positive guy. It just hit me really hard," he says.

Of course, he negotiates the question of nepotism rather well. "Let us be honest, if you are a doctor or a builder and help your son become one, then it is acceptable. So why are the same standards not applied to the industry?" he counter questions. But as an outsider, who has a hard time side-stepping cliches to keep himself relevant, he knows what entitlement can do to a fine actor like him.

Photo: Pankaj Kumar

STUDIO CHAT 40 MINUTES

The exhilarating journey of the Winchester brothers continues as *Supernatural* enters its 14th season. Sam (Jared Padalecki) and Dean (Jensen Ackles) have spent their lives on the road, battling every kind of supernatural threat. Over the years, after countless adventures, they have faced vampires, ghosts, demons, shapeshifters, angels and fallen gods — but what will the brothers encounter next?

The prodigal son's story

While the makers are waiting for the ratings game to decide whether to end *Supernatural* or not, writer ANDREW DABB has some surprises. By TEAM VIVA



What is the underlying theme of season 14?
In the previous season, the theme was essentially about bringing the family back together. It was about finding Mary (Samantha Smith) and bringing Jack (Alexander Calvert) into the fold. Now the family is back together, but Dean is missing. He is the rock upon which people have relied since the dawn of the show. What happens when he's gone? How does that affect everyone? If and when he does come back, how does that affect everyone? Season 14, in that sense, is the prodigal son's story.

In the season 13 finale, Dean agreed to become Michael's vessel. Will Dean be Michael in season 14?
No. He will not be Michael the whole season but it's not something that we're going to tie off by the end of episode two. It will take a while.

What challenges did you face while writing Michael's character?
As much as our guys evolve every season, Michael has also changed a little by the end of the previous season. We peeled back the onion. This warlord of apocalypse in the first episode of season 13 was very different from the character at the end of the season. You soon realised that he's actually quite disappointed with how things worked out. He comes to our world with a second chance. In that sense, it's the same character — but presented in a different way.

How much did you enjoy writing for Jensen Ackles?

When you're writing for someone like Jensen, you know that whatever you're writing, he's going to make it better. That's across the board, no matter what it is. When you're writing for Dean, there's a temptation to put jokes in there — but that's much harder to do with Michael. He's not very pop culture-savvy. He's not a laugh riot. He has a mean sense of humour, so there's been a little bit of an adjustment — but anything we give Jensen, he knocks out of the park.

Besides Michael, are there going to be any other 'big bad' characters in season 14?
I think Michael is going to be the big problem. When you've got someone like him on the loose, suddenly the werewolf alpha doesn't seem like too

much of a concern. That will be the focus for everyone.

How does the fact that Michael is on the loose impact the happenings in heaven and hell?
The Michael we saw in *Apocalypse World* had a very crystallised view towards all the different factions. Angels were on his side. There were no rogue angels fighting Michael. Those have been weeded out. Demons were the enemy and they have largely been eliminated. Humans are really the only thorn in his side but they were in the process of being eliminated. When Michael comes to our world, he's got a problem. There are only five angels left in our world, so making an angel army is impossible. The demons are a bit in disarray because Crowley (Mark

Sheppard) is gone and there's really no clear leadership. Humanity is as it always is, which is chaotic and weird. So you've got a Michael who wants a similar thing. He wants a power base. I think there's a question of where that power base is going to come from, because his go-to place, heaven, is really not in position to help him in the way he'd like to be helped.

There are fewer episodes in season 14. Does it point towards the show's end?
There are a lot of shows that have far fewer episodes than we do. There are shows with six, eight and 10 episodes. Most shows now are closer to 13, which include almost every streaming show, so we still have significantly more than everyone else. I think Jared and Jensen want to spend more time with their families, which I think is admirable, but we will change up the storytelling a little to accommodate the shorter run. For us in the writer's room, we have to crank back a little bit on the mythology because we can't do quite as much — but that's not always a bad thing. And then we are going to have to crank back a couple of the standalone mysteries, which again is not always a bad thing. Our hope is to create 20 episodes that are better than the 23 that came before, but there's going to be a different rhythm to the season, which is something we're still trying to figure out.

Do you have any message to the fans to assure them that season 14 isn't the final season of Supernatural?
At this point, I would certainly hope that we would get a really strong heads up if this was our final season. We have not received that, so we're not going into

it thinking this is the last year. You never know. The ratings gods are fickle. But should it happen to be the final season, we have ideas to wrap it up. However, I would be very surprised if this was our last season.

There were some amazingly crazy storylines in season 13, including the Scooby-Doo episode. Will there be anything similar in season 14?
I don't know if we could ever go as crazy as Scooby-Doo again. That episode was 18 months in the making. I think we have some interesting meta things in mind for season 14; some are more on the comedic side and some are more on the heartfelt side, but there's nothing quite as crazy as Scooby-Doo. We think the stuff coming up is pretty cool.

Supernatural will celebrate its 300th episode in season 14. Have you planned anything special for the occasion?
The 100th episode of *Supernatural* was a very conventional episode. There were very few nods that it was anything special at all. For the 200th episode, we went in the exact opposite direction. It was very meta and very fan-based. For the 300th episode, we want to split the difference.

What can you tease about the story of the 300th episode?
A writer named Meredith Glynn came up with the seed of the idea. Sam and Dean live in this bunker. They've lived there for a number of years. This bunker is in a place called Lebanon, Kansas. We've never seen what the people of Lebanon think of Sam and Dean; these two guys that come to the bar, who drive the car through the town and go to the laundromat with their shirts covered in blood. We're going to explore that world. It becomes a story about Sam and Dean but it allows us to make it a bit of a love letter to the show and a love letter to them. It's going to be fun.
(The show airs from January 31 at 10 pm on AXN.)



"Chicks love a vegetarian." A new tongue-in-cheek campaign by animal rights organisation People for Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India, features heartthrob Karik Aaryan. "It only took one video of animals suffering and dying in the meat industry to convince me to go vegetarian. The kindest thing anybody can do for cows, pigs, chickens, and all animals is to stop eating them," the actor said.

WEB WORLD 60 MINUTES

GIRL GANGS AGAIN

Four young actors didn't shy away from revealing their lovable imperfections while navigating the perils of modern life in their path-breaking new show, says AYUSHI SHARMA

Hindi movies of yore would have you believe that it was only men who knew how to have long-term friendships that saw you through the highs and lows of life. So it took a good 18 years after *Dil Chahta Hai* and seven after *Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara* that we finally had *Veere Di Wedding* and an online series *The Trip*, a definitive film on female-bonding where four women didn't shy away from revealing their lovable imperfections while navigating the perils of modern life. And close on its heels follows a series, *Four More Shots Please*, starring, Kirti Kulhari, Sayani Gupta, Bani J, Maanvi Gagroo and Lisa Ray which will be streamed on Amazon Prime from January 25.

The storyline features four friends. Anjana (Kirti) is a single mother who hasn't had sex since the birth of her four-year-old daughter. Damini (Sayani) is a journalist who prefers pleasuring herself to a relationship. Umang (Bani) is bisexual and looking for adventure, while Siddhi (Maanvi) is a virgin whose love life is closely scrutinised by her mother. All these women are also juggling their careers alongside their personal lives.

From the storyline, the series appears to be quite similar in content to *Veere Di Wedding* and *The Trip*. However, Kirti and Maanvi interestingly shared that "we had already finished shooting for the series and the film was released much later. When the first look of the film came we were like oh my god, it's so similar to our show, what do we do now. But trust us, besides the fact that there are four sassy, funny and glamorous girls, our show is completely different. It also packs an emotional punch which tugs at your heart when you least expect it."

Kirti insisted, "I don't understand same *kya hota hai?* There are just four girls and the similarity ends then and there itself."

Maanvi further added to Kirti's point, "Haven't you seen *Dil Chahta Hai* and *Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara?* Both had three men but were poles apart, right?"

They explained that a story is not a situation but rather it is a view of what



the director brings out from the characters. Though the structure might be similar to *Veere Di Wedding*, or *The Trip* but how the characters are treated, portrayed and executed is different.

In this series the characters are very distinct from each other without being perfect. Rather they celebrated their flaws and were even aspirational.

Sayani agreed that comparisons are

bound to happen because a lot of time people watch a film and say, "this movie reminds me of that film. It's a natural process, to get associations."

Having said that she explained why they ended up saying yes to this one was because they had not seen or heard anything of this sort before.

Sayani's somebody who does not like to overtly publicise her political views but prefers to let her work represent the ide-

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ology she believes in. Her character Damini is extremely advanced, detailed and complex. She says, "I have done a lot of female-centric work but it's the kind of role that any actor would like to sink her teeth into," she said.

Recently, there were reports that the centre is planning censorship on the digital medium as well. Bani and Sayani stand completely against any kind of censorship.

Sayani believes that in art there cannot be any kind of censorship because it's an expression of the artist. If you want to tell your story in the way you want to, go ahead and do it. But if somebody else is making a film who are you to object to it? She said, "Online platforms also have +13 and +18 certification, which is great. By that, one gets to know which show comes under what category. But watching a show depends on personal conscience and interests. I think nobody can tell you how to make your art. I love the criteria of self-censoring, it's brilliant."

On the other hand, Bani feels the same, she said, "With great freedom comes great responsibility. I might understand why there's a need to put censorship on digital medium, but it's the responsibility of the makers, the writers and the audience as well. Just be a little more in charge of the projects you choose and how you execute them. Be sensitive to the fact that we are still living in a third world country where there are some very conservative people. At the same time, we also have a large population of youth and we need to cater to them in a responsible fashion."

Photo: Pankaj Kumar

MUSIC MAKER 25 MINUTES



The fire within

British-Indian singer-songwriter SHAHIN BADAR's new single *Jaag* celebrates womanhood and liberation. By CHAHAK MITTAL

Music is an indirect medium of communicating ideas that need attention. As feminism increasingly crawls into lyrics of songs, one such is UK-based British-Indian singer-songwriter Shahin Badar's newest single, *Jaag*.

For her, the song signifies the strength of womanhood. She says, "With disrespect on the rise, every woman needs a brother in society who acknowledges her strength and beauty." It astutely studies power equations and admonishes a misogynistic society. The term, that means to 'wake up' or 'rise', in Hindi, celebrates women empowerment and encompasses the themes of "liberation and self-love." Shahin explains that it brings to the fore the idea of waking up and recognising self-beauty, love and freedom from the negative remarks of the society against women.

Through her experiences and conversations, she realised, that because of all the socio-economic changes there has been a lot of manipulation. "Lines were crossed and many things shouldn't have been tolerated. There is also a need for spirituality and humility among both men and women so that each of us can rise above the afflictions caused by negative forces," she says.

The singer says that she has mostly worked on songs which were sent to her by music production companies. However, she penned *Jaag* keeping in mind the idea of womanhood and respect.

The versatile award-winning singer has collaborated with a number of Indian and internationally-acclaimed music composers, exploring global music genres like EDM, Pop, Trance, House, Sufi, as well as the Indian music scene.

She says that she was enriched by Arabic music as she grew up in Kuwait. "However," she says, "In UK, I got connected to an environment where there was different kinds of dance and music. I met people who opened the doors of music and production for me. Since then, I started exploring various genres and collaborating with many UK-based artists." And combining them led to the creation of sounds that could be termed "eclectic."

The singer says that she didn't wish to be "generalised" or even "confined" to one thing. Hence, "I decided to put all my ideas to paper and then record it."

For someone, who has never had direct encounters with the culture of India, developing an interest in the country's music is intriguing. Shahin attributes it to her teacher and *ghazal* writer mother, who she is a huge source of inspiration. She was officially known to be the 'second Lata Mangeshkar' in her town in Gujarat. "And she used to sing the Indian National Anthem in the state on All India Radio (AIR). However, her conservative family never let her pursue her dream of becoming a musician." With such a background it is not surprising that she was drawn towards Hindustani classical music which expanded her vision further.

In fact Shahin's teenage years prominently featured Indian music that was "usually played all day long in the house and I would always sing along with my mother. She helped me to sing better. There were social gatherings especially to celebrate music where I would meet producers and composers."

It was in 2004 when *Dol Dol* from *Aayutha Ezhuthu* had released and everyone noticed the singer's collaboration with composer AR Rahman. Shahin says that it was "a dream come true. I was very honoured to have worked with him."

The multiple awards-winning artist says that the most important thing is the person behind that award who shows respect and humility towards one's work and voice. She says, "I find it very intriguing. Winning awards has been the most uplifting part of my career. It makes a person reach out to the soul so that ideas and enthusiasm just come naturally."

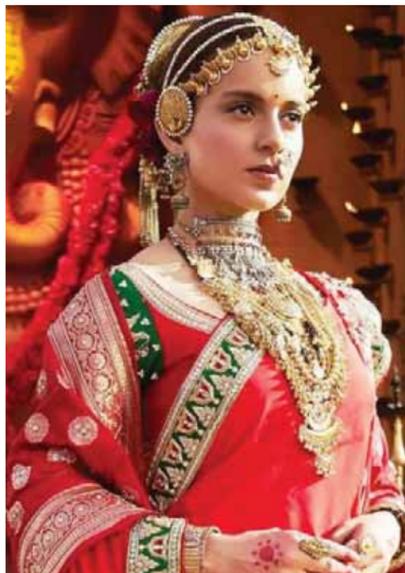
Among all the other music genres, she has loved the Indian music scene the most. She says, "I feel it gives you the freedom of expression."

However, she opposes certain trends that the Indian music industry and even the audience are adopting these days. "Many music composers in India say that people today wanted to hear tracks that are similar to the other hit songs. And that is why you see the rise of the remakes. It was very disheartening. Hence, I would say that the industry is yet to evolve. This is just ignorance. Old songs are anyway a hit, they don't need remakes to be retold," she says, as she signs off.

FASHION LOG 60 MINUTES

Queen's necklace

A Jaipur-based group has been roped in to design the jewellery for *Manikarnika, The Queen of Jhansi* which combines the flora and fauna found in Maratha region



has been handcrafted to achieve the preciseness and quality that the film had demanded," said he.

As per the designers, the film's script was decoded to create jewellery that "elevates the visual journey for the viewer and lends credibility to the characters."

It took around 1.5 years and 30 *karigars* (craftsmen) to create an expansive collection of 955 pieces in approximately 700 different styles. From royal *sarpechs*, delicate hair and nose pins to extravagant head ornaments, the jewellery was handcrafted in gold-plated silver and studded with semi-precious and precious stones.

"Our designers and artisans have worked tirelessly for over a year to achieve the desired aesthetics that the script demanded," said Rajiv Arora and Rajesh Ajmera, co-founders.

The price of the ornaments range from ₹2,000 to ₹40,000.

Along with Kangana, the rest of the film's cast will also be seen wearing the jewellery.



The trend of using a particular jeweller's ornaments in Bollywood films isn't new. Any film that showcases the rich Indian legacy and heritage, has to begin with antique ornaments. It's something that the ancient rulers had cherished the most. Films like *Jodha Akbar*, *Baahubali*, *Padmaavat*, *Bajirao Mastani* are a few examples.

Well, with film — *Manikarnika, The Queen of Jhansi* — a yet another jeweller has come to fore. Amrapali Jaipur is the official designer for all the jewellery that the characters in the Kangana Ranaut-starrer wear.

Tarang Arora, creative director, says that the pieces derive inspiration from the Maratha grandeur and the 19th century. He said, "According to the briefs given by the costume designer Neeta Lulla and production house about the look, we have developed motifs which are a combination of the flora and fauna found in Maratha region as well as Jhansi."

He said that the entire collection has been specially made to create the fierce, dual persona of the fearless warrior and queen, Rani Laxmi Bai. "Each piece

SHARAPOVA SENDS WOZNIACKI PACKING

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Maria Sharapova stunned defending champion Caroline Wozniacki to sweep into the Australian Open last 16 on Friday and join ice men Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer, who clinically disposed of their opponents.

The Russian five-time Grand Slam winner, who has struggled since returning from a drugs ban in 2017, was at full throttle in ending the Dane's dream of a second major title.

Sharapova won 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 with the roof closed on Rod Laver Arena and will next play in-form local hope Ashleigh Barty, who bounced Greece's Maria Sakkari, for a berth in the quarter-finals.

"I thought the level was quite high. I knew it would be a tough match," said the 2008 champion, who has been in sizzling form at the tournament as she chases her first Slam title since Roland Garros in 2014.

"These types of matches are what I train for and it was really rewarding to win that last point," added the 30th seed.

Second seed Nadal called young Australian Alex de Minaur "one of the best in the world" ahead of their evening clash, then proceeded to hand him a tennis lesson, dismantling the teenager 6-1, 6-2, 6-4.

"I hit a good serve and played a solid game," said the 2009 champion who is searching for an 18th Grand Slam title.

He paid tribute to De Minaur, who saved six match points. "He's a big fighter and super quick. Alex has an amazing future."

Nadal's reward is a meeting with Tomas Berdych, who rallied



Maria Sharapova celebrates a point win over Caroline Wozniacki during their third round match at the Australian Open championship in Melbourne

to beat Argentine 18th seed Diego Schwartzman 5-7, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4.

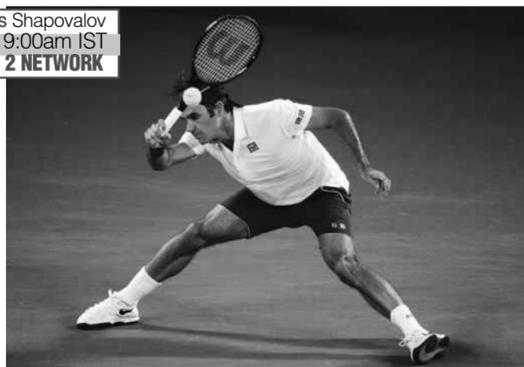
The Czech veteran reached the semi-finals in 2014 and 2015 but is unseeded this year as he returns from a back injury that almost forced his retirement last year.

Swiss great Federer was also on fire in taming big-serving American Taylor Fritz 6-2, 7-5, 6-2 to stay on track for a third successive title at Melbourne Park and a 21st Grand Slam crown.

On a rain-affected day that



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become the first man ever to claim seven or more crowns at two Slams, having already won eight Wimbledon.

Next up for him is fiery Greek 14th seed Stefanos Tsitsipas, who beat Georgia's 19th seed Nikoloz Basilashvili 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (9/7), 6-4.

The man who lost to Federer in the final last year, Marin Cilic, battled back from two sets down, surviving two match points to beat Spain's Fernando Verdasco in a 4hr 18min epic.

'MY BRAND OF TENNIS'

Barty beat Greece's Sakkari 7-5, 6-1, with the 15th seed yet to drop a set in her best performance at Melbourne Park.

She has won seven of eight matches this month to back up a title victory in Zhuhai late last year to shape up as a dangerous oppo-

nent for Sharapova.

"It's getting to the point now where I'm feeling more and more comfortable on the court and can play my brand of tennis, which when I execute I know it works against the best in the world," said a confident Barty.

No Australian woman has won the season-opening Grand Slam at Melbourne Park since Christine O'Neill in 1978.

Germany's second seed Angelique Kerber, the 2016 title winner, steamrolled Australian youngster Kimberley Birrell 6-1, 6-0 as the Wimbledon champions continued her under-the-radar progress.

Meanwhile, unseeded American Amanda Anisimova continued her dream run, ousting 11th seed Aryna Sabalenka in straight sets. The 17-year-old will play eighth seed Petra Kvitova for a place in the quarter-finals.

Russia's Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova also advanced, crushing Aliaksandra Sasnovich for a showdown with fifth seed Sloane Stephens.

Saina tames Okuhara; Srikanth exits

PTI ■ KUALA LUMPUR

Saina Nehwal scripted a hard-fought straight-game win over former world champion Nozomi Okuhara of Japan to enter the women's singles semifinals but a fighting Kidambi Srikanth crashed out of the \$ 350,000 Malaysia Masters on Friday.

Seventh seeded Saina, who

had a 8-4 head-to-head record against Okuhara before Friday, fought back from 9-15 and 14-18 down in the two games to extend her dominance over the second-seeded Japanese with a 21-18, 23-21 win in a 48-minute quarterfinals at the Axiata Arena.

"Again a great match with @nozomi_011... Nice to b on the winning side ..21-18 , 23-21



Saina Nehwal reacts after winning quarterfinal match against Okuhara

#quarterfinals #malaysiamasterssuper500," tweeted Saina after the match.

The 28-year-old from Hyderabad, who had won the title in 2017 and was a runners-up in the 2011 edition, will face a tough test when she faces three-time world champion Carolina Marin of Spain on Saturday.

Saina has defeated Marin five times and has lost to the Spaniard as many times in the last 10 meetings.

However, Srikanth squandered a one-game advantage to go down 23-21, 16-21, 17-21 to fourth seed Korean Son Wan Ho in the men's singles quarterfinals that lasted an hour and 12 minutes.

The women's singles match started on an even keel as both Saina and Okuhara fought hard, moving together till 9-9. Okuhara registered six straight points to create a huge gap but Saina showed her mettle as she slowly erased the deficit and grabbed a 17-16 lead at one stage.

Okuhara made it 17-17 before Saina closed out the opening game by grabbing the remaining points. The Indian was 4-2 up early on in the second game but Okuhara jumped to a 8-5 lead before Saina wrested a 11-9 advantage at the break.

After the interval, Saina led till 14-12 but Okuhara reeled off six points to take a comfortable 18-14 lead. But Saina again slowly started dominating the rallies and clawed her way back to 19-19.

Okuhara then squandered two game points before Saina converted the first match point that came her way to secure the semifinal berth.

Srikanth, who was on an unbeaten run at the recently-concluded Premier Badminton League, had recovered from a 4-11 deficit to pocket the first game but he couldn't breach a 4-9 gap in the second game to allow Son to take the game into the decider.

The seventh seeded Indian then wasted a 5-1 advantage in the third game to allow Son march ahead after leading 11-10 at the break.

Dembele nets brace in Barca's win

AFP ■ BARCELONA

Barcelona overturned a first leg defeat to beat Levante in the Copa del Rey but could yet be thrown out of the competition after being accused of fielding an ineligible player.

Barca won 3-0 at the Camp Nou on Thursday, with Lionel Messi setting up two Ousmane Dembele goals and then scoring himself to seal a 4-2 victory on aggregate.

Their place in the quarter-finals, however, is under threat after Levante president Francisco Javier Catalan confirmed shortly before kick-off that the club would lodge a complaint to the Spanish Football Federation on Friday.

Levante claim Barcelona defender Juan Brandariz 'Chumi' played illegally in the first leg as he should have been serving a suspension. Chumi was banned after he received a yellow card playing for Barcelona's B team in the Segunda B division.

Barcelona, however, insist a change in the rules in November means the suspension does not carry over into the Copa del Rey.

Levante may feel precedent is on their side after Real Madrid were disqualified from the Copa del Rey in 2015 for fielding Denis Cheryshev, despite the player being suspended.

Madrid had overlooked Cheryshev receiving three yellow cards while playing for Villarreal in



Lionel Messi, centre, reacts after missing a chance during a Spanish Copa del Rey match between FC Barcelona and Levante at the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona

the competition the previous season. Messi started, along with fellow regulars like Jordi Alba, Clement Lenglet, Ivan Rakitic and Arthur. Luis Suarez, Gerard Pique, Sergio Busquets and Marc Andre Ter Stegen all began on the bench.

Barcelona were dominant from the outset, as a curling Messi free-kick was pushed wide and Philippe Coutinho, excellent again, shot over.

Messi and Arturo Vidal both went close and finally in the 30th minute, Dembele made the breakthrough, latching onto Messi's pass before bundling the ball into the net. A minute later, the Frenchman found a second. Coutinho found Messi on the break and he slipped free the sprinting Dembele, who ran round Aitor Fernandez and scuffed the ball home off the goalkeeper's outstretched leg.

Levante were still only a goal away from extra-time but Messi ended any hopes of a comeback. Dembele freed Nelson Semedo down the right and he found the Argentinian in the middle. A chipped finish was all it needed.

EAST BENGAL SECURE 1-0 WIN AGAINST ARROWS

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Jamie Santos Colado strike in the second half helped East Bengal beat Indian Arrows 1-0 to jump to the second place in the I-League here on Friday.

Santos scored the all-important goal in the 48th minute at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Kriangan.

The Kolkata giants now have 22 points -- five shy of leaders Chennai City FC -- from 12 matches.

The Arrows remain at eighth position with 13 points after an equal number of games.

East Bengal's Spanish coach Alejandro Garcia made two changes to the starting eleven from their previous game against Chennai. Regular Lalrindika Ralte was suspended and Kamalpreet got a start while Samad Ali Mallick sat on the bench as Lalram Chullova came back in after suspension.

The Arrows coach Floyd Pinto fielded an unchanged side from their 3-0 victory against Shillong Lajong in their previous game.

It was Santos who had the first shot at goal in the 12th minute when he latched onto a second ball but his attempt was off target.

He then fed Joby Justin from the right flank but the striker's header was well collected by Prabhsukhan Gill at the Arrows goal. The closest East Bengal came to scoring in the first half was when Frenchman Kassim Aidara's scorcher from 20-25 yards out off a loose ball hit the right upright and came back.

The winning goal came just three minutes into the second half. Joby latched on to a ball on the right flank, just a minute after he had attempted another wonderful cross from the same position, but this time cut the ball back into the box instead of driving it across.

The ball seemed to have been intercepted by the Arrows defence, but they fumbled and Santos, lurking around, pounced on the opening and blasted it into the net.

The Arrows then had a couple of chances but KP Rahul's shot hit the side-netting in the 81st minute.

In the 84th, Joby Floyd Pinto fielded an unchanged side again found Santos with a cross after darting inside the box but the Spaniard could not connect it.

Defender Borja Gomez was adjudged Hero of the Match and left-back Manoj Mohammad saw red in injury time as the game drew to a fiery close.



Lukaku on outside looking in new-look Man Utd

AFP ■ MANCHESTER

Romelu Lukaku's Manchester United future is in the spotlight as Ole Gunnar Solskjaer plots to maintain his 100 percent winning record against Brighton on Saturday.

Solskjaer is the first manager in the club's history to begin his career with six straight victories and the feel-good factor is back at Old Trafford after a miserable spell under Jose Mourinho.

A former super-sub himself, Solskjaer warned his players when he took over from Mourinho that some would have to take the opportunities given to them from the bench, and Belgium striker Lukaku has been one of the losers from the switch in tactics and positive vibes that have arrived under the Norwegian interim boss.

Mourinho stood loyally by the 25-year-old despite a drop in form and productivity during a season that eventually cost the manager his job.

Solskjaer's own decision about the forward positions was made for him when he took over at Old Trafford before Christmas, with Lukaku on leave from the club for personal reasons.

That meant the

Norwegian was able to

play with a more dynamic, versatile and speedy forward line for his debut game at Cardiff, and he has not looked back since that 5-1 victory.

Marcus Rashford has been the main beneficiary, starting all five league games under Solskjaer and scoring four goals while operating as the focal point of the United attack.

Behind him, Anthony Martial and Jesse Lingard have also made telling contributions, with French international Martial, in particular, appearing to benefit from an end to his fraught relationship with Mourinho.

As part of that tactical reshuffle, Solskjaer has also been able to get more out of Martial's compatriot Paul Pogba by pushing him into a more advanced midfield position. It has left a question mark over Lukaku's role in this new attacking set-up.

SUBSTITUTE ROLE

Lukaku has played just 64 league minutes since Solskjaer's arrival, although the striker has managed to score twice in that time and bag a goal in his only start to date under the Norwegian, the 2-0 FA Cup win over

Reading.

Lukaku has been making his mark as an impact substitute but that is not the usual role of a player bought for 75 million pounds (\$97 million), plus add-ons.

Alexis Sanchez will also present Solskjaer with an issue when he is finally fully fit from hamstring troubles that have limited him to just one start in the past two months. Chilean Sanchez is unavailable for Saturday's visit of Brighton alongside defenders Chris Smalling and Marcos Rojo.

The 30-year-old was sidelined when Solskjaer took over but played his way back to fitness, playing 27 minutes in the 2-0 win at Newcastle at the start of the month.

A recurrence of his hamstring injury, in the win over Reading a few days later, once again sent him to the treatment room, although he could be back for United's visit his former club Arsenal in the next round of the cup.

Despite his recent lack of playing time, Sanchez would appear to be a better fit for Solskjaer's preferred style of play than Lukaku, with his versatility and mobility meaning he can fill a variety of attacking roles.

FABREGAS BRACED FOR HOME DEBUT

AFP ■ MONACO

Cesc Fabregas is set for his home debut as a Monaco player, while Paris Saint-Germain look for revenge against their recent Cup conquerors Guingamp in Ligue 1 on Saturday.

Cesc Fabregas got his first taste of the unusual experience of a matchday in Monaco in midweek, but the Spain star had to watch from the stands as Thierry Henry's side drew 1-1 with Nice, coached by another former Arsenal star in Patrick Vieira.

Signed from Chelsea last week, Fabregas impressed on his debut in a 1-1 draw at Marseille, but the 31-year-old was ineligible against Nice, a match that was originally due to be played in December before being postponed.

Just hours after admitting to journalists it had been a decision to leave the Premier League, Fabregas sat next to fellow new signings Naldo, Fode Ballo-Toure and William Vainqueur to watch the Cote d'Azur derby.

Now the new signings are available again as Monaco host Strasbourg still searching for a first home win of the season as the relegation-threatened side look to climb the table.

"With the new signings we are going to do some interesting things in the weeks ahead. I am convinced of that," said



Monaco's French World Cup-winning full-back Djibril Sidibe.

On Saturday, PSG -- still unbeaten in Ligue 1 this season and 13 points clear atop the table -- host bottom-of-the-table Guingamp with revenge on their minds. Guingamp visited the Parc des Princes just last week and won 2-1 in a League Cup quarter-final, inflicting a first domestic Cup defeat on Paris in five years.

Meanwhile the derby between Saint-Etienne and Lyon is the most anticipated in the French game, and can be one of the most fiery anywhere in Europe.

Les Verts are still unbeaten at home this season and lie third in the table, two points better off than Lyon, who needed a late Nabil Fekir free-kick to draw in Toulouse in midweek.

INDIA FINISH OFF IN STYLE

Chahal clinches career best 6/42 before Dhoni and Jadhav star with bat to help India win maiden bilateral ODI series in Aus



Dhoni said: "It was a slow wicket, so it was difficult to hit whenever you wanted to. No point going after the bowlers who were bowling well, so we wanted to take it deep and that was the plan."

"Of course supported brilliantly by Kedar, who plays unorthodox shots. He did a great job in executing."

India captain Virat Kohli praised the team for the win.

"It wasn't a great wicket to bat on, so we had to take it deep, but they were professional in getting the job done," he said.

"Kedar with bat and ball is always handy. Kuldeep had played a few games, so you don't want to make things too predictable. So we brought on Yuzvendra Chahal, and he played beautifully."

It is the first time India remained unbeaten on Australian soil in all three formats and Kohli said it augurs well for the upcoming World Cup.

"It's been an amazing tour for us. We drew the T20 series, won the Test and the ODI series. We are feeling confident and balanced as a side with the World Cup in mind," he said.

Playing his first match in the series, Chahal sizzled with a maiden six-wicket haul to be adjudged the Man of the Match.

Meanwhile, Australian captain Aaron Finch said: "We took it down to the wire. Our batting in the first couple of games was very good. Maybe we should have set our targets lower on those sort of pitches."

"When you give great players a couple of chances, it's always tough... We did put down chances, but the boys gave it their all. Their batting in the first couple of games was very good."

'Dhoni is a superstar and all-time great'

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

Australian coach Justin Langer paid tribute to Mahendra Singh Dhoni as a superstar and an all-time great of the game after the veteran wicketkeeper-batsman produced a master class run-chase in India's ODI series clinching win.

Langer was amazed by Dhoni's fitness at the age of 37 and said that playing against him has been a rich learning experience for his young side.

"He (Dhoni) is 37 years old. His running between the wickets is elite, and his fitness is elite. For him to run between the wickets for three days in a row, it was 40 degrees the other day, and play like that, he is a superstar of the game and that's what Australians should be aspiring to — superstars of the game," Langer said at the post-match press conference.

"MS Dhoni, like Virat Kohli, like Cheteshwar Pujara in the Test series, they give us really great role models. MS Dhoni, his record, everything speaks for itself as a captain, batsman, wicketkeeper. He is literally an all-time great of the game and it has been, as hard as it is to lose, a privilege to play against those guys."

Dhoni was dropped twice — when on 0 and 74 — and Langer said that cost his side the match. He also said that Dhoni gave his young side a batting tutorial on how to go about in such a run chase.

"You drop MS Dhoni a couple of times and you don't win. You don't give great players chances. We did that tonight. We get down the 49th over and MS is there again. It was a great lesson for our squad. We talk about match winners, getting the job done — he showed us again. It is a great tutorial for our batters," he added.

"If MS Dhoni can come out and run between wickets like that after keeping wickets for 50 overs, that is the level the whole world should be aspiring to. I would be amazed if they (Australian players) don't learn from playing against those guys. For a young squad, there is no better lesson and learning to rub shoulders with great players. I'm glad we have had the experience," he said.

Dhoni copped a lot of criticism from all quarters for his slow strike-rate at the start of the series, but has sounded back with three half-centuries in three matches to be adjudged Man of the Series.

Mahi's caliber can't be replaced: Shastri

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

Ravi Shastri has seen Sachin Tendulkar get 'angry at times' but not Mahendra Singh Dhoni, "a once in 40 years player" who will be very difficult to replace once he bids adieu to the game, according to India's head coach.

The 37-year-old Dhoni showed glimpses of his golden days by anchoring India to a series win with unbeaten knocks of 55 and 87.

"He is a legend. He will go down as one of our great cricketers. I have never seen an individual so sound. I have seen Sachin at times get angry. Not this man," Shastri told the 'Daily Telegraph'.

Shastri made it clear that a player of Dhoni's calibre can't be replaced.

"You can't. Such players only come once in 30 or 40 years. That is what I tell Indians. Enjoy while it lasts."



When he goes you will see a void that will be very hard to fill," he said.

The coach is hopeful that Rishabh Pant would live up to the hype surrounding him but insisted that Dhoni is something else.

When former England captain Michael Vaughan asked if Pant could be Dhoni in the next 20 years, Shastri replied: "I would love to. He has the talent. His hero is MS. Every day he is on the phone to MS. I think during the Test series he must have spoken more to MS than anyone else."

BEST AVERAGE IN SUCCESSFUL RUN-CHASES

(min 1000 runs)	Batsman	Country	I	Runs	AVG	100
	MS Dhoni	IND	73	2783	103.07	2
	Virat Kohli	IND	78	4899	97.98	21
	Michael Bevan	AUS	45	1725	86.35	3
	AB de Villiers	SA	59	2566	82.77	5
	Joe Root	ENG	34	1556	77.80	4
	Michael Clarke	AUS	53	2142	73.86	3

Faisal Features

DHONI'S UNBEATEN 87 OFF 114 BALLS WAS A TESTIMONY TO HIS HIGH QUALITY MATCH AWARENESS AS THE STREET-SMART KEDAR JADHAV (61 NO, 57 BALLS) DONNED THE ROLE OF A FINISHER

Batting at number four, Dhoni, who generally bats at number six, anchored India's chase with a 114-ball 87 not out which was studded with six boundaries.

"I am happy to bat at any number. The important thing is where the team needs me," said Dhoni, when asked where he wants to bat.

"Whether I play at 4 or 6, we need to see if the team balance can be retained. I'm happy to bat lower down at 6. I can't say I can't bat at No 6 after playing 14 years," he said after the match.

Dhoni and Kedar Jadhav shared a 121-run partnership for the unconquered fourth wicket while chasing a tricky target of 231.

Asked what the game plan was,

INDIA'S BEST BOWLING AGAINST AUS IN ODIs

Figures	Bowler	Venue	Year	Result
6-27	Murali Kartik	Mumbai	2007	Won
6-42	Ajit Agarkar	Melbourne	2004	Lost
6-42	Yuzvendra Chahal	Melbourne	2019	Won
5-15	Ravi Shastri	Perth	1991	Won
5-32	Sachin Tendulkar	Kochi	1998	Won
5-43	Kapil Dev	Nottingham	1983	Lost

Faisal Features

No 4 spot need to solidified: Kohli

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

India captain Virat Kohli on Friday said the number four slot in the batting line-up is still to be "solidified", months after he backed Ambati Rayudu for the position till this year's World Cup.

The skipper said that there has been a lot of experimentation at number four, and while the batting line-up at Adelaide, where Rayudu batted at four, was an ideal one, they would like to keep things mixed up until someone assumed responsibility at number four.

"If you look at that last game, Ambati Rayudu batted at four, Dhoni at five and Dinesh Karthik at six. Because we brought in Vijay Shankar and Kedar Jadhav, we didn't want Karthik to change his spot because he is doing a good job," he said after the third and final ODI of a historic tour of Australia.

Rayudu was backed for the position by Kohli during the home series against West Indies last year.

"...The middle order we saw in Adelaide is pretty much the most balanced if you look at it. The number four position, again, has been a sort of an area which we want solidified," he said.

"But because of the combinations we want to play, sometimes you have to make those changes. Anyone who



Ambati Rayudu reacts during practice session

at four will have to take the responsibility for the World Cup, whoever it might be. That person will have to take responsibility at number four," he added.

The skipper credited the victory to Yuzvendra Chahal, who picked up the best figures for an Indian spinner on Australia soil and restricted the hosts to a low total.

"...Taking six wickets at the MCG is no small feat for a spinner. He is very intelligent bowler and he gets us those breakthroughs. He and Kuldeep are definitely a force to be reckoned with. When they play together, it is our most potent spin attack..." he added.

'No one is more committed to Indian cricket than Dhoni'

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

No one is more committed to Indian cricket than Mahendra Singh Dhoni and batting at number five is the ideal spot for him, said Virat Kohli in stout defense of the former captain.

Dhoni faced criticism for slow batting in the ODI series-opener in Sydney before redeeming his pride and reputation with match-winning contributions in the Adelaide and Melbourne ODIs.

Acknowledging Dhoni's contribution in the historic series-triumph in Australia, Kohli defended the former captain, saying he should be allowed breathing space.

"I think firstly as a team we are very happy for Dhoni. That he is amongst the runs, because it is very important to get runs under your belt to get that rhythm and get that confidence back. Especially when you have not been playing so much international cricket," said the India captain at the post-match press conference.

"Many things happen on the outside. People say a lot of things but as an individual we



Virat Kohli, right, celebrates scoring a century against Australia with teammate Mahendra Singh Dhoni during the second ODI

know that there is no one more committed to Indian cricket than Dhoni and people should let him have his space because he has contributed so much for the nation.

"They should let him figure out things on his own and what he needs to do. He is one of the most intelligent cricketers and he is not someone who is not aware about what needs to be done. As a team we are totally in sync with what he is doing and we are all very happy for him," said Kohli.

The skipper also reckons that the just-concluded Australia series has proved that number five is the most logical spot for Dhoni.

"Dhoni batted at number four in 2016 for a while. But after that he has been pretty happy playing at five and six for the team. We felt that number five was the ideal position for him. And if you saw him bat at Adelaide as well he was pretty comfortable in that position because that allows him to do a bit of both — get some game time as well as finish games off, attacking as and when required," Kohli said.

Karnataka knock out Rajasthan, enter Ranji semifinals

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Captain Manish Pandey and Karun Nair cracked brilliant half centuries as Karnataka registered a comprehensive six-wicket win over Rajasthan to storm into the semifinals of Ranji Trophy on Friday.

Pandey (87) and Nair (61) shared an unbeaten 129-run partnership for the fifth wicket in just 24.5 overs on the fourth and final day to help Karnataka chase down a tricky 184-run victory target.

Karnataka will now meet either Saurashtra or Uttar Pradesh in the semifinals. Rajasthan had scored 224 in their first innings, riding on fifties by skipper Mahipal Lomrov (50) and Rajesh Bishnoi (79).

In reply, Karnataka put on 263 all out before returning to bundle out Rajasthan for 222 in their second innings, thus setting themselves a 184-run target.

Karnataka were 45 for 3 in 18 overs at stumps after day 3.

Starting the final day needing 139 runs to win with seven wickets in hand, the hosts lost nightwatchman Ronit More early in the morning which forced Pandey to walk into the middle.

Pandey spent some time on the wicket, before taking on the formidable Rajasthan bowling lineup.

He unleashed an array of delightful shots, cobbling up a match-winning knock in 75 balls, which was embellished with 14 boundaries and two sixes.

Pandey chased down the remaining 14 runs in five balls as Karnataka players started to celebrate the fantastic win in the dressing room.

Nair gave an able support to Pandey, who remained unbeaten on 61, a knock decorated with six boundaries off 129 balls.

Though Pandey hogged the limelight on fourth day, Vinay Kumar's unbeaten 83 in first innings was an equally important innings as it forced Rajasthan to concede lead for first time this season.

Vinay also bagged two wickets in



Rajasthan's first innings to bag the Man of the Match.

Brief scores: Karnataka first and second innings: 263 all out in 87.4 overs and 185 for 4 in 47.5 overs (Manish Pandey 87 not out, Karun Nair 61 not out (Aniket Choudhary 2/32)

Rajasthan first and second innings: 224 in 77.1 overs and 222 all out in 67.2 overs (Robin Bist 44, Mahipal Lomrov 42; Krishnappa Gowtham 4/54, Shreyas Gopal 3/52, Abimanyu Mithun 2/26).

VIDARBHA IN CONTROL

NAGPUR: Reigning champions Vidarbha were in complete control of their quarter-final against Uttarakhnad after taking a huge 274-run first innings lead and then striking big blows later on the fourth day of the game.

At stumps, Uttarakhnad were struggling for survival at 152 for 5 in their second essay with India pacer Umesh Yadav having grabbed three of those wickets in

a fiery exhibition of fast bowling.

The visitors were adrift by 122 runs with five wickets in hand and would need to bat out of their skin to force a draw which will, however, be enough for Vidarbha to enter the semis.

Earlier, resuming at their overnight score of 559/6, Vidarbha added 70 runs to their tally before their innings ended with a massive tally of 629.

After Wasim Jaffer (206) and opener Sanjay Ramaswamy (141), Aditya Sarwate became the third centurion for the hosts when he made 102 in 185 balls, striking 11 fours, after resuming at his overnight score of 67.

Batting for the second time, openers Vineet Saxena (27) and Karnaveer Kaushal (76) gave the visitors a steady start by putting up 72 for the first wicket.

But Yadav trapped Saxena in front to end the partnership and Vidarbha bowlers came on top.

One-down Vaibhav Bhatt (0) became Yadav's second victim, while Kaushal was cleaned up by slow-left arm orthodox bowler Sarvate as Uttarakhnad were reduced to 3 for 152.

Avneesh Sudha, who hit a valiant 91 in the first essay, could not repeat the feat and fell for 28 and then Vidarbha took another wicket at the far end to reduce the Ranji debutant to 152 for 5.

When stumps were drawn, first innings centurion Saurabh Rawat (0 not out) was at the crease.

While in the other quarterfinal game in Lucknow, Saurashtra need 177 runs on the final day to reach last four against Uttar Pradesh.

Chasing 372 to win, Saurashtra is batting at 195 for two wickets in 67 overs. **Brief scores:** Uttarakhnad 355 and 152 for 5 (Karnaveer Kaushal 76, Avneesh Sudha 28; Umesh Yadav 3-22) versus Vidarbha 629 (Wasim Jaffer 206, Sanjay Ramaswamy 141, Aditya Sarvate 102; D K Sharma 3-101).