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## Economic Survey projects State on high growth rate

GSDP estimated to grow at 6.8% in FY 2018-19, inflation rate to remain at 3%

PRANAV PRATYUSH ■ RANCHI

The Jharkhand Economic Survey laid out by the Government in the State Legislative Assembly on Monday portrayed a dynamic picture of the State's economy mentioning that Jharkhand is on the track of achieving high growth rate with several economic indicators of development showing commendable progress.

The survey says that after the drought of 2015-16 the State economy was witnessing the phase of high growth rate. The Average Annual Growth Rate (AAGR) for the last three years (2016 to 2018) has been 8.2 per cent. While the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) growth rate in the year 2017-18 remained 6.7 per cent, it is estimated to grow at 6.8 per cent in the financial year 2018-19. Further, according to the survey, the real GSDP of Jharkhand is estimated to grow by 6.8 per cent and the nominal GSDP by 10.4 per cent in this financial year (2018-19). The per capita GSDP at constant prices in the last three years (2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19) has grown at 9.4, 5.0 and 5.1 per cent respectively. The average growth rate between the years 2011-12 and 2018-19 seems to be 5.8 per cent annum. This is because of low growth rates experienced in the years 2013-14 and 2015-16.

The survey further says that according to the New Monetary Policy Framework, has helped in the moderation of the inflation rate and keeping it within control. "For the last three years, the inflation rate has also remained in control within the permissible level of the new



Rural Development Minister Nilkanth Singh Munda speaks at the Assembly during ongoing Budget session in Ranchi on Monday. Chief Minister Raghubar Das, Urban Development Minister CP Singh and others are also seen in the picture  
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monetary policy framework of 4 +/- 2 per cent. The average rate of inflation in the financial year 2015-16 was 5.3 per cent and in the financial year 2017-18 it was 3.9 per cent. In the year 2018-19 it is estimated to be 3 per cent," says the survey report.

According to the survey the tertiary sector has witnessed the fastest growth, while agriculture, forestry and fisheries have registered slowest growth in the State's economy. Though the manufacturing sector has performed well, the construction and electricity, gas, water supply and other utilities' sub-sectors - the other constituents of the industrial and secondary sectors have not performed so well.

Notably, the increase in expenditure in the State has been financed by a matching increase in its receipts. The total receipt of the State has increased at an average annual rate (CAGR) of about 17 per cent between 2011-12 and 2017-18. Both the revenue and the capital receipts of the State have increased over a period of time. While the revenue receipt has increased by

about two and a half times the capital receipt has increased by about 4 times between 2011-12 and 2017-18.

Also, according to the survey, the budget estimates of 2018-19 shows a decline in the fiscal deficit of 2.61 per cent of the GSDP, which is well within the limits of FRBM targets.

Talking about the survey, noted economist Harishwar Dayal today said that the growth rate of the State has been stable and sustainable. "In the last financial year the growth rate was 6.7 per cent and now it is expected to be at 6.8 per cent. Also the growth is not only in some specific sectors but is extensive," said Dayal.

"The agriculture growth rate of the State's economy has been stable at 3.4 per cent in the past two years and the good impact of it is that the productivity of many agricultural produce has increased. The economic health of the State is good and this means that there will be a dynamic and ambitious Budget for the next financial year," he added.

## Govt plans panacea for farmers' woes

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

With agrarian crisis gripping India, the Narendra Modi Government is considering direct benefit transfer (DBT) or transfer cash to farmers and other low income rural families to ease their financial burden, instead of offering subsidies. As per the plan, the Government may combine all farm subsidies, including fertiliser costs, in the DBT. The Government is also planning to tweak the guidelines of Prime Minister Fasal Bima Yojna to ensure minimum premium and maximum benefit to farmers.

The additional cost will be limited to ₹70,000 crore (\$9.8 billion) annually after a full rollout of the programme. Finance Minister Arun Jaitley had budgeted ₹70,100 crore for farm subsidies in the year ending March 31, 2019.

Coming ahead of general elections next year, the proposal is expected to put more money into the hands of farmers, enabling more investments in the industry, and raising consumption to boost the overall economy, said officials privy to the plan.

One proposal is to transfer ₹4,000 per acre to farmers, including small or marginal farmers who are farm labourers. Under the direct income support scheme, farmers would be entitled to a periodic payment. The amount will be paid to them to carry out farming activities. An interest-free crop

loan, from ₹50,000 to ₹1 lakh for every farmer, is also on the Government's relief package menu. The cash transfer for irrigation and power cost for running tube can also be worked out.

Sources said that the Cabinet Secretary had held a several rounds of meeting with officials of Agriculture Ministry, Finance Ministry and NITI Aayog to decide package for farmers.

"The cash transfer to farmers in a year by the Centre for land-owning farmers appears to be favorable. The scheme is expected to cost ₹1.2- ₹1.3 lakh crore," sources said. "The fiscal burden will shift to the next fiscal year, giving room for the Centre to simultaneously rework some subsidies being given to farmers such as that on fertilisers and crop loans," sources added.

Subsidies to the agriculture sector include power subsidy, fertiliser subsidy, agriculture loan at lower rate of interest, irrigation subsidy, and insurance cover for farmers at lower premium rates.

The power subsidy alone stands at over ₹90,000 crore followed by fertiliser subsidy at ₹75,000 crore. The Government has already rolled out fertiliser subsidy to companies under DBT.

In order to keep the credit flow to the farm sector robust, the Centre is also planning to raise the Budget outlay for interest subvention for agri-

culture loans to ₹23,000 crore in 2019-20, a huge jump from ₹15,000 crore budgeted for the current fiscal. The other step being considered is doubling collateral-free loans under Kisan Credit Cards (KCCs) to ₹2 lakh and changes in the PM crop insurance scheme to enhance coverage and ensure faster settlement of claims and schemes.

Besides, the Centre pays 2 per cent interest subvention against the base rate (9 per cent in case of PSBs) on all farm credit. An additional 3 per cent interest subvention on crop loans of up to ₹3 lakh is paid to farmers who repay loans in one year, reducing effective rate of interest in such cases to 4 per cent.

After electoral debacle in three major States — Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan — in the last year Assembly polls, the Narendra Modi Government has realised that its existing policies have failed to reach the farmers. The Modi Government, which is seeking a second term, has to win over disaffected farmers before the election.

They have been hit by falling crop prices and rising input costs, prompting thousands of them to protest in the street to seek debt waivers.

At the same time, the Opposition Congress has raised pressure on the Government to act after it waived farm loans following victories against the BJP in three States last month.

## Cong suspends MLA booked for murder attempt

PNS ■ BENGALURU

The Congress on Monday suspended its Karnataka MLA JN Ganesh, who hit his colleague Anand Singh during an alleged brawl at a private resort here on Saturday night. In further trouble for Ganesh, Anand — who suffered injuries in the scuffle and is admitted in a private hospital — has filed an FIR against Ganesh.

According to the FIR, besides attempt to murder, Ganesh, who was one of the MLAs reportedly under the BJP lens for desertion, has been charged with causing grievous injuries and giving threats.

Ganesh claimed he too was injured in the scuffle but insisted that no "bottle attack" had taken place as projected in the media. However, he admitted a scuffle had taken place between him and Anand at Eagleton Resorts on the city outskirts late on Saturday.

The Congress had shifted its legislators to the resort on Friday last fearing "poaching" by the BJP as bid to destabilise the Congress-JDS coalition Government in the State.

With the Congress is facing much embarrassment over the episode, KPCC president Dinesh Gundu Rao said Ganesh has been suspended with immediate effect. In order to conduct detailed enquiry into the incident a special enquiry committee had been constituted under the leadership of Deputy Chief Minister G Parameshwara.

## HC relief to Rahul Gandhi

Hearing the appeal in the case Justice S Chandrashekar passed the stay order and also issued notice to the petitioner

PNS ■ RANCHI

In a relief to Congress party president Rahul Gandhi, Jharkhand High Court on Monday stayed further proceedings against him in a defamation case (CrMP/4241/2018), which was under trail in a sub-divisional judicial magistrate's court in Ranchi civil court.

Hearing the appeal in the case Justice S Chandrashekar passed the stay order and also issued notice to the petitioner.

It may be stated here that a Bhartiya Janta Yuva Morcha (BJYM) member Naveen Kumar Jha had filed a defamation suit against Congress president Rahul Gandhi for his alleged remarks against BJP president. While addressing party workers, Rahul had allegedly said that even a murderer could become party president in BJP. The SDJM court had taken cognizance and issued summons to Gandhi in the case. Senior advocate Rajiv Ranjan informed that HC has stayed all proceedings in the case. The next date of hearing in the case has been fixed next month.

## Delhi put spoke in Metro Ph-IV wheel, says Centre

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The controversy surrounding Delhi Metro's phase-IV refuses to die down. Fresh tussle is brewing between the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (HUA) and the Delhi Government over it.

The HUA Ministry said certain financial conditions imposed by the Delhi Government have jeopardised the metro phase IV projects, leading to substantial delay and inconvenience to people as conditions are contravention to the metro phase III and Metro Rail Policy 2017 passed by Parliament.

The project is under appraisal of independent agency as certain changes have been made by the State Government in the revised detailed project reports of six corridors.

Sources said the proposal cannot be passed with the financial conditions imposed by the Delhi Government.

Phase-IV was approved by the Delhi Government on December 21 after hanging fire for almost two years.

The two conditions imposed by the Delhi Government are: Operational



losses will be equally shared by the Centre and the State, and that the Delhi Government will not bear any liability of external loan if the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) fails to pay back.

An official said the Delhi Government had also put a condition in its approval that it will not have any liability on loan provided by the Japan International Cooperation Agency to fund the project is the violation of the Metro Rail Policy 2017 wherein operational losses are to be borne by the Delhi Government.

Officials said the metro rail policy 2017 is applicable for all States and Union Territories and it cannot be changed for the sake of the Delhi Government.

Sources said the Delhi Government in 2016 had not

"conveyed financial commitments in their in-principle approval of the Phase-IV". The DMRC on January 10 this year had submitted the Phase-IV detailed project report comprising six corridors with revised costs, sources said.

Meanwhile, the Delhi Government spokesperson countered the allegation, saying, the city Government has already cleared the project from its side and any delay that is now happening is from the Centre's side.

"The Phase-IV project was cleared in December and we had made conditions quite clear. We will respond further as and when we receive any communication from the Centre," the spokesperson said.

The Delhi Metro on January 24, 2017 had submitted the proposal without com-

## City Govt insists on freedom from liability on loan provided by Japan

mitment of sharing of 50 per cent subordinate debt towards central taxes by the Delhi Government as it did not approve of it.

This was "contrary to the existing practice being followed for all 50:50 joint venture metro rail projects", including earlier phases of the Delhi Metro, the official claimed.

The HUA officials recently had said it is examining the condition that the Centre equally share any operational loss with the AAP Government, while asserting that it was a State subject and that other States might raise similar demands.

Sources said demonetisation and implementation of Goods and Service Tax (GST) has helped the Delhi Government to reduce the cost of the Metro phase IV six corridors from ₹55,000 crore to ₹46,845 crore. Among the projects chosen under the Phase-IV are Rithala-Narela (21.73 km), Janakpuri West-R K Ashram (28.92 km), Mukundpur-Maujpur (12.54 km), Inderlok-Indraprastha (12.58 km), Tughlakabad-Aerocity (20.20 km), and Lajpat Nagar-Saket G-Block (7.96 km).

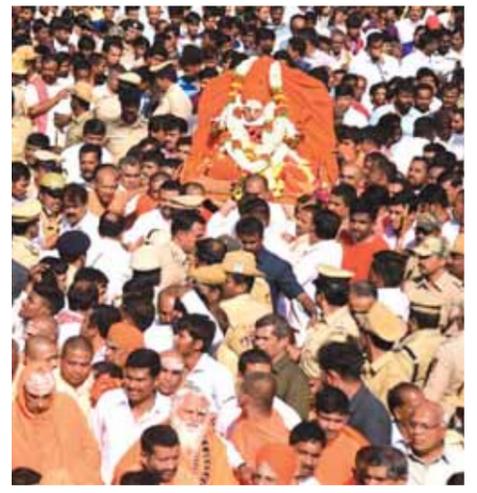
## 'Walking God' Siddaganga leaves for heavenly abode

Bengaluru: The "Walking God" as he is reverentially called, the 111-year old Sree Shivakumara Swami of Siddaganga mutt has left an indelible imprint with his stellar contributions in education sector and philanthropy targeted at children in whom he saw the Almighty.

Known as "trivida daso" for his triple sacraments — food, shelter and education — among his followers, the swamiji, who died on Monday, is considered as the incarnation of Basavanna, the 12th century social reformer, as he accepted all irrespective of their religion or caste.

Born on April 1, 1907 at Veerapura in Magadi Taluk near here to Honnappa and Gangamma as Shivanna, he was among the 12 siblings.

Losing his mother at the age of 8 is said to be one of the reasons for transformation in Shivanna's behaviour, that turned spiritual. After completing primary education at his native village and Nagavalli, the Swamiji completed his matriculation in Tumkur, before coming here for Bachelor of Arts degree with Physics and Mathematics as optional Subjects.



Devotees carry the body of spiritual leader Shivakumara Swamiji before it is being placed for public viewing in Tumkur, Bangalore, on Monday  
PTI

Siddaganga took over as the "peethadipati" (pontiff) of Siddaganga mutt succeeding his Guru Sree Uddana Shivayogigal Shivakumara Swami and reigned over the seminary for about 76 years.

During the seven decades, he founded Sri Siddaganga Education Society under which thousands of students, mostly from villages and under privileged sections, are being educated in both traditional and modern learning.

## Young lawmakers slog it out in House on Govt performance

### House passes third Supplementary Budget to the tune of ₹2,239 crore

ROSHAN KUMAR ■ RANCHI

The Jharkhand Legislative Assembly that otherwise witnesses seasoned and old Samaritans debating over issues today saw two young turks stealing the show with their arguments over tangible and intangible growth in the State, which was appreciated by Speaker Dinesh Oraon and other lawmakers equally. BJP MLA from Godda, Amit Mandal, presented a rosy picture of the Government works and policies saying that the State is witnessing growth on all fronts while JMM's Kunal

Sarangi, an MLA from Baharagora, countered his claim with all wit and humour.

The two leaders debated during the second half of assembly proceedings of the third day of Budget Session with the House passing ₹2,239 crore Supplementary Budget. Mandal speaking for motion supported the government supplementary budget move; Sarangi spoke for cut motion of the supplementary budget.

"Tangible benefits are those measured in monetary terms and intangible benefits cannot be measured in monetary terms. Improvement in lifestyle

of individual due to construction of roads, electricity connection and industries comes under tangible benefits, while improvement in lifestyle of individual such as health, life expectancy comes under intangible benefits," said Mandal speaking against the cut motion.

Both Mandal and Sarangi are first time MLAs coming from political families having engineering and MBA background.

Mandal, left the job of a multinational company to join politics after death of his father Raghunandan Mandal, who represented Godda assembly, while Sarangi son of Dr Dinesh Sarangi, one of the senior BJP leaders and former Health Minister of the State. Sarangi is a graduate from NIT



Baharagora MLA Kunal Sarangi

Jamshedpur too and has done his MBA from UK. Mandal has also studied abroad.

Speaking in support of the supplementary budget, Mandal said: "The average growth rate of state is 8.7 per cent. The Government is focusing on



Godda MLA Amit Mandal

both tangible and intangible growth. As the Government believes in inclusive growth special focus is given to backward districts."

The BJP MLA, who spoke for more than 10 minutes stated the Raghubar Das govern-

ment has given special attention to health schemes resulting in improvement in infant mortality rate (IMR), crude death rate, crude birth rate and other health indicators. Mandal advised the opposition benches for having constructive criticism of Government.

The Godda MLA also talked about agricultural growth rate, health facilities, women empowerment and schemes of rural development that the Government is running in the State for the last four years. He also said that one needs to make people learn the art and science of self-sustenance rather than feeding them every day.

Kunal Sarangi, countering government's development claim stated that Jharkhand is at lowest at various health

indicators. Sarangi said: "In human development index (2018), Jharkhand is at 36th position out of 38 states and union territories, while the State stood at 26th position out of 28 States. Similarly, male literacy rate is 76 percent (national average) while in State the male literacy rate is 66 percent. Only 30 percent of population in country are living below poverty line, while in Jharkhand around 40 per cent population is below poverty line," added Sarangi.

The JMM MLA asked the government not to give figures which are not real. He gave the example of Baliya Soren, an engineering graduate who as per government claim has received a package of ₹11 lakh at one-day global skill summit, which was recently in State

Capital. Sarangi said: "As per state government claim, Soren received an offer of ₹11 lakh at skill summit, but the truth is that Soren an engineering graduate from BIT Sindri was placed by the placement cell of the institute."

Sarangi termed the Raghubar government as government of advertisement with State Government spending ₹323 crore of advertisement, while on other hand it has no money to take care of para teachers' demand which has led to death of 22 para teachers.

The two young leaders spoke in favour of their parties, but it was appreciated by assembly speaker Dinesh Oraon and leaders from both opposition as well as treasury benches.

# Search op on to 'rescue' lurking leopard

A Leopard was killed by villagers on Sunday

**IN GARHWA**

Forest department launched a huge search operation to save a leopard claimed to be lurking around the jungles of Jarhee under Dandai block of Garhwa district on Monday. The step has been taken after a male leopard was killed by locals in the area after it attacked a few villagers on Sunday afternoon.

District Forest Officer, North Garhwa, AK Gupta said "A few people claimed to have seen another leopard in Jarhee on Monday morning. We are trying to save it from being harmed or hunted." He added, "We are moving

with nets and cage. Our attempt is to rescue it from falling prey to mob frenzy."

Gupta said that they are speculating this to be a female leopard. "A pair of leopard must have strayed from the forest and one fell prey to public fury. We do not want the second one to meet the same fate," he said.

A contingent of 40-50 people is on the trail of this leopard. Palamu Tiger Reserve (PTR) has sent in a team join the DFO's contingent.

The location of this leopard is not very far from PRT so the officers are presuming that the two leopards might be from PTR. "There is a growing population of leopards in PTR," said PTR field director, Mohan Lal.



A senior veterinarian doctor of Bhagwan Birsa Biological Park, Ranchi, Dr Ajay and his assistant would be reaching Garhwa soon. He said, "We are coming with tranquilizing gun and dart." Dr. Ajay added, "This mob attack on leopard calls for a huge public awareness. Mauling by leopard is not heard about much as it avoids

human contact itself.

However, it incurs public wrath when it attacks farmers' cattle."

DFO Gupta said that while the leopard which was killed on Sunday did injure people, the injuries were not serious. "It was probably out of fear that the villagers reacted with vengeance," he said.

# Bokaro students wins Chemistry Quest 2019

**Bokaro:** Excelling in the field of Chemistry five Bokaro students brought laurels to the city by winning the Overall Champions Trophy in the Inter School Prafulla Chandra Roy Chemistry Quest 2019.

The students of DPS Bokaro who brought laurels are Prajnapan Basu and Anushka Paul of Class XII and Rahul Shrestha, Utkarsh Aditya and Abhijeet Kumar of class 9, informed Mritunjay Kumar PRO of the school.

The event was held in DPS Dhanbad. The champions received the winning trophy and cash prize. The quest was held in two rounds preliminary and final rounds. The event was conducted to help students create a clear cognition of a chemistry concept. Various schools from across Jharkhand and Bihar participated in the quest including DPS Ranchi, RSVM Dhanbad, DAV Koyla Nagar, DPS Gaya.

Meanwhile, Asmita Goswami another student of DPS Bokaro cleared the first level of National Standard Examination (NSE) in Biology (2018-19) organized by Indian Association of Physics Teachers (IAPT) thus qualified for Indian National Olympiad in Biology.

# Police on hunt for rapist of minor girl

**PNS ■ BOKARO**

The district police are on a hunt to nab an accused of raping a teen-aged girl under Pindrajora police station in Bokaro.

Trilochan Tamsoya, the officer-in-charge of Pindrajora police station said a case has been registered against Rajender the accused on Sunday. "Raids are on to nab the offender," he added.

According to the FIR, a teen girl (13) was abducted and raped by Rajender, while she was alone at her home. The accused forcibly abducted the girl and took her into an under construction building nearby her home and raped the girl, police said.

Her father is not alive, while her mother is a daily wage earner. We are conducting raids to arrest the accused, said DSP Head Quarter Bokaro.

# Missing BCCL employee body found hanging in Dugda

**PNS ■ BERMIO**

The body of an employee of BCCL of Dugda washery, who reportedly went missing on January 19, while returning home to Dugda in Bokaro, was found hanging from inside a window of old electricity office near Dugda under same police station on Monday, said Officer-in-Charge Anil Kumar Oraon.

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Preliminary investigation indicates that Yogendra Mahto was murdered. The BCCL employee's body, which was found in hanging condition from window, was seen some nearby passers. Police suspect Mahto died

a day ago. "The stink emanating from the body caught the attention of locals who immediately alerted the police," police said. An employee of BCCL arrived at the spot to probe the incident. A dog squad also held a search at the spot. The body couldn't be sent for postmodern.

The protesting residents sought the intervention of authorities in bringing the family to justice by attesting those involved in the murder. In this regard, the Dugda police had already registered a case and police has been constituted to investigate the incident.

# CPM won't join mahagathbandhan: Karat

**Politburo member favours state-specific alliance of secular parties**

**PARVINDER BHATIA ■ JAMSHEDPUR**

CPI(M) politburo member and former party general secretary Prakash Karat on Monday cleared that their party will not be a part of 'mahagathbandhan' - a coalition of opposition parties formed to defeat Modi-led BJP Government in the 2019 general elections.

The senior leader who was

in city to address a function to mark bi-centenary celebration of legendary socialist leader Karl Marx, at Bistupur-based Michael John Auditorium, interacting with media prior to the function at Nirmal Bhawan, ruled out any possibility of joining the grand alliance of opposition parties.

"Let me clear that we will not be a part of the 'mahagathbandhan' as our party feel that coalition of parties at the national level is not possible. However, we will support it from outside after the election to keep the BJP from power as we had done to Congress in 2004," said Karat.

It may be mentioned that in view of the Lok Sabha polls,



leaders of 22 opposition parties came together at a mega rally at Kolkata recently and declared to unitedly fight to oust the Modi government. The CPI(M)-led Left Front which too was invited for the opposition rally decided to give it a miss.

When questioned about regional alliance, the CPI(M)

leader, however, said that state-specific alliance of secular parties will help to fight BJP.

"We are of the opinion that state-specific alliance of like-minded secular parties who are able to fight BJP will be much feasible and more practical. We welcome the alliance of BSP-SP in Uttar Pradesh and are trying to forge a similar alliance of anti-BJP and anti-TMC parties in Bengal," said Karat.

When asked about the Prime Minister candidate amongst the alliance partners, Karat said, "They will abide by the constitution as it states that elected leaders of Lok Sabha will decide the Prime Minister and our party believes that

Prime Minister should be decided only on the basis of the election result."

The senior CPM leader called for the ouster of the Narendra Modi government. He said that the national mood has shifted and public discourse getting focussed around real issues of jobless growth, agricultural distress and the disastrous impact of this government's anti-poor policies. The Left has been part of a sustained struggle on farmers' issues across the country and we now see that voters' mood has changed. The BJP will, of course, try to bend it around non-issues aimed at achieving nothing but communal polarisation he noted.

# Guv inaugurates news portal, calls for responsible journalism

**Murmu asks colleges to start martial arts and self defence classes**

**PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR**

Jharkhand governor Droupadi Murmu on Monday launched Hindi version of news portal, The People TV at a function organised in a city hotel. Addressing the inaugural ceremony she said that Media is the 'fourth estate' of democracy. It is ideally the watchdog of the democracy. She said that authenticity of the news is very important as it has direct impact on the society.

In his address, Food and Civil Supplies Minister spoke on importance of social media in the fast changing scenario of news world.

Murmu also inaugurated the Chancellor's Trophy here at JRD Tata Complex. Chancellor's Trophy in boxing and archery is being hosted by Kolhan University at the JRD Tata Sports Complex.

"The objective of university is not only to offer degrees, it is a place for all round development of a human being. Sports is important as it prepares students to be mentally strong for the challenges of life. We have seen players from Kolhan University making us proud and they will continue to do in future too only if we support them" said Murmu while addressing the gathering.

She also suggested if higher educational institutions can



Jharkhand governor Droupadi Murmu launches news portal

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start martial arts and self defence classes- a need of the hour. Murmu also felicitated the archers who participated in the All India Inter University Archery Championship held at KIIT Bhubaneswar in December last year.

The two-day sports competition will have more than 70 participants from six universities- Vinoba Bhawe University, Hazaribagh; Ranchi University, Ranchi; Dr Syama Prasad Mukherjee University in Ranchi; Kolhan University;

Sido Kanhu Murmu University, Dumka and Koylanchal University.

Shukla Mahanty, vice chancellor of Kolhan University said: "Sports is very essential for personality development and so the university has decided to support its sportsperson in all possible way.

We are proud of our students who have performed extremely well in the inter university events". She thanked Tata Steel for their support in sporting events and also

expected colleges to take sporting activities seriously.

The Chancellor's Trophy is an inter-university sports meet to boost sporting talent across universities in Jharkhand. Other universities like the Sidhu-Kanhu Murmu University, Dumka; Vinobha Bhawe University, Hazaribagh; Ranchi University and Birsa Agricultural University is also organising other sports like kho-kho, football, cricket, badminton, volleyball and hockey.

# Docs demand 7th pay commission, wear black badges

**PNS ■ RANCHI**

Over 600 resident doctors at the Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) worked wearing black badges on Monday as a mark of protest against the delay in the implementation of the seventh pay commission for resident doctors at the premiere state-run hospital in Ranchi.

They also demanded stipend at par with the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) for the 150 odd interns in RIMS.

At present, resident doctors in RIMS get a monthly salary of around Rs.57,000 as per the sixth pay commission. The implementation of the seventh pay commission will increase their monthly salary

by Rs.12000, a doctor said.

"Our protest will continue until the concerned authorities agree to fulfil our demands," said Dr. Ajit Kumar, president, Junior Doctor's Association of RIMS.

He added that Health Minister Ramchandra Chandravanshi and Chief Secretary Sudhir Tripathi had on June 3, 2018 assured that the seventh pay commission will be implemented within a fortnight. However, no initiatives were taken after the assurance.

"The chief secretary and health minister had promised in writing that the seventh pay commission will be implemented within 15 days, but their promises never materialised," said Kumar.

This issue was also raised at the 45th

annual governing body meeting of RIMS on July 12, 2018, the doctors said.

Later in the day, the doctors handed over a memorandum to RIMS director Dr. DK Singh stating their demands. Besides higher pay, the doctors have demanded construction of better roads in the RIMS campus and safer hostels for woman doctors.

RIMS is the largest state-run hospital in Jharkhand, and caters to the medical needs of rural and urban residents from across Jharkhand. On an average, the hospital treats at least 1500 patients every day.

Monday's protest, however, did not cause any hassle for the patients as the doctors did not shy away from working during the protest.



Resident doctors of RIMS during a protest seeking implementation of the seventh pay commission for resident doctors inside the Rajendra Institute of Medical Science (RIMS) in Ranchi on Monday

Vinay Murmu | Pioneer

# Sanitary pad vending machine inaugurated

**PNS ■ RANCHI**

An automatic sanitary pad vending machine was inaugurated at Sri Agrasen School, Bhurkunda by Ramgarh Deputy Commissioner Rajeshwari B on Monday.

One can get a sanitary pad from this newly installed machine by putting in a Rs. 5 coin. Addressing the people on this occasion, DC said, "Menstruation is a very normal thing but talking about it is still considered a taboo in our society. This step taken by the school management will help changing the mentality of people."

On the occasion, the DC also called out several students and asked them to take out sanitary napkins from the machine.

School Secretary Praveen Rajgadai said, "Our efforts are to change the thinking of the



society and make women aware about this menstrual hygiene."

Rotary Midtown President Sunita Wadhwa said that every woman should use sanitary

pads during her menstrual cycle as it protects from a number of diseases.

She informed that similar machine will also be installed

in the local market. Films based on three issues, good touch bad touch, hand cleaning and sanitation were also shown in during the programme.

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एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि झारखंड राज्य विद्युत नियामक आयोग, राँची ने JSERC (Rooftop Solar PV Grid Interactive Systems and Net / Gross Metering), Regulation, 2015 में संशोधन का प्रारूप आयोग के वेबसाइट [www.jserc.org](http://www.jserc.org) पर दिनांक 06 एवं 07 दिसम्बर 2018 को जारी करते हुए दिनांक 28.12.2018 तक सुझाव / आपत्ति / मंतव्य मांगा गया था।

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# JPSC, school merger issue dominate House debates

PRANAV PRATYUSH/ROSHAN KUMAR ■ RANCHI

The members from Opposition benches today vehemently raised the issue of anomalies in Jharkhand Public Service Commission (JPSC) recruitment. Raising the issue, Baharagora MLA Kunal Sarangi said that JPSC has failed to perform its duties with the Constitutional body is now being called as "Jharkhand Pairvi Commission".

Earlier, speaking on the issue, senior Congress leader Sukhdev Bhagat said that JPSC in its 18 years has conducted examination only five times. Bhagat said, "The inefficiency of JPSC can be gauged from the fact that many candidates have received admit cards for the examination, who have not even filled the examination forms."

The JPSC is going to conduct the sixth mains examination scheduled on January 28. Bhagat said, "JPSC has become a circus having no examination

calendar with many a times JPSC examination dates clash with Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)."

Echoing the views of Bhagat, Jharkhand Vikas Morcha (JVM) MLA, Pradeep Yadav said that the JPSC has conducted the examination for five times but in fifth and sixth JPSC examination no reservation roster was followed.

The issue of merger of Government schools in State also stormed the Assembly with members from opposition benches raising the issue. As per government plan, the Human Resources Development (HRD) department plans to merge all such schools which have fewer enrollments with nearby government schools that have students and teachers in abundance.

Protesting the State government's move, JMM MLA from Baharagora Kunal Sarangi questioned the Government move to close down 12,000 schools.

Speaking on cut motion of



Opposition party leader Hemant Soren along with legislators during ongoing Budget session in Ranchi on Monday.

Ratan Lal | Pioneer

Government supplementary budget moved by Congress MLA from Lohardaga Sukhdev Bhagat, Sarangi said, "While the government with an attempt to boost its revenue is on move to open up new liquor shops, on other hand they are going on for closing down 12,000 Government schools."

However, countering the opposition claims, members from treasury benches led by Neelkanth Singh Munda the rural development and parliamentary Affairs Minister stated that the State is marching towards development.

BJP MLA from Rajmahal, Anant Kumar Ojha said that

though the Government plans to merge schools but in four years a lot of development activities has been carried out in education sector. "In 2014, there were 289 higher secondary schools which in 2019 has gone up to 3312, similarly in 2014 there were 653 high schools which has gone up to

1035 high schools."

The BJP MLA also stated that in 2014 there were only three medical colleges in state which has gone up to five medical colleges, efforts for setting up All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at Deoghar and Cancer Institute in state capital is on move.

# Opposition parties are disturbing State: Shahdeo

PNS ■ RANCHI

State BJP spokesman Pratul Shahdeo, on Monday, accused the Opposition parties of disturbing the State for the past few months and said that they had made a ruckus on the Establishment Day function of the State while putting forward some anti-social elements in the movement of para teachers.



not a Government of people of giving false assurances and no such decision is taken here that could not sustain in the court."

Lauding the State Government Shahdeo said, "The Raghbar government made a great effort to add poor people in the mainstream by giving 10 per cent reservation for economically backward people."

He said that the Government has resolved the ongoing strike of administrative officers in a very good manner and added that the government has seriously considered the legitimate demands of MNREGA personnel too seriously.

Shahdeo said that the biggest achievement of this Government is that during his tenure it has added about 1.05 lakh people to government jobs and brought the State in the group of developed states in the national scenario.

Shahdeo said, "The Chief Minister Raghbar Das had clearly said from the very beginning that all legitimate demands of the para teachers will be accepted. But, the Opposition parties were forcefully pushing the movement of para teachers and they are responsible for the damage to the students caused by the strike. The Opposition parties had put the future of millions of children in danger because the month of January is the month of the examination."

Expressing happiness over the decision of the State Government Shahdeo said, "All the legitimate demand of para teachers was accepted last week. All associations among para teachers have thanked for the Government's move. This is

# Online verification of documents for 'Swacchta Survey -2019' begins

## Central team to visit Ranchi soon for physical verification

PNS ■ RANCHI

The online verification of documents submitted by the Ranchi Municipal Corporation (RMC) in the wake of 'Swachh Survekshan - 2019' began on Monday. The detailed documents compiled covering the availability of toilets - modular and community, number of twin bins, status of garbage collection; complaints addressed through 'MoUD Swacchta Application', promotion methodologies etc have been uploaded on the website of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).

"The online verification of documents for sanitation challenge - 2019 has begun. The Municipal Corporation has uploaded the details. Also, the details submitted are being updated on a regular basis. Besides, the online verification, the central team will conduct the physical verification of a few selected spots here soon. The dates of central

team visit will be disclosed soon," said RMC City Manager and SBM-Cell In-charge, Sandeep Kumar.

Recently, the team of Quality Council of India (QCI) evaluated the condition of public toilets located within the jurisdiction of RMC. The assessment was carried out in the wake to grant Open Defecation Free + (ODF Plus) tag to the State biggest Urban Local Body (ULB). The QCI team inquired about the measures being adopted by the respective Civic Body here to popularise the usage of public toilets, geo tagging, cleanliness including the total number of toilets located at a regular interval within the urban vicinity.

The nodal ministry - MoHUA has added a few more vital components to the annual sanitation ranking granted to the cities that takes up the cleanliness challenge. Besides the regular elements like citizens feedback, information - education and communication (IEC) protocol

including the service level progress, SBA -- ODF Plus protocol focuses on sustaining community/ public toilet usage by ensuring its functionality, cleanliness and maintenance by the respective ULB.

To scale up the coverage of the annual ranking exercise by promoting and elaborating the concept of 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan - Swacchta Survekshan', this year, special attention under 'Solid Waste Management' criteria is on processing and disposal of waste (30 per cent), collection and transportation (27 per cent), sustainable sanitation (25 per cent), Innovation (5 per cent), By-laws (5 per cent), CB (3 per cent) and Information, Education and Communication (IEC) (5 per cent).

Further, comprising 5000 marks, an additional element containing 1,250 points (for certification 25 per cent, 20 per cent star rating including 5 per cent for open defecation free (ODF), ODF + and ODF ++ has been added, besides keeping the previous model of direct observation, citizen feedback including the service level progress. For regular segment 1,250 marks each under all sub-heads will be given to the participating cities

# Construction of two smart roads in city starts

PNS ■ RANCHI

Construction work for two out of the four proposed smart roads in the city started on Monday.

These roads include the 2.55 kms stretch from Birsa Munda Airport to Birsa Chowk and an 8.85 kms stretch from Birsa Chowk to Raj Bhavan.

The work on the third proposed road from Raj Bhavan to Kantatoli Chowk, a stretch of 2.88 kms will commence in the next 3-4 days, while the tender for construction of the fourth road, a 7.4 kms stretch, from Raj Bhavan to Booty More is under process.

The entire construction work is being supervised by Jharkhand Urban Infrastructure Development Company Limited (JUIDCO).

Once constructed, these roads will not just help provide a relief from traffic jam problems, but at the same time provide separate pathway for cyclists and pedestrians. A JUIDCO official informed that the new construction will bring uniformity in the design of the roads which will help reduce traffic jams.

Urban development department secretary, Ajoy Kumar Singh said that despite the addition of cycle track and footpath, the width of these roads would not be reduced.

"Changes have been made in old

DPR of these roads and the width has been increased," he said.

Singh added, "If there is vacant Government land near these roads, they will also be used.

Also, if there is a need to widen the roads further in future, appropriate measures would be taken."

These smart roads will have utility ducts underneath which will include electricity lines, phone lines, other type of optical fibres, LPG pipeline, drinking water pipeline as well as a sewerage and drainage pipeline.

Thus, once these roads are constructed, none of the wires or the drains will be visible in the open.

All these roads will be four-lane, with one divider at a gap of two lanes. The minimum width of two lanes will be 7 mts while the maximum would be 9 mts, which does not include the width of cycle tracks and footpaths on both the sides.

The roads will have LED street lights, signage and also benches and vendor stalls on the sides where a wider area is available.

The construction cost for road 1 from Airport to Birsa Chowk is around ₹42.52 crore, road 2 from Birsa Chowk to Raj Bhavan has to be constructed with the budget of ₹162.7 crores while road 3 from Raj Bhavan to Kantatoli Chowk will be constructed with the budget of ₹92.99 crores.

## IN BRIEF

### BASKETBALL FINALE AT XISS

Xavier Institute of Social Service, Ranchi on Monday held the Grand



Finale of Inter-Departmental Basketball Tournament. The Pulse Team, the dance squad of XISS kick-started the ceremony by cheering for the four teams by their performance. Dr. (Fr.) Alexius Ekka S.J Director, XISS along with Fr. Pradeep Keeketta S.J, Assistant Director, Fr. Xavier Soreng S.J and Fr. Ashok Ohol S.J welcomed the audience. Other distinguished guest were Heads of Department, professors and staff. The girls' team of Department of Finance recorded a 16-3 victory over the Department of IT and the boys' team of the Department of Rural Management - I beat the Department of HRM- I 38-14, to record their victory. As the event came to an end, the Best Player's Trophy for the tournament went to Yashaswini Pandey of the Finance Girls' Team and Md. Farhan Khan of the RM - I Boys' Team.

### WALKING COMPETITION

SAIL Employee, Manoj Singh's daughter Monika got Ocsfame Trail Walker Award with her team of three members organised in Bangalore



Ocsfame Trail Walker Competition in which she had walked in 47 hours 100 km way difficult to travel over it. This competition organised in Bangalore and Mumbai simultaneously in which a team of four members have to walk 100 km in 48 hours.

### SBPS HOLDS MATH QUIZ

To assess the mathematical skill & proficiency of the students, Sarala Birla Public School organised the Inter-house Maths Quiz Competition.



The quiz took place in two groups: junior group (Std. VI to VIII) and senior group (Std. IX to XII). The quiz commenced with enormous excitement and expectations. It comprised of many interesting rounds: Basic Maths, Reasoning, Who Am I, History of Maths and Rapid Fire round. After the neck and neck competition Atharvaveda house grabbed the first position in the senior group. The second and third positions were taken by Yajurveda and Rigveda houses respectively. In The junior group, Rigveda house emerged victorious. The second and third positions were bagged by Samveda and Yajurveda houses respectively.

### HUMAN LIBRARY

Delhi Public School, Ranchi conducted a session on 'Human Library' on Monday at its premises for class XI students. Gopal Pathak was the guest speaker of the session. While interacting with the students



Pathak raised the current teenage problems which are causing distraction in the way of progress for students. He encouraged students to take help of student counselors who can be a point of major help.

### BIG BAZAAR'S SHOPPING FEST

Big Bazaar's 'Sabse Saste 5 Din' is back with its exciting offers and discounts. From January 23 to 27 'Sabse Saste 5 Din' promises to be 'ab 20 per cent aur bhi sasta' by giving an additional 20 per cent cashback on shopping of Rs. 3000 and above in their future pay wallet. Sabse Saste 5 Din is known for giving its customers unbelievable offers and heavy discounts. These five days of the sale is a shopping extravaganza for every Indian family. Every member can take their pick and choose the best discount and amazing deals on a wide range of categories ranging from food, household items, electronics, fashion apparels, footwear, toys, luggage, kitchenware, home décor and many more.

# Milk, instead of seasonal fruits, now an option for MDM

PNS ■ RANCHI

Students of Governmento School can now get milk instead of fruits in mid day meals. The State School Education and Literacy department issued a notification on Monday, suggesting schools to replace season fruits with milk, if needed. MDM director, Shailesh Kumar Chaurasia said, "Recently, we are giving eggs for non-vegetarian students and seasonal fruits for vegetarian students as additional nutrition in MDM."

However, there are places where season fruits are not available, thus the vegetarian students do not get anything," Chaurasia said that the notification is not a directive but an advisory or a suggestion for the schools where in they are given an option to choose between fruits and milk. "Talking to various stakeholders including nutritionists, we were informed that any fruit cannot be a replacement for eggs. Milk is the nearest equivalent for eggs. So we have asked the schools that if they cannot provide the best quality food for any reason, they can instead give a glass of milk to students," he said. At present, around 45 lakh students in 35, 853 primary and middle government schools of the state are given egg or seasonal fruit twice a week as additional nutrition, the budget for each egg or fruit being ₹6 per head. The cost, which was earlier ₹4 per piece, was revised two weeks ago in a state cabinet meeting. The responsibility of arranging the fruits or egg is on the school management committee, who will also be responsible for procuring milk.

Deputy Director at Primary Education Directorate, Mukesh Sinha said that getting milk will not be an issue at villages as almost every household has cows.

# RMC to organise monthly meet on status of Food Security Scheme

## Ward councilors to submit monthly details of PDS, MDM

PNS ■ RANCHI

In an attempt to tackle the loopholes still prevalent in the Public Distribution System (PDS), Mid-Day meal (MDM), quality of food being supplied to various Anganwadi Centers including other major components of National Food Security Act, the Ranchi Municipal Corporation (RMC) will organise a monthly meet with the ward councilors to check the status and coverage of food security scheme.

"The effort will curb the leakage rate and will also ensure implementation of the National Food Security Act, 2013 in a better way in different wards. A monthly meet with the ward councilors over this specific issue will be conducted from next month. All necessary instructions have been issued to the ward councilors regarding the meeting. For the first time such an initiative has been considered by any civic body here," said Municipal Commissioner, Manoj Kumar.

Meanwhile, covering all 53 wards of the State's biggest Urban Local Body (ULB), the senior officials during the workshop organised here on Monday instructed the ward councilors to pre-



Deputy Mayor Sanjiv Vijayvargia along with Municipal Commissioner Manoj Kumar and senior officials during a meeting on status of Food Security Scheme at RMC in Ranchi on Monday.

National Food Security Act - 2013 like laws, constitution of ward level committee, holding meeting in every three months at each ward, organising programme at a regular interval at the ward level, adopting innovative approaches to popularise government schemes, encouraging public participation including facilitating the State Government in increasing the coverage area of food security.

"The aim of conducting a regular meeting with the ward councilors is to resolve the glitches and ensure that maximum BPL families or beneficiaries eligible under the food security scheme are covered. Suggestions including grievances received from the ward councilors will be addressed in a stimulated time. Also, several issues like starvation deaths; leakage etc can be addressed easily. Checklists for constitution of Ward Vigilance Committees have been provided to all the ward councilors. Bogus card holders can be also countered through this step," said President, Jharkhand State Food Commission, Sudhir Prasad.

To deal with this problem we have already recorded all the dialogues which we will play during the act," Malkani said.

# Theatre group of State to perform at Kumbh

KELLY KISLAYA ■ RANCHI

A 30 member team of a Jharkhand based theatre group, Yuva Rangmanch, will be enacting a play at the ongoing Ardhra Kumbh Mahotsav in Prayagraj.

The team which is scheduled to enact the play on Monday evening.

The spiritual play, titled Atmamanthan illustrates the three parts of the creation, organism, universe and the god itself. Director and concept writer of the play, Ajay Malkani said, "The play illustrates all the three parts of creation through acting, dance and music."

Malkani informed that their theatre group got an invite from the Uttar Pradesh Government to perform at Saraswati Manch, in sector 13 of the Kumbh Mahotsav.



Team members of Jharkhand Theatre group (Yuva Rangmanch) ahead of departing of ongoing Ardhra Kumbh Mahotsav in Prayagraj.

the actors of the group are getting one of the grandest platforms possible in the country.

The opportunity to perform on such a huge platform will help boost the confidence of the actors and open doors for the future, Malkani said.

"This is a wonderful platform. People from across the

"We were contacted by officials of UP Government to perform at the Mahotsav. This is a big opportunity for our team," he said.

Malkani said that the troupe had performed at

Simhashta Kumbh Mela in Ujjain in 2016 which have led to the UP government selecting them.

With the Kumbh Mahotsav witnessing lakhs of visitors, both Indian and international,

globe can see our artists perform.

This is an exposure not just for our group but also our state. Once they perform here the artists will be more confident and excited about future endeavours," he said.

An actor, Shankar Pathak said, "All of us are very excited. We couldn't wait to perform in front of such a large and varied audience and get their reaction."

As the crowd is expected to be huge, the actors, instead of reciting the dialogues on the spot, will lip sync.

"As the crowds is going to be huge, how much ever loud the actors are, their voices will not reach everybody.

To deal with this problem we have already recorded all the dialogues which we will play during the act," Malkani said.

# Cong begins poll preparation from booth level

MRITUANJAY KUMAR ■ RANCHI

With the Lok Sabha elections just few months away, the Congress party has started its preparation from booth level. The party deputy in-charge for State and Forest Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Umang Singhar held meeting on Monday at the party headquarters.

While addressing the gathering Singhar said, "With a view to mission 2019, the party in-charge of Assembly constituencies have to visit their respective areas from time to time. The party has to face the challenge of both the elections in this year because Lok Sabha Elections and Vidhan Sabha Elections are scheduled in this year. It is the duty of the constituency in-charges to nominate a person as a Sector In-charge on booth level in which a sector comprises of seven booths and assigned the duty to



Congress senior leader Subodh Kant Sahay addresses media persons at Bihar Club in Ranchi on Monday. Vinay Murmu | Pioneer

the In-charge to add people with the party in every sector."

Singhar also instructed to visit their respective areas State Constituencies in-charges regularly and inform the party

headquarters about the ground level information. He also instructed that the organisational programmes should be run regularly and they should work for the division wise rally to be success.

Speaking on the occasion Leader Congress Legislature Party, Alam Gir Alam said, Budget session is going on in the State Assembly and the government is going to enhance the Budget size this time again but it has only spent 43.44 per cent of total fund allocated in the budget. Instructing the party officials on the occasion Alam said, the party MLAs would sure raise the question on the issue of every State Assembly Constituencies if the party's constituency wise in-charge provides information.

The meeting was participated by almost all the in-charge State Assembly Constituencies along with the Party District Presidents.

# Cyber criminals spewing links on WhatsApp to dupe users

Cyber experts fear that clicking on such links can cause far more damage than monetary loss – it can allow frauds to take full control of your phone and use it as a device for unethical, illegal activities

SAURAV ROY ■ RANCHI

Clicking on unknown links shared over WhatsApp may leak personal information from your phone and make you susceptible to cyber fraud, Ranchi police warned on Monday.

They issued a circular asking people to be careful about which URL they follow on the smartphone messaging app as cyber frauds were now sharing links and unfinished texts on WhatsApp to extract personal information from phones.

"Such cases have been reported in other cities. We request the residents of Ranchi to be careful," said Ranchi senior superintendent of police, Anish Gupta.

Links to lucrative discount offers and online deals are often difficult to resist, he said, adding that these were also used by cyber frauds to extract information from phones.

"People usually keep their bank details in their email or contacts. Some also keep pictures of their bank passbooks and other documents in their phone's gallery. Cyber frauds may get access to all the personal information saved in your phone through these links shared on WhatsApp," a tweet from Ranchi police's official Twitter handle said on Monday. Earlier, a majority of cyber frauds relied on phishing for duping people.

However, with growing awareness about phishing, they have started trying new techniques to trick smartphone users, police said.

Phishing is the procedure in which cyber frauds disguise as trustworthy entities from banks over phone calls and ask for personal details.

The government and banks have been running full-fledged awareness campaigns against this practice lately, which may have led to adoption of new techniques by cyber frauds.

Cyber experts fear that clicking on such links can cause far more damage than monetary loss – it can allow frauds to take full control of your phone and use it as a device for unethical activities.

"Once your phone is infected, the cyber frauds can shoot videos from your phone, directly use your e-wallets and net banking accounts, and also use your device for other illegal activities which can land you in a legal soup," said Vineet Kumar, president, Cyber Peace Foundation, an international NGO working against unethical hacking and cyber crimes.

A few cases of cyber fraud through links shared over WhatsApp were recently reported in Bangalore, police said.

However, they did not disclose details about the cases. Jharkhand's Jamtara district is infamous for being home to several gangs involved in duping people through phishing.

About 200 kilometres from Ranchi, this largely underdeveloped district is haven for many tech-savvy teenagers who are experts in extracting personal information for cyber frauds, police say.

However, Ranchi SSP Gupta on Monday said that whether Jamtara's cyber criminals were involved in sending such links over WhatsApp was a matter of investigation.

"We will have to investigate if cyber criminals from Jamtara have any involvement in creating or sharing such links," Gupta said.

# Heavy rain, snow likely to lash various places across U'khand

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The State Meteorological Centre has forecast heavy rainfall and snowfall for a large swathe of Uttarkashi, Chamoli, Rudrapur, Dehradun, Nainital and Pithoragarh districts of the State on Tuesday. Besides, hail is also likely to lash many places like Pauri, Haridwar, Nainital and Dehradun. Overall, forecast for the State indicates generally cloudy sky. Light to moderate rain and snow is likely to occur at most places across the State.

Bikram Singh, director of the State Meteorological Centre, said, "There is a possibility of a good measure of snow and rain in various areas of the State on January 22. A majority of the places are also likely to experience either

rain or snow on the day." For Dehradun, the climate is going to be generally cloudy with the possibility of rain and thunderstorm, accompanied by hail lashing some areas of the district.

The maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be 20 degree Celsius and 10 degree Celsius respectively on the day, as per the Met department.

The maximum and minimum temperatures recorded at various towns of the State on Monday was 22.4 degree Celsius and 10.1 degree Celsius in Dehradun, 22.2 degree Celsius and 9.5 degree Celsius in Pantnagar, 14.6 degree Celsius and 5.7 degree Celsius in Mukteshwar, 13.4 degree Celsius and 8.0 degree Celsius in New Tehri respectively.

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**इच्छा की अभिव्यक्ति (Expression of Interest) हेतु अल्पकालीन सूचना**

RNTCP कार्यक्रम अन्तर्गत बोकारो जिले में वित्तीय वर्ष 2018-19 में Private Sector के Involvement हेतु प्राप्त राशि के विरुद्ध Patient Provider Agency (PPSA) हेतु अभियान निदेशक, राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन, झारखण्ड, राँची के पत्र संख्या 1275(MD) दिनांक 20.12.2018 के आलोक में उपर्युक्त NGOs की चयन की जाती है।

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क्र.सं.	आइटीडी फिकेस संख्या/पैकेज संख्या	कार्य का नाम	प्राकृतिक राशि (रुपये में)	कार्य समाप्ति की तिथि
1.	RDD(RWA)/GARHWA/12/2018-19	गढ़वा-रेला मुख्य पथ से भागीसेडा लीन मुहान भागा डेन्टल कॉलेज तक पथ निर्माण कार्य (लम्बाई- 1.500 फिटमी)	1,00,58,000.00	09 माह

2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि- 28.01.2019

3. ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय- 05.02.2019 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे।

4. जिला नियंत्रण कक्ष, राँची में निविदा शुरू, अग्रण की राशि, राश्व पत्र के मूल प्रति एवं अपलॉड किये गये तकनीकी योग्यता प्रस्ताव की एक प्रति जमा करने की तिथि- 08.02.2019 पूर्वाह्न 10.00 बजे से अपराह्न 3.30 बजे तक।

5. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय- 07.02.2019 पूर्वाह्न 11.30 बजे।

6. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता- मुख्य अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विभाग (ग्रामकाओमो), झारखंड, राँची, 102, द्वितीय तल्ला, अभियंत्रण भवन, राँची।

7. ई-निविदा प्रक्रिया का दस्तावेज सं- 0651-2207818

8. निविदा शुरू भारतीय स्टैंड बैंक द्वारा निर्गत बैंक ड्राफ्ट के रूप में कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विभाग (ग्रामकाओमो), कार्य प्रमंडल, गढ़वा के पथ में भुगतान होगा जो सीटया नहीं जायेगा।

9. विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाइट [jharkhandtenders.gov.in](http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in) में देखा जा सकता है।

10. नोडल पदाधिकारी ई-प्रोयुमेंट सेल

PR 200182 Rural Work Department (18-19)-D

**झारखण्ड सरकार वन, पर्यावरण एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन विभाग, वन प्रमंडल पदाधिकारी, मेडिनीनगर वन प्रमंडल, मेडिनीनगर**

**आवश्यक सूचना :-**

श्री शंकर प्रसाद सिंह, सेवा निवृत्त वन क्षेत्र पदाधिकारी ग्राम- साधपुर, पोस्ट-खोदाईबाग, जिला-छपरा, बिहार।

एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि विभागीय कार्यवाही के निस्तारण आदेश :-

(1) झारखण्ड सरकार वन, पर्यावरण विभाग का अधिसूचना ज्ञापक-3596 दिनांक- 27.08.2012 द्वारा 39,21,290.00

(2) झारखण्ड सरकार वन, पर्यावरण विभाग का अधिसूचना ज्ञापक-3239 दिनांक- 18.06.2015 द्वारा 02,10,279.50

कुल- 41,31,569.50 रु०

राशि जमा नहीं करने के कारण आपसे वसूली हेतु निलाम वाद संख्या 716/2016-17 दायर की गई है।

महालेखाकार, झारखण्ड, राँची द्वारा वित्त विभाग का पत्रांक 1564 दिनांक- 29.06.2018 के आलोक में केवल ई-पेंशन स्वीकार करना है। उक्त आदेश के आलोक में इस कार्यालय पत्रांक-4244 दिनांक- 11.09.2018, पत्रांक-4931 दिनांक- 29.10.2018, पत्रांक-5176 दिनांक- 03.12.2018 एवं दूरभाष पर संपर्क कर ई-पेंशन पेपर भरने हेतु अनुरोध की गई, किन्तु आपके द्वारा किसी प्रकार का अभिलेखी नहीं ली जा रही है।

अतः इस विज्ञापन के माध्यम से पुनः सूचित किया जाता है कि आप विज्ञापन प्रकाशन से दस दिनों के अन्दर पत्नी के साथ संयुक्त फोटो, पत्नी एवं बच्चों का जन्म प्रमाण पत्र/ आधार कार्ड की छाया प्रति, बाकी बेबाकी का राश्व पत्र के साथ स्वयं उपस्थित होकर ई-पेंशन पेपर भरकर जमा करें अन्यथा यह समझा जायेगा कि उक्त राशि वसूली के कारण आप पेंशन लेना नहीं चाहते हैं।

वन प्रमंडल पदाधिकारी, मेडिनीनगर वन प्रमंडल, मेडिनीनगर

P.R.200135 Forest, Environment and Climate Changes(18-19)-D

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**कार्यालय असेनिका शल्य चिकित्सक सह मुख्य चिकित्सा पदाधिकारी, सिमडेगा**

राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन अन्तर्गत चिकित्सा पदाधिकारी/विशेषज्ञ चिकित्सा पदाधिकारी की संविदा के आधार पर नियुक्ति हेतु विज्ञापन

आवेदन की अंतिम तिथि :- 02.02.2019

राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन अन्तर्गत चिकित्सा पदाधिकारी/विशेषज्ञ चिकित्सा पदाधिकारी की संविदा के आधार पर रिक्तियों के लिए निम्नलिखित पदों पर एक वर्ष की अवधि के लिए अनुबंध के आधार पर नियुक्ति हेतु आवेदन पत्र आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं।

SL. No	Post & Programme	No. of post	Desired Qualification & Experience	Remuneration (Rs./Month)	Age as on 01-01-2019
1	Medical Officer, SNCU	Total - 3 (UR-2, ST-1)	<b>Essential Qualification :</b> MBBS or equivalent degree from institutions recognized by Medical Council of India.	Rs. 63,000/-	Up to 65 years
2	Pediatrician, SNCU	Total - 1 (UR)	<b>Essential Qualification :</b> MBBS with Post graduate Diploma from any MCI recognized institutions in Pediatrics OR MBBS with Post graduate Degree from any MCI recognized institutions in Pediatrics	Rs. 1,05,000/-	Up to 65 years
3	Ophthalmologist, NPCB & NPPCD	Total - 1 (UR)	<b>Essential Qualification :</b> a) MS/MD in Ophthalmology (MCI recognized) with one year of experience after PG degree has been Obtained. b) D.O.M.S. (MCI recognized) with Two year of experience after PG degree has been Obtained. <b>Desirable Qualification :</b> • Trained in Performing ECCE pc IOL and SICS. • Experience and the ability to work in district level Hospitals. (Govt. of India)	Rs. 1,05,000/-	Up to 65 years

\* UR - Unreserved, ST - Schedule Tribe

नोट :- 1. सभी तरह से विहित प्रपत्र में पूर्ण आवेदन को बंद लिफाफे में निबंधित डाक/स्पीड पोस्ट से असेनिका शल्य चिकित्सक सह मुख्य चिकित्सा पदाधिकारी सिमडेगा, पिन - 835223 के कार्यालय में दिनांक 02.02.2019 तक जमा कराया जा सकता है।

2. उक्त नियुक्ति संबंधी अन्य शर्तों, आवेदन प्रपत्र इत्यादि का विवरण सिमडेगा जिला के वेबसाइट [www.simdega.nic.in](http://www.simdega.nic.in) अथवा असेनिका शल्य चिकित्सक सह मुख्य चिकित्सा पदाधिकारी सिमडेगा, के कार्यालय के सूचना पट्ट से उपलब्ध की जा सकती है।

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असेनिका शल्य चिकित्सक सह मुख्य चिकित्सा पदाधिकारी, सिमडेगा

PR 200124 (Health Med Edu and Family Welfare) 18-19 #D



Actor Mayur Parashar in a scene from his movie Why So Serious. Three short films of Parashar will be screened in the Jharkhand International Film Festival between February 1 and 3. Pioneer photo

**कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, सिमडेगा**

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**अतिअल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या- 04/2018-19**

ग्रामीण विकास विभाग एवं भवन निर्माण विभाग, झारखण्ड सरकार के समुचित श्रेणी में निबंधित संवेदकों से आकांक्षी जिला योजना मद से प्राप्त निम्न वर्णित कार्यों के लिए मुहरबंद निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। जो अंततः लोक निर्माण विभाग के प्रपत्र एफ-2 एकरानामा में वर्णित शर्तों के साथ अंकित की जायेगी।

क्र.सं.	विभाग का नाम	कार्य का नाम	प्राकृतिक राशि (रुपये में)	अग्रण की राशि (रुपये में)	परिमाण विवरण का मूल्य (जो सीटया नहीं जायेगी) (रुपये में)	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
1	ग्रामीण विकास विभाग, राँची।					
1	ग्रामीण विकास विभाग, राँची।	जलडेगा प्रखण्ड के जलडेगा बाजार टांड में सामुदायिक शौचालय निर्माण।	5.50	11000.00	1250.00	4 माह
2	सिमडेगा (नवसृजित पाकरटांड) प्रखण्ड के टकबा बाजारटांड में सामुदायिक शौचालय निर्माण।	5.50	11000.00	1250.00	4 माह	
3	सिमडेगा (नवसृजित पाकरटांड) प्रखण्ड के सिकारियाटांड बाजारटांड में सामुदायिक शौचालय निर्माण।	5.50	11000.00	1250.00	4 माह	
4	सिमडेगा (नवसृजित पाकरटांड) प्रखण्ड के अंजलि कोबांग में सिकारियाटांड में सामुदायिक शौचालय निर्माण।	5.50	11000.00	1250.00	4 माह	
5	सिमडेगा प्रखण्ड के स्याद अंडुल प्रखण्ड शौचालय जोकबाहर में सामुदायिक शौचालय निर्माण।	5.50	11000.00	1250.00	4 माह	
6	कुकुंडे प्रखण्ड के बाघघाट में सामुदायिक शौचालय निर्माण।	5.50	11000.00	1250.00	4 माह	
7	कुकुंडे प्रखण्ड के गडियाजोर पंचायत भवन के पास में सामुदायिक शौचालय निर्माण।	5.50	11000.00	1250.00	4 माह	
8	कुकुंडे प्रखण्ड के बूनकाछार आंगनवाडी के पास में सामुदायिक शौचालय निर्माण।	5.50	11000.00	1250.00	4 माह	
9	बानो प्रखण्ड के मुस्लिम बस्ती बानो में सामुदायिक शौचालय निर्माण।	5.50	11000.00	1250.00	4 माह	
10	बानो प्रखण्ड के बानो गदरस में सामुदायिक शौचालय निर्माण।	5.50	11000.00	1250.00	4 माह	
11	बानो प्रखण्ड के कोटिया में सामुदायिक शौचालय निर्माण।	5.50	11000.00	1250.00	4 माह	
12	बानो प्रखण्ड के गिरवा मुस्लिम बस्ती में सामुदायिक शौचालय निर्माण।	5.50	11000.00	1250.00	4 माह	

निविदा शर्तें ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, सिमडेगा कार्यालय के सूचना पट में देखा जा सकता है।

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कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, सिमडेगा

**Jharkhand State Water and Sanitation Mission (State Project Management Unit) of Drinking Water and Sanitation Department Nepal House, Doranda, Ranchi, Jharkhand - 834002**

**GHODANEKI PIPED WATER SUPPLY SCHEME**

**E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE/ INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)**

Date: 19.01.2019

Bid No.: IN-SPMU-JHARKHAND-93459-CW-RFB

1. The Government of India has applied for a credit from the International Development Association / loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction & Development towards the cost of Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project for Low Income States and intends to apply a part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contracts for construction of works as detailed below. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works, and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers - January 2011. Successful bidder will have to submit proof of registration issued by DWSD, Government of Jharkhand in proper category within 30 days from the date of agreement. Bidders are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in ITB Section 1 of the Instructions to Bidders to qualify for the award of the contract.

2. The Executive Engineer, D.W. & S Division, Saraikela invites bids in electronic tendering system for the construction of works detailed in the table. The bidders may submit bids for all of the following works contained in the table at the end of this e-Procurement Notice/IFB. Bidders submitting the bids for only one component (Design, Built or Operation & Maintenance) shall be rejected.

**Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement: 21.01.2019**

3. The bid document is available online and bids are to be submitted online through the e-procurement portal <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> only. Bids submitted manually will not be accepted. The bidders are required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidders are required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities.

"Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the User ID and Password for participating in e-procurement may obtain the same by registering in the website: <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> The requirements to register with the e-procurement portal are available on the website indicated above.

4. The bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid document (b) original bid security in approved form and (c) original notarized power of attorney as per provisions of ITB Section 2.1 (2), 3.5(1) & 3.7, to the Office of the Executive Engineer, D.W. & S Division, Saraikela, Jharkhand on a date not later than two working days after the opening of Part I- Technical Bid, either by registered post or by hand, failing which the bids will be declared non responsive.

(i) The above documents shall be submitted in one envelope. The bidders shall not write their names or addresses on this envelope.

(ii) The number mentioned on acknowledgement of online submission of the bid by the bidder shall be mentioned on envelope containing the documents as detailed above.

(iii) Bid Security: Rs.20.26 Lakh (Rupees Twenty Lakh Twenty Six Thousand Only).

(v) Cost of Bid Document: Rs. 10,000.00 (Rupees Ten Thousand Only), non-refundable, only in form of demand draft in favour of DWSM (DPMU ACCOUNT), Saraikela.

5. A pre-bid meeting will be held on 05.02.2019 at 11:30 hrs. at the Office of the Engineer in Chief, Drinking Water & Sanitation Department, Nepal House, Doranda, Ranchi, Jharkhand, to clarify the issues and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised at that stage as stated in ITB Section 2.5 of the bidding document.

6. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The Owner shall not be held liable for any delays due to the e-procurement system failure beyond its control. Even though the e-procurement system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Owner shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

Package No.	Name of Work	Bid Security (Rs.) in Lakhs	Cost of Bid Document (Rs.)	Period of Completion (months)
1	(a) Design and build of all system components Of Ghodanegi piped Water supply project	20.26 lakh	10,000.00	24
	(b) Operation And maintenance for 5 Years after commissioning Of scheme including billing of tariff from customers' For providing supply of Water by 24x7@70 lpcd			60
<b>Total</b>		<b>20.26 lakh</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>84</b>

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Executive Engineer, PR200126 (Drinking Water and Sanitation)18-19'D, D.W. & S Division, Saraikela

# EC rejects cyber expert's claim of EVM tempering

## Says it's mulling legal action against expert

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As the Opposition on Monday got fresh ammunition to further its contention that the EVMs can be tampered after a cyber expert said so, the BJP as well as the Election Commission (EC) came out with a strong counter. The BJP accused the Congress of being behind the move while the EC backed the EVMs and said it will even explore legal action against the expert.

Leading "EVM can be hacked charge", West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said the Opposition will take up with Election Commission the claims made by expert Syed Suja. She said every vote was valuable and the issue should be taken up. "Our great democracy must be protected. Every vote of yours is precious. All Oppn parties discussed the #EVM issue after the #UnitedIndiaAtBrigade rally. We are working closely together and decided on Jan 19 itself to consistently take up the matter with EC. Yes, every vote counts," she tweeted.

The cyber expert has demonstrated how EVMs can allegedly be hacked at an event in London organised by the Indian Journalists' Association (Europe).

Coming out hard, Union Minister MA Naqvi said the Congress has a lot of free-lancers, who sometimes reach even Pakistan to take help for removing Modi. "They are making a hacking horror show of their possible defeat in the upcoming elections," he said.

Congress leader Kapil Sibal didn't go by accident, Naqvi maintained adding he was sent by the Congress, its president Rahul Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi. "Jin logon ko bhi desh aur desh ki loktantrik vyavastha ko badnaam karne ki supari di gayi hai, us supari ko lekar yaha se koi dakiya to jaana chahiye na. Two wo dakiya bheja gaya hai," he asserted.

For its part, the Election Commission issued a statement saying, "It has come to our notice that an event claiming to demonstrate EVMs used by EC can be tampered with, has been organised in London. ECI has been wary of becoming a party to this motivated sluffest and stands by empirical facts about foolproof nature of ECI EVMs."

"It is being separately examined as to what legal action can and should be taken in the matter," it said even as it went to point out that the EVMs are manufactured in Bharat Electronics Ltd. & Electronics Corporation of India Ltd. under very strict supervisory and security conditions.

"There are rigorous Standard Operating Procedures observed under supervision of a Committee of technical experts constituted in 2010," it pointed out.

# Mega rally gave Modi shivers: Sena, Cong

## Jaitley, Rajanth say Opp fears PM's popularity

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Opposition's show of unity led by West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee last week has sparked a fresh war of words with the BJP's estranged ally Shiv Sena and Opposition Congress claiming it has given Prime Minister Narendra Modi the "shivers" ahead of the 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

Hitting back, Union Ministers Arun Jaitley and Rajnath Singh said it is only the "fear" of Modi's popularity and a "certain comeback" and BJP's successes that is bringing multiple disparate forces to come together against the Prime Minister.

Referring to the Opposition's show of unity at a rally organised by Banerjee in Kolkata on Saturday, the Sena, in an editorial in party mouthpiece 'Saamna', asked Modi not to live in an illusion that his Government is "immortal". The Sena said the Trinamool



Congress(TMC) supremo was taking the Narendra Modi-Amit Shah combine head-on.

"Most of the leaders who attended the rally, including Banerjee, were once allies of the BJP under Atal Bihari Vajpayee's leadership and there is no need to ridicule them. Modi's Government is not an enemy of the country but he should not live in an illusion that his Government is 'amar' (immortal). Why did Modi get shivers from the coming together of 22 Opposition parties," it wondered," it added.

Banerjee had invited Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray to the rally. "All those present on Banerjee's platform were secularists. The Sena is not pseudo-secularist. Our ideology is 'hindutva' and we are firm on our stand on the issues of Ram temple and uniform civil code. The Kolkata rally could not

have digested Shiv Sena's stand," it added. Modi on Sunday dismissed the "mahagathbandhan" (grand alliance) of Opposition parties, alleging it was an alliance of "corruption, negativity and instability" and one created by those affected by his fight against graft.

Finance Minister Arun Jaitley who is abroad for a treatment as per media reports, said its going to be advantage BJP in the general elections as an aspirational society will not commit a "collective suicide" by voting for a short-lived political alliance. Jaitley said the Opposition rally in Kolkata became significantly "a non-Rahul Gandhi rally" by his conspicuous absence.

Dismissing the Opposition 'Mahagathbandhan' as unviable and unworkable, Jaitley said India has moved ahead of 1971 and the aspirational society will not commit a "collective suicide" in the upcoming general elections.

BJP had described the Kolkata rally as a gathering of "opportunistic elements" with the sole agenda of removing Modi without any roadmap for the country's future. The two-fold strategy of the Opposition

parties for the general elections is to pursue anti-Modi agenda and take advantage of the electoral arithmetic, he said in a Facebook post titled 'Agenda for 2019 — Modi Vs Chaos'.

Recalling the 1971 General Elections, Jaitley said the Opposition had formed a 'Grand Alliance' or the 'Mahagathbandhan' teaming up against the then prime minister Indira Gandhi but remained unsuccessful. His cabinet colleague Home Minister Rajnath Singh said it was the fear of BJP's successes that made the Opposition parties come together. "They (mahagathbandhan parties) are afraid that BJP will form government again..." Singh told reporters in Greater Noida.

Senior Congress leader Ahmed Patel said Modi's recent remarks about the Opposition's 'mahagathbandhan' and his body language "proved" he was "afraid" of its unity. Patel said the coming together of Opposition parties is guided by a "common objective" to defend and protect the Constitution. "Only those who have undermined and tried to sabotage the Constitution seem to be extremely perturbed by Opposition unity," said Patel.

# CBI seeks sanction to prosecute PC in INX Media case

New Delhi:

The CBI has sought the sanction of the Central Government to prosecute former Finance Minister P



Chidambaram in the INX Media case, officials said Monday.

The CBI had registered an FIR on May 15, 2017 against alleged irregularities in the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) clearance to INX Media for receiving overseas funds to the tune of ₹305 crore in 2007 when Chidambaram was finance minister.

Chidambaram's son Karti Chidambaram was arrested in the matter for allegedly receiving funds to the tune of Rs 10 lakh.

The other accused in the case include then directors of the INX Media company, Indrani Mukerjea and Peter Mukerjea. **PTI**

# Shah calls for change in Didi land like Tripura

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The BJP on Monday claimed that in a way similar to Tripura, which voted for the party, people of West Bengal would also back it and bring about a political change even as it alleged that the TMC-led State Government was "crushing democratic rights" of the party and not allowing its public meetings and rallies in the State.

Addressing a Press conference here, senior BJP leader and Union Minister Piyush Goyal said party president Amit Shah who is to address a public rally at Malda on Tuesday is not being allowed to land in a given helipad. Shah will be in the West Bengal for two days and address public rallies in Malda and Jhargram. He claimed that the BJP was growing "rapidly" in

west Bengal which is indicated by Trinamool Congress's attempts to put road blocks in BJP's move in not allowing it exercise its democratic rights.

He said the bike rally of 'Yuva BJP' was denied for no visible reasons as the state witnessed killing of 36 BJP workers in the last 'Panchayat' polls, he alleged and claimed that the law and order in the state has gone out of control of the TMC Government. "The Opposition alliance partners are not saying a word about the deteriorating law & Order in the state as BJP's democratic rights are being crushed", he alleged. Stating that government was not allowing 'Durga puja' or 'Saraswati puja', he said "this is height of intolerance which is not being questioned by Congress and other parties."

# ₹13K cr-PNB-scam accused fugitive Choksi gives up India citizenship

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Fugitive diamond trader Mehul Choksi, a prime accused in ₹13,000 PNB credit fraud case, has surrendered his Indian passport at the Indian High commission in Guyana, official sources said here on Monday.

Choksi had earlier acquired Antiguan passport in 2018 and the latest move is being seen here as a ploy to frustrate extradition efforts against him. Choksi is uncle of fugitive diamondaire Nirav Modi, also an alleged architect of the PNB scam is said to be hiding in the UK.

Since dual citizenship is not allowed as per Indian law, Choksi surrendered his passports after acquiring foreign nationality. The Government has also revoked his passport last year. India will continue to

pursue Choksi's return with the government of Antigua through diplomatic and legal channels in order to make him face the law, sources said.

In August 2018, India gave Antigua a request for Choksi's extradition. A team from India was also sent to Antigua to pursue the request where the fugitive has been taking refuge for over a year.

Choksi is wanted in India by the CBI and the Enforcement Directorate in separate cases of fraud and money laundering in connection with the PNB scam, which has been the biggest in the banking sector.

Choksi, 59, has deposited his Indian passport number Z-3396732 to the Indian High Commission in Antigua. Officials said he has also deposited the mandatory \$177 for relinquishing Indian citizenship to become a citizen of Antigua and has given his new address as Jolly Harbour, Antigua.

The Ministry of External Affairs had earlier said that Choksi, who had been granted citizenship by Antigua Government, could not have dual citizenship. He was granted citizenship there under an "investment criterion" that allows businessmen to avail citizenship of the Caribbean island in exchange for investments. Citizenship is up for sale in some of these countries and the authorities offer citizenship for nearly ₹1.75 crore.

Choksi had fled India in January last year along with Nirav, his wife Ami Modi and brother Nishal Modi, and was granted Antiguan citizenship in November 2017 after extensive vetting and he took the oath of citizenship on January 15, 2018.



Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat addresses during a condolence meeting for RSS thinker Devendra Swaroop in New Delhi on Monday **PTI**

# Doval's son accuses Caravan, Jairam Ramesh of defamation, moves court

New Delhi: Vivek Doval, son of National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval, filed a criminal defamation complaint on Monday against a news magazine for allegedly publishing a defamatory article.

Besides the magazine and the author of the article, Kaushal Shroff, Vivek has also filed the complaint against Congress leader Jairam Ramesh for holding a Press conference on January 17 reiterating the "baseless and unfounded facts" as narrated in the article.

The article claimed that Vivek was running a hedge fund whose promoters are of dubious antecedents.

He has claimed that the magazine was "deliberately maligning and defaming" him to "settle scores with his father".

The Caravan, had in its January 16 online journal titled, "The D Companies" had said that Vivek, "runs a hedge fund in the Cayman Islands" which is "an established tax haven" and was "registered merely 13 days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government demonetised all existing Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 currency notes, in 2016".

Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Samar Vishal is likely to hear the matter on Tuesday.

Vivek has alleged that the contents of the article present "no illegality" on his part, but the entire narration has been presented in a manner, which suggests "wrongdoings" to the readers.

"The very arrangement of the paragraphs and the inter-

perspersion of random paragraphs, has been done with the very purpose of confusing the reader and leaving him with the belief that there is a larger conspiracy at play, being spear-headed by the Complainant," said the complainant.

It also said that the social media tweets put out by the magazine's handle gave snippets from the article, which makes it clear that it is merely a targeted attempt to malign and tarnish reputation of Vivek and his family, in order to gain "political credit in light of the upcoming general election".

"The title of the article itself is scandalous to say the least... Creating a prejudice in the minds of the readers against the Complainant and his family," the complaint said. **PTI**

# VVIP chopper case: Court dismisses Tihar's plea against Michel

New Delhi: A Delhi court on Monday dismissed Tihar Central Jail's plea seeking to reduce the time limit given to alleged middleman Christian Michel, arrested in the AgustaWestland VVIP chopper case, to make phone calls to his family members and lawyers abroad.

Special Judge Arvind Kumar, who had granted 15 minutes a week to Michel to make international calls, junked the plea filed by the jail authorities, saying there was no ground to curtail the relief granted to the accused.

The jail superintendent had approached the court, saying the time limit was not as per the jail-manual and the time duration should be

decreased. Michel, extradited from Dubai, was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on December 22 last year.

The court had earlier imposed restrictions on Michel meeting his lawyers while he was in the ED's custody, after the agency had said he was misusing the legal access by passing chits to his lawyers, asking them how to tackle questions on "Mrs Gandhi".

ED counsels, D P Singh and N K Matta, had also claimed that during the questioning, Michel had spoken about the "son of an Italian lady" and how he was going to become the next Prime Minister of the country. **PTI**

# India to talk with B'desh on 31 Rohingyas detained in Tripura

New Delhi: India is likely to hold talks with Bangladesh to send back 31 Rohingya Muslims, who were detained by the Border Security Force (BSF) while attempting to cross over into Tripura, officials said.

The Rohingyas Muslims are stuck in no-man's land, beyond the barbed wire fence along the Indo-Bangladesh border in Tripura since Friday.

The local commandant of the BSF is in touch with his Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB) counterpart, and the Ministry of External Affairs is expected to hold talks with the Bangladesh government for their safe return, a home ministry official said.

The top brass of the BSF has briefed senior officials of

the Home Ministry, which in turn is in regular touch with the Ministry of External Affairs.

All the Myanmar-origin Rohingyas Muslims were given "comfortable" temporary accommodation at Rayermura, where they were detained, about 15 km from Agartala, in West Tripura district, the official said.

The 31 detained Rohingyas include six men, nine women and 16 children. They are currently at 'Zero Line', beyond the border fence.

The barbed wire fence along the Indo-Bangladesh border is 300 feet inside the Indian territory.

The BGB has been stressing that the detained Rohingyas were from India, while the

BSF has been claiming that they were from Bangladesh, another official said.

The Indian government had informed Parliament in 2017 that over 14,000 Rohingya Muslims, registered with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, stay in India.

However, aid agencies estimate there are about 40,000 Rohingya people in the country, many of them suspected to have arrived through Bangladesh.

Hundreds of thousands of Rohingyas Muslims, described by the UN as the most persecuted minority in the world, fled their homes last year to escape an alleged crackdown by the Myanmar military. **PTI**

# Don't use single-use plastic for LS poll campaign: Min

New Delhi: Ahead of the 2019 parliamentary elections, the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has asked all States and Union Territories (UTs) not to use single-use plastic for poll preparations and to encourage use of alternative materials for election campaign.

The ministry also laid down standard guidelines to be adopted for minimising production and use of single-use plastic.

C K Mishra, Secretary, MoEFCC, has written to all the states and UTs reiterating that single-use plastics need to be completely phased out from the country by 2020 so they should switch to alternate options for election campaign.

"You are aware about India's commitment to phase out single-use plastic by 2020. The ill-effects of plastic

waste, which are not recyclable or bio-degradable, are well known. I had earlier written to you with a request to phase out single-use plastic in offices. I am again reiterating the request, particularly with reference to the upcoming general elections," Mishra said in his letter.

The secretary, in his letter to the chief secretaries and chief electoral officers of all the states and UTs on Monday, said all government offices must completely ban all types of plastic carry bags, thermo-cold disposable cutlery and discourage the use of artificial banners, flags, flowers, water bottles, plastic folders, etc.

"All events organised by or sponsored by the government shall be single-use plastic free," he said, adding that awareness campaigns should be organised to discourage single-use plastic.

Single-use plastic is often

referred to as disposable plastics, commonly used for packaging and items intended to be used only once before they are thrown away.

The ministry suggested alternative options to plastic in campaigning material such as natural fabrics and recycled paper material which have a lesser environmental impact.

"Such materials need to be promoted as a sustainable and environmentally sound management practice. The upcoming general elections present an excellent opportunity to introduce a behavioural change in election campaigning and to promote sustainable practices."

"In this background, I would like to request you to impress upon all concerned to take up sustainable practices and try using alternative options to single-use plastic. This will go a long way in fulfilling India's commitment of

phasing out single-use plastic as well as protecting human health and environment," he said.

The ministry has laid down standard guidelines to be followed by the states and UTs regarding single-use plastics to avoid ambiguity and maintain parity among action at state-level.

"I invite you to adopt these guidelines in your state/UT and hope that actions suggested therein would be useful for effective management of plastic waste in your state/UT. We would also urge the states/UTs to come up with innovative ideas to minimise single-use plastic and improve upon these guidelines in their states," Mishra said.

Expressing concern over the rise in the amount of plastic entering oceans and seas, the secretary said marine litter is harmful for marine ecosystem, bio-diversity and

potentially human health and there was need for a strategic approach to manage plastic waste.

Under the Plastic Waste Management Rules (PWMMR) 2016 notified by the ministry to manage plastic in an environmentally sound manner throughout their life cycle, 15 states and four union territories have issued notifications completely banning plastic carry bags and single-use plastic items like food packaging, cutlery etc., the ministry said.

The ministry also suggested the states to invest heavily in segregation of waste.

"States/UTs may focus on improving last mile delivery of collection and transportation services. The focus should also be placed on improving collection and transportation infrastructure and ensuring segregated waste is collected," it said. **PTI**



A view of used plastic tumblers seen strewn around Ramlila Maidan after Sunday's BJP Yuva Vijay Sankalp Rally in New Delhi on Monday **PTI**

# 1 cr take dip on Paush Purnima in Prayagraj



PTI ■ ALLAHABAD

An aerial view shows devotees take a holy dip on the occasion of Paush Purnima in Allahabad on Monday

Braving intense chill, over 1.07 crore devotees took a dip in the Ganga river here on Monday on the occasion of Paush Purnima — the second auspicious bathing day of the Kumbh Mela.

From Sunday night itself, the Sangam area was buzzing with activity as devotees started arriving even as security forces maintained a close watch on the movement of pilgrims and visitors at the mela venue. Even before the sunrise, devotees were seen coming out from the ghats after taking the dip. "Over 1.07 crore devotees have taken a dip so far on the occasion of Paush Purnima. Drone cameras are being used to keep a watch and maintain vigil over the mela area," Mela adhiikaari Vijay Anand told reporters here.

Officials repeatedly made announcements requesting devotees not to venture into deep waters and also keep an eye over suspicious elements in their vicinity and report it to the police.

The full moon was at its splendid best over Sangam before the break of dawn and devotional songs greeted visitors in the area. Fog too was seen before the sunrise at various places in the Sangam area. However, it failed to dampen the mood of devotees, who turned up in large numbers for the Paush Purnima bath.

As the day progressed, the number of devotees coming to take the holy dip increased. The Purnima or full moon day will also mark the beginning of Kalpwas (the period of austerity) at Kumbh Mela. Elaborating on the significance of Paush Purnima, Swami Adhokshanand said, "Paush Purnima is a significant day for Hindus which falls on the full moon day of Paush in the Hindu calendar. On this day, devotees from different parts of the country assemble at Sangam to take a holy dip."

"Even Lord Krishna had said in the Hindu calendar, he represents the month of Paush,"



Foreign devotees take a holy dip at Sangam on Monday

he said. Satish Shukla, who came from Kanpur for the holy dip, said, "Various facilities at the mela venue have improved significantly. The Ganga river looks a lot cleaner now as compared to earlier times."

On Sunday, UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had greeted people on the eve of Paush Purnima.

In a statement issued in Lucknow, Adityanath said, "Paush Purnima, which is sym-

## Kinnar Akhara to build ashram in Allahabad

New Delhi: Kinnar Akhara, a group of transgender saints in Prayagraj Kumbh, announced on Monday it will set up an ashram in the city, according to a statement issued here by the Ministry of Culture.

The group, which had attended the Ujjain Kumbh in 2016, has been taking part in the holy baths at the Kumbh Mela this year along with the other akharas. "Transgenders were badly exploited in the society and even their parents were forced to live a disgraceful life. Transgenders have been part of Sanatan Dharm and they have been given respectful status in religious epics and books of Hindu mythology. Akhara has provided forum to transgenders to pursue dignified life with religious rituals," Acharya Mahamandaleswar Lakshmi Narayanan Tripathi, chief of Kinnar Akhara said.

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# PM to inaugurate 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas

PTI ■ VARANASI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas on Tuesday in this temple town and hold talks with his Mauritian counterpart Pravin Jugnauth after the inaugural session. External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj inaugurated the Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas on Monday, along with Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, and said the Indian diaspora has dramatically changed the world's perception of Indians and India.

Mauritian Premier Jugnauth arrived here in the afternoon and was received by Minister of State for External Affairs VK Singh. Later, Swaraj called on the Mauritian PM and exchanged views on a range of issues, including strengthening bilateral cooperation.

For the first time, the three-day-long convention is being organised from January 21 to 23 instead of January 9 to 10 as participants visit the Kumbh Mela in Allahabad and attend the Republic Day parade here.

The theme of this year's convention is 'role of Indian diaspora in building new India', a statement from the Prime Minister's Office said.

Varanasi is Modi's parliamentary constituency. Jugnauth will be the chief guest of the convention, while Himanshu Gulati, member of Parliament of Norway, will be the special guest.

Kanwaljit Singh Bakshi, member of Parliament of New Zealand, will be the guest of honour. President Ram Nath Kovind will address the concluding function on January 23.

Over 4,000 NRI delegates from about 85 countries are attending the event and many of them will be staying in the tent city, built specially for the event. After Pravasi Divas, the guests will be taken for a visit to the Kumbh Mela on January

24 where also a tent city has been set up.

A cultural village has been developed in Prayagraj, showing the history from the Indus Valley Civilisation. The 'pravasi' will be taken to New Delhi on the night of January 24 and will have a "Delhi darshan" the next day.

They will also witness the Republic Day Parade on January 26. Uttar Pradesh is the partner state for the event and a novel feature this year is the concept of 'Varanasi hospitality' under which local people are hosting the Indians living

## MJ Akbar on booklet; MEA says nothing to do with Pravasi Divas

Varanasi: A booklet featuring MJ Akbar, who resigned as Minister of State for External Affairs following allegations of sexual misconduct by several women, was distributed to delegates at the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas here, trig-

gering a controversy with the Congress attacking the Government over it.

Sources in the Ministry said Akbar is not at all associated with the event and that the booklet was published in May last year, months before he quit

as Minister. The booklet highlighted achievements of the MEA in the last four years and all the ministers in the MEA featured in it. "The booklet was published months before Akbar quit as a Minister," said a Government official. PTI

abroad at their homes as "family guests."

The First Plenary Session on 'Engagement with younger members of Indian Diaspora', co-chaired by Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports

Rajyavardhan Rathore and Singh, was held on Monday.

Uttar Pradesh Pravasi Bharatiya Divas was also held on Monday where renowned NRIs with family roots in the State took part.

## Sushma: Countries like US, Japan, China ageing, India getting younger

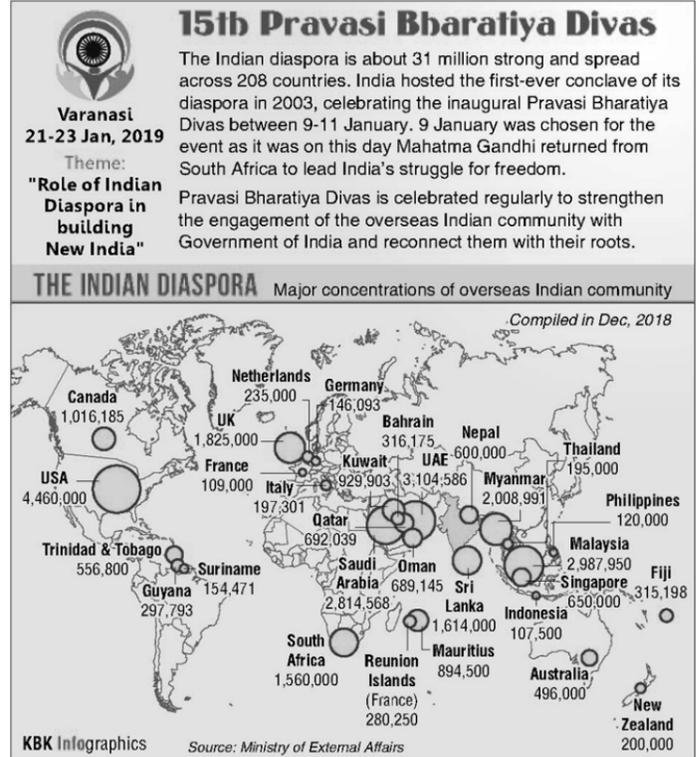
PTI ■ VARANASI

Underlining that countries such as the US, Japan and China are ageing rapidly, External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj on Monday said India is getting younger and this demographic perspective offers it an "unprecedented edge" that will help in building a "New Young India" by 2022.

Sushma, in her inaugural address at the Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas, said the Indian diaspora has dramatically changed the world's perception of Indians and our country.

"India has the largest diaspora in the world, at almost 31 million, which is spread throughout the globe. However, what marks all of you is the shared common identity — of Indianness — and a shared common origin — India, land of your forefathers," Sushma added.

The Youth PBD marked the start of the 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas and was attended by Swaraj, Minister of State for Sports and Youth Affairs Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Minister of State for External Affairs VK Singh, among others.



## 'Ram Naam Bank' at Kumbh for devotees seeking solace

Allahabad: For almost a century, people from different religions have been writing the name of Lord Ram in a booklet and depositing it in the 'Ram Naam Bank' in search of solace and peace. It is a unique bank with neither ATMs, nor cheque books and its only 'currency' is Lord Ram.

Ashutosh Varshney, who manages the bank's affairs, is carrying on the legacy of his grandfather who had set up the organisation in early part of the 20th century.

"This bank was started by my grandfather, Ishwar Chandra, who was a businessman. Now, there are over one lakh account holders from different age groups and religions," said Ashutosh Varshney, who has set up its camp at Sector 6 of the Kumbh

Mela. "It runs under a social organisation, Ram Naam Sewa Sansthan, and has witnessed at least nine Kumbhs," he said.

The bank has no monetary transactions. Its members have a booklet of 30 pages, containing 108 columns in which they write 'Ram Naam' 108 times everyday. This booklet is deposited in the individual's account.

He said the name of the Lord should be written in red ink as it is the colour of love. "The divine name of Lord Ram is credited in the account of account holder. A passbook is issued like other banks," said Gunjan Varshney, the president of the bank which is situated at Civil Lines here.

"All these services are provided free of cost. Ram Naam Bank has ledgers and pass-

books like any other bank, and maintains the records of its 'depositors'. The only currency that works in this bank is the name of Lord Ram," she said.

Gunjan Varshney said the size of one's account was determined by the number of times one was able to write the name of the Lord and deposit it in the bank. She said writing Ram Naam is called 'Likhita Jaap', and it comes in the category of writing meditation. "This gives one a complete sense of surrender to an inner conscience and peace while writing the golden words. All the senses are engaged in the service of Lord," she said.

Ashutosh Varshney said people are not bound to worship Lord Ram to be members of the bank. They are free to worship Gods of their religions, he added. PTI

## Bulls gore to death 2 persons in Jallikkattu

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

An attempt by a Minister in the Edappadi Palaniswami Government to create a world record in Jallikkattu in his home district ended up in a tragedy on Sunday as two spectators were gored to death by bulls while 40 people were injured in the mele.

The incident happened within minutes of Chief Minister Palaniswami who inaugurated the event at Viralmalai in Puthukkotta district declaring that Jallikkattu was Tamil Nadu's sport of valour.

A Ramu, a 32-year-old spectator and G Satish (35), a bull owner were gored to death. The event was organised by the controversial Health Minister C Vijaya Baskar, who hails from the district and who also owns costly bulls. It may be remembered that the home and offices of Vijaya Baskar were raided twice by the Income Tax department in the run up to the April 2017 RK Nagar by-poll and had seized unaccounted cash worth crores of rupees and incriminating documents.

"The Income Tax authorities have informed that several complaints were received recently indicating that Dr C Vijaya Baskar is the main person involved in bribing the voters in RK Nagar Assembly constituency which is going to bypolls on April 12, 2017. Some loose sheets were found with his accountant Mr Srinivasan indicating distribution of Rs 89 crore to a number of politicians for further distribution among the voters," said the Election Commission of India order issued to announce the rescinding the bypoll in April 2017.

Vijaya Baskar announced on Sunday that the Viralmalai Jallikkattu would be a regular feature in Tamil Nadu's sporting calendar. A record number of 1,353 bulls and 700 tamers took part in the event. More than 300 persons had been injured in various jallikkattu events which commenced after the Pongal festivities of this year.

These are the first fatalities of the 2019 Jallikkattu season which is expected to last up to September. The year 2018 saw 32 persons getting gored to death by bulls (unofficial figures put that fatalities as 68 dead). More than 20 bulls got killed in last year's event.



"Jallikkattu stands out as a symbol of Tamil's valour. By conducting such a grand event Viralmalai has grabbed a place in the list of Jallikkattu famed places like Alanganallur, Palamedu and Avaniyapuram," said the Chief Minister while inaugurating the event.

Antony Rubin, an animal rights activist who has been waging a legal battle against the Jallikkattu pointed out that the exact number of persons killed in bull taming event would never be known. "We saw two persons getting killed at Viralmalai. The fate of those persons who have been admitted to hospitals would never be known as these events take place in remote villages. The attention of the media as well as the officials shift to the next location and Viralmalai is forgotten," said Rubin.

Supreme Court is hearing a batch of petitions filed by animal rights activist pleading for

a ban on Jallikkattu, which is described as sport of death. Though a division bench of the apex court had banned the event, the Tamil Nadu Government got the court order nullified by enacting a law in the Legislative Assembly in January 2017 and making the Centre promulgate an ordinance.

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Name of Work : Construction of 21 nos. Aam Aadmi Mohalla Clinic (Primary Health Centres) at various places in the jurisdiction of Shahdara Circle, PWD, Delhi (Civil and Electrical Work). NIT No. 07/EE(P)/Shahdara Circle M/PWD/NIT/2018-19 Divn. NIT No. 122/EE/KKD Court Divn/PWD/NIT/2018-19 (Recall) ID No. 2019\_PWD\_165819\_1 Estimated Cost: Rs. 3,57,70,652/- (Civil Component: Rs. 2,98,70,975/- & Elect. Component: Rs. 58,99,677/-) Earnest Money: Rs. 7,15,413/- Period of completion :- 120 Days. Last date and time of Receipt of tender up to 15:00 PM on 04.02.2019 Date & time of opening of bid on 04.02.2019 at 15:30 PM Execution of similar works please see in NIT Earnest Money in favour of Executive Engineer CBM Divn. M-221, PWD Other details of tender can be obtained from the website: <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

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TENDER NOTICE						
Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	HVPNL	REPAIR & MTC. OF YARD TRENCH COVER AT 220KV S/STN.HVPNL KAITHAL DURING THE F.Y. 2018-19	CLOSING 31.01.2019	13500	<a href="https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in">https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in</a> Tender No: 47/GS-50/2018-19/Vol-II, 11.01.2019, 111311	0172-2583789 pro@hvpnl.org.in
2	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION GURUGRAM	SURVEY & INVESTIGATION FOR IDENTIFICATION OF ILLEGAL CONNECTIONS IN MASTER STORM WATER DRAINS & ARTERIAL DRAINS WITHIN GURUGRAM HARYANA	18.01.2019 24.01.2019	10000	<a href="https://mcrurgaon.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in">https://mcrurgaon.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in</a> Tender No: 112232	ee6@mcr.gov.in
3	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ROHTAK	HIRING OF VEHICLES FOR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ROHTAK	19.01.2019 28.01.2019	NIL	<a href="http://www.mcrohtak.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in">www.mcrohtak.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in</a>	commissioner@mcr@gmail.com
4	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION FARIDABAD	P/L OF RMC M-20 GRADE ON VARIOUS STREETS I.E MAIN ROAD TEE POINT NEAR NARAYAN SINGH,ZILE SINGH HOUSE WALI GALI	19.01.2019 14.02.2019	215.64 LACS	<a href="https://mcfbd.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in">https://mcfbd.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in</a> Tender No: 112314	9818643725 shyamsingh.anurag@gmail.com
5	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION FARIDABAD	P/L OF RMC M-20 GRADE ON VARIOUS STREETS I.E NEAR BILLU PEHALWAN HOUSE,MATA MOD TO MAIN BAZZAR WALI GALL,RAJIBR WALI GALL,SUNDER JI WALI GALL	19.01.2019 14.02.2019	127.90 LACS	<a href="https://mcfbd.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in">https://mcfbd.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in</a> Tender No: 112317	9818643725 shyamsingh.anurag@gmail.com
6	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION GURUGRAM	DRILLING,BORING AND INSTALLATION OF 1 NOS TUBEWELL WITH (REVERSE ROTATORY METHOD) IN JHARBER GOGA JI PRACHIN MANDIR,WARD NO.28 + 2 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING 30.01.2019	29.85 LACS	<a href="http://mcrurgaon.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in">http://mcrurgaon.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in</a> Tender No:EE-III/MCG/F-6/2019/2882, 112311	9821395203 ee3@mcr.gov.in
7	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION GURUGRAM	TENDER FOR SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND 3 YEARS OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTE PROCESSING PLANT OF 400MTPD CAPACITY	31.12.2018 08.02.2019	11.50 LACS	<a href="https://mcrurgaon.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in">https://mcrurgaon.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in</a> Tender No: 107730	ee6@mcr.gov.in
8	HSAMB FATEHABAD	CONST. OF ROAD FROM VILLAGE, KHANORA TO BHODIA KHIERA(M.C.TOHANA) (C.M ANNOUNCEMENT23718) + 2 OTHER WORKS	18.01.2019 07.02.2019	2.21 CRORE	<a href="https://hsamb.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in">https://hsamb.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in</a> Tender No: 112310 to 112312	94163-87518 xenshambfatehabad@gmail.com
9	HSAMB REWARI	Mar-19	18.01.2019 31.01.2019	NIL	<a href="http://www.hsamb.org.in">www.hsamb.org.in</a>	01724-224187 xerewar2018@gmail.com
10	HSAMB YAMUNA NAGAR	S/R OF VARIOUS LINK ROADS(GROUP-B) IN SADHAURA CONSTITUENCY(ROAD 1.D2813,2824,2829,2830,2834,2844,2899&2901) + 9 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING 07.02.2019	4.44 CRORE	<a href="http://www.hsamb.org.in">www.hsamb.org.in</a> Tender No: 112069,02/2019 to 112072	07132-237825 xenyhr.hsamb@gmail.com
11	VITA	PEST CONTROL SERVICE	22.01.2019 11.02.2019	3 LACS	<a href="https://vitaindia.org.in">https://vitaindia.org.in</a>	0171-2540614
12	HARYANA SCHOOL SHIKSHA PARIYOJANA PARISHAD	TENDER FOR PRINTING & SUPPLY OF MODULES FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS UNDER PROJECT SANKALP (FOR CLASS IX & X) FOR ACADEMIC SESSION 2019-20	19.01.2019 04.02.2019	30 LACS	<a href="http://www.hsspp.in">www.hsspp.in</a> Tender No: 254/2018-19/TBS/HSSPP	0172-2590505 tbssahsspp@gmail.com
13	DHBNV	RATE CONTRACT FOR TRANSPORTATION OF M.S STEEL ITEMS	09.01.2019 08.02.2019	15 LACS FOR 1 YEAR	<a href="http://www.dhbnv.org.in">www.dhbnv.org.in</a>	9416310766 cosdhbnv@gmail.com
14	HARYANA FOREST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION KARNAL	FELLING OF TREES FROM FOREST AND NON-FOREST AREAS WITH EXTRACTION OF STUMPS, CARRIAGE,UNLOADING & STACKING	19.01.2019 28.01.2019	49 LACS	<a href="http://hfdc.gov.in">hfdc.gov.in</a> Tender No: GM/HFDC/KNL/17/2018-19	0184-2241545 gm.karnal@hfdc.gov.in
15	HARYANA FOREST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION KARNAL	FELLING OF TREES FROM FOREST AND NON-FOREST AREAS WITH EXTRACTION OF STUMPS, CONVERSION,MEASUREMENT,RECORDING,LOADING,CARRIAGE	19.01.2019 28.01.2019	49 LACS	<a href="http://hfdc.gov.in">hfdc.gov.in</a> Tender No: GM/HFDC/KNL/16/2018-19	0184-2241545 gm.karnal@hfdc.gov.in

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RO NO. 74948

# Send team to check fish quality: AP CM to Nitish

PTI ■ AMARAVATI

After Bihar banned sale of Andhra fish over quality concerns, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu on Monday requested his Bihar counterpart Nitish Kumar to send a technical team to look into the issue and restore the trade between the two States.

The Bihar Government has imposed a ban for 15 days in Patna after it found formalin, a known carcinogen, in some of the consignments brought from Andhra Pradesh. Formalin is used to preserve fish.

In a letter written to the Bihar Chief Minister, Naidu informed that the State Government has conducted surprise raids and tested samples but could not find formalin in any fish products.



The AP State Fish Farmers Association has denied alleged use of formalin to preserve the fish. Aquaculture farmers and traders have said this could be an attempt to disturb trade between two States, he added.

Against the backdrop, Naidu requested the Bihar CM to "depute a technical team from Bihar state for quality check" and take initiative against the persons responsible for

# After Navy, Meghalaya suspends operation to retrieve dead miner's body

Shillong: Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma on Monday suspended the operation to retrieve the body of a dead miner trapped inside a 370-foot-deep coal mine to avoid disintegration of the decomposed corpse.

The State Government's order came a day after the Navy on Sunday suspended the operation to pull the body out after it was found by the unmanned ROV last week during a routine search mission inside the main shaft where the 15 miners are trapped since December 13.

The State Government has given the order of suspending the operation to pull out the body of the miner as it is becoming an impossible task, Sangma told mediapersons.

We decided that we will suspend the operation because it is really not working out, he

added. We have asked the medical department, Navy, administration and forensic department for their advice and observation, he said. Asked if the State Government will call off the rescue operations involving multi-agencies, including the Navy and the NDRF, Sangma said, no decision had been taken yet. We are going to take inputs from all the experts from different organisations that have been working on this and once we get the report from all of them, it will be appropriate to decide on how to move forward, he said.

Operation spokesperson R Sungsri on the other hand informed that the district authorities were waiting for the family members of another seven miners hailing from Rajabala area in West Garo Hills district to identify the miner.

# Eight drowned as boat capsizes in Karnataka

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Eight persons drowned and another was 'missing' while 17 people were rescued when a boat carrying about 26 pilgrims capsized at Karwar, the Indian Navy said on Monday.

According to police, there was an annual fair at the Kurumagada island in the Arabian sea, where the Narsimha Swamy shrine (dedicated to Lord Vishnu's incarnation Narsimha) is located.

Police had earlier said nearly 1,000 people had gone there to take part in the fair and the boat capsized while returning to the Karwar beach.

The Navy said in a tweet that there were 26 people in the boat. Learning about the incident, Navy and Indian Coast Guard carried out rescue



A view of search operation being carried out by Indian Navy and India Coast Guard after a ferry boat capsized with 26 on board, near Karwar, on Monday PTI

operations. Of the 26 persons reported to be on the boat, 17 people were rescued by other civil boats operating in the area, the Navy said. Eight bodies have

been recovered by the navy and Coast Guard while search is on for the one person still missing.

A Dornier aircraft has been launched from Goa for search and rescue, the Navy added.



People walk on a road during light rain as snow-clad mountains are seen in the background, on the outskirts of Srinagar, on Monday. Rain lashed plains while higher reaches witnessed fresh snowfall in the Valley. The MET office has forecasted widespread rain and snow with heavy falls at isolated places till Tuesday PTI

# BJP cancels Modi's Feb 8 Brigade rally

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday attacked the BJP for carrying out disinformation campaign against her Government over the change in landing location of BJP president Amit Shah's chopper at Malda in North Bengal where he will hold a rally later this week.

The BJP is distorting facts she said, adding her Government had already granted her permission for the Malda rally. "We gave permission for the meeting without objecting to it," she said, adding "police had only said that the chopper should land at some other location because of some security reasons. But they are unnecessarily creating a hullabaloo over it."

The issue was however solved following reports that Shah's chopper would land at

the BSF helipad. The BJP president was to hold a series of rallies in Bengal apart from the one's to be addressed by Prime Minister whose reported February 8 rally at Brigade Parade Ground stood to be cancelled.

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Meanwhile, Karnataka Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy backed Mamata Banerjee for the Prime Ministerial chair a visibly thrilled Trinamool Congress leadership said the JD(S) leader's statements testified Bengal Chief Minister's acceptance throughout the country

considerations so that all parties could concentrate only on dislodging the Narendra Modi Government, Kumaraswamy's statement only underscored her abilities and acceptance.

His comments "only underscore the ability and acceptance of Mamata Banerjee throughout the country," Chatterjee said adding "though Mamata Banerjee is not in the Central Government now Mr Kumaraswamy's statements prove that she is anyway in the centre of everything."

Kumaraswamy had earlier told agencies that the Bengal Chief Minister by dint of her long stint as a good administrator had developed all the capabilities to lead the country.

He said, "She is simplest of simple and a very good administrator. I believe that Mamata ji has all the capabilities of leading the country and she has already proved herself by leading Bengal for so many years."

# India's first all-women's party launched, to contest Lok Sabha polls

Mumbai: India's first-ever all-women political party — the National Women's Party (NWP) — was launched on Monday in Mumbai and it will contest half — 283 — of the 545 Lok Sabha seats in the 2019 elections. The NWP, described as "a party of mothers", has been founded by a medico and social activist, (Dr) Shwetha Shetty, and will strive for 50 per cent reservation for women in the lower House.

"This party is a historic step in our mission to ensure equal representation for women in Parliament. Our ideology is to remove gender disparity in politics and thus create equal importance for females in the patriarchal Indian society," Shetty told the media persons at the formal kick-start here. She pointed out that the battle to get reservations in Parliament is now over two decades old, but the fact is that we continue in a society where most political decisions are taken by males, with females not having an equal say in Parliament, thus diminishing the possibility of "women empowerment".

# During occult rituals, newborn buried alive in UP to save family members

PTI ■ SHAHJAHANPUR

A newborn was buried alive during occult rituals in Uttar Pradesh's Shahjahanpur district, officials said on Monday.

After hearing cries from under a pit, locals informed police and rescued the one-month-old girl. She has been admitted to a nearby hospital, the officials said.

The incident happened on Friday near Puraina village under Jalalabad police station area of the district.

The father of the girl, during probe, said as she was not keeping well a relative took him to an occultist who advised him to bury her in order to save other family members, ASP (rural) Sudhakar Chandra Shakya said.

The father, the occultist and the girl's aunt have been arrested, he said.

# Not in race for PM post: Akhilesh

Lucknow: The country is looking for a new Prime Minister and the BJP needs to come out with a new face, if it has one, Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav said Monday while making it clear that he is not in the race for the top post.

"As far as leadership issue is concerned, it is actually the people who decide it...You will see, in time to come, how many choices we have," he told reporters here when asked as to who would be the leader of opposition parties against Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

He, however, made it clear that he was "not in the prime ministerial race." "But, one thing is totally clear that the country is waiting for a new Prime Minister...If the BJP, which is so concerned about us, has a new PM, they should tell the people,"

Yadav, who recently shared platform with opposition leaders in Kolkata, said. To a question, the SP president said the SP and the BSP have taken a decision on most of the seats and an announcement in this regard



will be made soon.

"As far as SP patron Mulayam Singh Yadav is concerned, the party will field him from the seat of his choice," he said.

Asked whether his wife and Kannauj MP Dimple Yadav will contest polls again, Akhilesh said, "We are liberal people...If you say she will contest. If you say we are practising

'pariwarwad', she will not." On the controversy over BJP MLA Sadhana Singh's remarks against BSP president Mayawati, he said the language being used by ruling party leaders is the result of their frustration.

"Since the BJP did nothing during its tenure, how will its leaders talk about work...Now that the elections are nearing, there will be a lot of more things as well," he said.

On reports that the Yogi Adityanath Government was preparing to give pension to seers, Yadav said they should get at least Rs 20,000 per month as pension.

"Those reciting Ramayana and other such persons should be given at least Rs 20,000 monthly pension. Those playing roles of Ram, Lakshman and Sita should also be given pension. Yash Bharti awards should also be re-started," he said.

He also called for restarting the Samajwadi Pension scheme and the one for Yash Bharti awardees which was given by the previous Government.

**लोक स्वास्थ्य अभियंत्रण विभाग**  
Tender Notice No. MNA-13/2018-19  
National Competitive Bidding  
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एतद द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि दैनिक समाचार पत्र में प्रकाशित निविदा सूचना संख्या MNA-13/2018-19 जिसका PR No. 11591(PHED) 2018-19 है को इस हद तक संशोधित समझा जाए ।

दैनिक समाचार पत्र में प्रकाशित / शुद्धिपत्र	संशोधित समझा जाए
1. Period of Sale (downloading) of tender Bid Documents	From 04.12.2018 to 15.12.2018 up till 17:00 Hrs through (www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)
2. Date, time & Place of Prebid Meeting	10.12.2018 at 15:00 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer of concerned P.H.Division
3. Last, Date & Time of receipt (uploading) of tender	17.12.2018 up till 17:00 Hrs on www.eproc.bihar.gov.in
4. Last date and time of submission of hard copy of EMD & document charges	18.12.2018 at 15:00 Hrs in the Office of the (A) Executive Engineer of Concerned P.H.Division (B) Superintending Engineer of Concern P.H.Circle (C) Zonal Chief Engineer of concerned Zone
5. Date and time of opening of technical bid	19.12.2018 at 16:00 Hrs on www.eproc.bihar.gov.in

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# Mumbai Mayor moves to new home - in Mumbai Zoo

Mumbai: Mumbai's first citizen, Mayor Vishwanath Mahadeshwar, on Monday shifted to an unusual neighbourhood — the Veermata Jijabai Bhosle Udyan and Zoo complex, paving the way for the long-planned memorial to Shiv Sena's founder-patriarch Bal Thackeray at the official Arabian Sea-facing Mayor's Bungalow at Shivaji Park.

A spokesperson for BrihanMumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), Vijay Khabale, said that the traditional puja ceremonies were performed by the Mayor and his family members before formally shifting into the new premises this afternoon.

"This will be a temporary official accommodation for the Mayor. The BMC is already constructing another official bungalow at Shivaji Park, close to the existing bungalow. It is expected to be ready within three years," Khabale said.

# Earns PM's praise

Surat: A Gujarati couple has earned praise from Prime Minister Narendra Modi for designing their wedding invitation card with a dedicated page justifying the NDA Government's decision to buy Rafale fighter jets.

In a letter sent to the Surat-based couple — Yuvraj Pokharna and bride-to-be Sakshi Agrawal — Modi described the content of the card as "ingenious" and asserted that it had inspired him to work even harder for the country.

# 3 terrorists killed in J&K encounter

Srinagar: Three unidentified terrorists were killed in an encounter with the security forces in Jammu & Kashmir's Budgam district on Monday, the Army said.

A cordon-and-search operation was launched in Hapatnaar area following information about the presence of terrorists in the area, an official said.

The search operation turned into a gun battle after the terrorists opened fire on the security forces. Three militants were killed in the operation, the official said, adding that the identity and affiliation of them were being ascertained.

Reports of stone-pelting were received from some parts of Budgam and Pulwama districts, while authorities suspended Internet connection in some areas as a precautionary measure.

# Surat couple makes Rafale-themed wedding card!

The couple will be tying the knot on January 22. Talking to media on Monday, Pokharna said he received Modi's letter, which is addressed to his mother Babita Prakash Pokharna, on January 17 through e-mail.

"Heartiest Congratulations to Pokharna family on the joyous occasion of the marriage of Yuvraj and Sakshi. I noticed a unique feature of the marriage invitation card sent to the guests," read the letter signed and sent by Modi.

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Tender Title	EMD Cost	Published on CPPP/Website	Pre-bid Meeting date	Closing date
Tender for Supply of Gamma Detection Probe for Radio Guided Surgery for Nuclear Medicine Department at AIIMS Raipur	Rs. 84,000.00	18-01-2019	23-01-2019 at 03:30 pm	07-02-2019 at 03:00 PM
Supply of Fundus Camera System for Dept. of Ophthalmology	Rs. 1,00,600.00	18-01-2019	25-01-2019 at 03:30 pm	14-02-2019 at 03:00 PM
Supply of Vitreo Retina Unit with Integrated Phacoemulsification for Ophthalmology Department	Rs. 2,67,200.00	18-01-2019	25-01-2019 at 03:30 pm	14-02-2019 at 03:00 PM

The details terms & conditions are available on the website- www.aiimsraipur.edu.in and CPP Portal www.eprocure.gov.in  
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**e-Procurement Tender Notice**

Tender ID No. 2018\_NDMC\_163467\_3  
Sub Head: C/O Community Toilet at Rajiv Gandhi Camp near Police Compound Teen Murti Marg, New Delhi, (MLA LAD Fund)  
Estimated Cost: Rs. 10,42,561.00  
Date of release of tender through e-procurement solution: 18.01.2019  
Last date/time for receipt of tenders through e-procurement solution: 28.01.2019 at 4:00 P.M.  
Further details can be seen at <https://govprocurement.delhi.gov.in>  
Note: To participate in e-tender in NDMC registration with e-tendering system, Government of NCT of Delhi is mandatory.

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The borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 19th day of January, 2019 at, Kosi Kalan Uttar Pradesh and New Delhi.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower(s)/Mortgagor, in particular, and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with this property and any dealings with this property will be subject to the charge of HDFC Bank Ltd. for an amount of Rs. 1,12,41,520.91 (Rupees One Crore Twelve Lakh Forty One Thousand Five Hundred Twenty & Paise Ninety One Only) and interest thereon w.e.f. 01.03.2018 as aforesaid together with expenses and charges etc.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY	Date & Time of Possession
RR 3 AND RR 4 Brindavan Garden Retreat sanctioned by MVDA (Magson Colony) Highway, Kosi Kalan. Boundaries Municipal No:56/57 of MVDA map No 99-K/2000-2001 part of Khasra No. 252, Village Dauna, Tehsil Chhatta District Mathura (As per Sale Deed)	19.01.2019 11.00 AM onwards
North East: Other Property South East: Plot No.RR2 & RR 3 Plot No.55 & 56 vide Map No:99/K-2000-2001 North West: Plot No. RR 4 & PP-10 Plot No 57 & 58 vide Map No.99/K-2000-2001 South West: Road	

Entire Basement Floor, part of property J-54, Saket, New Delhi

These properties are cross-collateralised with M/s Amcon Engineers whose Proprietor is Mr. Mukesh Kumar Laad, and M/s Amcon Engineers Pvt Ltd.

Note: The above notice be also considered as 30 days notice for sale under rule 6, 8 and 9 of the Act.

Date: 19.01.2019 Place: Kosi Kalan, Uttar Pradesh and New Delhi  
Authorised Officer  
HDFC Bank Ltd

## Farce in Karnataka

The brawl among captive MLAs has cost the Congress its ability to hold cadres together



While the Karnataka Congress seems "drunk" on power games, what with its MLAs caught in a nasty brawl with liquor bottles being hurled liberally to decide whether one should stay with the JD(S) government or topple it, the central Congress leadership must realise that it cannot afford to appear so in its quest for national relevance and must restore a modicum of discipline among party rank and file. It must realise that it has yet to build confidence among the electorate as a national alternative and should not be "drunk" over its recent electoral successes in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan. Truth be told, it has barely made it and now has to do much more to win back trust, something that regional parties seem to command better at this point of time and is a glue of the federal front as a viable option. It also needs to understand that three Assembly victories are not enough to assume that it can strong-arm its way vis-a-vis allies and that resurgence cannot be seen as arrogance or greed akin to swamping propriety. While one can charge the BJP with attempting a coup in Karnataka to expose the faultlines of the Congress-JD(S) alliance, can the Congress really afford to be swept up by the poachers' trap and risk its image as an auctioneer rather than an actionable party? It is sad enough that former Congress Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has had a hard time confining party MLAs to a plush resort to ensure they don't quit the flock. It is a shocker that four MLAs still dared to defy the whip. And the grand old party, instead of chalking out strategies for the Lok Sabha election, has only been playing hide-and-seek games in this crucial southern state, quelling fistfights among legislators over joining the BJP just to get prized posts denied to them in the current regime. If the recent United India rally by the federal front leaders in Kolkata is any indication, then it amply proves that the Congress, in public perception, is very much the B-Team and in Karnataka has done a pathetic, iffy job as an ally. Clearly miffed by such shenanigans, Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy lost no time in heaping praise on his West Bengal counterpart Mamata Banerjee, saying she was a "good administrator" and has all capabilities of leading the country, indicating that if need be, the regional parties could do without the Congress and could very well choose from many capable prime ministerial candidates among themselves. They could browbeat the Congress even further, which actually needs them more to give the emergency jet packs for political survival.

The Congress high command understands the need for continuity of its alliance government with JD(S) but has somehow desperately failed to impart some lessons in realpolitik to its myopic cadre. Siddaramaiah's discomfort with the Gowdas is well-known and was visibly upset when his loyalists were kept out of the State Cabinet. A disturbing video leak of his critical remarks against the JD(S) had already cost the Congress in the initial days of government formation with chief Rahul Gandhi compelled to make him the chairman of the Congress-JD(S) coordination committee and ensure he was abreast of all developments in the government. The Congress must realise that it will lose all credibility and be considered an opportunist if it sinks Kumaraswamy. The latter, seen as a victim, will be expected to be open to other alliance partners. If the Congress cannot keep its MLAs together and ends up destabilising the government, then it can give up any hope of progressing in the state where a strong Vokkaliga backlash could grind it to dust. The Congress must realise that it has to have grace, humility and the wisdom of a kingmaker if it wants to have a stake in the Lok Sabha elections. It cannot afford to be a king yet, nor behave like one.

## Wealth inequality

Oxfam's report might ignore millions of Indians rising from poverty but it does highlight how unequal India remains



As the richest and most powerful men and women in the world get ready to discuss global issues in Davos, Switzerland, the British charity, Oxfam, has released a report highlighting global wealth inequality. It highlights that the world's 26 richest people own as much wealth as the world's 50 per cent of the poorest people and in India, the top nine families control half the country's wealth. While some of the mathematics and calculations used by the charity have been made to sensationalise the issue, there is little escaping from the fact that we live in

a highly iniquitous world. But the question is how can this problem be solved? Inequality has been a hallmark of human civilisation; utopian societies and ideologies that have advocated equality, at least economic equality, have always failed. A massive programme of wealth distribution is not the solution but a more equitable world will require some amount of wealth redistribution and that should happen through Government taxation. As the charity suggests, a one per cent wealth tax on the richest people in the world can easily fund education, and to a certain degree, even healthcare for the very poor. However, clever tax lawyers and low-tax jurisdictions have often made it very easy for the wealthy, or rather the less morally upright among them, to hide their wealth. This has to change and new banking and taxation regulations are making it tougher for people and corporations to shelter their wealth. However, ironically, anti-tax politicians have, by using nativist arguments, propelled themselves to positions of power in several developed countries.

There is little doubt that countries like China have taken massive strides in lifting hundreds of millions out of poverty and indeed in the past two decades so has India — extreme poverty levels have declined. That, however, does not mean that inequality will decline in the long-term. Indeed, in the past, whenever sustained periods of inequality have been around, they usually ended in a bloody revolution, although may be those times are past if Governments across the world can take it upon themselves to solve this problem. This will need a massive transfer of wealth from the developed world to the developing world, something that China managed thanks to its manufacturing prowess. But India has missed the manufacturing bus and with the nation also going to suffer the fallout of global climate change, things are going to be very difficult for this country whose taxpayers are already frustrated. Higher levels of taxation might lead to a brain and wealth drain that this nation cannot afford, yet something has to be done. That is one of the dilemmas facing whoever takes up the hot seat come May 2019.

# opinion

## Civilisational heritage

Leaders and intellectuals, who stand against the Citizenship Bill, must rise above partisan politics and understand that immigrants with Indic links deserve to seek refuge here



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The anger in Assam and North-eastern States over the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016 is understandable but not justified. All these States must appreciate that Indian citizenship is a continuum of their civilisational heritage within the Indian Republic. Their leaders and intellectuals must rise above partisan considerations and accept that Hindus, Buddhists, Sikhs, Jains and Parsis (Christians cannot be abandoned either), fleeing *jihad* terror in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh, deserve refuge in India.

The current political leadership in Afghanistan and Bangladesh is not party to the persecution of minorities there but externally-funded fundamentalism is presenting serious challenges to governance in both nations. Pakistan is a cauldron of Islamic fundamentalism, which now seems beyond control. In Bangladesh, radicals have become morbidly intolerant of dissent, as attested by the brutal murders of bloggers demanding ordinary human decencies in society. Recognising this reality, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while campaigning during the general elections of 2014, had asked the people, "where can persecuted Hindus turn for refuge if not India?" In response to a grim humanitarian crisis, the Centre is proposing that members of minority groups from the neighbourhood become eligible for Indian citizenship after six years of residency instead of 11 years at present. This applies to persons who entered India before December 31, 2018.

The tragedy of Bengali Hindus is a legacy of former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's supreme indifference to the plight of refugees on both frontiers. His attempt to stem the tide of refugees from west Pakistan was robustly repulsed by Master Tara Singh. In Bengal, the great revolutionaries were no more and barring Syama Prasad Mukherjee, there was no one who could talk tough with Nehru and no organisation which could manage relief in the manner that the Hindu Mahasabha and the Gurdwaras did in Punjab.

Nehru's attitude is best discerned in his letter to the then West Bengal Chief Minister Dr BC Roy (August 16, 1948): "I have your letter of August 4, about the influx from east Bengal... But as I told you long ago, there is no reasonable solution to the problem if there is a large influx from east Bengal. That is why I have been terribly anxious throughout to prevent this, whatever might happen. I still think that every effort should be made to prevent it. I think that it was a very wrong thing for some of the Hindu leaders of east Bengal to come to west Bengal."

Subsequently (August 22, 1948), Nehru added, "I have been quite certain right from the beginning that everything should be done to prevent Hindus in east Bengal from migrating to west Bengal... I think the Hindu leaders of east Bengal, who have come



away, have done no service to their people. If as you suggest things have gone too far already, then naturally, we shall all do what we can but I shudder at the prospect and the magnitude of the human misery that will come in its train. To the last I shall try to check migration even if there is war."

In other words, the leader, who abandoned the fight to regain territory grabbed by Pakistan in 1947-48, was willing to fight to keep unarmed, desperate and indigent Hindus away from Hindustan.

Syama Prasad Mukherjee resigned from the Cabinet on April 1, 1950, in protest against Nehru's failure to take Pakistan to task for the continued suffering of his people. At a Cabinet meeting the same day, Mukherjee said, "What do you care for us Bengali Hindus? What do you care for the criminal assaults on our women?" (*Soundings in Modern South Asian History*, ed. DA Low) Enraged at the renewed exodus of Hindus, which he viewed as deliberate, he suggested an exchange of populations, which Nehru rejected vehemently.

The need to stem the flow of refugees on both sides of the borders and avert international opprobrium led to the Nehru-Liaquat Pact (April 8, 1950), wherein each side pledged to secure its minorities and give equality of citizenship regardless of religion. Both sides promised to help recover

looted property, assist in the recovery of abducted women and not recognise conversions made during communal disturbances. In India, the problem was especially grim in West Bengal, Assam and Tripura.

Dr Triguna Sen, former Union Minister for Education and former vice-chancellor of the Jadavpur University and Banaras Hindu University, observed in his book, *The Marginal Men*, "It is extraordinary how passively West Bengal accepted after Partition the uprooting and the near extermination of an entire people who participated almost to a man in the Indian struggle for freedom..." The Hindu population of east Bengal was almost entirely driven out by "riots sponsored by an Islamic State and social, economic and religious persecution of the Hindus by Muslims in collusive partnership with the bureaucracy..." The brutal massacres in various districts of east Bengal in 1950, however, provoked Hindus to retaliate and triggered a two-way exodus that "might have brought about an unofficial transfer of population and the natural solution of the communal problem in West Bengal."

Nehru, for his own reasons, scuttled the *de facto* population exchange with the 1950 Accord. Thereafter, Muslims, who had left West Bengal, returned and Nehru ensured that their property was

restored to them. But the tragedy of the Hindus continues to this day and has encompassed the Buddhist Chakmas of Chittagong Hill Tract.

Before shutting their doors on their Hindu brethren, the people of Assam must own responsibility for the illegal migrations that almost overwhelmed their State. Much has been written about the role of certain politicians in facilitating the influx (even before 1947), insinuating illegals into the voters' list and helping them with ration cards *et al*. The Assamese allowed the illegals (overwhelmingly Muslims) to grab all vacant agricultural land and make deep inroads into the socio-economic and political fabric (as vote banks) before they finally protested in the late 1970s. Other States, unhappy with Bangladeshi immigrants, have only spoken now when humanitarian gestures are being mooted for Bengali Hindus.

What has the political and civil leadership of each State done to preserve their respective ethnic, social, cultural and linguistic identities? No women in modern Indian history have been so brutalised as the Hindu women of Bengal. Syama Prasad Mukherjee fought for and died in Kashmir. His daughters have a right to solace in their original motherland.

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## SOUNDBITE

She (Mamata) is a very good administrator. I believe that Mamataji has all the capabilities of leading the country.



Karnataka Chief Minister — H D Kumaraswamy

Indian diaspora has dramatically changed the world's perception of Indians and of India as well. Indians are leading the world today.



External Affairs Minister — Sushma Swaraj

I believe age or life stages should not affect a woman's career. It's important not to limit yourself. Women can do it all.



Actor — Kareena Kapoor Khan

It is the fear of the BJP's successes that has made the Opposition come together. They are afraid of the fact that we will once again form the government.



Union Home Minister — Rajnath Singh

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Start-up flaws

Sir — The Indian start-up ecosystem is currently undergoing volatile changes. The exit of Ananth Narayanan from Flipkart-owned Myntra has created uncertainty over the sustainability of start-ups in our country. The rapid growth of Flipkart created a trend for small entrepreneurs and product managers to come on board the 'marketplace' and thrive in a seamless manner. The trend witnessed robust growth of products and Artificial Intelligence and innovation-based ventures, aided by 'angel investors' and Silicon Valley tech-entrepreneurs, who were hired to oversee the 'operations' in India. With rapid progress in providing product-based solutions, leaders were then looked upon as the emerging 'Jack Mas' of India.

But now, the focus has shifted to markets and survival instead of improving product strategy. The sudden urge to survive and make a dash in the market has led to a series of rapid mergers and acquisitions. The much-needed thrust on innovation, too, is weakening. The

### A great show of grand unity but what next?

This refers to the editorial, "Didi's headline act" (January 21). It was interesting to see the show of strength at the mega rally organised by the Trinamool Congress (TMC) in Kolkata, which was attended by over 20 Opposition parties, who came together with one agenda — to dethrone Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The irony, however, is that the gathering didn't bring a common ideology to the table which it ought to have if it really intended to take away the focus from a personality war. Defeating the Modi Government, therefore, will be a Herculean task for Opposition parties as all leaders seem to be governed by their own interests. TMC chief and West Bengal Chief Minister, Mamata Banerjee, made it clear that Congress president Rahul Gandhi was not their chosen prime ministerial candidate for the 2019 Lok Sabha poll.

The bigger question then is: Even if the Opposition wins the poll battle, who will become the Prime



Minister? As top leaders from the Congress skipped the mega rally, it may well be a strategic ploy of the grand old party to play to the gallery. For them, it is good to remain tongue-tied. The adage, 'silence is golden' is what they should stand by in present times as in the coming days, the political drama will certainly entertain every one.

TK Nandanani  
Chennai

Bareilly stations, is sure to be welcomed, especially by the present generation that remains oblivious to the exotic earthen fragrance of *kulhad*.

Ashutosh Garg  
New Delhi

### Emerging story

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Didi's headline act" (January 21). There can be no second opinion that by getting most of the leaders in the Opposition to converge in Kolkata and actively participate in her rally, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has proved that she can be a great organiser.

Now that the ball to remove the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has started rolling, it is paramount that the Opposition remains united and chalks out ways and means to achieve this goal without leaving any room for complacency, egos or animosity till the target has been achieved.

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ecosystem is now witnessing poster boys and Silicon Valley leaders are leaving the boardrooms with a huge kitty. The vacuum created has, thus, resulted in no significant trail of either a commendable leadership to carry on the start-up story or no major achievement related to innovation or a product legacy.

Varun SD  
Bengaluru

### Comeback benefits

Sir — This refers to the report, "Kulhads to make comeback at rly stations after 15 yrs" (January 21). Besides being eco-friendly, the Indian Railways' initiative to re-introduce the use of *kulhads* to serve hot beverages at the railway stations bodes well for the pottery industry that has been in

shambles for quite some time now.

The use of plastic cups to serve tea and coffee not just poses serious health threats but puts enormous burden on our environment since proper disposal of plastic is another grave problem that countries, including India, are grappling with.

The initiative, currently introduced at Varanasi and Rae

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## Innovation is not exploitation

Controls on GM crops will curb access to new solutions needed to tackle climate change. Our farmers will be the biggest losers



UTTAM GUPTA

**B**t cotton, the only Genetically Modified (GM) crop so far allowed for cultivation in India, is genetically tweaked to kill bollworms that ravage cotton crops. It promises substantial increase in return by saving on pesticide use and increase in crop yield. At the price paid for Bt cotton seed, including technology fee paid to biotech major Monsanto, farmers get handsome returns. Since its introduction, the use of Bt cotton in India has increased manifold with the area under coverage, leap-frogging from a mere 50,000 hectare to around 12 million hectare, covering major States such as Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra. At present, 98 per cent of the area under cotton is covered by Bt technology. Yet Bayer-Monsanto (renamed after acquisition of Monsanto by Bayer) faces a stifling environment due to legal/judicial, regulatory and administrative hurdles. On March 28, 2017, a single judge Bench of the Delhi High Court upheld Monsanto's patent related to the gene sequence responsible for Bt trait but held as illegal the latter's termination of its sub-licence agreement for GM hybrid cotton seeds with Nuziveedu Seeds (a local seed company). It also ordered domestic companies to make all future royalty payments as per Government stipulations.

While Monsanto challenged the above order pertaining to termination of sub-licence agreement, Nuziveedu challenged the portion upholding of the patent. A Division Bench of the Delhi High Court in its judgement on May 2, 2018, invalidated the patent, arguing that gene sequence responsible for Bt trait is a part of the seed, and, hence, unpatentable in terms of Section 3(j) of the Patents (Amendment) Act, 2005 that excludes higher life forms like plants, animals and their parts, and essential biological processes from the realm of patentability. Bayer Monsanto challenged this order in the Supreme Court. In its order dated January 8, the apex court restored Monsanto's Bt cotton patent in India till its validity is decided finally by Delhi High Court. But this does little to unshackle the company. In December 2015, the Union Agriculture Ministry had issued a Cotton Seed Price Control Order under which it fixed the price of cotton seed sales all over the country at a uniform level and max trait fee (royalty) payable to Monsanto. Under it, MRP of a packet of Bollgard II seed (450 grams) was cut from ₹930 (including ₹163 for trait fee) to ₹800 (₹42 trait fee). The cut in trait fee alone was ₹121. In March 2018, the price was further reduced to ₹740, including trait value of ₹39.

The company had challenged the order but till date, the court has not even started hearing the case. Meanwhile, limiting the trait fee to a pittance five per cent of MRP denies the innovator a reasonable opportunity to recuperate the investment on discovery, development and commercialisation of the new transgenic variety. Furthermore, on May 18, 2016, the ministry had issued another order, making it mandatory for Monsanto to license technology to any seed company that approaches it. Following protests, though the order was withdrawn, local companies are freely selling seeds bearing patented technology of the biotech major. A company, which holds patent for the product of its innovation, has exclusive rights over its production/import, distribution, pricing and use. In this case, however, forget exclusivity, the innovator/patent holder (read: Monsanto) has no say whatsoever even as decision on all these parameters are taken by the Government. The situation remains unchanged despite the top court's order.

This is not a good sign for farmers, who will not only be denied access to advanced versions of Bt cotton but also new technology solutions for saline soils, drought- and flood-resistant GM crops. They badly need the help of technology to meet the challenges of fast-changing climatic conditions. Already, Monsanto withdrew the herbicide tolerant cotton seeds from the approval process in August 2016. Reportedly, it also put in abeyance its plans to submit newer seeds for approval in India. A collateral damage is by way of unapproved new seeds finding their way to the farmers. According to the Field Inspection and Scientific Evaluation Committee, a body of experts chaired by the co-chair of Genetic Engineering Approval Committee, around 15 per cent of the seeds being used in major cotton-growing States comprise unapproved herbicide-tolerant seeds. Even worse, these seeds are selling at ₹1,200-1,500 per packet — almost double the MRP of Bollgard II seed (albeit approved) fixed by the Union Government. These illegal seeds have increased the problem of resistant weeds and are responsible for the new threat posed to the cotton crop — pink bollworms. The crux of the problem lies with the mindset of the Government. It feels that the innovator is out there to exploit the patent-induced monopoly to fleece farmers, which is not true. This in turn prompts it to impose excessive controls viz pricing, licensing a royalty. This mindset has to change or else our farmers will be put to loss due to denial of access to new solutions.

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**POINT COUNTERPOINT**

**I DON'T THINK UTTAR PRADESH'S FORMER CHIEF MINISTER IS A WOMAN OR A MAN. SHE SOLD ALL HER DIGNITY TO GET POWER.**

—BJP LEADER SADHANA SINGH



**THE REMARK SMACKS OF DESPERATION AND NERVOUSNESS AMONG BJP LEADERS AND IS AN AFFRONT TO ALL WOMEN.**

—SP CHIEF AKHILESH YADAV

# Test of a United India

The fissures in the *mahagathbandhan* are gradually becoming visible and its ability to maintain a united front till after the election results will be the decider



AMITABH SHUKLA

**A**s the Lok Sabha election gets tantalisingly close, the season of *mahagathbandhan* or a grand alliance has started in right earnest. So has flexing of political muscles by what can loosely be called as the anti-Bharatiya Janata Party (anti-BJP) — a conglomeration of diverse regional parties, united by a single agenda of removing the Modi-Shah duo from national politics in the Lok Sabha election. Of course, BJP rebel and now architect of the "Save Democracy" movement Yashwanth Sinha adroitly reminded everybody that the Modi versus Rest narrative would only strengthen the former's image and the Opposition needed to counter the BJP on ideological counts.

Raised hands and clenched fists of all leaders present in the Kolkata rally, organised by the Trinamool Congress (TMC), not only gave a perfect photo opportunity to Opposition leaders but somewhere down the line increased the frown lines of the defender — the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA). Many considered the rally largely as an exercise to project TMC chief and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee as a possible prime ministerial candidate of the grand Opposition alliance for the Lok Sabha poll even though the stated objective was to bring all anti-BJP parties on the same platform. But that's just one aspect of the burgeoning index of Opposition unity.

Of course, all the 20-plus parties that participated in the Kolkata rally on January 19 had different agenda on their minds. Most of them were looking for a better outing in the Assembly polls with their respective alliances, where the BJP has become a force to reckon with since 2014. But given that the TMC hosted the first successful Opposition rally and managed to get on board almost all leaders and parties opposed to the BJP, it can now safely claim to be the leader of this Third Front. Banerjee also pitched herself as a sort of an arbitrator for possible disputes, whenever and wherever they arise, among this Front. Her diplomatic handling of the stage and giving importance to all the leaders present amply suggested her ease of managing diverse interests, her acceptability and showed her national ambitions.

But the fissures in such a loose formation are still too wide and its ability to pose as a united front before the election is still a matter of speculation. Telugu Desam Party (TDP) chief Chandrababu Naidu, who was present in the Kolkata rally, has practically abandoned the Congress with which he had sewed an alliance for the Assembly polls of Telangana. Congress president Rahul Gandhi and Naidu had become the poster boys of this *mahagathbandhan* then, beaming as they were with hands raised in solidarity.

As an afterthought, the TDP supreme perhaps realised that he cannot give much space to the Congress to grow in his home state of Andhra Pradesh. An alliance with the Congress in the State would limit his chances to have a go at the chair of Prime Minister. He might have perhaps looked at the prospects of him somehow becoming a possible compromise candidate in the event of this Opposition grand alliance getting close to government formation.

Besides, Mamata Banerjee and Chandrababu Naidu, who are possibly looking at a national role

“POST-VERDICT ELECTORAL SUPPORT AND ALLIANCES COULD BE QUITE DIFFERENT FROM THE ONES CEMENTED PRE-POLL. IN A POSSIBLE SCENARIO WHERE THE NDA IS A LITTLE SHORT OF MAJORITY, THE BSP COULD ALWAYS SPRING A SURPRISE. IT HAS A HISTORY OF ALIGNING WITH BOTH SP AND BJP. THERE HAS BEEN NO SHIFT IN BSP'S IDEOLOGY EVEN AS IT GOES TO POLLS THIS TIME AROUND AS A FORMIDABLE FORCE IN ALLIANCE WITH THE SP IN UTTAR PRADESH



for themselves, this anti-BJP Opposition front also has Dalit leader and Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) chief Mayawati as the prime ministerial candidate. She has been endorsed strongly not only by her own party but also by her newly-found political partner and nephew Akhilesh Yadav of the Samajwadi Party (SP). The *Bua-Bhatija* alliance is the one which has set the tone and template for the general election and almost every political pundit now says that the road to New Delhi this time would go through the lanes and bylanes of Lucknow and Uttar Pradesh.

Days before the Kolkata rally of the Opposition, the SP-BSP alliance in Uttar Pradesh triggered a wave of anticipation among the anti-BJP front and threw open a wide range of political possibilities at the cost of the saffron party in the largest State of the country. The TMC rally simply took the idea of unity ahead and sort of announced to the world that the neutral Third Front was alive and kicking and both the BJP and the Congress should consider it as a possible contender for the throne in Delhi provided it gets the numbers leaders are hoping for. And if all parties do well individually, then the Congress can provide outside support if the situation so warrants.

Coming back to the SP-BSP alliance, even the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) in Bihar, which has a vote base similar to the SP's in Uttar Pradesh, is excited about its prospects. This perhaps explains why Tejaswi Yadav, the *de facto* supreme of the party in the absence of the incarcerated Lalu Prasad Yadav, dashed to Lucknow to congratulate Mayawati on her birthday and tweeted pictures in which he touched her feet reverential-

ly. It's rare to see bonhomie between the parties representing the Dalits (BSP) and OBCs led by the Yadav community (SP and RJD), as they have not only been at political but also social loggerheads for decades.

Tejaswi knows for sure that keeping the BSP in good humour would only help consolidate and expand the vote base of the grand alliance in Bihar. Dalit leader and Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) chief Ram Vilas Paswan is firmly in the NDA fold, at least for the Lok Sabha election, and the RJD would be more than happy to get any incremental votes of Dalits in the State if Mayawati is on board even if the BSP does not contest a single seat as part of the grand alliance in Bihar. In fact, the RJD could go to the extent of offering a seat or two to the BSP even though the Mayawati-led party does not have any foothold in the neighbouring state.

In this season of anti-BJP posturing, photo ops and alliances ahead of the Lok Sabha poll, the only motive seems to be removal of Narendra Modi as the Prime Minister by working out sound electoral mathematics and ensuring a higher seat turnout than the BJP did in the 2014 polls. The SP-BSP alliance is simply banking on the fact that if it gets a combined vote share, which is higher than the NDA's in the state, it would be in the driver's seat. Of course, chemistry and adjustment are equally important in alliances and it remains to be seen how firmly it is cemented at the grassroots and booth levels.

Left out of the alliance in Uttar Pradesh — a move on expected lines — the Congress is neither happy nor unhappy at this moment, contemplating the different possibilities along with

permutations and combinations ahead. Optimists in the party believe that at the end of the day, the SP-BSP alliance could be a part of the UPA if the numbers so demand and they are at a striking distance of forming the next government. Of course, Mayawati would throw her hat in the ring for a possible go at the chair of Prime Minister if the situation so warrants and the *mahagathbandhan* gets a respectable number of seats. This situation would be conditional on the Congress not doing well and remaining well below 100 seats, regional parties dominating the results and the BSP itself performing well and getting a reasonable number of the 38 seats it would be contesting out of the 80 in Uttar Pradesh.

But there is many a slip between the cup and the lip. Post-verdict electoral understandings, support and alliances could be quite different from the ones cemented pre-poll. In a possible scenario where the NDA is a little short of majority, the BSP could always spring a surprise. It has a history of aligning with both SP and BJP, and there has been no shift in BSP's ideology even as it goes to polls this time around as a formidable force in alliance with the SP in Uttar Pradesh.

Similarly, the TDP, too, could go anywhere — from the NDA to the UPA, or to Third Front — in the post-poll political calculations. In the last six months, we have seen the party travelling all platforms. So there we are. It all depends on numbers after the polling and till then, all political parties would be posturing and keeping their options open. Much water will flow till then.

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# Political economy of tribal development

Reinstating the fundamental right to property is just one area that the Government must work upon to ensure tribals get their due. What is needed is to encompass tribal welfare as a core value of forest management



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**T**ribal development (especially *adivasis*) has been a hot topic of discussion for ruling Governments as well as political parties. Ever since independence, several Governments have launched numerous programmes, which have seen minimal success in terms of enhancing the socio-economic condition of the tribal population. Of course, a minuscule group of educated people have benefitted from the policy of job reservation. But it is the land tenure reforms that have been at the forefront of tribal struggles. Many NGOs as well as social workers have been raising the issue of tribal land with the forest department. Tribal livelihood rights, after all, are intricately linked with the management of forest ecosystems. For, it is equally important that forest bio-diversity remains in good shape to meet tribal needs.

Not only the tribal people but villagers living in about 170,000 villages, situated in and around 32 million hectare of forest lands,

are partially dependent on the adjoining forest lands for daily needs. As per the 2011 Census, the tribal population in India stood at 10.4 crore and constituted around 8.6 per cent of the total population. In 2004, the then NDA Government had brought to fore the issue of historical injustice regarding settlement of disputed claims of tribals over forest lands, which were pending since decades, particularly after the enactment of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980. A notification was issued on February 4, 2004, recognising the rights of occupation of forest lands by tribal people and a procedure was communicated to the States to vest the occupied land. This recognition was welcomed but could not be implemented because the NDA could not come back to power. Taking cue from this notification, the then UPA Government re-initiated the process and enacted the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, (FRA) 2006. Ever since, it remains one of the biggest reforms to correct the historic injustice done to tribals. It will be appropriate to examine the impact of this Act on the political economy of the tribals.

One of the biggest constraints for forest management and tribal development is that our forests, regions of tribal habitation and



mineral-bearing areas overlap each other. Due to this, inherent conflicts occur. For long-term sustainability of forest management and to meet the climate change targets, it is essential that not only does our forest land become productive enough but also that the land vested under the Act can offer a decent livelihood to tribals, in a manner that their dependency on forests is gradually reduced. The ultimate goal should be that our forests are managed for ecological sustainability of all kinds of landscapes. For this to happen, it is essential that political parties assess the economic polity of the tribal-forests interface and chalk out an integrated strategy.

Let us first examine the implementation

of the FRA. Though the basic surmise of the Act, before its enactment, was on community rights, it is now focussed on settling individual rights. It will be interesting to note that during the last 10 years, till May 2018, 58.5 lakh hectares of land were vested but more than half of this figure was distributed in the next five months, by the end of October 2018. The Act is open-ended and for the past 10 years, the process is still on.

This reflects that either the system is incompetent or the Act is being used as a tool to barter away forest land. The moot point is: Was it an easy task for the tribal, revenue and forests departments to ascertain the land under occupation, as on 2006 when this Act

came into effect? Why is it taking so long for officials to ascertain tribal occupation? Land is a precious resource. A lackadaisical attitude in implementation will yield to increasing encroachments of our forest lands. Political parties as well as the Government must act timely, pull up their socks to fix this malady. After this, focus must be shifted to developing these lands for better returns to the beneficiaries. Land rights, however, are not the only reason for tribal alienation. The lack of infrastructure, deteriorating health conditions, struggle for livelihood and educational deprivation, too, are some of the reasons why they feel disenfranchised. Unless the land vested is demarcated, digitised on priority and becomes productive, the real purpose of tribal empowerment will not be achieved.

The implementation of FRA should, therefore, be linked with the creation of livelihood. A nationally coordinated project, in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Ministry of AYUSH and Ministry of Rural Development for livelihood generation

is a *sine qua non*. The project should also have a second component, based on a cluster approach to be implemented by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Ministry of Power to create necessary infrastructure.

Questions now arise about its implementation. Considering the interface between forests and tribes, the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes requested the Government to rename Indian Forest Service (IFS) as the Indian Forest and Tribal Service. This is an excellent proposal but renaming IFS is not essential. What is needed is to encompass tribal welfare as a core value of forest management. For this, IFS training will require changes and the Indian Institute of Forest Management and Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy should be assigned this task. The IFS cadre will require revamping to create a capable force. To begin with, one Additional Director-General's post should be created in the Ministry of Environment to deal with tribal affairs, ensure convergence and plan future set-ups. In the long-run, a tribal child should grow up imbibing his culture while encompassing the fruits of modern development.

(The writer is a retired civil servant)

# Govt may cut customs duty on some medical devices



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government may consider reducing customs duty on certain medical devices in the forthcoming budget with an aim to boosting domestic manufacturing of such goods, sources said.

The move would also help promote the Government's ambitious Make in India initiative, said the source.

Industry chamber CII in its has pre-budget memorandum has asked the Government to reduce customs duty from 10 per cent to 2.5 per cent on PDS Plates used for nasal reconstructive surgery.

It has also asked to exempt the duty on instruments for joint replacement and spinal equipment.

"Reduction of basic customs duty on PDS Plates to 2.5 per cent would reduce the cost and benefit the patients," CII has said.

The Government has recently set up National Medical Devices Promotion Council (NMDPC) to boost manufacturing, attract investments and promote exports of the fast-growing sector.

Medical devices include any instrument, apparatus, appliance, implant, material or other article, whether used

alone or in combination, including the software intended by its manufacturer to be used specially for human beings or animals for one or more of the specific purposes.

India has achieved a major global position in the pharmaceutical sector. However, the same has not been replicated in the medical devices industry.

Currently, 100 per cent FDI is allowed under the automatic route in the medical devices sector to encourage manufacturing of equipment.

The Government would present the Budget on February 1.

# Sensex jumps 192 pts on strong Q3 earnings; RIL shares surge 4%

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The BSE benchmark Sensex continued its winning run for the fifth straight session on Monday, rallying 192 points, and the NSE Nifty inched toward the 11,000 mark, riding on strong Q3 earnings by some bluechip companies, coupled with positive global cues.

Sensex went past the 36,700-mark to scale a high of 36,701.03 (intra-day) on the back of widespread gains.

Finally, the 30-share index settled at 36,578.96, up 192.35 points, or 0.53 per cent. It touched a low of 36,351.77. The gauge had risen 533.05 points in the previous four sessions.

The Nifty touched the session high (intra-day) of 10,987.45; and finally closed the session with a rise of 54.90 points, or 0.50 per cent, at 10,961.85.

"After opening in the green, market remained in the positive territory buoyed by positive global sentiments amid signs that the US and China were closing in on a trade truce," said Paras Bothra, President, Equity Research, Ashika Group.

Both benchmark indices were driven by strong gains in IT, tech, oil and gas, pharma and banking shares amid earnings optimism.

Sentiment remained upbeat after Reliance Industries, HDFC Bank and few others posted better-than-expected Q3 numbers last week, traders said.

Among Sensex components, the oil-to-telecom conglomerate Reliance Industries zoomed 4.36 per cent to its highest in two months in its second session of gains after reporting record quarterly earnings.

Shares of HDFC Bank jumped 0.72 per cent after the private sector lender reported 20 per cent rise in net profit in December 2018 quarter.

Sunil Sharma, Chief Investment Officer, Sanctum Wealth Management said, "It is clearly morphing into a market where strong earnings are being rewarded. Capital continues to seek growth at reasonable prices."

As we move forward this year, the macro factors remain favourable, but stock performance is increasingly likely to be driven by earnings and fundamentals at the security level, he added.

Shares of Sun Pharmaceutical Industries rose 1.94 per cent in opening trade after it sought intervention from market regulator Sebi, alleging unfair business practices against the company.

This is the first uptick in the counter after two successive sessions of beating, wherein the stock lost as much as 13.80 per cent. Others which supported the key indices were Kotak Bank (2.42 per cent), Bajaj Finance (1.89 per cent), Infosys (1.61 per cent), Asian Paint (1.33 per cent), TCS (0.28 per cent), HUL (0.26 per cent), Tata Steel (0.22 per cent) and Vedanta (0.13 per cent).

# ONGC share buyback to open Jan 29, closes Feb 11

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

State-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corp's (ONGC) ₹4,022 crore share buyback programme will open on January 29 and close on February 11, the company said in its offer letter to shareholders.

ONGC's board had on December 20 approved buyback of 25.29 crore shares for ₹159 apiece as part of the Government plan to get cash-rich PSUs to part with their surplus.

The Government, which holds 65.64 per cent stake in the company, stands to gain about Rs 2,640 crore from tendering some of its shares in the buyback programme.

"The funds for the buyback will be met out of internally generated cash resources of the company," it said.

ONGC said buyback is the acquisition by a company of its own shares. A buyback is an efficient form of returning surplus cash to the members holding equity shares of the company.

After considering the mutual benefits to the company and the equity shareholders, "the board decided to recommend buyback of not exceeding 25.29 crore equity shares representing 1.97 per cent of the total number of equity shares in the paid-up share capital of the company at a price of ₹159 per share for an aggregate consideration of not exceeding ₹4,022 crore," it said.

# Business Corner



Among all State and Central Public Sector Enterprises, BHEL has been adjudged as the Best PSE in Strategic Performance by an independent jury for the Governance Now PSU Award 2019. The award was received by Atul Sobti, CMD, BHEL, from Manoj Tiwari, Member of Parliament, at a function in New Delhi.



Chief of Naval Staff with cadets during his visit to NCC Republic Day Parade Camp 2019, Delhi Cantt



Surina Rajan, DG, BIS in her inaugural address mentioned that as a part of the expansion of auditor base for Management System Certification, BIS is inviting qualified auditors to join BIS for the empanelment as BIS Auditors. While releasing the Auditor Book, which is a concise ready reckoner based on various procedures, guidelines and practices of BIS Management System Certification, DG, BIS mentioned that auditor book will be very useful to all the existing auditors as well as to aspiring auditor applicants



MP Narayanan, former CMD, NLCIL and Coal India Ltd, Rakesh Kumar CMD and Functional Directors of NLCIL, after releasing an e-Souvenir during the inaugural function of NLCIL organised two day national seminar on "Sustainable Coal/Lignite Mining Scenario, Technology, Issues and Approach" at L&D, Neyveli.

# IAA to host World Congress in Kochi from Feb 20 to 22

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The International Advertising Association (IAA) will be hosting the IAA World Congress at the Grand Hyatt Lulu International Convention Centre between 20th and 22nd February 2019.

Pradeep Guha Chairman Steering Committee IAA World Congress, said, "This is being planned as the most significant event covering marketing, communications and related technology areas in the world. We have assembled a stellar array of 35 speakers, each one a global leader in their own rights. The topics would appeal to professionals in the areas of marketing, advertising, media and technology, as well as academics and students. We even have a great line-up of inspirational speakers to make this convention really complete. Our unique theme Brand Dharma addresses the growing need for Brands to have a higher purpose."

# India's richest 1% get richer by 39 pc in 2018: Oxfam

## Just 3% rise for bottom-half

PTI ■ DAVOS

Indian billionaires saw their fortunes swell by ₹2,200 crore a day last year, with the top 1 per cent of the country's richest getting richer by 39 per cent as against just 3 per cent increase in wealth for the bottom-half of the population, an Oxfam study said on Monday.

Globally, billionaires' fortunes rose by 12 per cent or \$2.5 billion a day in 2018, whereas the poorest half of the world's population saw their wealth decline by 11 per cent, the international rights group said in its annual study released before the start of the five-day World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting in this Swiss ski resort town.

Oxfam further said that 13.6 crore Indians, who make up the poorest 10 per cent of

the country, continued to remain in debt since 2004.

Asking the political and business leaders who have gathered in Davos for the annual jamboree of the rich and powerful of the world to take urgent steps to tackle the growing rich-poor divide, Oxfam said this increasing inequality is undermining the fight against poverty, damaging economies and fuelling public anger across the globe.

Oxfam International Executive Director Winnie Byanyima, one of the key participants at the WEF summit, said it is "morally outrageous" that a few wealthy individuals are amassing a growing share of India's wealth, while the poor are struggling to eat their next meal or pay for their child's medicines.

"If this obscene inequality between the top 1 per cent and the rest of India continues then it will lead to a complete collapse of the social and democratic structure of this country," she added.

Noting that wealth is becoming even more concentrated, Oxfam said 26 people now own the same as the 3.8 billion people who make up the poorest half of humanity, down from 44 people last year.

The world's richest man Jeff Bezos, founder of Amazon, saw his fortune increase to \$112 billion and just 1 per cent of his fortune is equivalent to the whole health budget for Ethiopia, a country of 115 million people.

"India's top 10 per cent of the population holds 77.4 per cent of the total national wealth. The contrast is even sharper for the top 1 per cent that holds 51.53 per cent of the national wealth.

"The bottom 60 per cent, the majority of the population, own merely 4.8 per cent of the national wealth. Wealth of top 9 billionaires is equivalent to the wealth of the bottom 50 per cent of the population," Oxfam said while noting that high level of wealth disparity subverts democracy.

Between 2018 and 2022, India is estimated to produce 70 new dollar millionaires every day, Oxfam said.

"It (the survey) reveals how Governments are exacerbating inequality by underfunding public services, such as health-care and education, on the one hand, while under taxing corporations and the wealthy, and failing to clamp down on tax dodging on the other," Oxfam India CEO Amitabh Behar said.

The survey also shows that women and girls are hardest hit by rising economic inequality, he added.

"The size of one's bank account should not dictate how many years your children spend in school, or how long you live — yet this is the reality in too many countries across the globe. While corporations and the super-rich enjoy low tax bills, millions of girls are denied a decent education and women are dying for lack of maternity care, Byanyima said.

# Ghoshn awaits fate after vowing to stay in Japan if bailed

AFP ■ TOKYO

Carlos Ghosn will learn his fate on Monday as a Tokyo court rules on his bail request after he vowed to remain in Japan if released and offered to provide more collateral.

The ousted Nissan boss has pleaded for bail after languishing in custody for 64 days as he fights charges of financial misconduct that he strenuously denies.

In a statement released earlier on Monday, he sought to change the court's previous judgement that he represents a flight risk and might attempt to tamper with evidence.

"As the court considers my bail application, I want to emphasise that I will reside in Japan and respect any and all bail conditions the Court concludes are warranted," Ghosn said in a statement released by his US-based representatives.

He vowed to attend any subsequent trial "not only because I am legally obligated to do so, but because I am eager to finally have the opportunity to defend myself."

"I am not guilty of the charges against me and I look forward to defending my reputation in the courtroom," concluded the statement.

The court has already rejected previous attempts at securing his freedom on bail and even his own lead lawyer has indicated it could be six months before he is released for a trial.

A spokeswoman for Ghosn, Devon Spurgeon, said

his family had already rented an apartment in Tokyo where he promised to reside while awaiting trial.

He has also promised to hand over his passports, refrain from contacting people connected with the case and pay for security guards approved by prosecutors to monitor his movements, according to Spurgeon.

She added that Ghosn has also offered a higher bail fee by stumping up Nissan stock as collateral and promised to wear an electronic tracking bracelet paid for by himself.

However, an official at the Japanese justice ministry told AFP: "There is no system in Japan in which a person accused in a criminal case can be released with such a tracking bracelet." "The court sets the bail sum and can also add appropriate conditions such as limitations on where the accused should stay," added the official.

The case of Ghosn, an once-revered auto kingpin credited with turning around struggling Nissan, has gripped Japan and the business world since his arrest out of the blue on November 19 as his private jet at a Tokyo airport.

Since then, he has been seen in public only once, in a dramatic court appearance where the much thinner executive pleaded his innocence in a packed courtroom. His wife Carole has appealed to Human Rights Watch, claiming he is being held in "harsh" conditions and subjected to round-the-clock interrogations intended to extract a confession.

**POLICE HEADQUARTERS J&K, JAMMU**  
Phone/Fax No.: 01942443017/2443011, 0194-248702/2487025 (Jammu) Website: www.jkpolice.gov.in, Email: phqj@police.gov.in

**NOTICE NO: 03 OF 2019**  
**DATED: 17.01.2019**

For and on behalf of the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir State, e-tenders are hereby invited from registered OEM's or their authorized dealers to quote against this e-tender for Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Cold Storage in FSL J&K as indicated in the detailed SBD & BOQs. The download of the NIT shall start on 17.01.2019 from 1600 hours. Tenders shall be submitted online on J&K State e-Procurement Portal www.jkntenders.gov.in upto 04.02.2019 before 1800 hours. Two Samples each shall be submitted at Police Central Stores, Gulshan Ground Jammu before closing date of submission of e-tender. Samples received after the prescribed date/time shall not be accepted.

The tenders (technical bids only) will be opened on-line on 05.02.2019 at 1100 hours at Police Headquarters J&K, Gulshan Ground Jammu. In case of unforeseen circumstances, the date of opening will be next working day.

A pre-bid conference shall be held at PHQ J&K Gulshan Ground Jammu on 24.01.2019 at 1600 hours intending firms can participate in this conference to clarify any issue related to instant tender enquiry.

Detailed tender documents (SBD) with terms and conditions are available on J&K State e-Procurement Portal www.jkntenders.gov.in. The intending tenders may visit this portal site for detailed information.

Sd/- Mubassir Latif JKPS  
(AIG Provision/ Transport)  
For Director General of Police, J&K, Jammu

No: DIP/J-4781-P/18  
Dated: 19.01.2019

**SEARCH FOR MISSING**

General Public is hereby informed that a female namely **Jyoti D/o Vinod R/o H.No. 30/92, Gali No.7, Vishwas Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi** has been missing since 03.01.2019 from the area of PS Farsh Bazar, Delhi. In this regard a **DD No. 02A dated 04.01.2019** has been registered at PS, Farsh Bazar, Delhi. The description of missing female is as under:

**Name: Jyoti, Father's Name: Vinod, Age: 22 years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Fair, Built: Normal, Face: Round, Wearing: Blue Top and Black Jeans.**

If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned at following phone numbers.

Website: http://cbi.nic.in  
e-mail: cbc@cbi.gov.in  
Fax: 011-24368639  
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641  
DP/896/SHD/19

**SHO P.S., Farsh Bazar, Delhi Ph: 011-22072761 7065036027**

**SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE**

**ICICI Bank**  
ICICI Bank Limited

Registered Office: ICICI Bank Limited, Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodra 390007.  
Corporate Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai - 400051  
Branch Office: ICICI Bank 2nd Floor, Videocon Tower, Jhandewalan Ext, New Delhi-110055

Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Pankaj Sharma / Monika Sharma / LBGUR0002370762	Flat No. 109, Type S Hig- 2, First Floor, Mahagun Mansion, On Plot No. 1/4, Vaibhav Khand, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad And / Or Flat No.109, Block Milano, Type S, Hig 2, Mahagun Mansion, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad/ January 15, 2019	August 31, 2018 / Rs. 92,96,235/-	Delhi/ Ncr

The above-mentioned borrowers(s) guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 days Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: 22-01-2019  
Place: DELHI/NCR

Sd/-  
Authorized Officer  
ICICI Bank Limited

**HDFC BANK** Department for Special Operations, 11th floor, Indian Express Building, 8-10, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110002

**POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)**  
(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of HDFC Bank Ltd., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated 30.06.2018 calling upon the borrower M/s Amcon Engineers Pvt.Ltd, through its Director/Guarantor/Mortgagor Mr. Mukesh Kumar Ladd, Ms. Aruna Ladd and Mr. Atul Kumar Saxena to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 1,11,94,405.16 (Rupees One Crore Eleven Lakhs Ninety Four Thousand Four Hundred Five & Paise Sixteen only) thereon w.e.f. 31.05.2018 together with future interest and charges thereon within 60 days of the receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor/mortgagor and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 19th day of January, 2019 at, Kosi Kalan Uttar Pradesh and New Delhi.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower(s)/Mortgagor, in particular, and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with this property and any dealings with this property will be subject to the charge of HDFC Bank Ltd. for an amount of Rs. 1,11,94,405.16 (Rupees One Crore Eleven Lakhs Ninety Four Thousand Four Hundred Five & Paise Sixteen only) and interest thereon w.e.f. 01.06.2018 as aforesaid together with expenses and charges etc.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY	Date & Time of Possession
RR 3 AND RR 4, Brindavan Garden Retreat (Magon Colony) Highway, Kosi Kalan. Boundaries Municipal No: 56/57 of MVDA map No. 99-R-2000-2001 (As per Sale Deed) North East: Agriculture Land South East: Plot No. RR2 North West: Plot No. PP 10 South West: 9 mtr wide Road Entire Floor, part of property J-54, Saket, New Delhi (Basement)	19.01.2019 11.00 AM onwards

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 33 and 47 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015, a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, February 05, 2019** inter-alia, to consider and approve the Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter ended **31<sup>st</sup> December, 2018**.

This information is also available on Company's website at [www.oswalagro.com](http://www.oswalagro.com) and on Stock Exchanges website at [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and [www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com)

For Oswal Agro Mills Limited  
Sd/-  
Anil Bhalla  
Director

Date: 21-01-2019  
Place: New Delhi

**Corrigendum-1, Tender Notice No.18/ TSNR/2018-19 Dated: 04-01-2019**

**HARYANA VIDYUT PRASARAN NIGAM LIMITED**  
Shakti Bhawan Panchkula, GIN: U4010HR19975G033663

The last date of online bid submission is extended up to 30-01-2019. Detail NIT and Tender Document is available at website <https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in>, <https://www.hvpsn.gov.in>.

(Sd) Executive Engineer, TS Division HVPNL, Yamuna Nagar

RO NO. 74942 Dt. 21-01-2019

# Police rescue couple held hostage by villagers

PNS ■ RANCHI

A local panchayat on Monday kept a couple as hostage for around 36 hours demanding payment of fine amounting to two lakhs rupees in Pokharia police station area in Pakur district. Police later intervened in the case and managed to rescue the couple after a prolonged effort.

The young couple who were in love were nabbed by villagers on Sunday and brought before the local village head. The village head ordered for keeping the couple as hostage while asking the boy and the girl to pay fine of ₹1.20 lakh and ₹80,000 respectively for their release.

Unable to mobilize the money parents of the captives sought help from Pakur SP Sunil Bhaskar in this regard. Acting on the direction of SP, the officer-in-charge of the local police station intervened

The village head ordered for keeping the couple as hostage while asking the boy and the girl to pay fine of ₹1.20 lakh and ₹80,000 respectively for their release

and freed the couple. "The boy and the girl have been rescued unharmed. It was a tough task convincing the local people to release the couple.

We, however, persisted leading the protestors to give in. Presently talks on solemnizing the marriage of the couple is going on," said the Pakur SP.

Asked whether police would take action against people involved in the hostage drama the SP stated that parents of the victims have not yet given a compliant in connection with the incident so far.

# Odisha BJP women members scuffle with police on gangrape

**Bhubaneswar:** Members of the Odisha BJP women wing on Monday scuffled with the police personnel during their protest over denial of justice in the 2011 Pipili gangrape and murder case.

The protestors objected to the acquittal of the accused in the incident.

The BJP Mahila Morcha, the women's wing of the BJP, organised a 'bangle rally' alleging the state government has failed to provide security to women.

Holding party flags, banners and red bangles, they marched towards the State Secretariat and residence of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik.

However, they were stopped by the police midway, resulting a scuffle between the police and the BJP Mahila Morcha members.

While the women leaders alleged police excesses, the police took them into preventive custody.

"The state government has failed to ensure justice to

the girl. It is not about the Pipili case only. The government has failed to provide security to the women and children in the state that has led to increase in crimes," said state BJP Mahila Morcha president Pravatī Parida.

It should order a Central Bureau of Investigation probe into the case, she added.

Reacting to the BJP's rally, the ruling Biju Janata Dal (BJD) said the legal issue should not be politicized.

"The BJP is raising the same issue frequently as it has no other issue against the government, which has always worked for the development and safety of the women in the state," said Biju Janata Dal leader Kasturi Mohapatra.

The first additional session court of Bhubaneswar had in December acquitted the prime accused in the Pipili gangrape case.

The Crime Branch has moved the High Court challenging the acquittal.

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## जिला जन-सम्पर्क कार्यालय, गढ़वा (प्रेस विज्ञापित)

### आम सूचना

उपायुक्त, गढ़वा के ज्ञापक- 44/सां, दिनांक- 16.01.2019 के आलोक में सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि गणतंत्र दिवस समारोह दिनांक- 26.01.2019 के शुभ अवसर पर आई0टी0आई0/मेडिकल/इंजीनियरिंग के टॉपर छात्र/छात्रायें एवं जिले के वैसे खिलाड़ी जो 16 अगस्त 2018 से 25 जनवरी 2019 के बीच राज्य स्तर पर प्रथम, द्वितीय एवं तृतीय स्थान प्राप्त किये हों एवं राष्ट्रीय स्तर के प्रतियोगिता में प्रतिभागी रहे हों आदि को सम्मानित करने का निर्णय लिया गया है।

उक्त निर्णय के तहत यदि वैसे छात्र/छात्रायें एवं खिलाड़ी संबंध रखते हों, अपना-अपना नाम एवं पता के साथ अनुमंडल पदाधिकारी, गढ़वा से सम्पर्क करके दिनांक- 24.01.2019 तक अपना नाम सूचीबद्ध करा लें ताकि गणतंत्र दिवस समारोह स्थल पर उन्हें सम्मानित किया जा सके।

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## कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय राष्ट्रीय ग्रामीण नियोजन कार्यक्रम, मेदिनीनगर, पलामू

### नोटिस प्रेस-विज्ञापित

एतद द्वारा श्री अरूण दूबे, संवेदक बारालोटा, डालटनगंज को सूचित किया जाता है कि एन0आर0ई0पी0, पलामू के विभिन्न पत्रों तथा पत्रांक-339 दिनांक-28.06.2018, पत्रांक-496 दिनांक-19.09.2018, पत्रांक-526 दिनांक-12.10.2018, पत्रांक-541 दिनांक-29.10.2018, पत्रांक-565 दिनांक-20.11.2018 द्वारा जिला योजना अनाबद्ध निधि अन्तर्गत वर्ष 2017-18 में स्वीकृत योजना प्रखण्ड-पाटन, ग्राम-भुडवा केवाल टोला में खेलावन मांझी के घर से जुगल मांझी के घर तक पथ निर्माण कार्य एकरारनामा सं0 15F./2017-18 को पूर्ण करने हेतु निर्देश दिया गया है। लिखित निदेश के साथ-साथ स्थल भ्रमण के दौरान भी आपको कार्य प्रारंभ करते हुए पूर्ण करने का निदेश दिया गया है परन्तु अबतक योजना का कार्य प्रारंभ नहीं किया गया है।

अतः आपको अंतिम रूप से स्मारित करते हुए निदेश है कि एक सप्ताह के अन्दर योजना कार्य प्रारंभ करते हुए पूर्ण कराएं। अन्यथा एकरारनामा विरुद्ध नदी कार्यवाई की जायगी। जिसके लिए आप स्वयं जिम्मेवार होंगे।

कार्यपालक अभियंता, राष्ट्रीय ग्रामीण नियोजन कार्यक्रम, मेदिनीनगर, पलामू  
PR200142 (NREP)18-19'D NO VOTER TO BE LEFT BEHIND

## GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & COOPERATIVE

### SUB MISSION ON AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION (SAME) UNDER NATIONAL MISSION ON AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION & TECHNOLOGY (NAMET)

Invitation for submitting applications for providing services on contractual basis at the Block Level in National Mission on Agricultural Extension & Technology, Jharkhand. The department of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry & Cooperative, Government of Jharkhand invites application from unemployed/semi-retired officers of Government of India/State Government Department/Public Sector Undertaking/Private sector organizations or otherwise with requisite qualification and experience as elaborated below for providing services against following post on contractual basis.

Sl No.	Description of Post	No. of 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 - 03 ST - 02 SC - 06 BC I - 02 BC II - 01 Total - 14	Graduate/Post Graduate in Agri./ Allied Sector with computer skill	Minimum 2 year field experience in Agri. Related activities if Post Graduate otherwise 3 years.	Contractual	12 <sup>th</sup> Plan	Consolidated Rs. 25000/p.m. (20000+5000) (An annual increase of 10% in emoluments for such employees who continue in their employment for one year)
2	Assistant Technology Manager (ATM)	Gen - 22 ST - 06 SC - 18 BC I - 05 BC II - 04 Total - 55	Graduate/Post Graduate in Agri./ Hort./ E. conomics/ Veterinary Science/AHD / Fisheries	Preferably One Year	Contractual	12 <sup>th</sup> Plan	Consolidated Rs. 15000/p.m. (11000+4000) (An annual increase of 10% in emoluments for such employees who continue in their employment for one year)

Note :- Interested candidates can download the application format and other details form the website [www.palamu.nic.in](http://www.palamu.nic.in) or [www.atmapalamau.org](http://www.atmapalamau.org).

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PR 200156 (Agriculture) 18-19 #D

## Jharkhand State Water and Sanitation Mission (State Project Management Unit) of Drinking Water and Sanitation Department Nepal House, Doranda, Ranchi, Jharkhand - 834002

### KHARSAWAN PIPED WATER SUPPLY SCHEME E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE/ INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)

Date: 19.01.2019  
Bid No.: IN-SPMU-JHARKHAND-93457-CW-RFB

1. The Government of India has applied for a credit from the International Development Association / loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction & Development towards the cost of Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project for Low Income States and intends to apply a part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contracts for construction of works as detailed below. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works, and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers - January 2011. Successful bidder will have to submit proof of registration issued by DWSD, Government of Jharkhand in proper category within 30 days from the date of agreement. Bidders are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in ITB Section 1 of the Instructions to Bidders to qualify for the award of the contract.

2. The Executive Engineer, D.W. & S Division, Saraikela invites bids in electronic tendering system for the construction of works detailed in the table. The bidders may submit bids for all of the following works contained in the table at the end of this e-Procurement Notice/IFB. Bidders submitting the bids for only one component (Design, Built or Operation & Maintenance) shall be rejected.

Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement: 21.01.2019  
3. The bid document is available online and bids are to be submitted online through the e-procurement portal <http://jsharkhandtenders.gov.in>. Bids submitted manually will not be accepted. The bidders would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidders are required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities.

4. Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the User ID and Password for participating in e-procurement may obtain the same by registering in the website: <http://jsharkhandtenders.gov.in>. The requirements to register with the e-procurement portal are available on the website indicated above.

5. The bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid document (b) original bid security in approved form and (c) original notarized power of attorney as per provisions of ITB Section 2.1 (2), 3.5(1) & 3.7, to the Office of the Executive Engineer, D.W. & S Division, Saraikela, Jharkhand on a date not later than two working days after the opening of Part I- Technical Bid, either by registered post or by hand, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive.

- The above documents shall be submitted in one envelope. The bidders shall not write their names or addresses on this envelope.
- The number mentioned on acknowledgement of online submission of the bid by the bidder shall be mentioned on envelope containing the documents as detailed above.
- Bid Security: Rs.9.05 Lakh (Rupees Nine Lakh Five Thousand Only).
- Cost of Bid Document: Rs. 10,000.00 (Rupees Ten Thousand Only), non-refundable, only in form of demand draft in favour of DWSD (DPMU ACCOUNT), Saraikela.

6. A pre-bid meeting will be held on 05.02.2019 at 11:30 hrs. at the Office of the Engineer in Chief, Drinking Water & Sanitation Department, Nepal House, Doranda, Ranchi, Jharkhand, to clarify the issues and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised at that stage as stated in ITB Section 2.5 of the bidding document.

7. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The Owner shall not be held liable for any delays due to the e-procurement system failure beyond its control. Even though the e-procurement system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Owner shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

### TABLE

Package No.	Name of Work	Bid Security (Rs.) in Lakhs	Cost of Bid Document (Rs.)	Period of Completion (months)
1	(a) Design and build of all System components Of Kharsawan piped Water supply project	9.05 lakh	10,000.00	24
2	(b) Operation And maintenance for 5 Years after commissioning Of scheme including billing of Tariff from customers' For providing supply of Water by 24x7@70 lpcd			60
Total		9.05 lakh	10,000.00	84

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Executive Engineer, D.W. & S Division, Saraikela  
PR 200133 (Drinking Water and Sanitation) 18-19 (D)

## न्यायालय, प्राधिकृत पदाधिकारी-सह-वन प्रमंडल पदाधिकारी, हजारीबाग पश्चिमी वन प्रमंडल

### न्यायालय सूचना

दिनांक 12.01.2019 को वन क्षेत्र पदाधिकारी, हजारीबाग प्रखेत्र के नेतृत्व में छायागारी दल के सहयोग से मरहन्द अधिसूचित वन भूमि के प्लॉट संख्या 436 में अवैध तरीके से वन भूमि पर वाहरीद्वारा निर्माण कर संघालित स्पंज फेडरी पर छायागारी के क्रम में विभिन्न प्रकार के वाहन एवं अन्य सामानों की जचरी की गई है।

अतः सूचीबद्ध वाहन एवं अन्य प्रदर्शों से संबंधित व्यक्तियों को सूचित किया जाता है कि वर्णित सूचीबद्ध वाहन एवं अन्य प्रदर्शों पर न्यायालय, प्राधिकृत पदाधिकारी-सह-वन प्रमंडल पदाधिकारी, हजारीबाग पश्चिमी प्रमंडल के न्यायालय में राज्यसत की कार्यवाई प्रारंभ की गई है, जिसमें दिनांक 28.01.2019 को 11:30 बजे सुनवाई की तिथि निर्धारित की गई है। उक्त तिथि को आप स्वयं या अपने प्राधिकृत अधिकृत के माध्यम से न्यायालय, प्राधिकृत पदाधिकारी-सह-वन प्रमंडल पदाधिकारी, हजारीबाग पश्चिमी प्रमंडल के न्यायालय में उपस्थित हो कर कारणपुच्छा के साथ अपना पक्ष प्रस्तुत करें कि वैसे नहीं आपके जप्त वाहन को राज्यसत कर लिया जाय।

क्र0 सं0	जी0एफ0 वाद सं0	राज्यसत वाद संख्या	जपती का स्थान एवं तिथि	जपती की विवरणी	सुनवाई की तिथि
1	31/2019	01/2019	मौज मरहन्द दिनांक 12.01.2019	1.ट्रक No. JH-08AH-2496 उच्च पर लदे 30 टन कोयला, 2. ट्रक No. JH-24C-8309 3.ट्रक No. JH-05AE-5255 4. ट्रक No. JH-24C-4163 5.ट्रक No. JH-24C-4663 6.ट्रक No. JH-24C-9339 7.ट्रक No. JH-24C-7970, 8.डम्पर No. JH-2L-1139 9.J.C.B. 3DX Eng. No. 400174108 10. J.C.B. 3DX Eng. No. 400149439 11. J.C.B. Hindusthan (Loader) Eng. No. CXEM084013 12. हाइड्रॉ स्कोटर इंजन संख्या- 4E4312C331E3418322 13. महेन्ना ट्रैक्टर इंजन, इंजन संख्या 8HJ2EAN76988 14. Induction Motor- 10 पीस 2 एम्प0पी 0 से 10 एम्प0पी तक 15.Welding Rectifier- 1 16.Phase Motor- 04 Pc. एवं 06 टन कोयला	28.01.2019

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PR 200166 Forest, Environment and Climate Changes (18-19)\_D

## न्यायालय-समाहर्ता-सह-वन प्रमंडल पदाधिकारी, हजारीबाग पूर्वी वन प्रमंडल सूचना

एतद द्वारा निम्नलिखित सूचीबद्ध वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में संलिप्त प्रतिवादियों (अतिक्रमणकारियों) को सूचित किया जाता है कि समाहर्ता-सह-वन प्रमंडल पदाधिकारी, हजारीबाग पूर्वी वन प्रमंडल के न्यायालय में चल रहे वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी न्यायालय में लगातार अनुपस्थित हैं या कुछ वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रारंभिक स्तर से ही अनुपस्थित हैं।

अतः उन्हें अंतिम अवसर प्रदान करते हुए निर्देश दिया जाता है कि संबंधित वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में अंतिम निर्धारित तिथि 02/02/2019 को पूर्वाह्न 11.00 बजे समाहर्ता-सह-वन प्रमंडल पदाधिकारी, हजारीबाग पूर्वी वन प्रमंडल के न्यायालय में स्वयं या अपने अधिकृत के माध्यम से उपस्थित होकर अग्रतर कार्यवाई सुनिश्चित करें, अन्यथा एकपक्षीय आदेश पारित कर दिया जाएगा।

क्र. सं.	GFP/FC वाद संख्या	वी0पी0एल0 वी0 वाद संख्या	अतिक्रमणकारी का नाम	प्लॉट संख्या	रकबा	प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
1	GF 495/14	18/2018	नरकी खुर्द	18	2.00 डे0	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
2	GF 608/16	10/2018	बेदम पी0एफ0	51	4.00 डे0	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
3	FC 50/11	40/2017	नगरकेशवारी	1445	15 डे0	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
4	CP-770/17	20/2018	शिलगो वन	537	25 डे0	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
5	GF 18/13	29/2018	बेदम वन	274	49 डे0	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
6	GF 285/11	14/2013	शिलवार खुर्द	591	30 डे0	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
7	FC- 95/11	48/2017	पुरनीडीह सुरक्षित वन	670	04 डे0	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
8	FC- 53/11	47/2017	पुरनीडीह	850	24 डे0	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
9	FC-230/10	36/2017	तुकतुको वन	501	1 डे0	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
10	FC-165/11	44/2017	नगरकेशवारी	1370	10 कट0	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
11	FC-100/11	41/2017	वेवाकी	04	106 डे0	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
12	FC-203/09	31/2017	नगरकेशवारी	22	35 डे0	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
13	FC-172/09	29/2017	बाल्डीह वन	424	02 डे0	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
14	GF-281/11	28/2017	बेदम वन	1019	27 डे0	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
15	FC-11/10	33/2017	रत्नाडीह वन	116	08 डे0	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
16	FC-49/11	42/2017	केशवारी सुरक्षित वन	85	15 फीट	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
17	FC-64/08	32/2017	बागोडीह वन	3117	80 डे0	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
18	FC-41/09	21/2017	तुकतुको वन	642	2 घं 12 फीट	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
19	GF-459/08	19/2017	अवलजामो वन	10709	10 डे0	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
20	FC-441/13	28/2016	उँचापाना वन	195	10 डे0	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
21	GF-413/16	08/2017	नवादा वन	03	04 डे0	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
22	GF-86/13	15/2016	बनासो वन	3960	0.04 डे0	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
23	GF-509/12	06/2013	बाण्डी वन	03, 04	08 डे0	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
24	FC-175/16	01/2017	कोनिया वन	02	04 डे0	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
25	GF-207/15	48/2016	बोरबीर वन	990	02 डे0	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
26	GF-610/16	01/2018	लारा वन	316	50 डे0	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
27	GF-62/12	30/2018	करो खुर्द	399	60 डे0	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
28	GF-58/16	12/2016	पुन्दरी वन	304	30 डे0	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
29	GF-540/11	15/2017	अरलीर वन	346	20300 घनफीट	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
30	FC-331/13	13/2017	उरौ वन	1577	50 डे0	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
31	GF-449/12	12/2017	नरकी कला	186	05 डे0	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
32	GF-14/16	10/2017	मोरंगी वन	991	02 डे0	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
33	GF-240/13	19/2016	बलारिया वन	570	10 डे0	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
34	GF-460/11	27/2018	रहमदाग वन	330	01 घं	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
35	GF-369/17	07/2018	सिलवार कला	657	12 डे0	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
36	GF-587/17	06/2018	बेदम वन	16, 04	35 डे0	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
37	GF-179/16	09/2018	किमो घटनिया	698	03 फी. नि. x 30 मीटर	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
38	GF-177/16	32/2016	किमो वन	1257	05 डे0	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
39	GF-198/16	38/2016	सनातुरपी वन	1093	1.30 एकड़	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
40	FC-233/15	10/2016	उरौ वन	450,	1.5 एकड़ 1577	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
41	FC-13/16	50/2017	बागोडीह वन	2114	04 डे0	नरकी खुर्द साहू वी0 पी0 एल0 वी0 वादों में प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता

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# British PM to unveil new Brexit strategy

AFP ■ LONDON

British Prime Minister Theresa May unveils her Brexit "Plan B" to parliament on Monday after MPs shredded her EU divorce deal, deepening the political gridlock 10 weeks from departure day.



**'I don't think it can be saved by marginal adjustments in the current plan. I don't think she can convince MPs by presenting the same thing to them with slight tweaks' — Spanish Foreign Min Josep Borrell**

Britain will crash out of the European Union on March 29 unless MPs can force a delay or come up with an alternative plan that Brussels is also happy with, before the deadline.

London and Brussels have spent the best part of two years working on the divorce deal but MPs in parliament's lower House of Commons comprehensively rejected it on Tuesday.

EU leaders have signalled they could alter the agreement if May dropped some of her negotiating "red lines" but British media on Monday reported that she would instead attempt to negotiate some changes to the existing agreement.

The reports were met with scepticism in Europe.

"I don't think it can be saved by marginal adjustments in the current plan. I don't think she can convince MPs by presenting the same thing to them with slight tweaks," Spanish Foreign Minister Josep Borrell said in Brussels.

"It therefore has to present something substantially different."

Asked if he would change the Brexit deal, Slovakia's

Miroslav Lajcak said: "Why? So you want the UK to be a bigger loser than the UK? Is this what you really want? This is a fair deal that 27 members strongly support so I would really not touch," he said.

After surviving a Commons confidence vote on Wednesday, May last week reached out to opposition parties to seek a compromise solution but the talks appear to have fallen through.

Jeremy Corbyn, leader of the main opposition Labour Party stayed away, saying that a "no-deal" departure must be ruled out first — something May says is impossible.

After May sets out her plans for the way ahead, lawmakers are set to table a series of amendments, to be voted upon on January 29.

At least two groups of MPs are planning to table amendments to enable backbenchers to delay Brexit and prevent Britain leaving the EU with no agreement.

One of the proposals would enable MPs to debate and vote on Brexit issues, giving them far greater influence

over government strategy.

May's Downing Street office has called them "extremely concerning".

"You've got a Leave population and a Remain parliament," International Trade Secretary Liam Fox, one of the senior Brexiters in May's cabinet, said on Sunday.

"Parliament has not got the right to hijack the Brexit process... And in fact steal the result from the people," he told BBC television.

Britain voted by a 52-48 margin in favour of leaving the EU in a referendum in 2016 that exposed deep divisions in British society.

One of the most problematic areas of the divorce deal is the so-called backstop on the Irish border — a legal guarantee that the frontier would remain free-flowing if Britain and the EU cannot agree a long-term free trade pact.

Changes in the backstop could help win over Conservative eurosceptics, and the party's Democratic Unionist allies that May counts upon for a majority in parliament.

# Taliban attack kills at least 100 in central Afghanistan

AFP ■ GHAZNI

At least 12 people were killed on Monday in a Taliban-claimed attack on a military compound in central Afghanistan, officials said, as the insurgents continue to batter the war-torn country's beleaguered security forces.

The attack began after a vehicle loaded with explosives rammed into the entrance of a compound in Maidan Shahr — the capital of Wardak province that lies about 50 kilometers south of the capital Kabul.

However other sources claimed 100 people died in the attack. At least three gunmen stormed the base following the explosion, igniting a firefight with Afghan security forces. All three gunmen were later killed in the exchange, according to a provincial official.

"So far our reports show 12 have been killed and 20 wounded, most of whom were Afghan security forces," Akhtar Mohammad Taheri — the head of Wardak provincial council — told AFP.

"The Taliban used a Humvee vehicle to hit the compound," Taheri added. Provincial health director Mohammad Salim Asgharkhail confirmed the toll.

"Some wounded people were taken to hospitals in Kabul for further treatment as they were in critical condition," said Asgharkhail.

Provincial governor spokesman Abdul Rahman Mangal said the huge blast

**'Some wounded people were taken to hospitals in Kabul for further treatment as they were in critical condition'**

had also partially damaged the base.

The Taliban — who have been waging a 17-year war against the Western-backed Afghan Government — later claimed responsibility for the assault.

The attack comes a day after a Taliban suicide bomber targeted the convoy of Logar province's governor, killing at least seven security guards.

Fights between security forces and Taliban fighters have continued to intensify across the country during the frigid Afghan winter, which traditionally experiences a lull in fighting.

The recent Taliban attacks come as Washington is stepping up efforts for a peace deal that could pave the way for the Taliban's participation in the next government, with the US peace envoy Zalmay Khalilzad visiting regional powers this month after meeting Taliban representatives in December.

Khalilzad ended his visit to neighbouring Pakistan Sunday after meeting with Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan last week to discuss ongoing peace efforts.

# 31 Rohingya in limbo on B'desh-India border

AFP ■ DHAKA

Thirty-one Rohingya Muslims including 17 children remained stranded on the India-Bangladesh border after three days, Dhaka officials said on Monday, as both sides refuse to accept them. As many as 1,300 Rohingya Muslims have crossed into Bangladesh from India in recent weeks as fears of deportation to Myanmar spark an exodus.

The latest group crossed barbed-wire fences along the Indian part of the border, but Bangladesh border guards stopped them from entering their territory. "They are now living in two tents provided by Indian border forces on the border's zero line," Mannan Jahangir, a local government official at the Bangladeshi border town of Kasba, told AFP.

Lieutenant Colonel Golam Kabir, a Bangladesh border guard commander, said the group first arrived at the border from the Indian State of Jammu and Kashmir on January 18. Senior officials from both sides held a meeting on Sunday, with Dhaka insisting that New Delhi

# Chinese accuse McDonald's of supporting Taiwan independence

AP ■ BEIJING

Chinese nationalists are accusing a McDonald's advertisement in Taiwan of supporting independence for the self-ruled island.

The advertisement for a breakfast sandwich, broadcast only in Taiwan, shows a two-second glimpse of a woman's identity card that lists her nationality as "Taiwan."

Comments on internet bulletin boards accused McDonald's of violating Chinese law by supporting independence for Taiwan, which Beijing claims as part of its territory.

Some called for a boycott. Others said McDonald's, whose mainland franchises are owned by a group that includes the Chinese Cabinet's investment arm, should be expelled from China.

"McDonald's this is what you want to do? Help Taiwan independence?" said a posting on the Sina.Com portal signed "Good Knife Still."

# GLOBE TROTTER

## GERMANY SANCTIONS IRAN AIRLINE ON REGIME LINKS

**Berlin:** Germany said Monday it had banned Iranian airline Mahan Air from its airports, in an escalation of sanctions adopted by the European Union against Tehran over attacks on opponents in the bloc. The move was necessary to protect Germany's "foreign and security policy interests", foreign ministry spokesman Christopher Burger told reporters at a regular Berlin press conference.

## CAMBODIA'S HUN SEN MEETS XI JINPING

**Beijing:** Cambodian PM Hun Sen met Chinese President Xi Jinping during a visit to Beijing that reinforces ties between China and its closest ally in Southeast Asia. Hun Sen also is to meet Premier Li Keqiang and other leaders during his visit, which started on Monday.

## PRINCE PHILIP CRASH: DEBRIS FOR SALE ON EBAY

**London:** Debris, said to be from a horrendous crash involving 97-year-old Prince Philip, has been put up for sale on eBay with all the money promised for cancer research, a media report said on Monday.

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**NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 33 and 47 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, February 05, 2019** inter-alia, to consider and approve the Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter ended **31<sup>st</sup> December, 2018**. This information is also available on Company's website at [www.oswalgreentech.com](http://www.oswalgreentech.com) and on Stock Exchanges' website at [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and [www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com)

For Oswal Greentech Limited  
Date: 21-01-2019  
Place: New Delhi  
Anil Bhalla  
Managing Director

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**NOTICE**  
NOTICE is hereby given that Pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at its Registered Office at 805, E-Block, International Trade Tower, Nehru Place, New Delhi-110019 inter-alia to consider and take on records Un-audited Quarterly Results of the Company for the Quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2018 and to consider other businesses, if any.

By order of the Board  
For Supra Industrial Resources Limited  
Date: New Delhi  
Date: 21.01.2019  
(Rajat Agarwal)  
Director

# Kamala Harris announces her 2020 US presidential bid

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

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

A rising party star and vocal critic of President Trump, Harris, 54, is the fourth Democrat to join the battle for the party's nomination in the 2020 election.

"I am running for president," Harris said in a tweet along with a simultaneously released video message.

"Kamala Harris: For the People" is the theme of her campaign.

If elected, she would be the



first woman and woman of colour to be the president of the United States. "I love my country. This is a moment in time that I feel a sense of responsibility to stand up and fight for the best of who we are," she told the ABC News.

Explaining the significance of announcing her presidential bid on Martin Luther King Jr Day, Harris said the icon of American civil rights movement, who sought inspiration from Mahatma Gandhi, has always inspired her.

# Gabbard defends her meeting with Bashar al-Assad

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Democratic presidential aspirant Tulsi Gabbard has defended her controversial decision to meet with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad in 2017, saying that American leaders must meet with foreign leaders "if we are serious about the pursuit of peace and securing our country."

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

Gabbard had met Assad during a trip to Syria in January 2017. The Syrian leader is believed to be responsible for the deaths of hundreds of thousands of Syrian civilians.

"No, I think that it is, it continues to be very important for any leader in this country to be willing to meet with others, whether they be friends or adversaries or potential adversaries if we are serious about the pursuit of peace and securing our country," Gabbard, who represents Hawaii, said in an interview to CNN when asked if she regrets the meeting.

"...You often acknowledge and bring to the forefront the cost of war and our troops and who pays the price," she continued.

"I have seen this cost of war firsthand, which is why I fight so hard for peace. And that's the reality of the situation that we're facing here."

**HDFC BANK** Bank for Special Operations, Ind Floor, Indian Express Building, 9-10, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110002  
**POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMovable PROPERTY)**  
(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)  
Whereas, the Authorised Officer of HDFC Bank Ltd., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated 09.03.2018 calling upon the borrower M/s Amcon Engineers, through its Proprietor/Guarantor/Mortgagor Mr. Mukesh Kumar Laad, Ms. Aruna Laad and M/s Amcon Engineers Pvt Ltd to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 2,80,56,596.54 (Rupees Two Crore Eighty Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Six and Paise Fifty Four Only) thereon w.e.f. 01.03.2018 together with future interest and charges thereon within 60 days of the receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor/mortgagor and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 19th day of January, 2019 at, Kosi Katan Uttar Pradesh and New Delhi.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY	
Description of Immovable Property	Date & Time of Possession
RR 3 AND RR 4, Brindavan Garden Retreat (Magson Colony) Highway, KosiKatan. Boundaries Municipal No:56/57 of MVDA map No.99-K-2000-2001 part of Kharsa No 252, Village Daulana, Tehsil Chhatta District Mathura (As per Sale Deed)	19.01.2019 11.00 AM onwards
North East: Other Property South East: Plot No RR2 & RR3 Plot No:55 & 56 vide Map No:99/K-2000-2001 North West: Plot No. RR4 & P-10 Plot No 57 & 58 vide Map No.99/K-2000-2001 South West: Road	
Entire Basement Floor, part of property J-54, Saket, New Delhi	

These properties are cross-collateralised with M/s Amcon Engineers Pvt Ltd and M/s Amcon Engineers whose Partner's are Mr. Prakhar Laad, and Mr Aditya Laad.

Note: The above notice is also considered as 30 days notice for sale under rule 6, 8 and 9 of the Act.

Date: 19.01.2019 Place: Kosi Katan, Uttar Pradesh and New Delhi  
Authorised Officer  
HDFC Bank Ltd

# SEARCH FOR MISSING

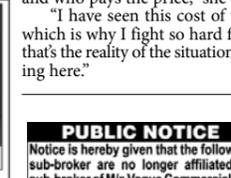
General public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Pooja, D/o Sh. Bijender Singh, R/o H.No. A-137, Sanjay Camp, Dakshipuri, New Delhi** has been missing since 19.12.2018, 02:00 p.m. from her house. In this regard **DD No. 48-A, dated 21.12.2018, has been lodged at P.S. Ambedkar Nagar, New Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing girl is as under:

**Name:** Pooja, **Gender:** Female, **Age:** 22 years, **Height:** 5'4", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Healthy, **Wearing:** Black colour T-Shirt with Black colour Jacket, Black colour Jeans and Red & Black colour Shoes in Feet.

If anyone has any information regarding this missing girl, kindly inform SHO/Ambedkar Nagar, New Delhi.

E-mail : [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)  
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641  
Fax : 011-24368639

SHO  
P.S. Ambedkar Nagar, New Delhi  
DP/5217SD/19 Ph. No.: 011-29052304, 29051917, 8750870830



Pooja

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**ICICI Bank**  
ICICI Bank Limited  
Registered Office: ICICI Bank Tower, Near Chakri Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara- 390007, Gujarat.  
Corporate Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai- 400051  
Branch Office: ICICI Bank 2nd Floor, Videcon Tower, Jhadowalan Ext, New Delhi- 110055

A notice is hereby given that the following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non Performing Assets (NPA). The notice dated were issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses as provided to the bank by them, that in addition thereto for the purposes of information of the said borrowers enumerated below, the said borrowers are being informed by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Surendra Singh Rawat, Anoop Rawat, IID-37A, Sector 2, Vaishali, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad A/c No-LBDEL00001515215	Commercial Office No. 201, Second Floor, Nipun Plaza, Commercial Plot No. 2, Sector-1 Vaishali, Ghaziabad	06-Dec-2018, Rs. 477341/-	31/05/2018

The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (where ever applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of issuance of notice U/s. 13 (2), failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of issuance of notice U/s. 13 (2) dated mentioned above as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date : 22-01-2019  
Place: Delhi/ NCR

**CORPORATE MERCHANT BANKERS LIMITED**  
Regd. Off: UG-24, Vishwadeep Tower, District Centre, JanakPuri, New Delhi-110058  
CIN: L74899DL1994PLC061107  
Email ID: [cmbl@cmbl.co.in](mailto:cmbl@cmbl.co.in)  
Ph. No. 91-11-65382244. Website: [www.cmbl.co.in](http://www.cmbl.co.in)

**NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 47 read with Regulation 29 & Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 that a meeting of the Board of Directors of M/s Corporate Merchant Bankers Limited will be held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at Regd Office at 2.00 P.m., inter-alia to consider and approve Un-Audited Financial Results of the Company for the Quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2018.

Further details will be available on the website of the Company i.e. at [www.cmbl.co.in](http://www.cmbl.co.in) and also on the website of BSE Limited & MSEI Limited i.e. at <http://www.bseindia.com> & [www.mseil.in](http://www.mseil.in) where the Company's shares are listed.

For Corporate Merchant Bankers Ltd. Sd/-  
Parne Venkateshwar Reddy  
Director  
Place: New Delhi  
Date: 22.01.2019  
Din : 06446233

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given that the following sub-broker are no longer affiliated as sub-broker of M/s Voge Commercial Co. Ltd. & SEBI Reg. No INB230882038 trading member of National Stock Exchange Ltd. having the registered office at 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 40 Hanuman Lane, Connaught Place, New Delhi-110001. Any person hencforth dealing with below mentioned sub-broker should do so at their own risk. M/s Voge Commercial Co. Ltd. shall not be liable for any dealings with them.

Sub-broker Trade Name: M/s. Singla Associates  
SEBI Registration No.: INS231367223  
Registration Date: 10.07.2002  
Address of sub-broker: V-13, Green Park Main, Delhi-16

By Order of Director  
Voge Commercial Co. Ltd.

**EASTERN RAILWAY**  
Abridged Tender No. : 09-DCE-CON-ROB-SDAH-18-19 e-tendering (Open tender in single packet system), dated 15.01.2019. E-tender is invited by Dy. Chief Engineer/CON/ROB, Eastern Railway, Sealdah for the following work. **Name of Work :** Construction of OH tank and other ancillary works at CPOH, Kancharpara. **Approx Value :** ₹ 1,07,41,414.91. **Earnest Money :** ₹ 2,03,700/-. **Date of Opening :** 04.02.2019. The tender document and other details can be obtained from the website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) The bidding for the tender is to be submitted through e-tendering on above website. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender.

Siddhartha CON-105/2018-19  
Tender Notices are also available at Website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)

**लोक स्वास्थ्य अभियंत्रण विभाग**  
Tender Notice No. MNA-11/2018-19  
National Competitive Bidding  
(Trough e-procurement mode on [www.eproc.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in))  
शुद्धि पत्र

एतद द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि दैनिक समाचार पत्र में प्रकाशित निविदा सूचना संख्या MNA-11/2018-19 जिसका PR No. 11048(PHED) 2018-19 है को इस हद तक संशोधित समझा जाए ।

दैनिक समाचार पत्र में प्रकाशित / शुद्धिपत्र	संशोधित समझा जाए
1. Period of Sale (downloading) of tender Bid Documents	From 12.01.2018 to 27.11.2018 up till 17:00 Hrs through ( <a href="http://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in">www.eproc.bihar.gov.in</a> )
2. Date, time & Place of Prebid Meeting	22.11.2018 at 15:00 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer of concerned P.H.Division
3. Last, Date & Time of receipt (uploading) of tender	29.11.2018 up till 17:00 Hrs on <a href="http://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in">www.eproc.bihar.gov.in</a>
4. Last date and time of submission of hard copy of EMD & document charges	01.12.2018 at 15:00 Hrs in the Office of the (A) Executive Engineer of Concerned P.H.Division (B) Superintending Engineer of Concern P.H.Circle (C) Zonal Chief Engineer of concerned Zone
5. Date and time of opening of technical bid	03.12.2018 at 16:00 Hrs on <a href="http://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in">www.eproc.bihar.gov.in</a>

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PR.15518 (PHED) 2018-19  
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Trend Slazer

Madhavan solely directs Rocketry

Actor R. MADHAVAN will be taking over the complete directing duties on *Rocketry — The Nambi Effect* after Ananth Mahadevan had to leave the project due to "unavoidable circumstances."

Earlier, Madhavan was co-directing the film based on the life of scientist and aerospace engineer S. Nambi Narayanan, with Ananth. "He is an extremely talented filmmaker. However, owing to unavoidable circumstances and certain pressing commitments he could no longer direct the film," Madhavan said. "*Rocketry* is close to my heart. The film is shaping up well and I can't wait to tell the incredible story to the world," he added.



**'I believe age or life stages should not affect a woman's career. It's important not to limit yourself. Women can do it all. I have always enjoyed playing various roles on reel — a warrior princess, model. All of this has been possible because I focus on being healthy inside to stay beautiful outside.'**

—Kareena Kapoor Khan

Actress ARCHANA PURAN SINGH says she has more to offer as an artiste. She made her acting debut in 1987.

"Sometimes I feel that being an artiste, I could have explored more in the industry. In my career I have mostly got comic roles... I did not get much chance to experiment different roles. It is very important to be a versatile actor and I believe I have that potential in myself," she said. However, she has no regrets. "I am happy and satisfied with whatever God has given me. I did not even imagine that I would be able to cover such a long path in showbiz. Whatever I am today is because of God's grace and my fans love. I am grateful to them," she added.

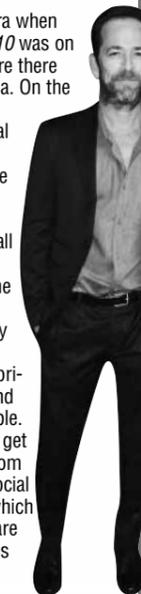


Luke has advice for young actors

Actor LUKE PERRY has some acting advice for his young co-stars of *Riverdale*.

It was a different era when *Beverly Hills, 90210* was on air. Back then, where there was no social media. On the biggest challenges about having to deal with that aspect of promotion today, he said, "To me, the biggest challenge that comes with it all is just focus. You need to focus on the work."

He added, "I just try to get the younger guys to keep their private stuff private and keep the show visible. That's the key. You get a lot of feedback from the fans through social media platforms, which is great, but there are some negative sides too."



Designers GAURAV GUPTA and SHANTANU-NIKHIL unfurl their plans for a bold spring that is more about personality than gender

FLUID FALLS

Bringing together the delicacy of hand-woven fabrics with the sharpness of his signature gravity-defying, patterned designs, designer Gaurav Gupta is set to showcase his summer/resort collection — *The (Un)Folding* — at the opening of the Lakmé Fashion Week 2019.

Gaurav said his collection will bring together elements that are "unique" to Indian design, highlighting his love for origami-folding and fluid-structural construction through embellishments and textiles. He has included many first-time elements such as Lucknawi *chikankari* draped into demi-couture dresses, a particular tone of yellow that is traditionally called '*basanti*', which means the essence of sun-lit spring and Banarasi brocades, which are turned into deconstructed *lehengas*, perfect for a modern bride on a destination wedding. Even the menswear features *chikankari* and brocades in unexpected ways.

The colour palette features mostly pastel shades like powder blue, yellow, ivory and rose. Along with his scaffold-like pattern, these tones are Gaurav's vision of a glamorous and powerful spring of 2019.

Fashion designers, Shantanu and Nikhil Mehra are also going to present their first-ever grand finale for the LFW. Inspired by the beauty theme for the season, *Recruit SS'19* promises to take the audience on an empowering journey of the culmination of modern authority in the contemporary Indian framework of beliefs and will highlight the evolution that has led to the emancipation of the millennial Indian woman.



SHANTANU-NIKHIL FEEL LIKE BEING 'REBORN IN THE WORLD OF FASHION' AS THEY CALL THE SHOW AS THEIR 'ULTIMATE EXAM'

This time they are giving red a new dimension in matte flavour. Now this is a colour that they have never dabbled with. They are then sort of weaving it in with a story that has a strong emotional connect of valour, pride and integrity which pretty much sets the tone for this time's collection.

The designers feel like being "reborn in the world of fashion" as they call it their "ultimate exam." As

Nikhil said, "It has happened to us after 18 years and there isn't anything more exciting than this. The first Shantanu and Nikhil finale on a platform like Lakmé Fashion Week which has continuously given fashion and makeup a new dimension."

Added Shantanu, "It is almost like being reborn in the world of fashion. We still feel like 'Is this really happening to us?' It is like the ultimate fashion show for us...as if it is our first and last fashion show. This is the ultimate exam in the fashion world."

Talking about how much this collaboration is going to add responsibility to them as designers, Shantanu said: "First, we are always questioning ourselves at work and always looking to reinvent our styles and designs. We are looking for a disturbance in our equilibrium at work, so it is not unusual for us to be putting ourselves into this position."

Added Nikhil, "As far as the responsibility is concerned, if you have a story to tell and you stick to it, just go full-throttle and that's what we are doing. How do we make red, black and gold integrate seamlessly. Then sort of weave it in with a story that has a strong emotional connect of valour, pride and integrity that pretty much sets the tone for this collection."

The designers have been focussing on gender-neutral clothing for the last few years as they introduced men to draped kurtas which is considered to be extremely feminine. "We have taken cue from that and moved to a line for a woman who is more empowered. The silhouettes are more structured which give her that opportunity to lead the path. It speaks of women's abilities through silhouettes," said Shantanu.

Talking about being a trend-setter, Nikhil said, "We're always considered to be an anti-trend brand of design. Even the gender equality that we try to show is through the medium of couture, is more subdued and brings in a little more sanity but keeps it more occasion-driven. The focus is not only on the garment but on the wearer, there is a story to every garment."

A brand that started in 2007, building it up was the toughest and most challenging task "but at the same time is the most fulfilling and it has taken us 14 years to understand what Shantanu & Nikhil as a brand mean to the world. This rude awakening has happened recently where we have fallen in love with the country we live in and feel the need to bring back some of those glorious moments of India and modernising it to cater to this new wave of the emerging market called the millennials," said Shantanu.

They also feel that the Indian fashion industry has now realised the opportunity that lies in India's history without having to depend on craftsmanship only.

(Lakmé Fashion Week is slated to kickstart from January 30 to February 3.)

—With IANS inputs



Time for some 'stair-snacking'

For people who find it difficult to take out extra time for physical activity after a hectic schedule, exercise just got simpler and harder to avoid. Researchers have shown that a few minutes of stair climbing called the "stair-snacking" approach, at short intervals between work, can improve cardiovascular health.

The study showed that virtually anyone can improve their fitness, anywhere and any time throughout the day. "The findings make it even easier for people to incorporate 'exercise snacks' into their day," says Martin Gibala, professor at McMaster University in Canada. "Those who work in office towers or live in apartment buildings can vigorously climb a few flights of stairs in the morning, at lunch, and in the evening and know they are getting an effective workout."

The latest study has challenged previous studies which had shown that brief bouts of vigorous exercise or sprint interval training (SIT) are effective when performed as a single session, requiring a total time commitment of 10 minutes or so.

For this study, researchers set out to determine if SIT exercise snacks, or vigorous bouts of stair-climbing performed as single sprints spread throughout the day, would be sufficient enough to improve cardio-respiratory fitness (CRF). For the study, one group of sedentary young adults vigorously climbed a three-flight stairwell, three times per day. They repeated the protocol three times each week over the course of six weeks. The researchers compared the change in their fitness to a control group which did not exercise.

The findings, published in the journal *Applied Physiology, Nutrition and Metabolism*, showed that although sprint interval training works but the stair-snacking approach was also effective. "Vigorously climbing a few flights of stairs on your coffee or bathroom break during the day seems to be enough to boost fitness in people who are otherwise sedentary," said Jonathan Little, assistant professor at University of British Columbia in Canada.

In addition to being more fit, the stair climbers were also stronger compared to their sedentary counterparts and generated more power during a maximal cycling test. In future, researchers hope to investigate different exercise snacking protocols with varying recovery times and the effect on other health-related indicators such as blood pressure and glycemic control, the team noted.

Nandana speaks from the heart

Actor, writer and child rights activist NANDANA DEV SEN launches her new book that demystifies the world of adopted kids

Adoption is when a child grows from her mommy's heart instead of her tummy, believes Nandana Dev Sen, an award-winning actor, writer and child rights activist who released her first book, *In My Heart*.

Accompanied with many illustrations, the book is well-imagined and sensitively told, encouraging all children to celebrate the unique ways in which different families are born.

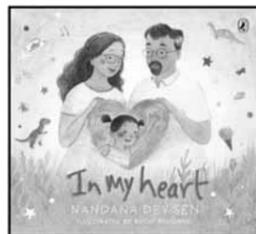
Nandana said, "As a child, reader and an author, I've always adored books that were imaginative. Books that promote a kind, brave, inclusive and sensitive view of the world, without being preachy."

She further said that adoption is a critical topic in India, where we have countless disenfranchised children whose lives could be transformed just by embracing them. Yet the topic is rarely discussed in mainstream media or in Indian popular culture.

"There is still a fear of bullying attached to adoption. We don't have enough books yet that foster families can directly relate to. They could use books as a tool to discuss their precious family identities. But yes we can see a wave of change flowing, the interest is quite rapidly increasing," added the writer.



'Adoption is a critical topic in India, where we have countless disenfranchised children whose lives could be transformed just by embracing them'



Her books focusses on a larger understanding of belonging based on love rather than biological relation. It would speak equally to all non-traditional families, for instance children with homosexual parents, step siblings or a surrogate mother. She wrote this one for all kids, with the objective of widening their understanding of and regard for how different kinds of families grow together through love.

Nandana said, "The dynamics of a non-traditional family has a great deal to do with the world accepting its 'normality' and bond with

absolute respect and ease without bullying or persecution. I've always believed that children's books can go a long way in fostering a lifetime of empathy in impressionable minds — that's one reason why I love them so much."

She believes that children's books are the most influential and deliciously infectious literature in the world. They encourage them to soar with their imagination, think critically, ask questions and communicate their thoughts and feelings.

Repainting Sita

Author CHITRA BANERJEE DIVAKARUNI's new book, *The Forest of Enchantments* takes the readers on a voyage of introspection from a woman's perspective



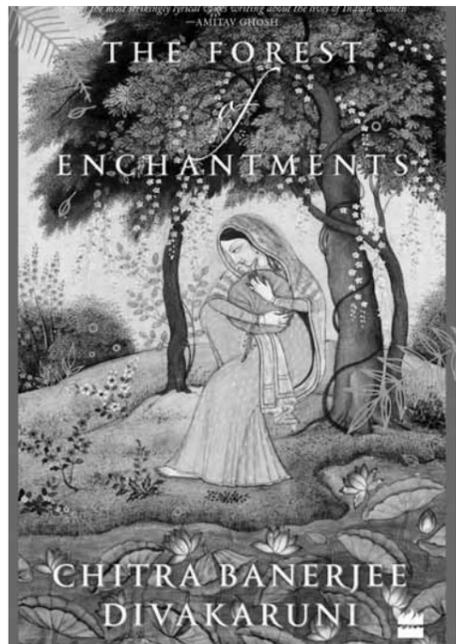
At every stage of an Indian woman's life, her name is invoked. She is portrayed as a quintessential daughter, an ideal wife and a perfect mother in various illustrations, texts, stories, and modern media. In *Ramayana*, there are disparate perspectives and different brushes with which people have painted the character of Sita over the years.

Author Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni has launched her novel, *The Forest of Enchantments*, which delves in some rare archives from the Indian epic with a new perspective.

During the launch, combining her immense knowledge of Indian mythology and the fascinating stories and events in *Ramayana*, the author took the audience on a voyage of retrospection from the perspective of Sita.

In this retelling, Divakaruni places Sita at the centre of the novel calling it the "Sita's version."

The novel is also a human story of a few other women in the epic, often misunderstood and relegated to the margins — Kaikeyi, Surpanakha and



Mandodari. A powerful comment on duty, betrayal, infidelity and honour, it is also about women's struggle to retain autonomy in a world that privileges men, as Divakaruni transforms an ancient tale into a gripping, contemporary battle of wills.

Divakaruni said, "I continued to discover myself through Sita, who for me has always been at the height of the *Ramayana*."

She talked about the condition of women. She told how

she wanted to show Sita's desire to experience the world outside her confinement in a space where she only took care of her in-laws.

While the *Ramayana* resonates even today, the author in her book makes it more relevant than ever through the underlying questions in the novel — How should women be treated by their loved ones? What are their rights in a relationship? When does a woman need to stand up and say, 'it's enough'.

# ETERNAL BEING

Curator RIPU DAMAN brings back the visionary literature of Albert Camus through art that instinctively depicts the human condition. By UMA NAIR



Dummy and the Paper Bird 1980 by Rajendra Tiku

The India Art Fair 2019 will see a brilliant curation by young designer and thinker Ripu Daman at the Art Indus booth. Daman extols the verbal philosophy and intentions of the ageless Albert Camus in a curation that includes stellar artists like Himmat Shah, Rameshwar Broota, Rajendra Tiku, Norio Takaoka, Amitava Das, Vasundhara Tewari Broota, Neeraj Bakshy, Nidhi Khurana, Anish Tiku and R Erdjnz.

Says Daman, "The exhibition engages in pristine visual dialogue with the visionary literature of Albert Camus as it brings to view works that instinctively depict the human condition. The exhibition draws great relevance from Camus's humanitarian quest as he looked for genuine realities behind the order of things, positing a world integrated with nature, seeking balance within the web of complicities extant to a civilised world. The exhibition endeavors to cross-examine our contemporaneity in light of the viewpoints that Camus left us within a lifetime of beauty and servitude."

He goes further into the work and thoughts of Camus and adds that it is the writer-philosopher's first images that definitively



Untitled (Kali 2006) by Himmat Shah

bring to mind the predicament of 'being.' What Camus submits to us in *The Outsider*, perhaps one of the most cogent introspections into the heart of the human-condition, exposing our existence 'cut off from a sense of God, in benign indifference of the Universe' — a stark realisation of the absurdity that is life. Sartre and Heidegger have examined this predicament as a "transphenomenality of being" — a nothingness "where things overflow all the relationships and designations which we attach to them and 'being' in general and existence in particular is *de trop* (superfluous)"; "being existent one cannot escape this original contingency, this obscene superfluity" — a "Being-for-itself," with no outside purpose to give it meaning or direction"; a thrown projection of "Being." This is akin to what Heidegger refers to as *Dasein* (as in Being-there-in-the-world). Rameshwar Broota and Rajendra Tiku's works have always contemplated the "Being" in a sense of the contrapositive, as a sublime weakening from universal to particular, a perspective of the omniscient narrator: of light or time, like God-searching humans.

However it is Himmat Shah, Rajendra Tiku and

Neeraj Bakshy who excel in the strata of the signature of Being. Daman aptly quotes Jean Paul Sartre's "*Being and Nothingness*" to echo the ideation. "Being-in-itself" is never either possible or impossible. This is what consciousness expresses in anthropomorphic terms by saying that being is superfluous, that consciousness absolutely cannot derive being from anything, either from another being, or from a possibility, or from a necessary law. Un-created, without reason for being, without any connection with another being, being-in-itself is *de trop* for eternity."

Of course, when you look at Tiku's work, you think of the associations and aspirations that add meaning and momentousness to the sensibility of creating. *Dummy and the Paper Bird 1980*, created out of ink and vegetable stain on paper, has about it an ecological connotation as well as a traversing of the past when you look at the year it was created in. Tiku, the sterling sculptor who has created silent soliloquies in sculpture, is a refreshing read in terms of what he can offer the viewer on a winter's day. *Study for the Grey Areas of a Public Hydrant* is another work that catches your gaze for its subtle signature of narrative and soothing tranquility even as the image brings across a corollary of conversations that flash through the tides of time.

Then there is Himmat Shah's *Untitled (Kali 2006)* and Neeraj Bakshy's *Smelling the Roses*, two works that make us stop and think of all things amorphous and articulate in art's many realms.

Weaving in elements of flora and fauna is not a first for artist Shampa Sircar Das as she has had a felicity with these for many years. But what still enchants is the manner in which she brings in miniature traditions to embellish her forests with animal/bird and man/woman combinations beside flowers and trees.

Centering around Indian mythology, folklore and an intrinsic love for the beauty of nature, her *Antardhwani* at Chawla Art Gallery brings three artworks into fore — *Mayura*, *Mriga* and *Vriksha*. They stand apart in their depiction of the beauty of mother Earth and the songs and narratives that can unravel and keep it blooming.

**MAYURA** It is believed that *Mayura* or the peacock was created from one of the feathers of *Garuda* (a bird in the



of the human race were originally deer. Deer are sacred animals to many tribes of the southwestern United States too; they are believed to have sacrificed themselves to feed the people, or are considered caretakers of the earth. Deer songs and dances are common throughout this region, with the deer frequently serving as a symbol of the people. In the *Huichol* tribe of central Mexico, deer are especially sacred and are associated with traditional spirituality.

Indian poets of antiquity used the deer to embody our desires, and the hunting of the deer as a metaphor for yoga, with the bow and arrow representing simultaneous balance and focus. This work recalls all these epithets and is quite an epiphany.

**VRIKSHA** Resplendent in red Sircar's *Vriksha* is both a woman and a tree. If Hermann Hesse said trees are sanctuaries, we also know that trees are sacred in India and often associated with a god or a goddess. Some scholars believe that it is the tree that was worshipped first, maybe for its medicinal or symbolic purpose. Trees are an integral part of a deity's symbolism. The mango tree, for example, is associated with the love-god Kama, the *tulsi* plant is dear to Vishnu, *bilva* is associated with Shiva worship, blades of *dhurva* grass are offered to Ganesha, *neem* or *margosa* is sacred to the mother goddess, coconut and banana are associated with Lakshmi. The banyan tree is associated with Yama, the god of death and the tree is often planted outside the village near crematoria. It is believed to be the abode of spirits. Indians knew the banyan tree as the *Vata-vriksha*. When the British came to India, they noticed that members of the trading community would sit under it and named it banyan, a derivative of *bamia*. Technically, *ficus benghalensis*, the banyan belongs to the fig family. *Pipal* is also a variant of fig, which became especially popular in Buddhist times because it was under this tree that Lord Buddha attained enlightenment. The tree also represents time as well as space. The world is, according to Hindu, Buddhist and Jain mythologies, shaped like a disc that rests on the back of a turtle and is surrounded by oceans of milk and treacle. *Vriksha* then is about the beginning and the end, indicating the radial nature of Indian thought. The seed that springs from the tree represents stillness and the elemental *bindu* from which all things emerge.



Saraswati takes the form of a red deer called Rohit. Saraswati is the goddess of learning, so learned men use deer skin as clothing and mats to sit upon. A golden deer plays an important role in the epic *Ramayana*.

Deer are associated with fertility in many Native American cultures. In some Mexican tribes, the first parents

## Forest tales

Artist SHAMPA SIRCAR DAS, through her series of artworks titled *Antardhwani*, recreates mythical tales weaving in the elements of flora and fauna. By U NAIR

Hindu mythology and a carrier of Lord Vishnu). It is depicted as a mythical bird which had killed a snake. According to many Hindu scriptures, it symbolises the cycle of time. Sircar creates *Mayura* as a beautiful creature, full of grace and contoured classicism, replete with a deep adoration of the forest and its habitat. Mythology says that peacocks once had dull tail feathers. In a battle between Ravana and Lord Indra, the bird had spread its feathers wide open to allow Indra to hide behind them and thus wage a war. Indeed, it was able to save Indra, in return for which the lord made the peacock's feathers iridescent.

**MRIGA** Sircar's *Mriga* with fertile antlers from which a veritable forest grows is another masterpiece. The deer stands tall, strong and majestic as it looks at the many predicaments that whirl around it. Sircar unconsciously heralds man's selfishness and the power and uncanny grace of the animal in her painting. In the Vedic texts, the deer becomes a metaphor of the restless mind that is pinned to the sky by Rudra, the Vedic form of Shiva. Tamil story images of Shiva often show him holding a deer in his hand, thus relieving the 'mind-deer' of anxiety. In Hindu mythology, the Aitareya Upanishad tells us that the goddess



## THE WORLD'S A STAGE

The Ishara International Puppet Festival is all set to return, bringing mystery and magic alive with 150 companies participating from across the world



Ireland



UK

It would have been one of the most intriguing parts of somebody's childhood — puppet shows. There was a time when puppets told stories, jokes, interacted with humans, made the kids laugh and most importantly, seemed to be like a real character.

To bring back the experience, from Brazil to Italy, Iceland to Tunisia — the Ishara International Puppet Theatre Festival once again travels the world to curate its line-up for this year's edition. The festival celebrates its 17th anniversary with a diverse range of performances, communicating across language barriers and defining the social, cultural and emotional bonds that humanity shares.

Besides many Indian puppet artists, there will be performers from across four continents showcasing an array of talent from over 150 international puppet companies.

From the traditional to modern forms of puppetry, ranging from rod to string puppets, there will be a range of performances with dance, theatre and music. The festival, that has been curating puppet shows for over thirty years, aims to educate, enrich and transform communities through puppetry.

Some participating countries are UK, Spain, Turkey, Brazil, Sweden, Norway, Israel, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Taiwan, Japan, Iran, Afghanistan, Ireland, Belgium, Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Australia and the USA.

"It's been over thirty years of Ishara puppet theatre and the love for puppetry has grown in people. For us, 2019 is the year of celebration. One will witness that in the per-



Iran



Afghanistan

formances of new groups from Brazil to Iceland along with various unconventional acts. For instance, the one by Italy uses soap bubbles as a medium for puppetry. There's a lot in store and we are delighted to have the audience experience it," says Dadi D Pudumjee, founder, the Ishara Puppet Theatre Trust.

(The festival begins from February 1 and will go on till February 9 at the Indian Habitat Centre.)

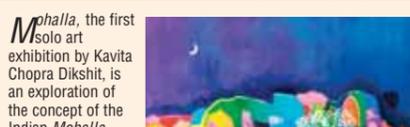
## WATCH OUT



**B**etween Sight and Insight: Glimpses of Benode Behari Mukherjee, an art exhibition curated by R. Siva Kumar, features more than 100 artworks from the artist's estate. It presents the Padma Vibhushan-winning artist Mukherjee through multiple lenses, including glimpses of him through his own eyes, presented through a series of self-portraits and landscapes. **WHEN:** Till February 22 **WHERE:** Vadehra Art Gallery, D-40 and 53, Defence Colony.



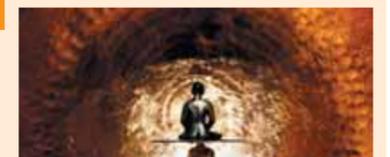
**T**ribal Art Forms presents *Eastern Eye* at the India Art Fair 2019. Curated by Minhaz Majumdar, it showcases sculptures by artist Lanu Pongen from Nagaland and Siva Prasad Marar from Assam, photographs on the Konyak tribe by Anu Malhotra and textile arts of the region by Ajungla Imchen in her *Embroidered Dialogue* series.



**M**ohalla, the first solo art exhibition by Kavita Chopra Dikshit, is an exploration of the concept of the Indian *Mohalla* (streets) and showcases its essence in oils, acrylic and mixed media, capturing the vibrant, colourful, noisy rhythms of life. **WHEN:** February 5 to 8 **TIME:** 10 am to 8 pm **WHERE:** Open Palm Court, India Habitat Center, 94, Lodhi Road.



**T**he Gujral Foundation presents *In the Absence of Writing*, a solo exhibition by Astha Butail. The work is a culmination of Butail's year-long journey in researching memory and living traditions that are passed on through teachings and oral poetry, with a focus on Zoroastrian Avesta, the Jewish Oral Torah and Indian Vedic philosophy. **WHEN:** February 2 to 28 **WHERE:** 24, Jor Bagh.



**A** solo exhibition, titled *Roaring Sea*, by artist Satish Gupta, features 13 sculptures, 10 collages, 15 large paintings and about 125 drawings and calligraphic works with haikus, presenting a journey through varied landscapes and thought processes. **WHEN:** Till February 3 **TIME:** 11 am to 8 pm **WHERE:** Visual Art Gallery, India Habitat Centre.

# 'India will win badminton Gold at Tokyo'

Chief National coach Gopichand expects shuttlers to continue impressive run and win first ever yellow metal in 2020 Olympics

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Saying that "every year has been better than the previous one", chief national badminton coach Pullela Gopichand is hopeful India would clinch its first-ever Gold medal in the discipline at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

The 45-year-old badminton legend said the sport has undergone remarkable change in India in the last ten years.

"Well, I think every year, in the last few years, has been better than the previous one."

"In 2008 (Beijing Olympics) — the quarterfinal results was the biggest result, in 2012 (London Olympics) we had the first-ever Bronze (Saina Nehwal), in 2016 (Rio Olympics) we had the first-ever Silver (P V Sindhu) and, hopefully, 2020 (Tokyo Olympics) we will have the first-ever Gold," Gopichand said on Monday.

The former All England champion was speaking after felicitating the seven winners of the IDBI Federal Quest for Excellence #Young Champ programme, who will undergo training at his academy in Hyderabad.

Gopichand said earlier badminton was remembered for men's singles players like Nandu Natekar, Suresh Goel and Prakash Padukone, among others, but Nehwal changed the perception.

"Well, yes. For a long time before these girls (referring to Nehwal, P V Sindhu) came out, badminton was primarily



Saina Nehwal poses with 2012 London Olympics Bronze medal; (in box) PV Sindhu kisses 2016 Rio Olympics Silver medal; (right) P Gopichand poses for a photograph with young shuttlers during an event launch



remembered for men's singles players, whether it is Nandu Natekar, Suresh Goel, Prakash (Padukone) Sir or Syed Modi.

"It is how that whole thing was. The change to that (perception) happened (and for that) Saina (Nehwal) was important."

"We needed somebody with that kind of push, hunger, will to win, because (being) the first person to come out and win is very difficult," the veteran shuttler said.

He heaped praise on Sindhu, saying the 2016 Rio Olympics Silver medalist has at least two more Olympics left.

"It is great to see what Sindhu has achieved — World

chances to stumble, fall down, tie their laces and move."

"Because when I realised that I knew the formula for winning, my career was finished. So I just wanted to pass it (formula) so that my kids (students) can win at a younger age."

"And I'm sure I have been successful in that because Sindhu won when she was very young. A lot of my players have won at a young age," he said.

According to Gopichand, the change in Indian badminton over the last 10 years has been "fantastic".

"Fantastic, I would say. The sport has jumped in all parameters. Prakash (Padukone) Sir played leagues in Denmark, Vimal (Kumar) played in UK, I have played in Germany and today we host the biggest league in the world (Premier Badminton League)."

"Things have changed. We have (Carolina) Marin coming here to play, Viktor (Axelsson) coming here to play."

"Tournaments in those countries are stopped because we have leagues more popular than theirs. The earnings of top players have gone up. They are encouraging a whole set of people to take the sport forward," he signed off.

## SINGLES



Delhi Police XI players pose for a group photograph after reaching Yamuna Trophy 2018 final by beating Aaj Tak XI by 99 runs in the semifinal match

## WARNER TO UNDERGO ELBOW SURGERY

**SYDNEY:** Banned former Australian vice-captain David Warner is expected to undergo minor surgery on his elbow on Tuesday after returning home from the Bangladesh Premier League with an injury. The 32-year-old returned to Australia last week following a stint with the Sylhet Sixers in the Bangladesh Twenty20 tournament after he reported pain in his right elbow. Warner's elbow will be assessed in Melbourne on Tuesday, before he is expected to undergo minor surgery, *cricket.Com.Au* reported on Monday. Cricket Australia's website said Warner's condition was not believed to be as serious as the elbow injury sustained by Smith, also in the Bangladesh tournament. Smith, 29, underwent surgery last week and is expected to spend six weeks in a brace before extensive rehabilitation. Smith's injury could affect his chances of being picked in the national side for the World Cup starting in May, as well as the Ashes series — also in England — later this year.

## KI SUNG RULED OUT OF ASIAN CUP

**AL-AIN:** South Korea's Asian Cup hopes have suffered a blow after Premier League midfielder Ki Sung-yueng was ruled out of the tournament with a hamstring injury. The 29-year-old Newcastle United man played less than an hour at the tournament before being taken off during South Korea's opening win over the Philippines in Dubai. Ki's withdrawal was announced as South Korea, two-time winners of the tournament and the 2015 runners-up, prepare to take on Bahrain in the round of 16 on Tuesday. The pull-out has prompted speculation that Ki may announce his international retirement, after clocking up more than 100 appearances since making his debut in 2008.

## ANAND BEATS MAMEDYAROV

**WIJK AAN ZEE:** Five-time world champion Viswanathan Anand scored a crushing victory over Shakhriyar Mamedyarov of Azerbaijan in the eighth round to share the lead with Norway's Magnus Carlsen in the Tata Steel chess tournament. Having outclassed Vladimir Kramnik of Russia as black in the previous round, Anand, a five times winner here, continued his demolition act and grounded Mamedyarov who currently holds the third position in the world rankings. The Indian ace took his tally to 5.5 points out of a possible eight and is matched only by reigning world champion Carlsen who himself played a fine game to beat Richard Rapport of Hungary. With two leaders in front, Ian Nepomniachtchi of Russia, Ding Liren of China and local star Anish Giri are right on their heels, trailing by half a point. Temour Radjabov of Azerbaijan is in sole sixth spot on 4.5 points while other Indian Vidit Gujrathi shares the seventh spot having four points in all. Five rounds still remain in the first super tournament of the year.

## AUS CALL UP PATTERSON FOR SL TESTS

**SYDNEY:** In-form Kurtis Patterson was added to Australia's squad on Monday for the upcoming Tests against Sri Lanka as selectors try to fix a batting line-up that failed to fire during the home Tests against India. The 25-year-old New South Wales batsman scored back-to-back centuries for a Cricket Australia XI in Hobart last week. National selector Trevor Hohns said Patterson had been "pushing his case for selection for some time". "We have been asking batters around the country to score hundreds if they want to be considered for selection," Hohns added in a statement. "Given Kurtis' consistent performances for NSW and his two unbeaten centuries in last week's tour match against our upcoming opponent, Sri Lanka, we believe he deserves to be added to the Test squad." The first Test — a day-nighter — starts Thursday in Brisbane. The second will be played in Canberra. *Agencies*

# Sindhu, Saina, Srikanth to compete at Indonesia Masters

PTI ■ JAKARTA

Olympic Silver medalist P V Sindhu will resume her quest for glory in the new season, while Saina Nehwal and Kidambi Srikanth aim to continue their impressive run when they start their campaign at the Indonesia Masters, starting with qualifiers on Tuesday.

Seeded second Sindhu has been a cut above other Indians as she claimed Silver medals at all the major events — Commonwealth Games, Asian Games and World Championship, before ending the year with the prestigious World Tour Final title, the first Indian to achieve the feat.

After the engagements of Premier Badminton League (PBL), Sindhu decided to skip last week's Malaysia Masters and she will begin her campaign against former Olympic Gold medalist China's Li Xuerui on Wednesday.

The 23-year-old from Hyderabad is expected to clash with reigning Olympic



champion Carolina Marin at the quarterfinals.

Saina, on the other hand, had an impressive start to the season, losing semifinal spot at Malaysia Masters, which was the first World Tour Super 500 tournament of the season.

The London Olympic Bronze medalist will take on a qualifier in the opening round and faces the prospect of meeting Japan's Akane Yamaguchi, seeded fourth, at the quarters.

Srikanth, who also entered the quarterfinals at Kuala Lumpur last week, plays his first match against Malaysia's Liew Daren.

The eighth seeded Indian will be joined by others such as Sameer Verma, B Sai Praneeth and HS Prannoy.

Sameer had enjoyed a good run last season, winning titles at Swiss Open, Hyderabad Open and Syed Modi International. He also qualified for the World Tour Finals at the last moment and secured at a creditable semifinal finish.

Praneeth also had a forgettable 2018 but dished out some good performances at the PBL and would look to translate the confidence in the international circuit.

With the 2020 Olympic qualification period starting from April, the Indian trio of Sameer, Praneeth and Prannoy will look to put the best foot forward.

Sameer will begin the season with a clash with the legendary Lin Dan, Praneeth faces Olympic champion Chen Long, while Prannoy meets Chinese Taipei's Chou Tien Chen in the first round.

In men's doubles, it will be a clash between two Indian combination with Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty taking on Manu Attri and B Sumeeth Reddy.

Women's doubles pair of Ashwini Ponnappa and N Sikki Reddy will square off against Thailand's eighth seed Jongkolphan Kititharakul and Rawinda Prajongjai, while mixed doubles pair of Satwiksairaj and Ashwini will pair up to clash with seventh seeded English husband-wife combination of Chris Adcock and Gabriella Adcock.

Another mixed doubles pair of Pranaav Jerry Chopra and Sikki will face fourth seed Indonesian combo of Tontowi Ahmad and Liliyana Natsir.

# 'Shouldn't get too caught up with Kohli'

PTI ■ NAPIER

New Zealand's senior-most batsman Ross Taylor on Monday urged his team to focus on the Indian top-order rather than "get caught up" with run-machine Virat Kohli during the upcoming limited overs series.

The tour starts on Wednesday with the first ODI in Napier. India will be playing five One-dayers and three T20 against the 'Black Caps'.

Entering the Test series worried about how to decode

Kohli, the Australians recently learnt it the hard way as Cheteshwar Pujara stole the thunder Down Under, helping his team to an epic triumph. Taylor doesn't want his team to follow a similar approach.

"He's (Kohli) a sensational player, the best one-day player going around, easily. It's easy to get caught up in him. You've got



two pretty good openers at the top, Sharma and Dhawan, before he gets in," Taylor was quoted as saying by *stuff.Co.Nz*.

Taylor had his first net session at the McLean Park after his finger injury during the home series against Sri Lanka.

While Kohli averages a staggering 113 in ODIs in 2018, Taylor's average is 92 in the same period across 13 ODIs.

"I've played a few internationals now and under-

stand my role in the team. I've worked on my game and try and rotate the strike early and be as busy as I can. Different shots against spinners at different stages have maybe evolved my game in a positive way," Taylor said. "But you're still human and you still have to start again, and it's exciting against India."

# I WILL BE FIT BEFORE IPL: SHAW

**NEW DELHI:** Recovering from an ankle injury that forced him out of the Australia tour, the young Prithvi Shaw on Monday said he will be fit in time for the 12th season of Indian Premier League.

The 19-year-old Shaw suffered the injury in Australia before the start of the four-match Test series.

"I will be fit before the Indian Premier League and I am trying hard to reach full fitness. I am working on my ankle as well as on my upper body," Shaw told *'India TV'*.

The Mumbai opener has been retained by Delhi Capitals for what will be his second season.

The batsman twisted his ankle while fielding in the deep during practice match ahead of the first Test in Adelaide.

Having stayed on with the team hoping to be fit for the second Test in Perth, Shaw was eventually ruled out of the remainder of the series and sent back home for an extensive rehabilitation programme. *PTI*



# Messi rescues Barca against Leganes

AFP ■ BARCELONA

Ousmane Dembele gave Barcelona a glimpse into the future but Barcelona still needed Lionel Messi to beat Leganes 3-1 and restore their five-point lead at the top of La Liga.

Messi had started on the bench, rested by coach Ernesto Valverde, and for just over an hour at the Camp Nou, Dembele filled the void by scoring the opening goal in a sparkling individual display.

The 21-year-old, however, limped off with a sprained ankle in the 69th minute, shortly after Leganes had equalised through Martin Braithwaite and Valverde responded by introducing Messi.

He needed only seven minutes to make an impact as his bending shot was followed up by Luis Suarez, who poked the ball in ahead of Leganes goalkeeper Pichu Cuellar. Messi then rounded off the win by scoring himself in injury-time.

Leganes had protested against Suarez's finish, convinced that Pichu had been fouled by a high foot. "It was a clear foul," coach Mauricio Pellegrino said. "Barca don't need these kind of decisions to help them."

But VAR disagreed and Barca advanced to what was, in truth, a fully deserved victory. It means they regain their hefty advantage over Atletico Madrid at the top of the table, with the difference ahead of Real Madrid also back to 10 points.

Leganes had beaten Barcelona at home in September but that remains the high point of their season. They stay 14th.



# Don't mind being called arrogant: Vinesh

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Stubborn by her own admission, trail-blazing Indian wrestler Vinesh Phogat doesn't mind being called arrogant for it since the attitude comes in handy to intimidate rivals on the mat.

"I am very stubborn, since childhood. If I feel something is right, even if that is wrong, I will be very stubborn about that and I make sure people agree with me even if I am wrong sometimes," she laughed.

But would she call it a virtue, to be steadfast even if wrong?

"If someone explains with love and proves that my thought process is wrong and I also start to realise that, then I concede and step back," she said.

And what about the perception of being arrogant for being so headstrong? "Yes people say that (arrogant) but I know what's inside me. And if it helps me on the mat, I don't bother," she said.

"It helps me on the mat. People say it's over-confidence but for me it's belief. I don't get intimidated and your opponent also notices the body language. Some people work on it but for me it's God gift," she added.

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"I feel India has 4-5 strong contenders, who can beat any wrestler in the world. I won't take names but we can win 2-3 Olympic medals. The mindset has changed," she asserted.

"Earlier people used to just look for participation or win a round at the Worlds but now medals are a possibility for all. I know these girls. After Sakshi's Bronze, girls are now targeting Gold at Olympics."

"We have started becoming technical-smart while earlier we just played a power game, it's giving results."

The significance of getting a nomination for the prestigious Laureus awards has still not dawned on the Haryana grappler.

"Honestly I still don't know what this nomination is about. I just know that my name has been put for voting. I had not even heard of Laureus. And if no Indian athlete has been nominated before, I can only be proud of it."

"...It's definitely huge for wrestling in India because it is still struggling for recognition," said Vinesh, who is competing for the Mumbai Maharathi in the ongoing edition of the Pro Wrestling League (PWL).

The winner of multiple international medals says her comeback from a career-threatening injury, sometimes has even amazed.

"I have seen athletes struggling so badly after suffering injuries. Sometimes I get shocked to see what and how I have achieved this success. It's nothing but God's grace."

Will she not give credit to her own hard work?

"It's not just hard work because innumerable athletes do that. This is something which I don't know. I beat even the formidable Japan wrestlers after injury, it's God's grace only."



# Tomiyasu sends Saudis spinning out

AFP ■ ABU DHABI

Takehiro Tomiyasu's lone strike sent Saudi Arabia crashing out of the Asian Cup as Japan beat the three-time champions 1-0 to reach the quarter-finals on Monday.

Tomiyasu's first-half header was enough to seal it for Japan as the last-16 game between two teams with seven titles between them failed to live up to its billing.

Japan, record four-time winners of the Asian Cup, march on to a quarter-final with Southeast Asian champions Vietnam despite not yet hitting top form at the tournament.

Saudi Arabia were in the ascendancy early on but it was Japan who snatched the advantage with a straightforward goal from a set piece on 20 minutes. From a corner, Belgium-

based defender Tomiyasu climbed above his marker and nodded firmly into the bottom corner for his first of the tournament.

The Saudis twice came close with headers as they strived for a way back, and Hatan Bahbri curled one just off-target as he went for the top corner.

Yoshinori Muto's shot was blocked on the hour-mark but most of the chances were falling to Saudi Arabia, who will rue some wasteful finishing.

Bahbri's shot from outside the box crept narrowly wide and Ali Al-Bulaihi powered a strong header over when the ball was knocked back into the area after a free-kick.

But despite a late flurry it remained another goalless outing for the Saudis, who haven't hit the net since scoring six goals in their first two group games.



# Serena muscles past Simona

Williams overcomes top seed Halep's tough challenge to advance in quarters

AFP ■ MELBOURNE

Serena Williams subdued a stubborn fightback from world number one Simona Halep to take her quest for a record-equalling 24th major into the season's first Grand Slam quarter-finals on Monday.

The 37-year-old American beat the Romanian top seed 6-1, 4-6, 6-4 in an epic three-setter to line up a last eight clash with Czech eighth seed Karolina Pliskova.

It was Williams' first match against a world number one since returning after having a baby in September 2017 and the American showed why many already regard her as the greatest of all time.

She unleashed an early onslaught and Halep was in danger crumbling before the French Open champion regrouped for a stirring comeback.

"It was an intense match and there were some incredible points," Williams said.

"She's the number one player in the world and there's a reason why... (but) I'm such a fighter, I just never give up."

Williams won her 23rd Grand Slam Down Under two years ago while two months pregnant and is the bookies' favourite to claim an eighth Australian title, despite being seeded 16th.

Another major would match Margaret Court's tally and an intensely-focused Williams had not dropped a set in three matches before meeting Halep.

Williams started slowly when she allowed Halep to bring up three break points in the opening game, conceding with a double fault.

But the American broke back in the next, racing to the net for an overhead smash when one of her powerfully hit returns flew high off Halep's racquet.

She then ran away with the first



Williams held and took a decisive break in the fifth.

World number one Simona Halep remained upbeat after a gutsy display against 23-time Grand Slam champion Williams, who is on a mission this year for a record equalling 24th title.

When asked to rate her campaign she replied: "Close to 10." "I have the courage to say that, because I took the risk to stay home so much (for off-season rest)."

"I haven't prepared for the highest level in tennis, but I didn't play bad, so I'm happy about the way that it's been going this tournament. I take only the positives. I had great matches." Halep was not concerned her fourth-round exit could cost her the number one ranking, saying she preferred to concentrate on tournament results.

"The main goal is just to play as good as I can every match, to win every match I play, so the ranking doesn't really matter," she said.

"At this stage I have to work hard to get the level back, to feel 100 percent every match. So I'll work for that."

As for her immediate plans, Halep said she would be resting up and closely watching the rest of the season-opening Grand Slam.

"I'll just go home, I will rest and I will watch tennis," she said. "I'm also curious about who is going to win."

### OSAKA SETS ELINA CLASH

Japanese US Open champion Naomi Osaka ground her way into quarter-final with sixth seed Elina Svitolina on Monday.

As the second week of the opening Grand Slam of the year got underway, fourth seed Osaka was still standing after emerging from an error-strewn first set against crafty Latvian Anastasija Sevastova to win 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

The victory left the bubbly 21-year-old with a last-eight clash

against ambitious Ukrainian Svitolina, who battled past American Madison Keys 6-2, 1-6, 6-1.

It will be a new experience for whoever wins that showdown, with neither of them going beyond the quarter-finals at Melbourne Park before.

This contrasts with the massively experienced Williams who has made the last eight or better 11 times on her way to seven Australian Open crowns.

Osaka beat Williams to clinch the title at Flushing Meadows in 2018. It propelled her to stardom, but she has been far from convincing at her first major since.

"I didn't give up, she was playing really well and I wasn't really sure what to do at a certain point, but I just tried to stick in there," she said.

"I was watching all these kids winning. Last night (Stefanos Tsitsipas beat Roger Federer and I was like whoa, and I decided I wanted to do well too."

Svitolina needed to dig deep to overcome 17th seeded Keys, a US Open finalist in 2017.

The turning point was a marathon 16-minute game early in the deciding set that went to deuce 11 times as Keys chased a decisive break.

But the American's resolve crumbled when Svitolina held off five break points then gained an advantage in the next game.

"I had to put my level up, I'm glad I handled the pressure," said Svitolina, who scored her biggest career win at the WTA Finals in Singapore last October.

"It was very hard because the sun was burning my eyes when I was tossing the ball, so I was very happy to win."

Svitolina was a quarter-finalist at Melbourne Park last year and has set her sights high after her breakthrough in Singapore, targeting a Grand Slam win and world number one.

# DJOKOVIC INCHES CLOSER TO HISTORY

AP ■ MELBOURNE

One contentious point, after five hours and five sets, had Pablo Carreno Busta screaming at the umpire and gave Kei Nishikori the shift in momentum he needed to clinch his place in the Australian Open quarter-finals.

After being two points from victory, Carreno Busta lost five straight, including that one in the last tiebreaker where he berated the chair umpire for not ruling a replay, allowing Nishikori to advance 6-7 (8), 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-4, 7-6 (8).

It was the second time the 2014 US Open finalist has had to come back from two sets down in the tournament, and the second time he's had to win in the new 10-point fifth-set super tiebreakers that were introduced at Melbourne Park this year.

"That was important point, too, but I mean, you should ask how I came back from two sets down," Nishikori said Monday. "That was only one point. I mean, maybe affect him, but ... maybe it could affect me."

Maybe affect Carreno Busta? The 27-year-old Spaniard lost it, stopping only briefly to hug Nishikori after the match before slamming his bag onto the court and screaming again at the umpire as he left Margaret Court Arena.

"I left as soon as I could after the last point, because I knew I might explode," Carreno Busta said in Spanish. "I apologize for the way I left the court."

On the disputed 14th point, Carreno Busta's shot clipped the net and bounced on the left line. Nishikori

readjusted quickly and hit an easy backhand winner.

A line judge called "out" as Nishikori hit the ball, and Carreno Busta was nowhere close to playing it. But Carreno Busta challenged the decision, and Hawk-Eye showed his ball hitting the line. The point remained with Nishikori, however, because chair umpire Thomas Sweeney ruled neither player had been hindered in the point.

Carreno Busta didn't win another point, and Nishikori sealed the match with an ace. The eighth-seeded Nishikori stays to play six-time Australian Open champion Novak Djokovic. Carreno Busta is out of the tournament.

"It's tough, to me to leave Australian Open like this, because I think that I played an unbelievable match," the 23rd-seeded Spaniard said. "Also Kei, he played really good, and that's sad to leave like this."

Nishikori had an earlier chance to serve out at 5-4 in the fifth, but Carreno Busta broke and it went down to the wire again.

"I'm really glad how I came back - I don't even know how I come back," said Nishikori, who has nearly 14 hours on court in four rounds. "Yeah, there were many tough moments."

In the last match of the round, Top-seeded Novak Djokovic overcame a couple of tumbles to the court and a series of energy-sapping baseline exchanges — one point lasted 42 strokes! — to get back to the quarterfinals for the first time since 2016 by beating No 15 Daniil Medvedev 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-2, 6-3.

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