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Trump stirs up Opp broadside at Modi

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

US President Donald Trump's claim that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had urged him to mediate with Pakistan on the Kashmir issue rocked Indian Parliament on Tuesday. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar reiterated in both the Houses that all issues with Pakistan can only be discussed bilaterally, but the Opposition demanded a reply from Modi. The Rajya Sabha saw repeated adjournments, while the Lok Sabha witnessed vociferous attack and walkout by the Opposition.

While hosting visiting Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan, Trump claimed that Modi had asked him to play a role of mediator on the Kashmir issue.

Refuting the US President's statement, Jaishankar said in both the Houses that the Prime Minister made no such request about mediating. "I would like to categorically state that no such request has been made by the Prime Minister to the US President," he said.

Making the country's position clear, he said it has been the consistent position of India that all outstanding issues with Pakistan can be discussed only bilaterally. Any engagement with Pakistan will require end to cross-border terrorism, he said, adding Shimla and Lahore



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acords provide the basis for resolution of all issues bilaterally. Jaishankar first gave this categorical denial in the Rajya Sabha soon after it met for the day after Congress leader Anand Sharma raised the issue. He said Trump stated Modi had, at the recent G20 meeting in Osaka in Japan, sought his mediation on Kashmir.

Sharma said India's position has been consistent and clear on Pakistan and Kashmir (POK) and has always maintained that it will not accept third party medi-

ation in a purely bilateral issue. Since Parliament is in session and considering that the comments were made by the President of the world's most powerful nation to the Prime Minister of another country, Modi should come to the House and clarify on the issue, Sharma demanded.

CPI leader D Raja wanted to know if there was any change in India's position on third party mediation on the Kashmir issue, adding the denial issued by the External Affairs Minister on late

MEA rejects US Prez's Kashmir 'mediation' offer claim; Opp insists PM must clarify

Monday night was not enough. Opposition parties were not satisfied by Jaishankar's statement and insisted the Prime Minister should come to the House and clarify. This led to heated exchanges between Opposition benches and Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu, who adjourned proceedings for nearly an hour.

He said the issue was of national importance and concerned security when the Opposition members including Congress, AAP, TMC, SP and Left parties raised a din. Naidu quipped that the members were ready to believe a foreign leader instead of the Indian Minister and then adjourned the House till 12 pm at 11.15 am.

Similar scenes were witnessed in the Rajya Sabha when the House reassembled with the Opposition members coming into the Well and raising slogans demanding Modi's clarification. Deputy Chairman Harivansh tried to pacify members but to no avail. Minister of Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi said the demand for the Prime Minister's presence was not justified as the statement by the External Affairs Ministry is the collective responsibility of the Cabinet.

However, the Opposition continued to raise an uproar forcing the Chair to adjourn the proceedings till after lunch.

HDK meets inevitable fate

PNS ■ BENGALURU

The 14-month-old Congress-JD(S) Government in Karnataka finally fell on Monday ending more than a fortnight of political drama which saw 15 rebel MLAs camping in Mumbai and repeated intervention by the Supreme Court.

The confidence motion moved by Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy was defeated in the Assembly, with 99 members voting for the motion and 105 against it.

After the Congress leaders failed in their efforts to establish contact with the rebels enjoying a cozy retreat in a plush hotel in Mumbai, Kumaraswamy had no option but to end this drama in view of his mounting criticism for delaying the vote on the motion and extending the debate for well over three days.

"The motion moved by the Chief Minister has fallen through," Speaker KR Ramesh Kumar announced.

Kumaraswamy watched the proceedings sitting in a pensive mood after a spirited reply to the debate.

The writing on the wall was clear ever since the Supreme Court ruled that rebel lawmakers could not be compelled to attend the proceedings of the House tipping the scales in favour of the BJP.

The rebel Congress-JD(S) MLAs camping in Mumbai will leave for Bengaluru after BJP leader BS Yeddyurappa is sworn in as Chief Minister of the southern State, sources said. A BJP leader said the rebels, who have been staying

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(Above) BJP State president BS Yeddyurappa with his party MLAs show victory sign after (Below) HD Kumaraswamy lost the vote of confidence during Assembly Session at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Tuesday

at a luxury hotel since early this month are "very happy" after the JD(S)-Congress coalition Government lost the trust vote.

The rebels had earlier denied any BJP role in their resignations and withdrawal of support to the Government.

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Independents (2) — skipped the proceedings, reducing the effective strength of the House to 204. The magic figure required was 103.

In his reply, Kumaraswamy said discussions were on why he had not resigned and was sticking to the chair. Sounding philosophical, he said when the

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2018 Assembly polls results were out, he had plans to quit politics. "My political entry itself was all of a sudden and unexpected," he said.

Kumaraswamy lashed out at the BJP for repeatedly trying to topple his Government and told the saffron party that its Government would not last long and in the event of collapse, it is better to go for elections. "First bomb will explode in Ministry formation," he said.

Asserting that his Government was not shameless, he asked, "What wrong have we committed. We tried to create history. We have worked honestly to provide people friendly Government."

Accusing the BJP of being in a hurry, he said, "I am not going to run away after speech. Let the people of the State know why I was removed. I am not going to run away fearing numbers. Let the votes be counted. Chief Minister's seat is not a permanent to anyone."

ON FIRST MONDAY OF SHRAAVAN Temple crowded as cobra plays with tortoises



PNS ■ PARALAKHEMUNDI

A cobra was found playing with a few tortoises at the Ardhanageswar Shiva Temple by the Purunapatna road in Paralakhemundi on Monday.

Since the rare scene took place on the first Monday in the holy month of Shraavan, hundreds of Shiva devotees rushed to the temple to have a glimpse of the scene.

They believed it to be a 'Leela' of the God Shiva.

According to sources, the Shiva Temple on the Purunapatna road is famous for housing over 50 tortoises. So people call it the temple of tortoises also.

But on Monday while already the temple was crowded due to the Jalavishek of the Kanwaris since early morning, the cobra-tortoise game in the afternoon pulled devotees and common people from far and wide to the temple premises.

Angul minor rape case: Accused held

PNS ■ ANGUL

The accused in the rape of an eight-year-old girl on July 20 near the Angul bus-stand was arrested on Tuesday.

He was identified as Sibhu Patnaik, a resident of Amlapada of the town.

Sources said Sibhu got out of his house between 2 am and 4 am and found a minor girl sleeping on the verandah of a shop.

He allegedly abducted her and took her behind a nearby Aahaar Centre.

There, he assaulted her and threatened to kill her if she screamed.

He then allegedly raped her and dumped her in a garbage dump.

"We formed four teams to nab the culprit. All evidences point towards his involvement. Sibhu has been charged under Sections 363, 370-A, 370-B, 307 of IPC and Section 6 of POCSO Act. We are forwarding him to court. We would file the chargesheet within 15 days and put in all efforts for a speedy trial," said Angul SP Mitrabhanu Mohapatra

House stalled over minor girl rapes again

- Adjournment Motion on rapes, law & order today
- Expenditures of 2 depts sent to guillotine on July 30

PABITRA SENAPATY ■ BHUBANESWAR

The State Assembly continued witnessing stalling of its proceedings on a second consecutive day on Tuesday as Opposition Congress and BJP members kept demanding a discussion and a reply from Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on the rising incidents of minor girl rapes and the deteriorating law and order situation from the beginning of the sitting of the House.

As soon as the House met, all opposition members trooped into the Well of the House and demanded that the Question Hour be suspended and the incidents of minor rapes be discussed. They too demanded that the Chief Minister submit a reply in the



House on the matter.

Even as Speaker Surjya Narayan Patro said he has already directed the Government to submit a reply and requested members to participate in the important Question Hour discussions, the opposition members didn't move back and kept shouting slogans against the Government. They also demanded the Chief Minister's resignation.

Unable to run the proceedings, Speaker Patro adjourned the House at 10.32

an till 3 pm.

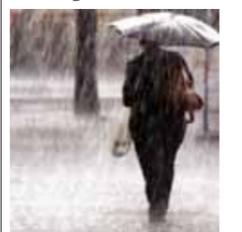
The same situation persisted during the afternoon hours. The Speaker called an all-party meeting to discuss the matter. Subsequently, he adjourned the House time and again till 6.38 pm.

When the House reassembled in the evening, the Speaker announced that the issues raised by Opposition members would be discussed on Wednesday through an Adjournment Motion. He too stated that the scheduled discussions on the Demand for

Grants for the School and Mass Education and Higher Education Departments and passing of Expenditures sent to a guillotine to be held on July 30.

It may be noted that the House had also witnessed frequent adjournments on Monday as Congress and the BJP members had raised the issues of minor rapes at Angul and Bhawanipatna and demanded discussion on the issues. The Speaker had asked the Government to submit a statement on the issues.

Heavy rains in State from July 25



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Even as the State has recorded a 31-per cent deficient rainfall, the Regional Office of the IMD here on Tuesday predicted heavy rains in many parts of the State between July 25 and July 28.

Though southwest monsoon has subdued in the State, heavy to very heavy rainfall is likely to lash most of the districts.

Intense rainfall is likely to occur in Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj, Dhenkanal, Jajpur, Sundargarh, Deogarh, Nabarangpur, Kalahandi and Baleswar districts between July 25 and July 26 as per the IMD.

The districts of Angul, Dhenkanal, Cuttack, Sambalpur and Deogarh districts would experience heavy to very heavy rainfall while Koraput, Kalahandi, Kandhamal, Subarnapur, Jharsuguda, Bargarh, Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj, Jajpur, Bhadrak, Puri, Jagatsinghpur, Khordha and Sundargarh would witness heavy rains between July 26 and July 27.

Similar weather conditions would prevail on two consecutive days of July 27 and July 28 with heavy to very heavy rainfall in parts of Sambalpur, Boudh, Bargarh, Kalahandi and Nabarangpur while heavy rainfall is slated to occur in Puri, Ganjam, Nuapada, Balangir, Koraput and Kandhamal on these days.

There would be a subsequent decrease in the rainfall for two days after July 28.

Dipping Hirakud water sets alarm bell ringing

- Farmers worried over irrigation
- Power generation stopped
- No rains at upper catchments cited to be cause

NIMAI CHARAN SAHU ■ SAMBALPUR

The water level in the Hirakud Dam reservoir is depleting at an alarming rate causing worries for both farmers and the dam authorities. No rain in the upper catchment is said to be the main reason behind the decrease in the level.

"Last year on the day, the water level was 610 feet and first flood water was discharged to the Mahanadi on July 25, 2018. But this year, we are to now count every drop of water,"

said a senior officer of the Hirakud Dam Project, adding that given the current situation, discharge of first flood water would also get delayed.

However, he clarified, "If we don't get sufficient rainfall within a day or two, the situation will be alarming but we will never neglect the canal system and water for farmers."

As per information, the water level in Hirakud on Tuesday was 598.79 feet. Just a few days back, i.e. on July 13, the water level was 601.65 feet, but it got reduced drastically with only 8,005 cusec inflow,



informed the dam control room authorities.

Further, power generation has been almost stopped keeping in view the need of the farmers in the peak period. It needs mention here that 598 feet water level in end of July is an exceptional case in the dam.

Meanwhile, with decrease

in water level, the farmer communities of the entire Hirakud command area are at a loss.

If the level decreases further and reaches 595 feet, then discharge of water to canal would be totally impossible, they apprehended.

But keeping in view the situation, the Government has

reduced power generation drastically with only one turbine running at present consuming only 3,000 cusec water.

"Hence, we will not have any problem at present for irrigation purposes even if we don't get instant rainfall," the same officer said.

Cong to hold stir on rising rapes today

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

To protest the rising crimes against women and the growing minor girl rape cases in the State, the Congress would hold a State-wide agitation on Wednesday.

Informing this at a Press conference here on Tuesday, senior party leader Narsingha Mishra said the protest would be staged in all district headquarters from 10 am to 1 pm and party leaders would submit memorandums on the issue to district Collectors.

Mishra also said Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has no moral right to continue in office in view of the fast-deteriorating law and order in the State.



Earlier in the day, pander-

Eyes gouged out at Angul DHH again

BJP calls for 12-hour bandh today

ANGUL: The BJP district unit on Tuesday called for a 12-hour bandh in the district on Wednesday to protest against the eyes of two dead persons allegedly being gouged at the District Headquarters Hospital (DHH).

such incident, an eye of a man who had died in a road accident was allegedly gouged out at the hospital on Monday night. One Jambheshwar Nayak of Kuskila village had died in the road mishap and the body was sent to the DHH for post-mortem. Nayak's family members have alleged that the right eye was gouged out while the body was kept in mortuary. The incident has once again brought security of the hospital under the scanner. Earlier on July 18, the eyes of a four-year-old dead girl had

been removed at the morgue of the hospital. The minor girl was admitted to the hospital in a serious condition and had succumbed to her injuries later, following which her body was kept in the morgue. On July 19 morning when the body was being taken for autopsy, the girl's father found that her eyes were gouged out and there were bruise marks on her nose. The Banarpal police have launched an investigation into the case based on the complaint by the family members. PNS

41 candidates clear OJS Exam

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A total of 41 candidates have cleared the Odisha Judicial Service (OJS) Main Examination-2019 conducted by the Odisha Public Service Commission (OPSC), the results of which were declared Monday on its official website. Candidates can check their results here. "The Odisha Public Service Commission recommends 41 candidates in order of merit for appointment to post of civil judges in Odisha Judicial Services (OJS)" said a notice issued by the commission. Ipsita Abhinandita Mishra from Angul emerged as the topper of the OJS Examination. She had completed her graduation from the University Law College of the Utkal University here.

JOBRA MURDER — Main accused nabbed from Andhra Pradesh

PNS ■ CUTTACK

The Commissionerate police have arrested the prime accused involved in the murder of a youth in the Jobra area of Cuttack city on June 9 night. The main accused, identified as Munna Reddy, was nabbed by a team of the Malgondown police from Andhra Pradesh. Earlier, police had arrested two accused, identified as Biswaranjan Mohanty alias Happy and Balarang Patra, for their alleged involvement in the murder. Notably, Tapan Nayak of Matia Mangala Sahi in Jobra area had died after allegedly being attacked by miscreants with sharp weapons. The incident was fallout of a dispute between the deceased and the accused over fishing at Jobra barrage.

INBRIEF

RENOWNED UROLOGIST SANANDA BAG JOINS KIMS

Bhubaneswar: Eminent urologist and transplant surgeon Dr Sananda Bag has joined the Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS) here as head of the renal transplant programme. Over the years, he has successfully performed 1,800 kidney transplants. His other expertise includes laparoscopic uro-surgery and urological cancer, endo-urology and robotic reconstructive surgeries.



BSE ANNOUNCES OTET DATES

Cuttack: The Board of Secondary Education (BSE) has declared dates for the Odisha Teacher Eligibility Test (OTET)-2019. The OTET will be held from August 5 to 14 and will be conducted online for the very first time. Candidates can download their admit cards from the BSE's official website www.bseodisha.nic.in from August 2 onwards after 11 am. Online registration of applications has already commenced from July 15 and will continue till 5 pm on July 26.

YOUTH FOUND DEAD NEAR CANAL IN CUTTACK

Cuttack: A youth's body was found near the Taladanda Canal at Ranihat here on Tuesday. The identity of the deceased was yet to be established. The Mangalabag police recovered the body and started investigation into the incident. It was suspected that the youth was crushed to death with a stone as his head bore serious injuries.

GANJA SEIZED FROM BUS-STAND; 2 WOMEN HELD

Bhubaneswar: The Commissionerate police on Tuesday seized 12 kg of ganja from the Baramunda bus-stand here and arrested two women in this connection. Acting on a tipoff about smuggling of the contraband, Khandagiri police team reached the bus-stand and seized the ganja. The accused women hail from Medinipur in West Bengal, reports said. The ganja was being transported to West Bengal from Aska in Ganjam district.

AWARENESS DRIVE TO COMBAT DENGUE, MALARIA HELD



Bhubaneswar: The Indian Red Cross Society Odisha State Branch has started an awareness drive to combat dengue and malaria during rainy season in the Cyclone Fani-affected areas in Puri district. The volunteers under leadership of society Honorary Secretary Major Dr Kalpana Das sensitised people on how to control the diseases. They also conducted a cleanliness drive by sprinkling bleaching powder in the areas and distributed mosquito nets to control vector-borne diseases.

72 Odia workers rescued from abroad FM Jr College hit by staff, infra crunch

1,38,348 workers sent outside State last yr
11 districts identified as migrant-prone in State

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

As many as 72 emigrant workers were rescued from six countries and brought to the State between 2018 and March 2019, informed Labour and State Employees Insurance Minister Sushant Singh in the State Assembly on Tuesday. In response to a question of BJD member Chakramani Kanhar, the Minister also informed that 1,387 Odiah migrant workers were rescued from different States during the period. While the highest 62 emigrant workers

belonging to Ganjam were rescued from Saudi Arabia, one each from the district was rescued from Kuwait and Oman. Similarly, one worker each from Khordha district was rescued from Bahrain and Dubai and five from the district were rescued from Malaysia. A worker from Cuttack district was also rescued from Kuwait. The Minister further informed that 745 Odia workers were rescued from the cyclone hit areas of Kerala in August 2018. As many as 2,741 licences were issued to contractors for employing 1,38,348 Odia workers at different places outside the State during the period, said the Minister. As many as 11 migrant worker-prone districts have been identified and many efforts have been made to create employments in those districts. They are Balangir, Bargarh, Kalahandi, Subarnapur, Nuapada, Ganjam, Gajapati, Koraput, Rayagada, Nabarangpur and Khordha. Toll free numbers 155368 (for within the State) and 18003456703 (for outside the State) have been in use for workers to seek supports from the Government, the Minister said.

Classes have to be suspended more often

UBACHAK MOHANTY ■ BALESWAR

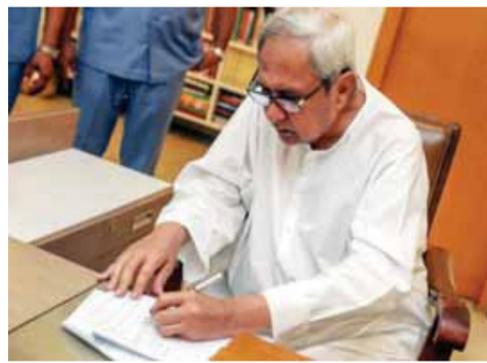
The Fakir Mohan Junior College is crippled by shortage of staffs and infrastructure. Although it is one of the most reputed colleges of the State, ever since it was separated from the Plus III degree college 19 years back, it has been struggling with minimum infrastructure and deficient manpower. The college does not have its own independent campus while it operates from the old FM Degree College establishment. Besides, it lacks toilet, canteen facility etc, for the

students. More so, the other problem it encounters during rainy season is waterlogging inside the campus. The current college strength is 2,400 out of which 1,400 are girls. The college functions with 15 departments and 20 sections. And, while the sanctioned strength of the teaching staff is 40, there are only 19 teachers, including 15 women teachers. Sources said since the post of demonstrator is lying vacant for over one year, the practical classes for the students are hampered. Similarly, the posts of junior and senior clerks are lying vacant for years. Besides, there is no security guard for the college. The college sources said that several classes for the students are cancelled owing non availability of rooms and lecturers. Principal Minati Sethi besides stating that the college is plagued by several difficulties, said despite her appraisal to the higher authorities, no remedial steps have been taken. "Although the college has been separated from the plus three wing in the year 2001 yet till date it doesn't have the autonomy to run on its own and for each and every thing, it has to depend on the Plus III administration. The basic difficulties are not having adequate class rooms and teaching staff. We have been apprising to the authorities from time to time about the matter, yet in vain," said Sethi.

CM comes to rescue of deserted elderly couple Asks Brahmapur SP for their safety from son's threat

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Even though elderly parents are supposed to be taken care of by their children, 82-year-old Keshab Rao and his wife Jamula Jasoda (77) have allegedly been abandoned by their only son at Prem Nagar in Brahmapur in Ganjam district. Still worse for the couple is that their son allegedly threatened them of dire consequences if they ever get back to the house. With no option left for them, the couple met Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik seeking his help. They urged Patnaik to help them stay in their own house safely and get their son out of it.



Chief Minister directed the Brahmapur SP to provide protection to Keshab and his wife. The direction was issued from the CM's grievance cell to Brahmapur SP Pinak Mishra.

According to reports, the couple had given their best to help their son settle in the family business. They later went to Puttaparthi and stayed there for 10 years from 2009 to 2019. When they returned, they were shocked to find that their son had ruined the business and married three times. When the couple reached the house, their son did not allow them to enter the house and asked them not to come back again. So, the hapless couple decided to bring their plight to the notice of the Chief Minister at his grievance cell.

Debt-ridden Baleswar farmer ends life

PNS ■ BALESWAR

A farmer allegedly committed suicide by consuming pesticide at Padmapur village under the Chandipur police station in the district on Tuesday. The deceased was identified as Sumanta Behera of Padampur village. Family members of the deceased said that Sumanta had taken loans from private moneylenders for cultivation in his five acres of land. But the paddy crops were damaged due to deficit rainfall. In the morning, Sumanta had an argument with his son over repayment of the loans. Depressed over crop loss and loan burden, he ended his life by consuming pesticide. Though Sumanta was rushed to the District Headquarters Hospital, he succumbed to the effects of poison.

22 Village Courts to come up in State

16 already made operational by HC

BHUBANESWAR: The State Government has issued notification for establishment of 22 Gram Nyayalayas (Village Courts) and, of them, 16 have been made operational by the Orissa High Court. Law Minister Pratap Jena informed this in the State Assembly in response to a question of BJD member Anant Das on Tuesday. The judges appointed in Gram Nyayalayas belong to the category of Judicial Magistrate First Class category. They discharge their duties as per Chapter IV, V and VI of the Gram Nyayalayas Act 2008, said the Minister. As many as 4,309 cases were disposed of by the Gram Nyayalayas between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018, informed the Minister. PNS

Forest offences on rise in State

66,228 cases detected in 2017-18 against 65,228 in 2016-17

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The number of forest-related offences is rising in the State. A total of 66,493 forest offences, involving 60,353 offenders, were detected in 2017-18 against 65,228 offences, involving 51,180 offenders detected in the preceding year, i.e. 2016-16. It was revealed from the data furnished by Forest and Environment Minister Bikram Keshari Arukh in response to a question of BJD member Prafulla Samal in the State Assembly on Tuesday.

According to the data, 7,952 cubic metre of timber and 630 vehicles were seized in 2017-18 against 1,915 cubic metre of timber worth Rs 279 lakh and 1,280 vehicles seized during the previous year. The Minister further informed that 2,33,998 trees were felled for widening of roads and 17,253 trees cut for establishment of industries at different places in the State in 2018-19. During the year 2017-18, 1,13,978 trees had been felled for widening of roads and 13,612 cut for setting up of industries. During the last three years, 10,05,39,000 saplings have been planted under different programmes, the Minister said.

₹3L looted from Siddha Mahavir temple



PNS ■ PURI

Unidentified miscreants allegedly looted cash over ₹3 lakh from the Siddha Mahavir temple in the Talabania police station area here late on Monday night. Sources said the miscreants broke open the door of the temple and looted the cash from a donation box kept in the

temple. Later, a complaint was lodged at the local police station in this connection. The police, after preliminary investigations, detained two persons on Tuesday and began interrogating them. "There is no CCTV camera installed inside the temple. However, we investigating the incident," said a police official.

₹10L brown sugar seized in city Two held; car seized

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The Excise Mobile Squad on Tuesday seized brown sugar weighing 100 grams and arrested two persons in this connection. The arrestees were identified as Sridhar Nayak and Ajay Pradhan. The excise sleuths also seized a Honda Amaze car used for transportation of the contraband. Acting on a tipoff, the excise personnel intercepted the vehicle near Lingipur on the city outskirts and arrested both the accused. Excise officials said that the market value of the contraband would be ₹10 lakh. "The contraband was being transported to Puri from Cuttack. Both the accused are being interrogated to ascertain the source of procurement," said an excise official. They later submitted a

'Provide houses to urban landless' Demo held before Assembly; memo submitted to Min



PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Around 5,000 slum dwellers under the banner of the Bastibasinda Ekata Manch, Cuttack held a demonstration in front of the State Assembly here on Tuesday under the leadership of Manch president SK Abdulla demanding pucca houses to all urban landless people and slum dwellers in the State. They later submitted a

memorandum to the Housing and Urban Development Minister also demanding an increase of Budget allocation for houses for the slum dwellers, taking steps for sending the funds to the district Collectors and Urban Local Bodies' heads at the earliest and starting construction works soon. Abdulla said that about 10 per cent of the population of the State migrate to the cities like Cuttack, Bhubaneswar, Sambalpur, Rourkela and Brahmapur for their livelihoods and play a vital role in the development of the cities. But instead of helping them, the Government is trying cheat them, he added. Among others, Hemendra Samal, Saifque Mohammad, Arun Jena, Arbind Mallick, Bikram Singh, Basanti Biswal and Nayana Nayak led the demonstration.

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3 minor girls gang raped in 3 incidents in S'garh

- Body of a victim seized; medical tests of 2 others conducted
- Two persons arrested

MALAY RAY ■ SUNDARGARH

Three minor girls were gang-raped in three separate incidents in Sundargarh district. While body of a victim girl was recovered in half-naked condition on Monday evening in an abandoned area, the other two victim girls underwent medical tests on Tuesday.

According to sources, at about 11 am on July 20 (Saturday), a minor girl (15 years) of Gopalpur area reportedly had gone to a local river with a bucket to take bath and clean her clothes, but had not returned. The family members had searched for her but in vain.

On Monday afternoon, her family members lodged a missing report in Hemigiri police station. But later in the evening, they located the body of the girl near a river.

On the information of the family members, a police team from Hemigiri police station,

under the leadership of IIC Sradhanjali Subudhi, along with a scientific team reached the spot and started an investigation.

Significantly, the body was lying half-naked. Her shoes and the bucket, she had carried from home, were also lying in a nearby area. Police suspect this as a rape and murder case. "After registering an unnatural death case, we conducted post mortem of the body on Tuesday," said Hemigiri police station IIC Sradhanjali Subudhi.

In another incident, a 17-year-old girl under Biramitrapur police station limits was gang-raped on July 8. The family members of the victim girl lodged a complaint in Biramitrapur police station on Monday evening, only after the rape act video went viral.

Significantly, about seven miscreants had raped the victim minor girl at Harpali forest area, one after another and had recorded their act in their

cell phone.

"After registering a case and investigating into the matter, we have detained two minor boys who were present on the spot," said Biramitrapur SDPO PK Patra.

In yet another incident, a 16-year-old girl of Rajgangpur area was also raped by two persons on Saturday last, when she was returning from her stitching training class. According to a complaint filed in Rajgangpur police station on Monday, one Ramesh Ekka, who knows the minor girl, had reportedly offered her a lift, when she was returning home. Ramesh and his aide who was also pillion riding along with the girl instead of dropping her at home, had taken her to a secluded location. Mukesh after leaving Ramesh and the minor girl there, had come with the bike.

The victim girl, after reaching home next day morning, narrated about her trauma.

On a complaint filed by her family members, police nabbed accused Ramesh first and later his associate Mukesh.

"After registering a case, we have arrested both the accused on Tuesday," said Rajgangpur police station IIC GN Sahu.

IN MAYURBHANJ Principal misbehaves with woman teacher

After the teacher informed her husband about the incident, both went to police station and lodged the complaint

PNS ■ BARIPADA

A woman Lecturer of the Lalmoan Sanskrit College under the Udala police station in Mayurbhanj district has levelled allegations of misbehaviour by the college Principal.

As per the complaint lodged by her with the Udala police, College Principal Kamalakanta Behera took her to his house on the pretext of taking her to the Baleswar Regional Office for evaluation of answer sheets.

The Principal then allegedly touched her in inappropriate places. After the teacher informed her husband about the incident, both went to the Udala police station and lodged the complaint.

She has further alleged that the Principal was threatening her to dismiss her from the job. Police are investigating into the incident.

Bravery Award winner accused of raping minor!

PNS ■ KEONJHAR

Previously felicitated with the National Bravery Award for saving three women from drowning, a minor boy of Katulikana village under the Champua police station in Keonjhar district has been accused of raping a minor girl of his village.

The alleged incident came to the fore after the girl's family members lodged a com-

plaint at the Champua police station on Monday evening.

According to the complaint, the boy took the girl to an isolated place on the pretext of offering her noodles to eat and raped her.

On Tuesday, police detained him and took him to custody for interrogation.

"Investigation is underway. Hence, we cannot provide further information," said Champua PS IIC Manoranjan

Pradhan.

Notably, the boy was conferred with the National Bravery Award in 2017 for displaying courage and saving three women from drowning in river Baitarani in the district. He was praised at the State and national levels for his act of bravery. After failing in Class-X annual examination this year, he appeared at the supplementary examination held this month.

Fire in Nalco smelter; 4 injured

The conditions of the four were stated to be stable

PNS ■ ANGUL

Four persons sustained burn injuries after a fire broke out at the Angul unit of the National Aluminium Company (Nalco) on Tuesday.

A flashover in high-voltage panel board of the plant's Smelter Casthouse-B led to the fire breaking out at about 10 in the morning.

Mithun Nath, a contractual worker of Patanasahi village, two students, Bisweswar Samal and Rajanikant Parida undergoing apprenticeship training and a woman worker of the plant, Rinkina Sahoo sustained injuries in the mishap.

The victims were rushed to the local Nalco hospital and later referred to a private hospital in Bhubaneswar. The conditions of the four were stated to be stable.

IN NAYAGARH

Man uploads wife's intimate video on social media

PNS ■ NAYAGARH

In an incident in the Nuagaon police station area of the district, an intimate video of a woman was made viral by none other than her husband.

In a complaint lodged with the Nuagaon police on Tuesday, the woman alleged that her husband and in-laws continuously harassed her over dowry demand. Though she had married three years ago, recently, she left her in-laws' place to stay with her parents as the harassment

become unbearable.

Livid over this, her husband uploaded their intimate video on social media, she alleged.

The Nuagaon police have begun a probe into the matter based on the complaint. "We have registered a case after the woman filed a complaint alleging that she was being tortured by her husband. An obscene video of the woman has gone viral on social media. An investigation is on," informed Nuagaon IIC Manorama Mallick.

Bisra Stone Lime to resume operations

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The Bisra Stone Lime Company Limited (BSLC) at Biramitrapur in Sundargarh district, a subsidiary of the Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL), would resume operations, informed Union Steel Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Monday.

A decision in this regard was taken at a meeting convened by Pradhan in New Delhi in the presence of Union Minister of State for Steel Fagga Singh Kulaste, Sundargarh MP Jual Oram, Biramitrapur MLA Shankar Oram and senior officials of the Steel Ministry, SAIL and RINL.

The BSLC ceased operations this month due to cash crunch. "We took a serious note of the issue and called

'This will ensure that workers and vendors of BSLC are not affected negatively'

this meeting. SAIL and RINL have agreed to provide trade advance to BSLC and assured purchase of dolomite for immediate resumption of its mining activities," said Pradhan. "This will ensure that workers and vendors of BSLC are not affected negatively. We shall work on taking relevant measures for ensuring long term revival and ceaseless operations in future," he added. The BSLC has been mining and marketing limestone and dolomite since 1910. It has been an important source of economic activity and livelihood in the tribals-dominated region.

Hope for struggling Makadia silk weavers Govt to declare the area as art village, promote artisans

PNS ■ BALESWAR

Culture Minister Jyotiprakash Panigrahi during his recent visit to Makadia area under Jaleswar block assured the silk handloom weavers to address their problems at a time when they are struggling to make both ends meet.

Besides assuring them that the area would be declared as an art village by the State Government, he also said the art and skill of the weavers would be highlighted and promoted during various fairs and festivals. This apart, their products would be made available to the tourists in the prominent tourists places such as Konark, Puri and Bhubaneswar etc, said he.

Poor promotion and absence of modern technology coupled with shortage of raw material have taken toll on the silk handloom industry, which is virtually now pushed to the brink,

'Their products would be made available to the tourists in the prominent tourists places such as Konark, Puri and Bhubaneswar etc'

lamented the weavers.

Earlier, tussar products of the area while used to be exported to different States and abroad and had earned fame and distinction, yet the demand dwindled due to several factors, including non availability of raw materials, market linkage and promotion etc.

A cooperative society was formed way back in 1955 following initiative of then prominent trade union leader Samarendra Kundu only to promote the industry and protect the interest of the artisans. However, it broke down

with the passage of time due to lack of proper management.

However, a few years ago, again the society was revived. The society currently has over 302 looms registered and 327 members are working under it.

At least it takes three days to extract silk thread from the cocoons and another four days to weave a full length saree which is sold at maximum of ₹3,000. Considering the cost of raw material, it is difficult to eke out a living from this profession, observed the weavers.

Discouraged by the profitability, the young generation of the weavers now prefer to keep off from their traditional weaving profession. Either they adopt vegetable and horticulture cultivation on the banks of Subarnarekha to support their families or migrate to other places in search of job opportunities, said sources.

AYOS holds talk 'Hansa Gita: A Yogic Exposition'

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The Academy of Yoga and Oriental Studies (AYOS) organised a lecture entitled "Hansa Gita: A Yogic Exposition" here on Sunday. The meeting was presided over by eminent Sanskrit scholar Dr NP Dash. AYOS director Dr Indulata Das was the speaker of the occasion. Senior journalist Sugyan Choudhury was guest of honour.

Dr Das said, "The Hansa Gita is a portion of the Eleventh Skandha of Bhagavata. Hansa Gita is so named because Lord Visnu imparted the knowledge of yoga to the four sons of Brahma by assuming the form of a swan. The Hansa Gita deals with three Gunas, Sattva, Rajas and Tamas. Whereas Sattva is beneficial, the other two are destructive. One has to increase the Sattva Guna in order to be liberated from the bondages of birth and death. Liberation,



according to Bhagavata, is going back to one's own original nature. Ten factors are vital in increasing or decreasing a particular Guna in a

man. These are agama, food and water, people around, place time, action, birth, one's area of concentration, type of consultation, one's impression from previous birth."

There was a question-answer session after the lecture in which many scholars like Dr Pradipta Barik, BS Pal and Sugyana Choudhury participated. Dr NP Dash in his presidential address said, "We have so many good things around, but we do not know them. The AYOS helps us acquire such knowledge through its programmes."

AYOS member Satyananda Jena thanked the audience and the guests.

MILK TRADER'S MURDER IN BALESWAR 3 including son nabbed from UP Incident fallout of domestic feud

PNS ■ BALESWAR

Three persons were arrested by the Uttar Pradesh police on Monday in connection with the murder of Rakesh Choudhury, a milk trader of Baliaipal in the district on June 25.

The arrestees were identified as Anuj Kumar Choudhury alias Guddu, the son of deceased Rakesh from his first wife. The two others are Praveen Agarwala alias Nilu of Rajhans Colony (UP) and Lokesh alias Bhaati of Shikarpur in Bulandshahr. While Anuj has 33 cases, Lokesh has nine cases



pending against him in various police station in Uttar Pradesh. "A Maruti Swift car used for the murder has also been seized by the UP police.

Anuj has already been handed over to us. Baliaipal police would soon bring Praveen and Lokesh on remand to Odisha. The seized murder weapon will also be handed over to us along with the two accused," said Basta SDPO Ranjit Prusty.

Prusty said the murder is fallout of a family dispute. Rakesh had sold off all this property in Uttar Pradesh and come to Odisha in

2006. Even though he had a wife and two sons in his native place in Uttar Pradesh, he settled in Baliaipal area and remarried here.

He had ₹24 lakh in his bank account that his first wife and sons were allegedly threatening him for.

Notably, Rakesh was shot dead on the night of June 25 in Dangapita village under the Baliaipal police station. He was returning home after selling milk, when the assailants in a car opened fire at him. They shot three rounds from close range, killing him on the spot.

'Complete B'pur-S'pur railway line soon'

Bharat Bikash Manch demands rly dvn in B'pur

PNS ■ BRAHMAPUR

Members of the Bharat Bikash Parishad, along with several social organisations, intellectuals and political leaders, on Tuesday demanded expediting the Brahmapur-Sambalpur railway line here besides establishment of a Railway Division at Brahmapur, instead of the proposed one at Rayagada.

At a Press conference here, they said that though the railway line is an old project,



there is much delay in completing it and warned of intensifying their agitation if steps were not taken to complete the railway line.

Notably, there is allocation of Rs 2,957 crore for the 240 km

railway line, where five tunnels, 38 big bridges, 148 small bridges and 18 stations would be constructed. The stations are Jagannathpur, Kukudakhandi, Hinjilicut, Aska, Khandarabali, Basudevpur, Bhanjanagar,

Mujaguda, Baden, Chakada, Jagarpada, Phulbani, Lakarapalu, Sunamunda, Mundapada, Boudh, Kadaligada and Redhakhol.

The Parishad demanded that the Central and the State

Governments allocate adequate funds for the construction of the stations.

They opined that the demand for a the Railway Division in Brahmapur is justified as the city is a commercial hub of southern Odisha.

Among others, Parishad president Surendra Panigrahi, BJP district president Kanhu Charan Patra, district Congress working president Pitabasa Panda, Ganjam Bar Association former president Mohan Singari, Ganjam Chamber of Commerce former secretary Santosh Sahu, Manav Adhikar Suraksha Manch convenor Abani Gayaa and Sanjaya Kumar Majhi were present.

Team with Kosal demand off to Delhi

To meet cross-sections of people over issue

PNS ■ BARGARH

The leaders of the Kosal Rajya Samannwaya Samitee (KRSS) led by its president Pramod Mishra and secretary Sunil Purohit began their tour to New Delhi for demanding a separate Kosal State on Tuesday.

They will meet different social organisations, political parties, administrative authorities, State and national leaders in the national capital over the issue.



They justified formation of the Odisha Government's main concern is with the coastal region while the Kosal region is languishing amid many difficulties, including backwardness and poverty.

A new Kosal State to meet the regional aspirations of the western Odisha. Among others, Abdul Jamal Khan, Dolamani Pradhan, Kishor Sahu are in the delegation.

'Provide 70% reservation in private jobs'

INTUC youth wing asks Govt in a meet held

PNS ■ ANGLU

The State working committee meeting of the Indian National Trade Union Congress (INTUC), Youth Wing, Odisha was held here on Monday under the chairmanship of State president Satyabrata Nayak.

issue, Nayak criticised the State and Central Governments for their labour policies and said that in Odisha the private sector employees are not getting minimum wages decided by the Governments.

He also said the farmers are not getting the actual price of their produce. He also said that there is a nexus between the millers and Government officials and for which the farmers are getting harassed and have to resort to distress sale.



Members would stage State-wide protest in the interest of farmers, unemployed youth and environment in September and would submit a memorandum to the District Collector, he added.

The members demanded the State Government to frame a new rule for 70 per cent reservation in private sector companies and industries in the interest of youths of Odisha. They also demanded minimum monthly salary of Rs 18,000 for contract workers.

Among others Youth INTUC national general secretary Nirmal Samal, State office bearers Paresh Jena, Dillip Mishra and Digambar Gadanayak were present.

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Former teacher of Maharatha Vidyapeeth Mirja Hamid Beg passed away at the age of 74. Beg was very popular as a teacher; and as soon as his death news spread, hundreds of his students and well-wishers thronged at his residence to pay their last respect to the departed soul.

Among others, his student and Kendrapada MLA Sashi Bhusan Behera, Bhubaneswar North MLA Susanta Kumar



Rout, Bhubaneswar Central MLA Ananta Narayan Jena, former MLA Priyadarshi Mishra, Bhagirathi Badajena, educationist and Beg's old friend Pradipta Chhotary, Trilochan Panda, Pandit Udayanath Rath, Arun Srichandan, Satrugan Sahu, Laxmidhar Behera, cooperative leader Akshya Lenka and former corporator Sukumar Sahu expressed grief over the sad demise of Beg.

His last rites were conducted here.

Swiss MP reviews relief work by SEEDS in Puri

PNS ■ PURI

Switzerland Member of Parliament Dr Niklaus S Guggler, Ambassador of Switzerland to India and Bhutan Dr Andreas Baum and Sustainable Environment and Ecological Development Society (SEEDS) co-founder Dr Anshu Sharma visited Pentakota urban slum and Sadar Block in Puri district on Tuesday.

The officials visited and reviewed the relief work undertaken with Swiss support to assist the families affected during Cyclone Fani.

Besides, SEEDS supported by Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) has 600 family kits were distributed in Puri municipality and Sadar block.

Dr Guggler appreciated the SEEDS team for extending a helping hand to these communities, in terms of replenishing their resources of drinking water and essential items for daily living.

The SEEDS has also focused on preventive measures for any disease outbreak through public promotion of hygiene practices.

187 kg ganja seized; 12 held in K'put

6 of arrested from Bihar

PNS ■ KORAPUT

Continuing its crackdown on illegal ganja smuggling, the Koraput police seized nearly two quintals cannabis and arrested 12 persons in this connection.

While carrying out a patrolling, a team Jeypore Town police on Tuesday intercepted a car near Glocal Hospital Chowk and seized ganja weighing 55 kg from it. The cops also arrested four persons, including three from Kalahandi district and one from Koraput district.

The cops also seized the vehicle and four mobile phones from their possession. Police said the smugglers had procured the contraband item from Andhra Pradesh and were transporting the same to Kalahandi for selling purpose.

In a separate development, the Boipariguda police intercepted a



motorcycle near Kota Junction and detained two youths hailing from Tapugunda village under Machkund police limits in Koraput. The cops also seized 22 kg ganja, the bike and two mobile phones from the duo.

Earlier on Monday, the Jeypore Sadar police seized 110 kg

ganja from a four-wheeler at Bhamanigaon Chhak near Law College on NH-326. The police team arrested six persons, all in the age group of 18-35 years and hailing from Bihar, from the vehicle.

The cops also seized the vehicle, five mobile phones, Rs 15,300

'Cyber security next gen IT hotcakes'

Digital Talent organises talk

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

With rising cases of data breaches and crisis due to cyber-attacks around the globe, cyber security is going to be the most demanding IT subject for students, experts opined in a seminar on "Choosing Cyber Security as a Career" organised by the Digital Talent here on Monday.

With the objective to sensitise issues related to data hacking and encourage students to become an antidote to the global challenge, the seminar was attended by around 25 students from colleges of Bhubaneswar such as ITER, Trident, Institute of Mathematics and Science and NIT.

Digital Talent Managing Director Sruti Ranjan Sahoo enlightened the students about various data breach cases around the globe and how ethical hacking could become the next big career option in the world.

Notably, the Digital Talent provides Certified Cyber Security Expert (CCSE) and Certified Cyber Security Professional (CCSP) training programme designed to develop the expertise in cyber security/ethical hacking domain.

Annual IAJBS World Forum held at XUB

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The 25th Annual IAJBS World Forum was inaugurated at the premises of Xavier University, Bhubaneswar (XUB) on Sunday. The inaugural theme of the conference was 'Case Writing Workshop and Doctoral Colloquium'.

Donald J. Savage Center for Reflective Leadership Director Tracy Couto and Le Moyne College Madden School of Business Dean Jim Joseph attended as guests in the workshop aimed to illustrate the importance of keeping the readers hooked through thoroughly researched methods.

Couto emphasised on the pertinence of case studies for students through which they can interlink the business decisions with the theories taught in the classroom. He also emphasised on the relevance of case studies in providing business theories with a more comprehensible look.



Joseph spoke on the importance of conviction, passion and mental mapping while writing a case along with providing the physical, cultural, social, emotional, and intellectual context.

During the doctoral colloquium report on "Recruitment: The Emerging Challenge", "Employer Provided Childcare Facilities", "Projection of Women in Advertisement: Changing the Portrayal of Women in Advertisements", "Planning for Digital

Transformation: Implication for Institutional Enterprise Architecture", "Talent Management System: An Exploration of Issues and Benefits" were presented.

Forum gheraos D'nal DM over demands



PNS ■ DHENKANAL

Several thousand supporters of activist Er Debashisha Hota under the banner of the Odisha Bhumihina Praja Samiti gheraoed the Dhenkanal Collector pressing for several demands on Monday.

The demands are immediate rectification of all land pattas from "Saara" to "Sabar" and from "Kapadia" to "Kapadia", early distribution of homestead land to all landless residing in both rural and urban areas, distribution of forest land right pattas to all poor SC people residing in forest land according to FRA-2005, Crime Branch inquiry against irregularities made by E-tech

Residential College and Vidyanketan Charitable Trust secretary Sagarbala Hota during purchase and regularisation of valuable land in Motari, Mangalpur and many other places by her relative, former Dhenkanal Additional Tehsildar Saroj Panda's link with an illegal construction company and appointment of only Parikheda village people in all 40 posts etc.

Notably, on May 21, more than 10,000 supporters of Er Hota came in a huge rally from Dakshinakali and had gheraoed Collector's office.

Then the Collector had assured of fulfilling demands within two months. But so far the demands lay ignored.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement
Invitation For Bids (IFB)

Sl. No	Name of Work	Bid Identification No.	Estimated Cost (Rs. in Lakhs)	Period of Completion	Availability of Bid Document for Online Bidding		Name & Address of Officer Inviting Bid
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1	Supply of Alumina Ferric Grade-4 Conforming to I.S.No.299/2012 required for Treatment of Raw Water intended for Drinking purpose at different PH Stores under PH.Circle, Berhampur.	Identification No. SEPHCBAM 01/2019-20 Dt.20.07.2019	20.38	(One) Calendar Month	11.00 Hrs. of 27.07.2019	17.30 Hrs. of 06.08.2019	Superintending Engineer, P.H. Circle, Berhampur

The bid shall be opened on dt. 07.08.2019 at 12.30 P.M.
Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement portal <http://tendersodisha.gov.in/>

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Villager's thatched house set on fire; 14 goats charred

Victim not provided rehab



PNS ■ JAGATSinghpur

In a fire that broke out in the thatched house of a minority community man on Monday night, property worth over a few lakhs of rupees was gutted.

Besides, 14 goats were charred to death and the house owner too got injured.

Reports said that the incident occurred in Singharapur village in Ujalapur hamlet six km away from here.

Though the victim family members cried for help but nobody moved to rescue them.

Asraf's wife Jamilla Bibi who lodged an FIR in Jagatsinghpur police station on Tuesday however alleged that one of their neighbours, Yusuf Khan and his kin, set fire to her house.

She alleged to have seen Yusuf pouring kerosene before fire broke out. Meanwhile, police have not started an investigation.

Neither has the victim family been provided any rehabilitation, despite approaching the local administration.

IIT BBS holds meet for new BTech students

Month-long orientation from today

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bhubaneswar conducted a registration programme for the newly admitted BTech students at its Argul campus here on Tuesday.

The IIT Bhubaneswar will run a month-long rejuvenation and orientation (R and O) programme for the students from July 24 and will start with the address by IIT BBS Director Prof RV Raja Kumar followed by Student Affairs Dean Prof VR Pedireddi and Academic Affairs Dean Dr PR Sahu.

After reporting of as many as 402 BTech students at the institute by 5pm, Prof Kumar said that the intake and num-

ber admitted have been significantly raised this year.

He congratulated and welcomed all the newly admitted students and said, "Here at IIT BBS we strongly believe that the admission into the BTech programme is actually the beginning of a challenging and rewarding professional journey which paves way to the real empowerment of a student in the chosen domain towards an ambitious future, rather than a foregone ambition of getting admitted into an IIT."

The R and O programme conceptualised personally by Prof Kumar is a very innovative and unique programme aimed at helping the students to change over from the unhealthy effects of the examination centric coaching for the JEE (Adv) test to true education which empowers a student.

A "Know Yourself" programme through online submission of questionnaire would be held from August 23 to 28 along with a

Heritage Trip to Konark Temple, Dhauri, Khandagiri, Udayagiri, Ekamra walks and Barunei Hills in the month of August and September.

In addition, there will be a Fresher's (Fachaks) got talent programme on August 11, introduction to engineering on July 25 and a programme at the Sri Sri University on July 26, 27 and 28. The classes will start from July 29.

GOVT OF ODISHA
No:-Tender - Online - NayagarhDivn. -01/2019-20Date:-16.07.2019
e-ProcurementNOTICE

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- Total No. of Projects : 06(Six) No of projects
- Class of contractor :
 - a) Estimated cost more than Rs. 40.00 lakh & up to Rs. 3.00 Crore : 'A' & 'B' Class (of Orissa PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authorities
 - b) Estimated cost more than Rs. 20.00 lakh & up to Rs. 40.00 lakh : 'B' & 'C' Class (of Orissa PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authorities
 - c) Estimated cost more than Rs. 1.00 lakh & up to Rs. 20.00 lakh : 'C' & 'D' Class (of Orissa PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authorities
- Estimated cost : Rs 15.00 lakhs to Rs 35.86 lakhs
- Time for completion : 04 (four) Calendar months.
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Home Ministry overhauls VIP security cover of 130 bigwigs

MHA's move impacts politicians across party lines from Lalu and Akhilesh to Rudy, besides media personalities, ex-top cops, babus

RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

Former Chief Ministers of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh Lalu Prasad and Akhilesh Yadav respectively are no longer in the Central List of VIP protectees after the Union Home Ministry reviewed a list of 130 protectees and decided to withdraw or scale down the security cover of many politicians, media personalities and bureaucrats.

Akhilesh was secured by the elite National Security Guards, while Lalu was a Z cat-

egory protectee. Among other prominent personalities removed from the Central List include Z+ protectee and BSP Rajya Sabha MP Satish Chandra Mishra and Z category protectees like former minister in the Modi Government Rajiv Pratap Rudy, former CRPF DG and advisor to Jammu and Kashmir Government K Vijay Kumar besides UP Government Minister Suresh Rana. These protectees were being secured by the CRPF.

Others removed from the Central List include Vice Chancellor of Manipur University Aadya Prasad Pandey, former Congress MP and MLA Avtar Singh Bhadana, Deputy CM of Uttar Pradesh Dinesh Sharma, Jitendra Swami (son of former MP, Bihar, Umashankar Singh, Punjab MLA Rana Gurmeet Singh Sodhi, former MP from Bihar Sabir Ali, Editor-in-Chief



of Samachar Plus Umesh Kumar, Publisher of Ananda Bazar Patrika, Kolkata Aavek Sarkar, former MP from Bihar Uday Singh and MP from Bihar Veena Devi who were getting security cover from the CRPF.

Security cover of Punjab Kesari Editor AK Minha has been downgraded from Z+ to Z and CRPF cover has been withdrawn. Earlier, he was availing all-India security cover from CRPF except in Delhi. Former Jharkhand CM Babul Marandi will now get Z cate-



gory protection Jharkhand only instead of the earlier Z+ category cover from CRPF.

BJP MLA from Uttar Pradesh Sangeet Som's cover has also been downgraded from Z category to Y and limited only to Uttar Pradesh instead of the earlier protection in the States of Uttarakhand, Delhi, Haryana and Punjab besides UP.

LJP MP Chirag Paswan's cover has been downgraded from Z category to Y type and his CRPF cover has also been removed. IG Nalin Prabhat



will get 'Z' cover in Andhra Pradesh, Chandigarh and Punjab only. Likewise, protection of former MP Rajesh Ranjan alias Pappu Yadav and Lok Sabha MP Sachidanadhari Sakshi has been downgraded from Z to Y and their CRPF cover has also been removed. Former CRPF DG Prakash Mishra's CRPF security cover has been removed but has been retained in the 'X' category Central list.

Sources said the 'Z' cover of former BJP members Kirti Azad and Shatrughan Sinha,



newly-appointed Himachal Pradesh Governor Kalraj Mishra, former Lok Sabha Speaker Meira Kumar, two granddaughters and a grandson of former President Pranab Mukherjee, daughter and grandson of former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has been taken off from the central list or has been removed. These VIPs were being secured by the armed commandos of paramilitary forces like the CISF and the Delhi Police.

Others whose security has been withdrawn include Uttar

Pradesh minister Brajesh Pathak, BJP politician Anupam Hazra, ISRO Chairman K Sivan, former scientific adviser R Chidambaram and Congress leader Deependra Hooda.

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Digvijay Singh, A K Antony, Manish Tewari, Loktantrik Janata Dal Party leader Sharad Yadav, CPI (M) leader Sitaram Yechury, former Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee's foster daughter Namita Kaul Bhattacharya and former BJP leader Yashwant Sinha has also been downgraded.

Former Congress MP Ravnesh Singh Bittu, former Punjab minister Bikram Singh Majithia, NIA Inspector General G P Singh, Madhya Pradesh CM Kamal Nath and Additional Sessions Judge in Delhi O P Saini are among others whose security cover has been downgraded.

Some of those who have been removed from the Central list will be provided security by the police units of various State governments, officials said.

The Home Ministry has sought compliance of security category by the Central paramilitary forces by Thursday.

DELHI METRO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kejriwal can't appoint non-Govt official: HUA

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In what could lead to another face off between the Centre and the Delhi Government, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (HUA) on Tuesday said the Kejriwal dispensation cannot appoint non-government representatives to the Delhi Metro Board of Directors. The Ministry has, in the meantime, circulated a Cabinet note to regularise 1797 unauthorised colonies except posh colonies ahead of the Delhi Assembly election early next year. The Centre is likely to issue an order to regularise unauthorised colonies in Delhi within a month.

Making it clear that the Centre will not accept representation of AAP leaders Raghav Chadha, Atishi Marlena Jasmine Shah and the party's Rajya Sabha MP ND Gupta's son Naveen Gupta to the Delhi Metro Board of Directors, Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said on Tuesday there is no scope for non-government official people in the Board.

He cited the case of BJP leader Madan Lal Khurana, who had resigned from the Delhi Metro chairmanship, after the then chief minister Sheila Dikshit objected to his appointment in 2003. Chadha

and Atishi had contested the Lok Sabha polls from South and East Delhi seats respectively earlier this year but they lost.

Taking a dig at Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, Puri said, "We have now different situation where Kejriwal is not suggesting the name of an MP and he is suggesting names of two people who lost elections for MP. The Delhi government should adhere to the conventions and norms and nominate government officers on the Board of Delhi Metro as has been done earlier."

"I have a situation where the DMRC board is handled with great competence by the serving secretary in the ministry. There is no scope for non-official people in that board," Puri added.

On July 17, the HUA Ministry had objected to the nomination of Chadha and Atishi and two others to the DMRC board of directors and asked the AAP government to withdraw its non-bureaucrat nominees citing official guidelines. According to the guidelines issued by the Department of Public Enterprises, officials handling the issue concerned should be appointed as government nominee directors.

In a letter to Delhi Chief Secretary Vijay Kumar Dev dated July 17, Additional Secretary (HUA) K Sanjay

Murthy had said the government nominee director bring not only domain knowledge and expertise but are also accountable to various tasks of the company for ensuring time bound implementation of the project.

On the regularization of unauthorised colonies, the HUA minister termed as "incorrect" Kejriwal's claim that the Centre has approved the Delhi government's proposal on the issue sent in November, 2015. Puri said the Centre has circulated among its stakeholders, including the Delhi government, a Cabinet note based on the report of a panel headed by the lieutenant governor for the regularisation of these colonies and not on the AAP dispensation's proposal.

In the next seven to 10 days, the ministry will get comments as sought from stakeholders and then it will get approval from the Union cabinet, he said.

As per the proposal, the colonies would be categorised depending on the land they have come up on - government land, agricultural or gram sabha land. The regularisation fee would vary as per ownership.

This is not the first time an effort has been initiated to empower residents of unauthorised colonies in Delhi. In 1993, 567 of 607 such colonies were regularised.

US PREZ KASHMIR MEDIATION CLAIM

Modi must tell nation what transpired between him and Trump: Rahul

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress on Tuesday sought explanation from Prime Minister Narendra Modi over US President Donald Trump's claim that the Indian leader asked him to mediate on the matter.

While Congress president Rahul Gandhi asserted that a "weak" foreign ministry denial wouldn't do and PM Modi must tell the nation what transpired in the meeting between him and the US president, UPA Chairperson Sonia Gandhi said her party would demand an immediate explanation from Prime Minister. "You will see it in the Parliament. We will raise the issue and Congress is doing now also," Sonia said in her first reaction outside the Parliament before the House started its proceedings.

"President Trump says PM Modi asked him to mediate between India and Pakistan as Kashmir! If true, PM Modi has betrayed India's interests & 1972 Shimla Agreement," said Rahul Gandhi in a tweet message.

Though the Congress welcomed the government's reiteration of India's "no third

party involvement" stand on the Kashmir issue but asked why Modi was "mum" over Trump's claim. Ministry of External Affairs has rejected Trump's remarks, made during his meeting with Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan, that Modi had asked him to mediate in resolving the Kashmir issue with Pakistan.

Reacting to the MEA's assertion, Congress' chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala said reiteration of the time tested line on "no mediation on Kashmir" is welcome. The US president's remarks "relate to a meeting between him and PM Modi, wherein our PM had asked him to mediate", he said in a tweet.

"Why is PM 'mum' on what transpired between the two heads of states, more so when it affects our sovereignty?" Surjewala asked.

Congress along with other opposition parties on Monday night demanded a clarification from Modi on whether there has been a shift in India's position of no third party involvement in the Kashmir issue after Trump offered to mediate between India and Pakistan on the matter.

Opp's demands 'inappropriate' that PM should clarify: BJP

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The BJP on Tuesday dismissed as "inappropriate" and "irresponsible" the Opposition parties' demand that Prime Minister Narendra Modi make a statement on US President Donald Trump's Kashmir claim and accused them of putting "politics above national interest".

Senior party leader and union minister Prakash Javadekar told reporters that the row over Trump's comments that Modi wanted him to mediate with Pakistan on the Kashmir issue should have ended with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's statement in Parliament in which he "stoutly denied" the US president's claim.

"The way Congress and some opposition parties have protested in Rajya Sabha and created a disorder just to demand the prime minister's statement is condemnable... They are putting politics above national interest," he said.

This attitude is inappropriate and irresponsible, he said. Javadekar claimed that the opposition's stand shows that it has been unable to reconcile with the Modi government's big win in the recent Lok Sabha polls. These parties are still depressed, he said.

Def Ministry approves more awards given to NCC cadets

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has approved an increase in the number of awards given to cadets of National Cadet Corps (NCC) from existing 143 to 243 and a big hike in cash incentives in various categories, the ministry said on Tuesday. The total expenditure incurred will increase from ₹1.44 lakh to ₹3.44 lakh.

Rajnath also approved substantial increase in DG's commendations

Giving this information here on Tuesday, officials said at present NCC cadets are now entitled to receive two Raksha Mantri Padaks carrying cash incentive of ₹30,000 as against one Padak of value ₹20,000 earlier, four Raksha Mantri Commendations of ₹20,000 each in place three Commendations of value ₹15,000 each earlier.

Singh has also approved a substantial increase in DG's commendations from the existing 102 to 200. Approval has also been given for nine new Best Cadet Awards for NCC cadets in various categories taking the total number of such awards to 27 and the cash incentive for each award has also been hiked substantially. These awards are granted during Republic Day Camp in New Delhi.

INSHORT

GOVT APPOINTS DOSHI, JOSHI AS OSDs IN PMO

New Delhi: The Government on Tuesday appointed Hiren Joshi and Pratik Doshi as officers of special duty in the Prime Minister's Office in the rank of joint secretary. The Appointments Committee of Cabinet also ordered the appointment of 1997-batch Indian Foreign Service officer Sanjeev Kumar Singla as private secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

SC AGREES TO HEAR MAHA'S PLEA

New Delhi: The Supreme Court agreed to hear on Tuesday a plea by the Maharashtra Government seeking demolition of buildings that are in a dilapidated condition in the state.

SC TO DECIDE ON FADNAVIS' 'OMISSION'

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Tuesday said the alleged "omission" by Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis of not disclosing information about two criminal cases in his election affidavit in 2014 Assembly polls may be decided in the trial.

SC GRANTS BAIL TO 33 IN 1984 SIKH RIOTS

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Tuesday granted bail to 33 people convicted for rioting, burning houses and violation of curfew in Trikarpuri area of the national capital during 1984 anti-Sikh riots.

INDIA'S TIES WITH CHINA STRENGTHENED: RS CHAIR

New Delhi: Welcoming a delegation of young parliamentarians from China, Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh on Tuesday said India's relations with Beijing have progressed over the past three decades despite twists and turns in the global economic and political situation.

Govt initiates debate on Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Bill

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Government on Tuesday initiated debate on the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Bill, 2019 envisaging strengthening of National Investigation Agency (NIA) and empowering of its chief to seize the properties related to the probe on terrorism. Moving the Bill, MoS Home Kishan Reddy said, "This Government was working against terrorism with zero tolerance."

The Bill seeks to allow an individual suspected to have terror links to be designated as a 'terrorist'. In order to put a check on terrorism, he said, "we have given a free hand to the security forces" and added that in the north eastern states in the last five years there has been a decline in the insurgency related incidents. Due to the sustained effort of the government, the minister said, the situation has improved in the left-wing extremism affected states. The

LS PASSES MOTOR VEHICLES AMENDMENT BILL

New Delhi: Lok Sabha on Tuesday passed the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2019 which seeks to weed out corruption, improve road safety and usher in use of technology to regulate traffic. Replying to the concerns of opposition MPs, Road and Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari assured the House that rights of the states will not be taken away.

Bill amends the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.

He also said the number of terrorist incidents in hinterland during last decade as compared to the previous decade has

gating officer is required to obtain the prior approval of the Director General of Police to seize properties that may be connected with terrorism. The Bill adds that if the investigation is conducted by an officer of the National Investigation Agency (NIA), the approval of the Director General of NIA would be required for seizure of such property.

Under the Act, investigation of cases may be conducted by officers of the rank of

Deputy Superintendent or Assistant Commissioner of Police or above. The Bill additionally empowers the officers of the NIA, of the rank of Inspector or above, to investigate cases.

Opposing the proposed amendments, Manish Tewari (Congress) said in this country false propaganda is being spread that the law was solution to all the problems. The solution to the problems, he said, was through political initiatives

and not strict laws.

Meenakshi Lekhi (BJP) spoke in favour saying the amendment bill is dedicated to the people who have sacrificed their lives defending the sovereignty and integrity of the nation. Moreover, she added, most of the provisions in the amendment bill were of the technical nature and aimed at removing technical glitches. Union Home Minister Amit Shah is expected to reply on Wednesday.

HUMAN TOLL ON MARINE ECOLOGY

Sea mining threatens Scaly foot snail

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

As companies and countries look to extract minerals such as cobalt, copper, manganese and lithium concentrated on the ocean floor to develop faster technologies, the first animal under the sea that would be first affected due to deep-sea mining has been identified: It's the slow moving 'Scaly foot snail' (*Chrysomallon squamiferum*). The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) added it to its Red List of endangered species on July 18.

The Scaly foot snail is found 2,400-2,900 metres down in the Indian ocean, an area where the International Seabed Authority, has issued 29 exploration leases to companies for mining besides in vast areas of the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, covering an area of 1.3 million km² - five times the



surface area of the UK.

The ISA is currently developing regulations to manage deep sea mining beyond national boundaries. However, there are rising concerns about the potential for widespread and lasting impacts of deep seabed mining including the loss of species such as the Scaly-foot Snail, said a statement from the IUCN.

The scaly-foot snail is known from three locations

restricted to hydrothermal vents on deep-ocean ridges in the Indian Ocean, at depths of up to 2,900 metres.

The researchers say an assessment under the Red List of species found on such deep sea vents would help protect them from the surging interest in seafloor mining in the oceans.

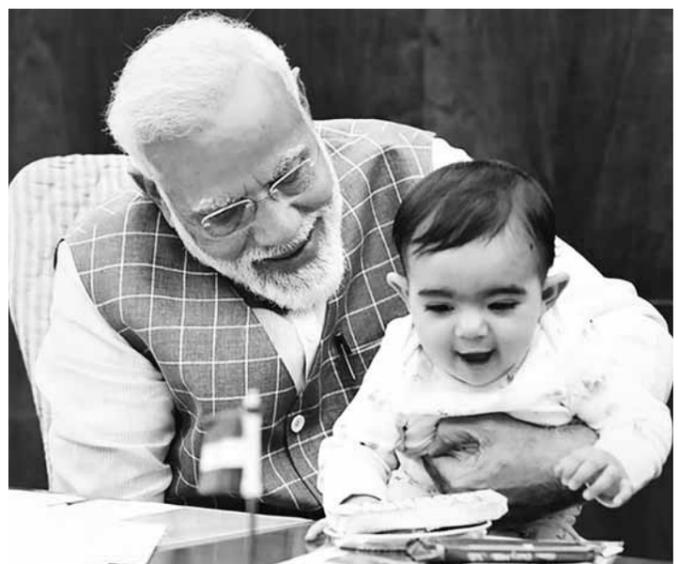
Dr Julia Sigwart, senior lecturer in marine biology and associate director at Queen's

University Belfast's Marine Laboratory, said: "The deep sea is home to thousands of species and new species are being discovered all the time."

"These deep sea marine animals like the scaly-foot snail are out of sight, out of mind, but they are still threatened by human activities."

The companies are keen to extract large supplies of nickel, cobalt and rare earth metals, important for products such as electric car batteries, smartphones and other technology.

UP in arms against the deep sea mining. Greenpeace has called for an immediate moratorium on all deep-sea mining for fear of severe and irreversible harm it may do to the oceans. In its report, In Deep Water, the nongovernmental environmental organisation calls for the reprieve and tighter environmental safeguards against the risks of deep sea mining.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi had a "very special friend" visiting him in his Parliament House office on Tuesday. As soon as he posted two images of him holding and playing with a baby on Instagram, social media went crazy and the guesses ranged from the baby being cricketer Rohit Sharma's child to BJP chief Amit Shah's grandchild. It was later found that she was the granddaughter of senior BJP MP Satyanarayan Jatila

CBI books unknown people in case where man impersonated as PMO official

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI has registered a case against unknown persons for offences under IT Act and IPC section relating to cheating a Gujarat resident who was duped of Rs 18,999 from his bank account by a person claiming to be from the PMO Insurance Cell. The agency registered the case following a reference from the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

The PMO reference to CBI was sent following an online complaint from Umeshchandra Tank who alleged that one Mathew allegedly claimed to be from PMO Insurance Cell and cheated him by fraudulently transferring the money from his bank account.

"Prima facie, this is a case of impersonation wherein the name of PMO has been misused for committing financial fraud," Assistant Director in PMO PK Issar said in his letter to the CBI.

In his online complaint on PMO public grievance portal, Tank alleged that Mathew asked him to furnish his debit card number and One Time Password for processing his complaint against the insurance company.

SONBHADRA KILLINGS 1955 revenue records of disputed land missing

Sonbhadra (UP): Investigations into the clash, which left 10 people dead in a Sonbhadra village last week, might face a major hurdle as the 1955 revenue records of the land disputed by the rival parties have been missing.

On Saturday, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had suggested the genesis of the land dispute was laid in 1955, during the Congress rule, and said the committee set up to investigate the shooting incident in Gharowal area of Sonbhadra district will look into this.

Opposition parties, including the Congress, have demanded a CBI probe into the incident.

"The records of the land belong to the time when Sonbhadra was a part of Mirzapur district, till 1989. Some records are destroyed after a specified period of time. The same is the case here," Additional District Magistrate Yogendra Bahadur Singh told PTI.

Some records, which are taken as time barred, are destroyed in a routine manner as every paper cannot be



stored, the ADM said.

The committee constituted by Adityanath under the additional chief secretary (revenue) has to give its report within 10 days.

At a press conference after visiting the village, Adityanath had sought to pin the blame on the Congress rule from 1955 to 1989. His government has claimed that the 90-bigha plot was illegally transferred to Adarsh Co-operative Society, which held the land till 1989.

It claimed that the ownership of the land was changed to individual that year. Later, the individual reportedly sold the

land to gram pradhan Yagya Dutt, the main accused in the firing incident on July 17.

Ten Gond tribals were gunned down while resisting a violent attempt by the village head and his men to take control of the land.

On Tuesday, ADM Singh said Dutt also had held the possession of another land in front of his house illegally and the district administration has got it freed.

District Magistrate Ankit Kumar Agarwal has ordered an inquiry into all development-related work undertaken in the area. **PTI**

Martyred Aurangzeb's 2 brothers join Army

Rajouri: Thirteen months after the abduction and killing of rifleman Aurangzeb by terrorists in South Kashmir's Shopian district, his two brothers have joined the Army to serve the nation and "avenge his death".

Mohammad Tariq and Mohammad Shabir joined the 156 Infantry Battalion of Territorial Army at a passing out parade at headquarters of the counter insurgency force 'Romeo' in Jammu & Kashmir's Rajouri district on Monday, a defence spokesman said.

The duo aspires to join 'operation all out' against terrorists in Kashmir and fight against the enemies of the nation.

Their father Mohammad Hanif, who also served in Indian Army, is proud of his sons joining the Army "to serve the nation to stamp out terrorism" in Kashmir and "avenge the killing of their brother".

"I have sent my sons to serve Indian Army and ensure stamping out of terrorism in a bid to avenge the killing of their brother Aurangzeb by terrorists in Kashmir," Hanif said.

"Their fight against terrorism will be tribute and homage to his martyr son", he

said. Aurangzeb was abducted in Pulwama and later killed by armed terrorists on June 14, 2018, when he was on his way back home in Poonch to celebrate Eid with his family. He was a rifleman in the army's 44 Rashtriya Rifles.

After his killing, we were determined to join the army, the duo said.

"We have joined the Army. Our mission is to avenge the killing of our brother. This is our father's resolve and directive to us. We will abide by it," Shabir said.

The duo, who were selected among 101 new recruits from over 11,000 participants in a recruitment rally in Surankote belt of Poonch district on March 7, will get training in the Punjab regiment, the defence spokesman said.

The Army conducted the enrolment parade in Rajouri district on Monday, the spokesman said.

Hailing from Salani hamlet of Surankote in Poonch border district, their elder brother Mohammad Qasim also has joined Army 12 years ago and younger brothers Asim and Sohial are studying. They also aspire to follow their brothers. **PTI**

TMC worker killed in Bengal, 6 held

Arambagh (WB): A Trinamool Congress worker was beaten to death in West Bengal's Hooghly district, following which six people were arrested, police said on Tuesday.

The ruling party's district president Dilip Yadav accused BJP activists of killing Lalchand Bag for attending Chief Minister and TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee's Martyrs' Day rally in Kolkata on July 21, a charge refuted by the saffron party.

Bag (40), a resident of Nakunda village in Goghat 1



block, was beaten up on Monday night when he was returning home from a market, a police officer said.

He was taken to the Arambagh sub-divisional hospital, where doctors declared him brought-dead, police said.

Superintendent of Police Athagata Basu said, "On the complaint of Bag's father against 27 people, six have been arrested so far and investigation is underway."

Meanwhile, BJP's Arambagh organisational district president Biman Ghosh said the death of Bag was a result of infighting within the ruling party of the state.

The Trinamool Congress organises Martyrs' Day rally on July 21 every year in memory of 13 Youth Congress workers, who were killed in police firing on July 21, 1993. **PTI**



A bus arrives at a partially flooded bus station during unseasonal rainfall in Chennai on Tuesday

PTI

Unruly scenes in UP Assembly as SP hits out at FIRs against Azam Khan

Lucknow: The Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly on Tuesday witnessed unruly scenes as Opposition Samajwadi Party charged the State Government with attempts to frame its leader Azam Khan in land grabbing cases in Rampur.

The matter was raised through an adjournment notice given by SP member Narendra Verma during the Zero Hour.

Speaking on the admissibility of the notice, Leader of Opposition Ram Govind Chaudhary (also from Samajwadi Party) alleged of a conspiracy to crush opposition parties in the state.

He said FIRs were registered against the Rampur MP almost 12 years later "out of vendetta" to humiliate the Samajwadi Party and the

minorities. Choudhary also suggested that an all-party committee of the House be sent to Rampur to look into the allegations against the former State Minister.

In his reply, state Parliamentary Affairs Minister Suresh Khanna asserted that the cases were registered against Khan as per law.

Reading out a detailed report of the district administration of Rampur, he said the land on which the SP leader's Maulana Mohammad Ali Jaubar University has been built, belongs to Dalits.

"If someone sets up an educational institute, it should be welcomed, but if the land of the poor, deprived and labourers is grabbed, it cannot be praised," the Minister hit out. **PTI**

SAMLETI BOMB BLAST CASE Rajasthan HC frees 6 lifers, upholds death penalty to 1

Jaipur: The Rajasthan High Court has acquitted six lifers while upholding the death sentence to one and the life term to another in the 23-year-old case of bomb blast in a bus at Samleti in Dausa district, in which 14 people were killed.

The six lifers who were freed on Monday by a Jaipur bench of the high court include five Jammu and Kashmir natives Javed Khan, Latif Ahmed, Mohammad Ali Bhatt, Mirja Nissa Hussain and Abdul Ghani.

The sixth one, Rais Beg, who was acquitted, is from Agra in Uttar Pradesh.

A trial court at Bandikui in Dausa had awarded death penalty to one person, Abdul Hamid, and life terms to seven others in the 1996 bomb blast case.

The division bench of justices Sabina and Goverdhan Bardhar, however, upheld the death penalty awarded to Abdul Hamid, saying he was the key person behind planting of the bomb in the bus going to Bikaner from Agra on May 22, 1996.

The bench also upheld the life term awarded to Pappu alias Salim, holding him to be responsible for supplying the explosives.

The court acquitted the six lifers ruling that the prosecution has failed to prove their links with the conspiracy of the blast, said defence counsel Shahid Hasan.

All eight were convicted by the Bandikui sessions court for various offences under Indian Penal Code, and the Explosive Act and the

Prevention of Damage to Public Property (PDPP).

The high court bench also upheld the acquittal of a ninth person, Farukh Ahmed Khan, by the Bandikui court in the case earlier in 2014.

The state government had challenged the acquitted of Khan, but the high court bench dismissed the appeal against him.

The blast had taken place in a state roadways bus, going to Bikaner from Agra on May 22, 1996. Fourteen persons were killed and 37 injured in the blast.

Hamid whose death penalty was upheld in the Samleti bomb blast case is also a key accused in the case related to planting of bombs in the SMS Stadium of Jaipur on January 26, 1996. **PTI**

Modi Govt has betrayed people: Anna Hazare on RTI Act changes

Pune: A day after the Lok Sabha passed amendments to the Right to Information (RTI) Act, social activist Anna Hazare on Tuesday accused the Union Government of betraying Indian citizens through the move.

On Monday, the Lok Sabha amended the RTI Act that allowed the Centre to prescribe the term of office, salaries, allowances and other terms and conditions.

It also changes the status of the Information Commissioners, who were on a par with Election Commissioners as per the original RTI Act.

"It is expected that while drafting a legislation, the government take the opinion of citizens. If the draft and the Act are both made only by the government, then it is not a democracy but a dictatorship," Hazare said.

"India got the RTI Act in



2005 but with this amendment in the RTI Act, the government is betraying the people of this country," he said.

Hazare, 82, said his health is not in a good condition but if people of the country take to the streets to safeguard the sanctity of the RTI Act, he would be ready to join them.

Hazare, whose movement prompted the then Maharashtra government to enact a revised Maharashtra Right to Information Act which was considered as the base document for the Right to

Information Act 2005, was speaking to reporters at his village Ralegan Siddhi in Ahmednagar district.

Hazare said he does not know whether the government will listen to him or not but he will still write a letter to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi asking him to rescind the changes in the RTI Act.

After 13 years, the government is trying to amend the Act, he said. Such Acts are made with people's consultation and so changes, if any, should also be made in consultation with people of the country, he said. **PTI**

Pak Army continues shelling along LoC for 2nd consecutive day

PNS ■ JAMMU As top brass of the Indian Army is busy participating in series of events marking 20 years of 'Operation Vijay', Pakistan Army is bent upon provoking strong Indian retaliation to further escalate tensions along the Line of Control.

Pakistan Army on Tuesday resorted to 'unprovoked' ceasefire violations for the second day in succession in Poonch sector. A rifleman of the Indian Army had sacrificed his life in Sunderbani area of Rajouri on Monday.

According to ground reports, "several forward villages, falling in the direct line of fire, were targeted by the Pakistan army using mortars". Official sources said, over one dozen posts were directly targeted by the Pakistan army in Poonch, Krishna Ghati, Mendhar and Mankote areas of Poonch.

Defence PRO in Jammu, Lt Col Devender Anand said, "Pakistan army initiated unprovoked ceasefire violation along the line of control using small arms firing in Poonch sector around 12.20 p.m." He said the second ceasefire vio-



lation was reported along the line of control in Krishna Ghati, Mankote and Mendhar sectors. In all these places Pakistan army shelled civilian areas using mortars. In response, Indian army retaliated strongly and effectively, Defence PRO added.

Meanwhile, a coffee table book showcasing the history and achievements of the 'Fire and Fury' corps was released by GoC-in-C, Northern Command Headquarters, Lt Gen Ranbir Singh at Leh on Tuesday, in the presence of Lt Gen YK Joshi, GoC Fire and Fury Corps.

Speaking on the occasion, Lt Gen Ranbir Singh said that majestic Ladakh has seen some of the fiercest battles in its hostile terrain and is also witness to the epitome of valour and sacrifices of the Indian Army.

7 Maoists, including three women, surrender

Visakhapatnam: Seven Maoists, including three women, surrendered on Tuesday, police sources said.

Of the three women, two—Pangi Talso (28) and Vantala Mangamma (34)—are area committee members of Galikonda, Korukonda and Gurtedu Dalam and were carrying a reward of Rs 4 lakh each announced by the government.

They were allegedly involved in some shootouts, attacks on police camps and murders, sources said.

They surrendered before Visakhapatnam Range DIG Kalidas Venkata Ranga Rao and superintendent of police Bajape Attada.

They two had abandoned their squad about 20 days ago and surrendered here officially on Tuesday, police said.

"We came out without informing the party. We are afraid of continuous combing operations and also vexed with the party line," Pangi Talso told reporters.

The other Maoists who surrendered were squad member Killo Relli alias Durga, Vantala Babu Rao, Korra Siva, Korra Subbali and Butari Nuka Raju, police said. **PTI**

Maha Govt OK's 3 new Metro corridors

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In a major development initiative taken ahead of the Maharashtra Assembly polls, the BJP-led saffron alliance Government on Tuesday approved three Metro corridors involving 50 km-long route and a cost of ₹24,000 crore.

At a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, the State Cabinet gave a go ahead to the three metro corridors — one of which caters to the people living in south central and south Mumbai and the two others serve the extended suburbs in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR).

While one route will serve parts of eastern and south

Mumbai, the other two routes shall serve the extended suburbs in Thane, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said after the cabinet meeting.

Two of the approved metros cater to the extended northern suburbs of Thane, Kalyan and Talaja — all located in the MMR, while the third okayed metro is for a route between Wadala in south central Mumbai and General Post Office (GPO) in south Mumbai, both points located in the Island city.

Estimated to be built at a cost Rs. 8,000 crore, the Wadala-GPO Metro 11 corridor will be a 14 km-long route. It will be partly elevated and partly underground with 14 stations en route. The stations

are: Wadala RTO, Ganesh Nagar, BPT Hospital (elevated) and Sewri Metro, Hay Bunder, Coal Bunder, Darukhana, Wadi Bunder, Clock Tower, Carnac Bunder and CSMT Metro (all underground).

Slated to be developed at an estimated cost of Rs. 5,000 crore, the Gaimukh-Shivaji Chowk Metro 10 corridor will be 11 km long and it will have five stations en route. The five stations are: Gaimukh, Gaimukh Retibunder, Versova Chaarpatha, Kashi-Mira and Shivaji Chowk in adjoining Thane district.

The Kalyan-Talaja Metro 12 corridor is both longest and costliest among the three metro corridors. Set to cost an estimated cost of Rs 11,000

crore, the 25 km Kalyan-Talaja Metro 12 has 18 stations en route. This metro caters to most important industrial centres in the MMR.

The 18 railway stations in this corridor are: APMC Kalyan, Ganesh Nagar, Pisawali Gaon, Golwari, Dombivli MIDC, Sagaon, Sonarpada, Manpada, Hadutane, Kolegaon, Niljeagan, Wadavali, Bale, Vaklan, Turbhe, Pisawe Depot, Pisawe and Talaja.

According to a government spokesperson, the three new metro corridors are expected to reduce the journey timings by 50 to 75 per cent compared to the road and contribute to shifting of road users to metro by 30 to 35 per cent.

94 SENT TO JAIL UNDER PASA FOR COW SLAUGHTER IN 5 YRS: GUJ CM

Gandhinagar: The Gujarat Government has sent 94 repeat offenders to jail under the Prevention of Anti-Social Activities Act (PASA) for their involvement in crimes related to cow slaughter and transportation of beef in the last five years, the Legislative Assembly was told on Tuesday.

In his written reply to a query of Congress MLA Nathabhai Patel seeking details on the action taken against repeat offenders, CM Rupani, who also handles Home Ministry, said police had identified as many as 310 repeat offenders during December 2013 to November 2018. "Of the 310, 94 persons have been sent to jail under PASA," Rupani said in his reply. Responding to a related question, Rupani said the State had permanently forfeited 370 vehicles involved in illegal transportation of beef, cows and its progeny between Sept 2017 and Dec 2018. **PTI**

Order to deduct salary of primary teachers for not sending selfie withdrawn: UP Govt

Lucknow: The Uttar Pradesh Government on Tuesday said that the order pertaining to deduction of salary of Government primary school teachers for not sending their selfies during the morning assembly to mark their attendance has been withdrawn.

Speaking in the Legislative Council during the Zero Hour on an adjournment notice, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Basic Education Anupama Jaiswal said, "The order pertaining to cutting the day's salary of teachers of government primary schools for not sending their selfie during the morning assembly has been withdrawn."

The matter was raised by Teachers group MLAs Om Prakash Sharma, Hem Singh Pundir and others, who said that the system of sending the selfie has provisions of encouragement and also punishment, which is wrong.

"The people of the villages used to complain that the teachers did not come on time. Hence, the selfie system was implemented in the schools. The government is with the teachers and will never insult them," Jaiswal said.

Earlier this month, primary teachers were asked to mark their presence by clicking a selfie in their school as the authorities looked to address the problem of absenteeism and proxy attendance. **PTI**

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1	GMDA	DESILTING OF RCC BOX DRAINS LEG III & IV(PART) SECTOR DIVIDING ROAD 47/49, SUBASH CHOWK TO VATIKA CHOWK & FROM SUBASH CHOWK UPTO BAGHAPUR DRAIN SECTION (MARBLE MARKET) WITH HIGH POWER SUPER SUCKER MACHINE 180 HP TO 400 HP IN GURUSHPURMARE (INVITED)	20.07.2019 27.07.2019	1.66 LACS	https://www.gmda.gov.in	senZafra2.amta@gmail.com
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3	HSPV GURUGRAM	SHIFTING OF 11KV LINE AND ZOOKA TFF COMING IN THE DIVISION ROAD OF SECTOR-66-67	CLOSING 04.08.2019	250.64 LACS	www.hspa.gov.in	senaga@hspa@gmail.com
4	HSPV GURUGRAM	AMTC OF STAFF QUARTERS IN VARIOUS SECTORS-31, 32, 39, 40, 47, GURUGRAM, REPAIR, PAINTING, WHITE WASH OF ALL THE STAFF QUARTERS IN SECTOR-31, 32, 39, 40, 47, GURUGRAM AND ALL OTHER SECTORS CONTIGUOUS THEREIN	22.07.2019 02.08.2019	42.90 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0124-9805987 senhshah@hspa@gmail.com

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WESTERN RAILWAY

VARIOUS WORKS
Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction), Western Railway, Ratlam (MP) invites offer through e-Tender portal www.ireps.gov.in under one packet system for the following tender: Tender No. RTM/DINL/Dy.CE(C)/86. Name of work: Laying and linking of new broad gauge main line, loops, including points and crossings at various yards, tamping of track, dismantling of existing track, transportation of P.Way material, SKV welding of rails and other miscellaneous works between Dahod yard (including) CH:0.00 and Katwara yard (including) CH: 11320.00 in connection with new BG line project between DHD-IND of Ratlam Division - Western Railway. NIT Cost: ₹ 4,71,64,412.03. EMO: ₹ 3,85,900/-. Bid submission closing & opening date: On 14.08.2019 upto 15:00 hrs & at 15:30 hrs. Instructions to Tenderers: Only e-Offers submitted online through e-tender portal will be considered. Please note that printed offers will not be entertained. The date of tender, terms & conditions and scope of work are uploaded and are available only in electronic format in our website www.ireps.gov.in follow us on twitter.com/WesternRly

Chandrayaan-2 moving in right direction: ISRO

Bengaluru: A day after launching the country's second moon mission, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Tuesday said the Chandrayaan-2 spacecraft is in "good health" and moving in the "right direction".

India had on Monday launched Chandrayaan-2 on board its powerful rocket GSLV-MkIII-M1 from the spaceport of Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh with the aim of landing a rover in the unexplored lunar south pole.

The 3,850 kg Chandrayaan-2, a three-module spacecraft comprising orbiter, lander and rover, has been injected into the earth's orbit. It will be subjected to a series of orbit manoeuvres in the coming weeks to take it to the vicinity of moon, with the rover soft landing planned on September 7.

"The Chandrayaan-2 is in good health. There is no doubt about it. It is moving in the right direction," an official of the Bengaluru-headquartered ISRO told PTI here.



He said at present, no updates on the mission have been made because there is no need for it at this juncture.

"However, there is a little milestone which we will not reveal now, but will update when the right time comes," the official said.

In a giant leap for the country's ambitious low-cost space programme, ISRO has undertaken the most complex and its prestigious mission ever aiming to land the rover on the moon.

If successful, it will make India the fourth country after

Russia, the US and China to pull off a soft landing on the moon.

The ISRO is aiming for a soft landing of the lander (spacecraft) in the South Pole region of the moon where no country has gone so far.

Immediately after Chandrayaan-2's separation from the rocket, the solar array of the spacecraft automatically got deployed and the ISRO Telemetry, Tracking and Command Network at Bengaluru successfully took control of the spacecraft, the ISRO has said. **PTI**

CBI did not examine Himanta in Saradha scam: Rajeev Kumar to HC

Kolkata: Former Kolkata Police Commissioner Rajeev Kumar told the Calcutta High Court on Tuesday that the CBI has not examined Assam Finance Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma though his name has cropped up in the Saradha chitfund scam case.

Kumar's counsel Milan Mukherjee submitted before Justice Madhumati Mitra that the IPS officer has, on the other hand, been singled out among 121 officers of the West Bengal government-formed Special Investigation Team (SIT).

Mukherjee submitted that Sarma was not examined by the CBI despite his name having cropped up in the probe by the SIT five years back when the scam was unearthed in 2013.

Mukherjee accused the CBI of mala fide intention to malign his client by picking him for questioning among the 121 officers of the SIT.

Kumar, who was the commissioner of Bidhannagar



Police when the scam broke out, looked after the day to day operations of the SIT.

Kumar has moved the High Court seeking quashing of a CBI notice to him in May for appearing before it for assisting in probing the multi-crore Saradha chitfund scam.

Hearing in the matter was adjourned till Thursday when it will be taken up again. **PTI**

Rajasthan Min says Savarkar was against cow worship, BJP hits back

Jaipur: A Rajasthan Minister has invoked RSS ideologue Veer Savarkar's scepticism over cow worship, triggering protests by the Opposition BJP.

Speaking in the Assembly on Monday night, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Shanti Dhariwal said Savarkar had described the cow as a highly useful animal but added that there was no sense in worshipping.

"A superhuman is worshipped and there is no sense in worshipping an animal," he said, in an apparent reference to Savarkar's views.

The minister's statements invited sharp reaction on

Tuesday from BJP MLA Vasudev Devnani, who alleged that it was an attack on Indian values in which cows are worshipped since long.

"Our sentiments are hurt. The context of Savarkar's views on cows in that time was different to what the minister has said in the house yesterday," Devnani told reporters.

In the Assembly, Dhariwal claimed the current views of the Rashtriya Swyamsevaka Sangh (RSS) about the definition of a Hindu are contradictory to what had been described in Savarkar's book, 'Hindutva'.

The minister criticised

Savarkar's ideology and said the Sangh ideologue's had described Hindus as those whose ancestors were born in India and their holy places are in this country.

Dhariwal said when it is said one has to be a Hindu for living in 'Hindustan', it creates disturbance in the society.

"He (Savarkar) had said that a man cannot be called Hindu whose holy land is in Mecca, Medina, Jerusalem, Israel (or) Rome," Dhariwal said.

The Minister claimed that RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat had now changed the definition of Hindu. **PTI**

Mamata writes to Modi to reverse corporatisation of ordnance factories

Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to stall and reverse the process of corporatising ordnance factories in the interest of national security and the country's defence.

Her missive comes in the backdrop of the Centre's bid to corporatise all the ordnance factories of the country, including the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB), which has its head quarters in Kolkata.

The OFB with its 41 factories, nine training institutes

across the country and about 1.6 lakh officers and employees has often been called the fourth pillar of the Indian Defence apparatus which produces a vast range of arms and equipment for the armed forces, she wrote.

"I am shocked and surprised to know that this vital pillar of the country's defence and this key industrial initiative for our land is now being contemplated to be subjected to a sudden exercise of degovernmentalisation, for which there has been not even an iota of stakeholders' consultations uptill now", she said. **PTI**

We launched moon mission but where's tech for sewer cleaning: Jignesh Mevani

Gandhinagar: Independent MLA Jignesh Mevani on Tuesday challenged Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani to declare any one village 'untouchability-free' before the upcoming Independence Day and maintained the social evil was still prevalent in the state.

Speaking in the legislative Assembly, he came down heavily on the BJP government in Gujarat over the issue of atrocities against Dalits.

Referring to the successful launch of Chandrayaan-2 mission on Monday, Mevani said

while it shows expertise in space, there exists no technology to prevent death of sanitation workers engaged in cleaning sewers or septic tanks.

"It is the need of the hour for the government to visit villages where Dalits are subjected to untouchability and discrimination such as not allowing them to fetch water from common well. The government should book the guilty under the Protection of Civil Rights Act. But, the sad part is that no offence is registered," the Dalit leader said. The MLA from

Vadgam in Banaskantha district was speaking on his 'cut-motion' moved against the budgetary demands of the Social Justice and Empowerment department.

"Whenever an incident of atrocity takes place, media persons ask me 'when will I visit that place'. Now, it is my humble appeal to Vijay Rupani, known to be a sarva-mitra (friend of all), to be a 'Dalit-mitra' and visit such places.

"I want him to declare any one village of Gujarat untouchability-free before August 15," he said. **PTI**

PAYAL TADVI SUICIDE CASE

Police file chargesheet naming 3 woman doctors

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Two months after a post graduate medical student Payal Tadvi of Topiwala National Medical College allegedly committed suicide in her hostel room, the Mumbai police crime branch sleuths on Tuesday filed a voluminous chargesheet against three accused doctors booked for alleged caste-based discrimination and abetment of suicide.

Confirming that the investigators had filed the chargesheet in the alleged Payal Tadvi suicide case, Advocate for Tadvi's family, Gunratna Sadavarte said: "The police submitted the chargesheet today. The matter will now come up for hearing before Justice DS Naidu at the Bombay High Court on Thursday."

The three doctors who have been named in the 1,600-page chargesheet are Anika Khandelwal, Bhakti Mehare and Hema Ahuja, who have been in the police custody ever since their arrest on May 28-29, 2019.

Earlier in the day, Special Public Prosecutor (SPP) Raja Thakre told the Bombay High Court that the charge-sheet in the Payal Tadvi suicide case would be filed either later in the day or on Wednesday. "We will file the chargesheet either by the end of the day today or by tomorrow," Thakre informed the court.

Justice DS Naidu was hearing the bail application moved by three accused seeking bail in the case. A Sessions Court had earlier rejected the bail plea filed by the three accused.

A second-year PG student of Gynaecology and Obstetrics at the Topiwala National Medical College, attached to the BYL Nair Hospital, Payal (26) was found hanging in her hostel room that she shared with three other students on

have been charged under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, Maharashtra Prohibition of Ragging Act and abetment of suicide, destruction of evidence and common intent under the Indian Penal Code.

The victim student's husband Salman and mother Abida Salim have accused three senior women doctors of discriminating, harassing and torturing Tadvi. They have demanded "strictest action" against the three women doctors.

In their chargesheet, the investigators have incorporated the statements of Payal's colleagues, other staff members and seniors in the hospital. Among the crucial pieces of evidence submitted by the police is the statement of Payal's friend Snehal who has told the police that her friend was being victimised and harassed by the accused doctors on the basis of on her admission as a student from a Scheduled Tribe, the Bhil Tadvi community.

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY

General Public is hereby informed that one male **Namely: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, Address: Unknown** was found dead at Metro Pillar No. 711, Footpath, Village Tikri Kalan, Mundka, Delhi on 07.07.2019 at 04:51 PM. In this regard a case has been lodged vide FIR/DD No. 245/19 u/s 279/304-A IPC dated 07.07.2019 at P.S. Mundka, Delhi. The description of the dead person is as under: **Age: Approx 52 years, Sex: Male, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Sallow, Wearing: Shirt-Paint and white Patka on head.** If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned. **SHO P.S. Mundka, Delhi DP/2489/OD/19 Ph.: 8586932309, 7065036126**

NORTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Office of the Executive Engineer (M-I)-RZ
Road No. 44, Village Pitam Pura, Delhi-110034
E.E.(M-I)-RZ/TC/2019-20/13 Dated: 22.07.2019

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
Date of Start for Sale of Tender Document : 22.07.2019 at 14:00 PM
Last Date of Download of Tender Document : 05.08.2019 upto 14:00 PM
Last Date of Bid Submission : 06.08.2019 upto 15:00 PM
Opening of Financial Bid : 07.08.2019 at 15:15 PM

S. No. 1. Name of work: Improvement and Development of lanes by pdg by RMC from Barat Ghar to PWD Road, behind Barat Ghar, in front of Barat Ghar and Behind workshop in Mangolpur Khurd Village in Ward no. 54-N, Mangolpur, M-I/RZ. **Head of account:** XL-VIII-(S/d) **Tender Amount:** Rs. 78,40,423/- **Earnest Money:** Rs. 1,69,550/- **Time of Completion:** 6 Months **Rates hold goods for:** 6 Months **Cost of Tender:** Rs. 1000/- **Tender No.:** 1/30/1

Tender document can be downloaded online on website <http://www.tenderwizard.com/NORTHDMCETENDER> and also available on the website <http://www.tenderwizard.com/NORTHDMCETENDER> For bidding by approved and eligible contractors, details of NIT can be seen on website.

RO No. 42/DPI/North/2018-19 Executive Engineer (M-I)RZ

WESTERN RAILWAY

CONSTRUCTION OF 6TH LINE BETWEEN MUMBAI CENTRAL TO BORIVALI STATIONS
Deputy Chief Engineer (Const)II, Western Railway, 8th Floor, Station Building, Churchgate, Mumbai 400020 invites offer through e-Tender portal www.ireps.gov.in under Two Packet System for the following tender. Tender No. Dy.CE(C)/CCG/323(R). Name of work: Supplying and stacking machine crushed stone ballast 50mm size as per RSDO specification (IRS-GE-I June 2014) at nominated locations in the section between Bandra Terminus to Borivali stations of Mumbai Division, Western Railway in connection with construction of 6th line between Mumbai Central to Borivali stations of Mumbai Division of Western Railway. **Cost of tender document:** ₹ 10,000/- **NIT Cost:** ₹ 11,35,13,200/- **EMD:** ₹ 7,17,600/- **Bid Starting date:** 30.07.2019. **Bid submission closing & opening date:** On 13.08.2019 upto 15:00 hrs & at 15:30 hrs. **Instructions to Tenderers:** Only e-Offers submitted online through e-tender portal will be considered. Please note that printed offers will not be entertained. The date of tender, terms & conditions and scope of work are uploaded and are available only in electronic format in our website www.ireps.gov.in follow us on twitter.com/WesternRly

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(Awinash Chandra) Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-II DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, DELHI

4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001
E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE Dated: 10-07-2019
R.C. No. 242/2018
Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd. Vs. M/s Arth Real Developers (MP) Pvt. Ltd.
ORDER
As per my order dated 10-07-2019 the under mentioned properties will be sold by public e-auction sale on 23-08-2019 in the said Recovery Certificate. The auction sale will be "online e-auctioning" through website <https://drt.auctiontiger.net>
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Revenue assessed upon the property or any part thereof: Not known
Details of any encumbrance to which property is liable: Not known
Claims, if any, which have been put forward to the property, and any other known particulars bearing on its nature and value.
Matter be listed on 14.08.2019 for filing affidavit of service of E-auction sale notice with proofs of service (including track results qua speed post and courier) and dast, original proofs of publication in newspapers and wider publicity including website for the purpose of e-auction.
(Awinash Chandra) Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi

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Amendment Notice

Pursuant to queries/observations raised by various intending bidders, the clarifications/amendments to e-NIT 33 of 2019 dated 29.05.2019 (installation of CCTV Surveillance System at Police Stations and Police Posts of J&K State) are hereby ordered as detailed out in Annexure "I" of this notice. All the intending bidders may login to J&K State e-procurement portal www.jktenders.gov.in on tender id 2019_DGPJK_77628_17 for details.

The other terms and conditions of the NIT shall remain the same.

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

No: DIPK-NB-1849/19
Dated: 23.07.2019

अखिल भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान संस्थान, रायपुर (प.ग.)
All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Raipur (C.G.)
Tatibandh, G.E. Road, Raipur-492 099 (CG) (www.aiimsraipur.edu.in)
No. AIIMS-RPR/Rect. & Advt. Cell/2019/1573, Date: 22-07-2019
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Tender Title	EMD Cost	Published on CPPP/Website	Pre-bid Meeting date	Closing date
Annual Rate Contract for Supply of Suture Material at AIIMS Raipur	₹ 10,74,000.00	20-07-2019	07-08-2019 at 3:30 PM	19-08-2019 at 03:00 PM
Two Year Rate Contract of Dual connector Injector Syringe 190 ml with QFT for Radiodiagnosis Department at AIIMS Raipur	₹ 91,000.00	20-07-2019	30-07-2019 at 3:30 PM	20-08-2019 at 06:00 PM

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Executive Engineer (BM-III)
Palika Parking, New Delhi-110001
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ID No. : 2019_NDMC_176725_1
Name of Work : Improvement to Vidyt Bhawan.
SH : Renovation/Modification of Block A,B,C Vidyt Bhawan office Complex at Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Road (Composite Work).
Estimated Cost : Rs. 24,22,19,423/- (Civil Rs. 15,27,63,227/- + Electrical Rs. 7,83,42,701/- + Fire Rs. 1,11,13,495/-)
Date of release of tender through e-procurement solution : 20.07.2019
Date of Pre-Bid Meeting on 26.07.2019 at 3:00PM in the Chamber of CE(C-II) 16.
Floor Room No. 1601, Palika Kendra, New Delhi.

PAPER WITH PASSION

Trumping policy

By proposing mediation in Kashmir, the US President has clearly gone a bit too far this time



Going over the US President Donald Trump's latest missive against India that he wouldn't mind mediating or arbitrating the Kashmir issue, one cannot help but be reminded of author Lewis Carroll's famous observation. "Who in the world am I? Ah, that's the great puzzle," his protagonist asks this question of herself in *Alice in Wonderland*, just after she had grown to a giant size and frightened the White Rabbit away. Yes, Trump has been upending prevalent diplomatic norms across the world and assigning himself the role of a

global peace-maker but in the process now runs the real danger of upsetting allies and emergent powers and ignoring the layered complexities of Southeast Asia. And India, now, quite frankly is being too easily tossed about as a thorn in the flesh despite its strategic value to US interests. So India was literally taken aback by Trump's claim that he had had a talk with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Kashmir, who, the US President implied, was quite amenable to the idea of his intervention. Of course, India was quick to clarify its position that the subject was never a part of the discussion at the G-20 talks where the two leaders met, that it continued to be a bilateral issue and that talks were only possible in the event of a cessation of cross-border terrorism by Pakistan. Understandably the US administration spent much of the day calming anxieties, worried by Trump's impromptu observation that only served to highlight his ignorance and misplaced proactiveness. Everybody on Capitol Hill was expectedly worried about burning bridges with India considering they know it has rejected mediation by other governments for decades, insisted Kashmir was a bilateral issue and has never ever budged on reversing that stand even by a whisker. Lobbyists are worried that the gains in Indo-US relations made over the years by staying out could come under a cloud considering this time Trump went a bit too far in attributing statements to none other than Prime Minister Modi himself.

It is not too difficult to analyse the context of Trump's statement. Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan met him and, considering the negative perception around our neighbour over terror funding and sponsorship and Trump's own statement that he had to literally force its hand on arresting Hafiz Saeed, the US President may have felt the need to accommodate him a little. Particularly, since Pakistan has a strategic trumpcard in managing the Taliban and a significant role in the Afghan peace process where the US is invested too. India, so far, is against direct talks with the Taliban. So if this remark was indeed meant to be a pressure tactic, it is definitely nothing but a cheap shot. Also, Khan had not too warm a welcome in the US and Trump may have humoured him. There is no need to mention the brownie points that Pakistan would naturally score from this statement as it has always welcomed an external mediator. But Trump's offer, coming as it does post-Balakot, with the US claiming to have pulled back both nations from an escalation of hostilities, now seems like favouring Pakistan at India's expense and a return to the old line. It is said that Trump's meeting with Khan was reportedly arranged through the Saudi crown prince, Mohammed bin Salman, who also had a hand in quelling sensitivities post-Balakot and neutralised a few trust issues that the US has with Pakistan. Apparently, US media reports said he had used his friendship with Jared Kushner, Trump's son-in-law, to help arrange the meeting. So desperate is Khan for American investment that he even claimed that Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) had led the US to the hideout of Osama bin Laden, reversing years of official denial. Whatever may be the US nationalist, protectionist and selfish concerns and our understanding of Trump's need to serve his constituency, the pressure points cannot be so much as to undo years of progress made in the Bush through Obama years. As it is we are dealing with the US blowback on new defence deals with Russia and sanctions on crude oil from Iran. Trump may feel that his diplomatic unpredictability with North Korea, walking out from the 2015 Paris climate agreement and withdrawing from the deal with Iran may change geopolitics. But when he overcooks it, which he has clearly done with India this time around, the consequences can only affect Indo-US relations.

India's golden girl

Hima Das is making waves at international meets but we must keep expectations in check as she has to peak standards



The news that Hima Das won a string of athletic meets during the European summer season was heartening. The girl from Assam, who watched from afar as her State was ravaged by floods and even donated her winnings to emergency funds for river refugees, is making headlines. Yet Das, who came into prominence after winning the 400 metre sprint at the Under-20 Championships last summer and won four straight 200 metre events in Europe just now, has not qualified for the International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF) World Championships that take place later this summer. Das might have won plaudits but the fact is that her timings are not good enough for the big leagues. Much work remains to be done for her and several other Indian athletes, including sprinter Dutee Chand. Muhamed Anas, sprinter in the men's 400 metres, has, however, qualified for the World Championships. The tremendous media hype around Das, therefore, should be a bit tempered.

That said, Das is the first female athlete in ages who has the Indian public engrossed in athletics. For years at major international competitions like the IAAF World Championships and the Olympics, Indian athletes did not register even as a blip among the competitors, truly a matter of shame for this vast nation, one that has tremendous potential. Like Das, young javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra is making waves in his event and should be a shoo-in to qualify for both the World Championships and the Tokyo Olympics. His athletic prowess has been built on the back of intense training and competition, particularly abroad. It is, therefore, vital that Das keeps on attending meets abroad where she will get some good competition. And hopefully, her ambitions to qualify for the World Championships in Doha and for the Tokyo Olympics come true and not just that, she progresses and becomes even better as she gets into the prime of her career in the next half-decade. Most sprinters peak in their late 20s and Das is just 19. Credit must also go to the tremendous work put in by the Sports Ministry and the Khelo India and Olympic Gold Quest programmes, which have nourished young athletes and are building a credible contingent of talent across disciplines who can go out there and win medals. Athletes like Das will play a critical role in ensuring that India does not make up the numbers at global meets or is ranked at the bottom of the medals tally. Onwards and upwards towards Gold.

Further, she also transformed the public transport system. The many expressways, flyovers, roads and elegant roundabouts that were built during the time when she served as three-time Chief Minister of Delhi have led to hassle-free access to public transport. Although, the staging of the Commonwealth Games in Delhi during her tenure was marked by

Mired in controversy

With debates on the merits and demerits of triple *talaq* an ongoing process, the shadow of the famous Shah Bano case has some lessons for us



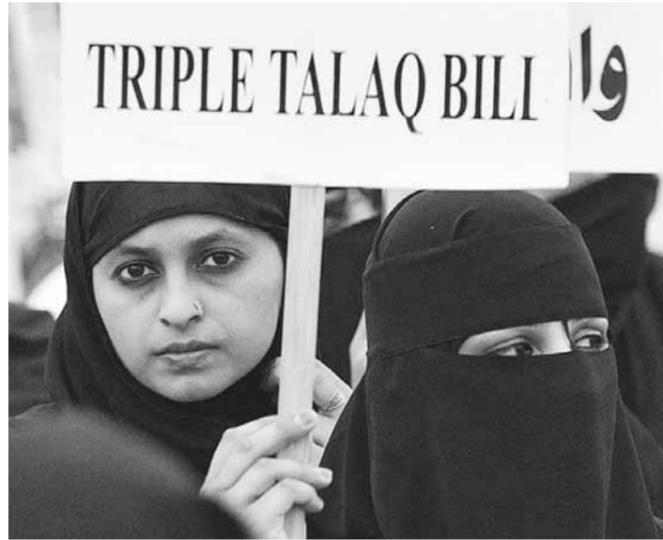
FASIHUR RAHMAN

With debates on triple *talaq* an ongoing process, the Shah Bano case resurfaces time and again not only in Parliament but even in the media. Recently, during an interview with a news portal, a former Union Minister described the Shah Bano case as being related to triple *talaq*. Although the latter did surface during the parliamentary debate on the Shah Bano case, it was not an issue and the judgement did not say a word on triple *talaq*. The core issue in the said case was related to the provision of "maintenance" by a Muslim husband after he divorced his wife. Being a witness to this debate in the Lok Sabha, I was prompted to write on this subject.

Mohammad Ahmad, a resident of Indore, Madhya Pradesh, divorced his 62-year-old wife, Shah Bano, in 1978. The case was finally heard by the Supreme Court in April 1985. The court ruled that under Section 125 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), a divorced Muslim woman was entitled to receive maintenance from her husband. The court also observed that Section 125 overrides the personal law. The court, while referring to interpretation of Verses (Aiyats) 241 and 242 of the *Quran*, contended that "there is an obligation on Muslim husbands to provide for their divorced wives." The court observed that: "It is also a matter of regret that Article 44 of our Constitution has remained a dead letter." It provides that: "The State shall endeavour to secure for the citizens a uniform civil code throughout the territory of India..." (Mohd Ahmad Khan vs Shah Bano Begum, 1985). On May 10, 1985, GM Banatwala, the then Member of Parliament from the Muslim League, moved the Code of Criminal Procedure Bill for amendment of Section 125 and 127. Speaking on the Bill, Banatwala argued that "under Islamic law, a husband is bound to maintain a divorced wife only during the period of *iddat*, which is nearly three months and not thereafter."

Arif Mohammad Khan of the Congress and the then Union Minister supported the Supreme Court judgement. A few weeks later there was a wave of protest in States such as Kolkata, Patna, Mumbai, Delhi, Kanpur and Hyderabad among others. "One must admit", conceded Asghar Ali Engineer, a social activist and the then director of the Institute of Islamic Studies, that this "agitation is the biggest ever launched by Muslims in post-independent India" and that "another parallel is impossible to find."

A 19-member delegation of the All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB), led by former president Maulana Abul Hasan Ali Hasani Nadwi, met the then Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and handed over a memorandum stating: "The Muslim community regards this judgement of the Supreme Court as a clear interference with the *Shariat* (Muslim personal law) and their freedom of religion and conscience contained in the Articles 25, 26 and 29 of the Constitution...The Supreme Court in its



judgement has misinterpreted two isolated verses of the *Quran*, quoted by it out of context, and has ignored other verses..."

Ziaur Rahman Ansari, the then Union Minister of State for Environment, during his three-hour speech (delivered in two parts) in the Lok Sabha, lambasted the court's judgement and described it as prejudice, discriminatory and full of contradictions. He wondered how there is going to be a complete national integration by merely changing the Muslim personal law.

After Rahman's intervention, no one from the Congress opposed his views in Parliament despite the persistent Opposition from its MPs, who were in support of the judgement. Tahir Mahmood, then a teaching faculty at the Delhi University observed: "The provision of modern Hindu law that a Hindu wife, who ceases to be Hindu (by conversion to Islam or Christianity) cannot claim maintenance from her Hindu husband (Hindu Adoption and Maintenance Act 1956, Section 18 read with Section 24) is too progressive to earn any criticism. But the rule of Muslim law that a wife, who has been subjected by her husband to the indignity of divorce, need not look to him for maintenance beyond a certain limit must earn strictures in foul language." Is this, indeed logical?

On the contrary, Shailendra Nath Ghosh, in an article (April 5, 1986) claimed: "While Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Turkey, Libya, Qatar, Indonesia, Sudan, Tunisia, Jordan, Syria, Yemen and even Pakistan have made new marriage, divorce and compensation laws, Indian Muslims persist in

defending practices..." He wondered if the prevailing practices are just the opposite of the teachings of the *Quran* and *Hadith*.

Prof Mahmood, an authority on Islamic law, who was also quoted in the Shah Bano case judgement, asserts: "If anybody has said that a Muslim woman in any of the Islamic countries can seek maintenance from her former husband after the expiry of the period of *iddat* with or without the help of the court, it is absolutely baseless." (*Sunday Observer*, March 9, 1986).

Ahmad Hasan, quoting an expert opinion from the Ministry of Justice of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), contends that, "...living allowance given to a woman after divorce extends up to three months. This has been an accepted fact all through the Islamic history. All well-known schools of Islamic law are unanimous on this" (March 9, 1986). Another researcher, Nadia Barakat from the Ministry of Justice, UAE, known for her contribution to "family laws", maintains: "...[A]ccording to jurists, the Quranic injunction '*Tasreeh bin Ahsan*' did provide for a compensation amount. (However) it was left to the Muslim judge...to rule how much compensation should be payable to a woman who, in the opinion of the judge, does not have any means to support herself. This, of course, did not apply to a divorced woman who had relatives capable of supporting her (March 9, 1986).

After a great deal of consultation with the Muslim intellectuals, academia, the Muslim Personal Law Board (MPLB)

members, particularly Maulana Abul Hasan Ali Nadwi, then president of MPLB as also Muslim MPs, Rajiv Gandhi decided to introduce the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Divorce) Bill. It intended to exclude the former husband of a divorced Muslim woman from the liability of maintaining her beyond the three months of *iddat* and instead said that it should be maintained by her father or brother. It excluded the Muslim women from Section 125 and 127 of the CrPC to ensure that the apex court judgment on Shah Bano case did not apply to them. Amid strong resentment from a section of members from the then ruling Congress as well as Opposition parties, the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha on May 5, 1986.

While Arif Mohammad Khan resigned from the Council of Ministers in protest against the introduction of the Bill, several heads rolled to check the dissonance in the Congress. Justice VR Krishna Iyer, retired judge of the Supreme Court, in a letter dated February 29, 1986, to Rajiv Gandhi wrote: "The Bill is a sin against the *Quran*. Many Islamic scholars hold that the Quranic command to husbands to pay upkeep expenses to a divorcee beyond *iddat* is clear."

The outpouring sympathy shown by non-Muslims for Muslim women was seen with scepticism and suspicion rather than appreciation. There were claims by many that the Supreme Court judgement in the Shah Bano case will enhance secular-

ism and national integration in the country. Asghar Ali Engineer argued that the Shah Bano case had adversely affected the Hindu-Muslim relations besides causing harm to secularism. Justice VR Krishna Iyer, in a letter dated February 28, 1986, to Prime Minister wrote, "The best gift for national integration and incendiary communalism is the anti-secular, anti-Shah Bano Amendment Bill now under way. Please desist."

Mahmood argued: "There are maintenance provisions also in the Hindu law enactments (1955-56), Hindu Adoption and Maintenance Act (1956). The CrPC has not repealed them. Nobody has ever regarded the maintenance law under the Hindu law statutes as unconstitutional. How can, then, a codified Muslim law on maintenance be called unconstitutional? Similarly, if special laws applicable to Hindus do not make them 'separatists', how can a special law enacted for the Muslims make the Muslims 'separatists'?"

Pondering on the issue of national integration and citing examples of some of the past Acts, Rajshakar, an eminent journalist, questioned the rationale for adhering to religious identity. When the Hindu Marriage Act was passed in 1955 and the Hindu Succession Act in 1956; there was already an Indian Succession Act. If the intention then was for Common Civil Code, they could have straight away called the Hindu Marriage Act as the "Indian" Marriage Act and the "Indian" Succession Act with suitable amendments if necessary. This would have taken care of all Indians. Still, they passed the Hindu Marriage Act and the Hindu Succession Act exclusively for themselves. Where was their sense of "national integration" at that time?

Describing the merits and shortfalls of the Muslim Women Act, Prof Mahmood wrote: "The Muslim Women Act... does not leave divorced Muslim women in a 'total state of vagrancy' or to 'beg from door to door', as is claimed by some of its critics. ... Under the 1986 Act, a Muslim divorced woman can be awarded by the criminal courts ₹50,000 (or five lakh or more, there being no statutory ceiling) — as a lump sum or payable in instalments — never to be re-opened in a civil court." Yet, it is believed, said and propagated that the Act has "taken away" from Muslim women all that the CrPC had "given" them along with other women and has left them to "beg" from "door to door."

(The writer is author of *Wings of Destiny: Ziaur Rahman Ansari-A Life*)

SOUNDBITE

It's not BJP leaders who backstabbed me but the rebels in Mumbai. Do not worry, they will do the same to all of you.

Congress leader —DK Shivakumar



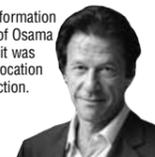
It's the beautiful and powerful story that called out to me in a way that made me want to act in it (*Natkhat*) and also turn producer.

Actor —Vidya Balan



It was ISI that gave the information which led to the location of Osama bin Laden. If you ask CIA it was ISI which gave the initial location through the phone connection.

Pakistan Prime Minister —Imran Khan



Despite the Government refuting the idea of third party mediation on J&K, the disclosure made by Trump marks a huge policy shift.

PDP chief —Mehbooba Mufti



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Job well done

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "India on the Moon" (July 23). It is often said, "do not ask for the moon", meaning, one should not make requests or demands that are perceived to be extraordinary, unreasonable or difficult to accede. With India on the moon, thanks to the successful launch of Chandrayaan-2, we can surely ask for the moon. The launch has proved that nothing is impossible. Every single person, who worked for the mission, deserves praise.

VS Jayaraman
Chennai

Architect of Delhi

Sir — This refers to the report, "Sheila Dikshit: A requiem" (July 21) by Chandan Mitra. In the passing away of Sheila Dikshit, we have lost a person with rare acumen and ability, who transformed the capital into a vibrant and modern city. Her contribution to the development of Delhi was immense and she can rightly be called the architect of modern Delhi.

Sonbhadra's story of neglect

Tucked between the Vindhya and Kaimur hills, Sonbhadra, a district in Uttar Pradesh, was the Switzerland of India for former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. Sadly, over the years, it quietly turned into a feared den of land mafia and goons. Using fudged revenue documents, these unscrupulous land-grabbers indulged in capturing vast stretches of lands from hapless Adivasis relentlessly. Gram Pradhan Yagya Dutt, who had acquired a cultivable land from a senior civil servant and had only fudged revenue records with him, brought some 200 armed men on tractors to take its illegal possession. When the tribal tillers protested the forcible occupation, Dutt's men fired at them indiscriminately.

Ghorawal Tehsil, where the 10 Adivasi farmers were gunned down in cold blood, is testimony to the ruthlessness of the feudal land mafia that has flourished in the State. Jallianwala Bagh in Amritsar was a public garden walled on all sides. Brigadier-General Reginald Dyer and his troops entered the garden, took



position on a raised bank and fired rifles on the unsuspecting crowd gathered there until the ammunition supply was exhausted. India wept over the Amritsar massacre inconspicuously for decades. Alas, the Sonbhadra carnage evoked just a whimper, the polarised polity in independent India seemed to be too eager to brush it aside too hastily.

Haridasan Rajan
Kozhikode

Further, she also transformed the public transport system. The many expressways, flyovers, roads and elegant roundabouts that were built during the time when she served as three-time Chief Minister of Delhi have led to hassle-free access to public transport. Although, the staging of the Commonwealth Games in Delhi during her tenure was marked by

some controversies, she will be remembered as one of the best performing Chief Ministers that the country had.

The fact that scores of people turned up to pay homage to her indicates that she will be remembered as an affectionate and a humble person.

Devendra Khurana
Bhopal

The real transformer

Sir — This refers to the report, "Sheila Dikshit: A requiem" (July 21) by Chandan Mitra. Senior Congress leader and three-term Chief Minister of Delhi Sheila Dikshit can be called a "transformer" of Delhi. It used to be a full-fledged Union Territory till

1991 and even today has multiple power centres, but she was able to manage Delhi much better than many others who held power before she took over the reins in 1998.

Gujarat used to be touted as the best governed State under Narendra Modi, but unlike Delhi, the State did not face the problem of people migrating in large numbers. Unlike other homogenous States, Delhi has become the residence of people from all across the country and she did struggle to handle the law and order as the Delhi Police continued to be under the Central Government.

Later, many unsubstantiated allegations of corruption against her over the 2010 Commonwealth Games spoilt her clean image. She was lucky as during her term, she had the support of the then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and then Manmohan Singh, unlike the present Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, who continues to face hostilities from the powers that be.

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FIRST COLUMN

The last PM of a 'united' kingdom?

The British are living in interesting times. Their Government, now headed by Boris Johnson, is hell-bent to drag the UK out of the EU



GWYNNE DYER

It has been suggested that Boris Johnson (who became the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom yesterday) is what you would get if US President Donald Trump had been educated at Eton and Oxford. Maybe, although there is a great gulf between Trump's bombastic self-promotion and Johnson's self-deprecating, rather shambolic persona. There is such a thing as a national style and Trump's shtick would fail as badly in Britain as Johnson's would in the US. But questions of style aside, the two men are almost identical.

They are both inveterate, shameless liars. They are both what lay people call narcissists and the experts call "sociopaths": Men (they are mostly men), who accumulate numerous wives, girlfriends and children as they go through life but never really engage with anybody. And neither of them has any real purpose in politics.

They are quite good at winning and they target the same sector of the electorate: Older, less well-educated people, frightened about their economic future and often racist. Some of those who support them, are none of those things, of course, but the courting of White nationalists by both men is unmistakable. The shriek of the dog-whistles is deafening. What Trump and Johnson conspicuously lack is a set of objectives that goes beyond merely winning and keeping power. Trump's determination to expunge every trace of Obama's legacy (healthcare and the Iran deal among other things) gives him a kind of agenda but an entirely negative one. Boris Johnson doesn't even have that. His only role in British politics is to save the Conservative Party by "delivering" Brexit.

Johnson wouldn't be in the Downing Street today if there had not been an election in Britain two months ago. It was only an election for the European Parliament, but Britain had to vote in it because it still hadn't left the European Union (EU) despite two postponements. The EU election did, however, give British voters an opportunity to express their views on Brexit and it was catastrophic for the Conservatives. On the whole, the vote split pretty evenly between pro-Leave and pro-Remain parties, but the Conservatives came fifth, behind the Greens and just ahead of the Monster Raving Loony Party.

Panic at Conservative headquarters! Their traditional voters are mostly Leavers and they are so angry at their party for failing to get the job done, three full years after the referendum, that they are abandoning it for Nigel Farage's newly formed Brexit Party. If there is a national election in the UK, the Conservatives will be wiped out — and given the deadlock in Parliament, an early election is quite likely. So where's Boris when we need him? We all know that he's lazy, feckless, insanely ambitious, utterly unprincipled and liable to make huge mistakes but we desperately need to rally the troops and he's the one they love.

Boris generously agreed to help the party out, so they unceremoniously dumped Prime Minister Theresa May and set up a contest for a new party leader that Johnson was bound to win. That automatically makes him Prime Minister as well, but he may be the last Prime Minister of a genuinely 'united' kingdom. Johnson can only succeed by taking Britain out of the EU by October 31. He swears that he can get a better exit deal than May negotiated (which Parliament refused to pass three times), but the EU says no further negotiations are possible. He could try the traditional remedy of shouting loudly at them in English, but it may not succeed.

If that doesn't work, he says he'll take the UK out of the EU anyway, without a deal. That would inflict serious economic hardship on the British population but true Brexiters reckon that's a small price to pay for leaving an organisation they detest. Half the English population doesn't agree — and two-thirds of the Scots voted Remain. If a largely English Government drags the UK out of the EU and into economic misery, then the Scots will probably decide to leave the UK and stay in the EU. The Scottish National Party is already promising another referendum on the question.

What happens in Northern Ireland with a no-deal exit from the EU and a 'hard border' between the North and the Republic is harder to predict. The shooting and bombing could start up again, or there could be a bitterly fought referendum on a united Ireland, or hopefully something less dramatic than either of those options would happen. But it will not stay the same. So there's rather a lot at stake, including the 300-year-old Union, and the man in charge is the farthest thing imaginable from a safe pair of hands. "Boris is the life and soul of the party, but he's not the man you want to drive you home at the end of the evening," as Energy Minister Amber Rudd put it recently. If Parliament can stop Johnson from doing a no-deal Brexit, of course, then none of this comes to pass. But it's not at all certain that Parliament can do that. The British are living in interesting times.

(The writer's new book is *Growing Pains, the Future of Democracy and Work*)

POINT COUNTERPOINT

PRESIDENT TRUMP SAYS PM MODI ASKED HIM TO MEDIATE BETWEEN INDIA & PAKISTAN ON KASHMIR! IF TRUE, PM MODI HAS BETRAYED INDIA'S INTERESTS.

—CONGRESS PRESIDENT

RAHUL GANDHI



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HIMA KOTA

In India, start-ups are growing at an astounding rate with a record fund raising of \$3.9 billion for the first six months of 2019. Last year, they clocked more than 100 per cent growth with funding doubling from \$2 billion to \$4.2 billion, from 2017 to 2018, according to NASSCOM. The country is on its way to becoming a start-up hub with more than 1,200 new businesses coming into existence in 2018, including eight unicorns, thus taking the total number to 7,200 start-ups last year. When compared to the first six months, investments this year across 292 deals saw a 44.4 per cent jump from the \$2.7 billion received by domestic start-ups in the first half of 2018, according to Venture Intelligence.

Private funding through private markets like equity, venture capital and angel investing, is the reason for this phenomenal growth of start-ups in India. In the past, private firms often went public when their need for capital exceeded what investors could provide. However, in the last decade, firms have found a good alternative in private markets. This because of two reasons. First, drawn by the potential of high returns, more investors have entered the space, thus creating an influx of available capital. This has in turn altered the trajectory of private companies because they are no longer forced to raise capital on public markets. Second, as more investors pour money into private markets, it has now become easier for new private companies to get funding needed for growth. As a result, there has been a sharp influx in the number of Venture Capital (VC)-backed startups and PE-backed companies in recent years. In other words, as more money flows into this space and as more firms stay within, private markets will continue to grow in value and opportunity.

Even though the private funding market is booming, it is not easy for start-ups to raise funds. They require several things — capital, strategic assistance and introduction to potential customers, partners and employees among other things. Entrepreneurs will be better prepared to obtain funding if among other things, they understand the basic difference between distinctive type of private funding available. VC is the finance that investors provide to start-up companies and small businesses. These are believed to have long-term growth potential and can be provided at different stages of the companies evolution. VC generally comes from well-off investors, investment banks and any other financial institutions. However, it does not always take a monetary form; it can also be provided in the form of technical or managerial expertise. It is basically a subset of Private Equity (PE), which focuses on emerging firms seeking substantial funds for the first time. PE tends to fund larger and more established firms that seek an equity infusion or a chance for company founders to transfer some of their ownership stakes. Apart from the stage of investment, PE firms make investments in a few companies only and provide funds to matured firms that have a good record while VC firms make their investments in a large number of small companies, who may not necessarily have the desired track record.

Third, PE investment can be made in any industry as opposed to VC in which investment is made in high growth potential industries like energy conservation, biomedical, quality upgradation, information technology and so on.



Fourth, the risk profile in VC is comparatively higher than PE. Lastly, the use of funds is different in both cases. In PE, funds are utilised in financial or operational restructuring of the vendee company. On the other hand, VC funds are utilised in streamlining business operations by way of developing and launching new products or services.

While the roots of PE can be traced back to the 19th century, the birth place of VC was in the US. It developed as an industry only after the Second World War. Georges Doriot, Harvard Business School professor, is generally considered to be the "Father of VC", who raised \$3.5 million fund to invest in firms that commercialised technologies developed during WWII. ARDC's first investment was in a company that had ambitions to use X-ray technology for cancer treatment. The \$200,000 that Doriot invested turned into \$1.8 million when the firm went public in 1955. In a VC deal, large ownership chunks of a firm are created and sold to a few investors through independent partnerships that are established by VC firms. Sometimes these partnerships consist of a pool of several similar enterprises.

Another important way of raising funds, particularly for small business and companies in emerging industries, is through angel investors, which is typically a diverse group of individuals, who have amassed their wealth through a variety of sources. However, they tend to be entrepreneurs themselves or executives recently retired from the business empires built by them. Self-made investors providing VC typically share several key characteristics. The majority look to invest in companies that are well-managed, have a fully-developed business plan and are poised for substantial growth. These investors are also likely to offer to fund ventures that are involved in the same or similar industries or business sectors with which they are

familiar. If they haven't actually worked in that field, they might have had academic training in it. Another common occurrence among angel investors is co-investing where one angel investor funds a venture alongside a trusted friend or associate, often another angel investor.

Although angel investors and venture capitalists have a number of similarities like catering to innovative start-up businesses, there are also a number of differences between them. First, an angel investor works alone. Venture capitalists are part of a company. Angels are rich, often influential individuals, who choose to invest in high-potential companies in exchange for an equity stake. Given that they are investing their own money and there is always an inherent risk, it's highly unlikely that an angel will invest in a business owner who isn't willing to give away a part of their company. Venture capital firms, on the other hand, comprise a group of professional investors. Their capital comes from individuals, corporations, pension funds and foundations. These investors are known as limited partners. General partners, on the other hand, are those, who work closely with founders or entrepreneurs; they are responsible for managing the fund and ensuring that the company is developing in a healthy way.

Second, they invest different amounts. While angel investing is relatively limited in its financial capacity, this mode of investing can't always finance the full capital requirements of a business. Venture capitalists, on the other hand, can raise large amounts of fund.

Third, they have different responsibilities and motivations. Angel investors are primarily there to offer financial support. While they might provide advice if asked for or introduce to important contacts, they are not obliged to do so. Their level of involvement depends on the wishes of the company and the angel's own inclinations. A venture capitalist looks for a strong

product or service that holds strong competitive advantage, a talented management team and a wide potential market. Once venture capitalists are convinced and have invested, it is then their role to help build successful companies, which is where they add real value. Among other areas, a venture capitalist will help establish a strategy and recruit senior management. He/she will be on hand to advise and act as a sounding board for CEOs. This is all with the aim of helping a company make more money and become more successful.

Fourth, angel investors only park funds in early-stage companies. They specialise in early-stage businesses, funding the late-stage technical development and early market entry. The funds an angel investor provides can make all the difference when it comes to getting a company up and running. Venture capitalists, on the other hand, invest in early-stage companies and more developed firms, depending on the focus of the venture capital firm. If a start-up shows compelling promise and a lot of growth potential, a venture capitalist will be keen to invest.

A venture capitalist will also be eager to invest in a business with a proven track record that can demonstrate it has what it takes to succeed. The venture capitalist then offers funding to allow for rapid development and growth. Lastly, they differ in due diligence. Venture capitalists focus more on due diligence. These are some of the differences between PE, venture capital and angel investors and the decision of which to approach is personal. To improve the odds of securing investment and appealing to an investor, a start-up company should take the time and consideration to create a detailed, compelling pitch. With sufficient luck, it can end up with the financial and entrepreneurial support to skyrocket its business.

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Post debacle, rumour mill has it...

While there has been no consensus on who would succeed outgoing president Rahul Gandhi, speculation is rife that Priyanka Gandhi could be the chosen one. Even if for a moment we believe she does take charge, she will be wearing a crown of thorns



KALYANI SHANKAR

Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra took the lead last week by visiting Uttar Pradesh's Sonbhadra district, where allegedly 10 tribals were gunned down by the village headman over a land dispute. While other Opposition parties like the Samajwadi Party (SP) and the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) were caught napping, Priyanka went ahead with her gamble even as the police stopped her. She responded by saying that she was visiting the village only to commiserate with the affected families. Thereafter, she spent a night at the Mirzapur State guesthouse, refusing to furnish a bail bond.

Senior Congress leader Digvijaya Singh compared her visit to Indira

Gandhi's Belchi visit and tweeted, "Aap ka ye kadam Indira ki Belchi yatra ki yaad dilatha hai. Priyankaji aap sankarsh kare ham sab aap ke saath hai." He was referring to Indira Gandhi's big political moment after her defeat in Bihar where there was a Dalit massacre. She even rode an elephant to reach the village. Priyanka made similar efforts by refusing to return without meeting the affected families and remained in the front-page news for at least two days.

Priyanka's visit has created some cheer in the local Congress as her campaign earlier had lost when she could not even get her brother Rahul Gandhi elected from the family pocket of borough Amethi. The 'Brahmastra', as the party touted her, had misfired. She was lying low until now. But Priyanka has now snatched the first political opportunity with her own Belchi moment. Blaming Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, she held that the shooting was the latest sign of deteriorating law and order in the State. Priyanka's visit was part of her



Uttar Pradesh strategy. Her goal is the 2022 Assembly polls. Now that she has been made the general secretary in charge of the entire State, she is addressing the important issue of how to build up the party. The Congress' impact on past elections for decades — barring 2009 — has been largely marginal. Her tweets and her statements targeted against Chief Minister Adityanath are meant to achieve this goal.

At another level, after futile efforts to make Rahul Gandhi withdraw his resignation, the Congress is reading itself for a post-Gandhi phase. With no

takers outside the family, will the party choose Priyanka to take the place of her brother? For this, she needs the support of the old guard but seniors are upset at the way Priyanka reacted to the 2019 electoral defeat in the Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting on May 25, where she blamed those in that room for the defeat. According to insiders, Priyanka said, Congress "ke hathiyare" are sitting in this room.

This is why there has been a muted response from the old guard. Also, Congress leaders have not pushed her name openly as Rahul Gandhi had said that the party should find someone out-

side the Nehru-Gandhi family for the position. But now, a lobby for Priyanka led by Congress leaders Sriprakash Jaiswal and Bhakta Charan Das has demanded that she be made the next party president.

While the party is dilly-dallying about Rahul's successor, insiders say that the problem appears to be that there's no consensus within the Gandhi family itself. Priyanka is not averse to taking over the party though Sonia Gandhi would like to persuade her son to withdraw his resignation. Moreover, it is not clear what the family will decide.

If chosen as party president, will Priyanka be able to deliver at a time when there is large-scale erosion? This is a difficult time as the party is totally demoralised after the humiliating defeat in the 2019 Lok Sabha election. There is no organisation or second-rung leaders. There is no strategy. She has to spell out what the Congress stands for today. She has to find a new team and also placate the old guard, who are weary of her.

Elections to States like Maharashtra, Jharkhand and

Haryana are due in a few months and the party is still ridden with factionalism, groupism and indiscipline. There are too many issues to be resolved. Moreover, though she is a crowd puller and charismatic, what experience does she have to steer the party during difficult times like these? She has not been tested on her organisational skills nor has she worked at the grassroots level. She became a full-time politician only in the last six months. So she will only be wearing a crown of thorns.

Clamour for Priyanka has gathered steam in recent days after Jaiswal and Das had started it. She may well go on to prove herself at some point in the future, but so far, she has shown none of Indira Gandhi's political skills. The Uttar Pradesh results have proved that there is no Priyanka magic but her supporters dismiss this by pointing out that she came into the scene too late. Ultimately the party cannot live without the family and the family cannot give up its hold over the party. So they are stuck with each other.

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FOREIGN EYE



THE VISION THING

The sterility of our current politics may not last, though it is hard to see how it might end any time soon. What is up for grabs in politics is which party will be at the centre of progressive change in Britain. In terms of its parliamentary weight and policies, Labour has been the most effective vehicle for the fair and just transformation. For Swinson to change that will require a stable base of voters and an attractive bedrock of principles. (The Guardian editorial)

RCom pay default: Contempt plea against Ambani nixed



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal on Tuesday dismissed a contempt petition filed against Reliance Group Chairman Anil Ambani and other officials by minority shareholders alleging non-payment of dues by Reliance Infratel.

A two-member bench headed by NCLAT Chairman Justice S J Mukhopadhyaya, dismissed any contempt plea against Ambani and his officials.

"We have found that no case has been made out for contempt," said NCLAT.

Earlier on July 3, NCLAT had reserved its order saying that it will decide whether the

contempt petition filed by HSBC Daisy Investments (Mauritius) and others should be admitted as Reliance Communications (RCom) is going through insolvency proceedings.

Reliance Infratel, is a subsidiary of RCom, and is presently under corporate insolvency resolution process.

HSBC Daisy had moved the appellate tribunal over alleged default of payment of ₹230 crore by Reliance Infratel.

As per the consent terms of the agreement among Reliance Infratel, HSBC Daisy and others, recorded by the NCLAT in its order dated June 26, 2018, the Anil Ambani-owned firm was to pay the amount in the

following six months.

After the six-month period ended, HSBC Daisy and nine other minority shareholders holding 4.26 per cent stake in Reliance Infratel filed the contempt plea.

The counsel appearing for resolution professional said that as RCom was going through insolvency proceedings and was under the moratorium period under the IBC, it cannot pay money.

In May this year, the Mumbai bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) started the corporate insolvency resolution process of RCom, which has a total bank debt of over ₹50,000 crore.

Jet headquarters' owner Luckystar moves NCLT to get possession

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Luckystar, the owner of Jet's six-storey headquarters in Andheri, on Tuesday moved the National Company Law Tribunal against the interim resolution professional (IRP) seeking possession of the Siroya Centre.

The airline has its registered office in Siroya Centre, located in Andheri suburb of Mumbai, which is worth ₹150 crore.

The counsel for Luckystar alleged that the IRP refused to give back the property, which was leased to Jet Airways, even though the lease agreement terminated due to non-payment on June 7.

He argued the IRP cannot seek protection of the moratorium issued by the tribunal as the lease had ended before the company was admitted under the insolvency process.

The tribunal had initiated insolvency process on the airline on June 20 while the lease was terminated on June 7.

Further, he said that on June 27, they had sent a notice to the airline's IRP, asking him to facilitate repossession of the building. However, goods including computers and files of Jet Airways are still lying in the office premises, he added.

He claimed that the IRP had asked him for the security deposit worth ₹10 crore.

The security deposit amount, he said, according to

the lease agreement was adjusted when the corporate debtor defaulted and the money now belongs to Luckystar.

The building is worth ₹150 crore, he added.

Earlier, mortgage lender HDFC on July 4, had moved the NCLT seeking to keep the Jet Airways headquarters in the Bandra Kurla Complex in Mumbai out of the bankruptcy process.

The HDFC counsel had told NCLT that three floors of the building are mortgaged with the lender.

Meanwhile, in a separate application, the employees' association of Jet Airways moved the tribunal seeking payment of salary backlogs.

The IRP said even one month salary is not possible on the back of running expenses.

The tribunal, comprising judges VP Singh and Ravikumar Duraisamy, asked the IRP for Jet Airways, Ashish Chhawchharia of Grant Thornton India, to discuss employee's salary concerns with the Committee of Creditors (CoC).

The tribunal said even if 100 per cent cannot be paid some amount of the salary have to be given as it is important for the survival of the employees.

The IRP also submitted their second progress report on the resolution process for the airline.

Govt extends due date for filing ITR for 2018-19 by a month till Aug 31

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government on Tuesday extended the due date for filing income tax returns by individuals for financial year 2018-19 by a month till August 31.

Individuals, including salaried taxpayers, and entities — who do not need to get their accounts audited — were required to file their income tax returns for fiscal 2018-19 (Assessment Year 2019-20) by July 31, 2019.

"The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) extends the 'due date' for filing of Income Tax Returns from July 31, 2019 to August 31, 2019 in respect of the said categories of taxpayers," the Finance Ministry said in a statement.

There have been demands for an extension in filing ITR date since issuance of tax deducted at source (TDS) statement for 2018-19 fiscal was delayed.

Income Tax department had last month extended the deadline for employers to issue Form 16 TDS certificate for financial year 2018-19 to its employees by 25 days till July 10.

This left the salaried taxpayers with a limited time-frame of just 20 days to file their income tax returns.

Business Corner



IndianOil's Refineries Headquarters organised an awareness campaign on Swachhhta at COCO, Jangpura for general public and customers visiting the RO. Around 600 persons firmed up their commitment towards Swachhhta by signing a Swachhhta pledge in a five-hour long event. To promote eco-friendly means, jute bags were handed over to general public during the event and encouraged to use them in daily lives



To commemorate the running of the first train in the country between Boribunder and Thane, Indian Railways celebrate the Railway Week Function every year during April. This year Railway celebrates its 64th Annual National Railway Award Function-cum-Railway Exhibition with the inauguration of Rail Mela by Manohar Lal, Chief Minister, Haryana, Suresh C Angadi, Minister of State for Railways and other dignitaries were also present

LS nod to Bill for amending Motor Vehicle law

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

LoK Sabha on Tuesday gave its nod to a bill which seeks to weed out corruption, improve road safety and usher in use of technology to regulate traffic, as the Government assured the House that rights of the states will not be taken away.

The Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2019 was passed by a voice vote.

Several amendments moved by opposition members were also rejected by voice vote.

Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari said he is here "not to show any dream" but to fulfil promises made on better, smoother roads and latest transport technology.

While several members cutting across party lines supported safety and traffic violation aspects of the Bill, they at the same time accused the Centre of trying to take away state's powers with certain provisions of the draft law.

Gadkari said that the Government has no intention to intervene with the power of states.

The bill proposes a National Transportation Policy for ushering guidelines on the

transportation of goods and passengers.

The Minister said it will be framed only after holding consultation with the states.

"We will not take away any power of the states...If some states would not like to adopt that, they would be free to do that. It is not a mandatory policy," he said.

The Minister also announced that the Ministry would end the system of road monitoring being undertaken by independent engineers and it would be carried out by an experts' company.

On initiatives being taken by the Government to give a push to the country's transport sector, he said that soon two-wheeler taxis would be a reality.

This facility will help people living in villages and tehsils.

"We have suggested this to states. It's upto them to accept," Gadkari said.

The minister said several states including Delhi, and Himachal Pradesh are buying electric vehicles for public transportation.

"We are thinking of the poor and not for rich," he said.

He added that work is in full swing to attract domestic and international cruise in Mumbai.

DoT plans to challenge Airtel-Tata Tele merger in top court next month

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The telecom department is planning to challenge merger of Tata Teleservices consumer business with Bharti Airtel in the Supreme Court next month.

"The DoT has not taken merger of Airtel and Tata Teleservices on record. Airtel has operationalised it (the merger) based on an order from the TDSAT. The department is planning to file special leave petition in the Supreme Court against the TDSAT order next month," an official source told PTI.

Airtel declined to comment on the query sent in this regard.

Bharti Airtel on July 1 announced that the consumer mobile business of Tata Teleservices Ltd (TTSL) has now become its part.

The company sources, however, said that telecom tribunal TDSAT had directed the DoT to take the merger on

record.

"The TDSAT had categorically allowed operationalisation of the spectrum and to take all consequential actions for completing the merger. The NCLT approved the scheme and allowed for the filing with the Registrar of Companies within the stipulated period. In line with the orders of the TDSAT and the NCLT, the merger was completed," the company source said.

The confirmation from the Registrar of Companies (RoC) for completion of the merger has also been received by the company, the source said.

The Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal had ordered the Department of Telecommunications to take on record the merger and approval of the schemes of arrangement by Delhi and Mumbai bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).

Outspoken Dy Governor Viral Acharya ends his RBI stint

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Viral Acharya ended his stint as the Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank on Tuesday, after last month's surprise resignation where the outspoken academic chose to cut short his time in office.

Forty-five-year old Acharya will be going back to teach at New York University's Stern School of Business.

Acharya was one of the youngest deputy governors in the Central bank's history and was in charge of the critical monetary policy department which also made him a part of the rate-setting panel.

A Mumbai boy who was born and grew up in the financial capital, Acharya will be most remembered for speaking his mind on protecting the autonomy of the RBI.

His October 2018 speech, warning of the wrath of markets if the Government tramples on it, amid concerns including reports of Government eyeing the RBI's excess reserves, was the rare

occasion when a top official chose to go public with the RBI's concerns.

"Governments that do not respect Central banks independence will sooner or later incur the wrath of financial markets, ignite economic fires, and come to rue the day they undermined an important regulatory institution; their wiser counterparts who invest in Central bank independence will enjoy lower costs of borrowing, the love of international investors, and longer life spans," he had said.

His then-boss, Governor Urjit Patel resigned on December 10, triggering speculation about Acharya following the suit, which was denied.

His work NPA problem wherein his work focused on getting the banks out of the legacy issues which is an ongoing work and a steadfast focus on inflation that earned him the sobriquet of being a policy hawk.

Some experts, however, also question the department under him getting inflation projections wrong, which may

have had delayed the growth-propping rate cuts.

Acharya often resorted to poetry and the creative arts including Bollywood songs, to explain his state of mind on various subjects.

The most memorable would definitely be finding refuge in Ernest Hemingway's melancholic lines before going with the majority view of cutting the rates for the third time in the last meeting of the monetary policy committee he attended.

Quoting Santiago the old fisherman in the novel, Acharya expressed his melancholy in voting with the majority: "It is better to be lucky. But I would rather be exact. Then when luck comes, you are ready."

Quoting Bollywood numbers in speeches was another favourite for Acharya, a passionate singer himself. In his last published speech, he praised S D Burman's minimalistic approach to music in the film "Pyasa" to drive home the concern around excess government borrowing crowding out the private sector.

Govt has no official estimation of black money in country: MoS Finance

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government on Tuesday said there is no official estimation of black money in the country, however, it has taken several concrete steps to crack down on illicit funds.

"There is no official estimation of black money in the country," Minister of State for Finance Anurag Singh Thakur said in a written reply in Parliament.

In 2014, the BJP-led government came to power with a thumping majority and one of the key poll promises was to bring back black money stashed abroad. Also, one of the key objectives enlisted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the November 8, 2016, high-value note ban or demonetisation was to curb the ill-gotten money.

Thakur was responding to a query on estimation of total black money in the country and the reasons behind such amount generation.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that one unknown of male, Age 35 years, Height 5'5", Complexion Wheatish, Oval Face, Thin Built, Wearing White colour sheet was found in unconscious condition to I/C Oskar-23 PCR and admitted in Lok Nayak Hospital, Delhi on 17.07.19 and doctor has declared brought dead. In this regard a vide DD No. 80-A dated 17.07.19 has been lodged has been lodged at PS IP Estate, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved in Moullana Azad Medical Collage Mortuary for 72 hours.

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

SHO
PS: IP Estate, Delhi
Ph.: 23370928, 23378474, 23232294

DP/16461/CD/19

Appeal for Identification

General public is hereby informed that one male Name: Ram Kumar, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: 40 Years, Height: 5'6", Built: Normal, Sex: Male, Complexion: Shallow, Face: Long, ID Mark: Tattoo "OM" on Right Hand, Wearing: Check Shirt & Lower. Place of Recovery: Found dead on 02-07-2019 in the area of P.S. Mukharjee Nagar, Delhi. In this regard FIR/DD No. 09A, dated 02.07.2019 has been lodged at PS Mukharjee Nagar, Delhi. Any clue come to notice please inform undersign.

SHO
PS: Mukharjee Nagar, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27654675, 27654668

DP/9182/NW/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL

General public is hereby informed that one girl namely Komal, D/o Shri Krishan, R/o H.No. 91, Singhalpur, Village Shalimar Bagh, Delhi, Age 19 years, Height 5'3", Complexion Wheatish, Long Face, Thin Built, Wearing Red colour suit & pyjama is missing since 01.07.19. In this regard a vide DD No. 35-A dated 05.07.19 has been lodged at PS Shalimar Bagh, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing girl may kindly inform to the following. SHO
E-mail ID: cbc@cbi.gov.in PS: Shalimar Bagh
Tel: 011-24368638, 24368641 Delhi
Fax: 011-24368639 Ph.: 27495198, 27495527

DP/9169/NW/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL

General public is hereby informed that one girl Namely: Priyanka, D/o Sh. Surender, R/o H.No. 91, Singhal Pur, Village-Shalimar Bagh, Delhi. Age: 21 years, Height: 5', Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Normal, Wearing: Blue Suit and Salwar & Sandal in feet has been missing since 30.06.2019.

In this regard a DD No. 39A dated 01.07.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi.

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

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

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PS: Shalimar Bagh, Delhi
E-Mail: cbc@cbi.gov.in Ph. 011-27495198, 8750870227
Website: http://cbi.nic.in
Fax: 011-24368639 Ph. 011-24368638, 24368641

DP/9167/NW/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL

General public is hereby informed that this girl namely Kajal D/o Ramdev Yadav R/o H.No. 186, Gali No. 7, Than Singh Nagar, Anand Parbat, Delhi Age : 19 years, Height : 5'5", Complexion : Wheatish, Face : Round, Build : Normal, wearing orange colour T-shirt, black colour jeans pant and white colour shoes in feet, has been missing since 21.06.2019 at about 12:30 P.M. from the jurisdiction of P.S. Anand Parbat, Delhi. In this regard a case DD No. 73-A dated 23.06.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Anand Parbat, New Delhi.

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

E-mail: cbc@cbi.gov.in SHO : P.S. Anand Parbat, Delhi
Website: http://cbi.nic.in Ph. : 011-28762468, 28764807
Fax: 24368639, 24368641

DP/16467/CD/19

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Sunita @ Sonia W/o Ram Babu R/o Village-Kediya, Pachhor, Distt- Rajgarh, M.P has Committed (or is suspected to has committed) the offence under FIR No. 159/12 u/s 380/411/34 IPC has been registered at P.S. Bharat Nagar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Sunita @ Sonia cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Sunita @ Sonia has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Sumit Sunita @ Sonia of FIR No. 159/12 u/s 380/411/34 IPC has been registered at P.S. Bharat Nagar, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on 04.09.2019

By order
Ms. Ekta Gauba,
Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate
(North- West) Court No.101, 1st Floor,
Rohini Court, Delhi

DP/9153/NW/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON

General public is hereby informed that a person (depicted in the photo) namely Kuldeep S/o Hemraj R/o P-213, Raghuraj Nagar, New Delhi Aged : 27 years, has been reported missing from his house since 07.07.2019 at about 05:00 P.M. vide DD No. 55A Dated 10.07.2019 lodged at Police Station - Khyala, New Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

Complexion : Wheatish, Height : 5'6", Face : Round, Build : Thin, Clothing : wearing black colour shirt, blue colour pant and red colour slipper in feet.

Any person is having any information or clue about this missing person may inform SHO, Khyala, New Delhi at E-mail: cbc@cbi.gov.in or Website: http://cbi.nic.in, Tele No.: 24368638/24368641, Fax: 24368639.

SHO : P.S. Khyala, New Delhi
Ph. : 011-28335696, 28335686

DP/8337/W/19

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a Male Age: 30-35 years, Height: 5'8", Built: Strong, Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Wearing: Naked, was found dead on 17.07.2019 floating in Yamuna River, in the jurisdiction of P.S. Kotwali, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 24-A, dated 17.07.2019 has been lodged at PS Kotwali, Delhi.

If any one having any clue about deceased Male may kindly inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers.

SHO
P.S. Kotwali, Delhi
Ph.: 011-23977100, 23953442

DP/248/N/19

Sensex, Nifty end lower for 4th day; bank, auto stocks drag

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Equity benchmarks Sensex and Nifty clocked losses for a fourth straight session on Tuesday due to intense last-hour selling mainly in financial and auto stocks.

After swinging 319 points, the 30-share index ended 48.39 points or 0.13 per cent lower at 37,982.74. It hit an intra-day low of 37,898.90 and a high of 38,217.81.

The broader NSE Nifty slipped 15.15 points or 0.13 per cent to close at 11,331.05. During the day, the index hit a low of 11,302.80 and a high of 11,398.15.

Top losers in the Sensex pack included SBI, HDFC twins, Bajaj Auto, ONGC and Tata Steel, falling up to 2.49 per cent. On the other hand, PowerGrid, Kotak Bank, Hero MotoCorp, ITC and Asian Paints rose up to 2.94 per cent.

Market has been witnessing a sell-off broadly brought about by foreign investor outflow, disappointing budget and a generally dismal earnings season, Sanctum Wealth Management Chief Investment Officer Sunil Sharma.

"Markets could likely continue to be under pressure in the near term as we move through a challenging earnings season," he said.

Elsewhere in Asia, Shanghai Composite Index, Hang Seng, Kospi and Nikkei ended higher. Similarly, bourses in Europe were also trading in the green in their respective early sessions.

On the currency front, the Indian rupee depreciated marginally to 68.94 against the US dollar (intra-day).

Meanwhile, the global oil benchmark Brent crude futures were trading 0.16 per cent lower at USD 63.16 per barrel.

Gold price falls on muted demand, weak global cues

New Delhi (PTI): After touching an all-time high in the previous session, gold prices on Tuesday fell Rs 250 to Rs 35,720 per 10 gram in the national capital amid weak trend overseas and fall in domestic demand, according to the All India Sarafa Association.

Silver declined marginally by Rs 10 to Rs 41,950 per kg on reduced offtake by industrial units and coin makers.

Trading sentiment turned bearish after gold declined in overseas markets as a strengthening US dollar reduced the demand for the precious metal as an alternative investment, traders said.

Besides, lacklustre demand from jewellery also weighed on gold prices, they added.

Globally, spot gold was trading lower at USD 1,418.20 an ounce in New York, while silver was up at USD 16.47 an ounce.

"Gold prices witnessed decline after dollar index gained strength ahead of ECB meeting and US Debt ceiling deal," HDFC Securities Senior Analyst (Commodities) Tapan Patel said.

In the national capital, gold of 99.9 per cent and 99.5 per cent purity fell by Rs 250 each to Rs 35,720 and Rs 35,550 per 10 gram, respectively.

Sovereign gold also declined by Rs 100 to Rs 27,400 per eight gram.

On Monday, gold prices touched an all-time high of Rs 35,970 per 10 gram.

Silver ready dropped Rs 10 to Rs 41,950 per kg, while weekly-based delivery fell Rs 38 to Rs 41,035 per kg.

Investments in KVP to double in 113 mnths

New Delhi (PTI): In view of falling interest rates, the government has increased the time period by 1 month for doubling the money invested in Kisan Vikas Patra (KVP) to 9 years and 5 months.

The funds parked in KVP with effect from July 1, 2019, will double in "9 years and 5 months" or 113 months as against "9 years and 4 months" or 112 months earlier, the finance ministry said while amending the Kisan Vikas Patra Rules, 2014.

The interest rate on KVP has been lowered to 7.6 per cent for the September quarter, compared with 7.7 per cent in the April-June period. The interest rates on the government's small saving instruments are revised every quarter. Individuals can invest their money in saving instrument KVP in multiples of Rs 1,000 and there is no upper ceiling for investments. KVPs are issued in denominations of Rs 1,000, Rs 5,000, Rs 10,000 and Rs 50,000. KVPs are sold at post offices and the certificate can be encashed after two-and-a-half years from the date of issue.

In case of premature withdrawal after two-and-a-half years, a person will get Rs 1,173 for every Rs 1,000 invested. After 3 years, the amount will go up to Rs 1,211 and after three-and-a-half years, the amount would be Rs 1,251.

IT Ministry may only back storage curbs for critical, sensitive data

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The IT Ministry is likely to propose that personal information which neither qualifies as 'critical' nor 'sensitive' should be allowed to be stored and processed anywhere, while data classified as 'critical' should be kept only in India under the draft Personal Data Protection Bill.

The proposal is significant as it marks a departure from the original draft of the Personal Data Protection Bill, which had recommended that copy of all personal data should be stored in the country. The

tweaking of this provision, if accepted, will spell a relief for companies.

The draft Data Protection Bill submitted by Justice BN Srikrishna committee last year had also suggested that personal data that is of 'critical' nature should mandatorily be stored only in India, a stance that will be backed by the IT Ministry. According to a government official, the IT Ministry is, however, of the view that not all personal data needs to be stored in India, and only critical and sensitive data should be kept here.

While 'critical' personal

data should be mandatorily stored only in India, 'sensitive' personal information should be stored and processed in India but permitted to be transferred outside the country, the official pointed out.

The IT ministry feels that there are adequate safeguards in the proposed Bill and even if a copy of all personal data is not stored in India, such information will anyway be governed by the stringent provisions of the data protection law, including penalty in event of a breach.

After the Justice Srikrishna panel submitted its draft ver-

sion of the Bill, the IT Ministry had sought public feedback on the provisions, and fine-tune the proposed document. The draft legislation will now be placed before the Cabinet, after which it will be introduced in Parliament.

The official said the change in the clause pertaining to all kinds of personal data was primarily driven by industry feedback — both Indian and global companies which argued that maintaining one copy of all information may become cumbersome, expensive and increase compliance burden on firms.

WB stops implementing PMFBY from this yr

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The West Bengal government has stopped implementing the central scheme on crop insurance PMFBY from Kharif 2019 and instead rolled out its own scheme, Parliament was informed on Tuesday.

From Kharif 2016, the centre had introduced yield-based Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) and weather-based Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS) to provide financial support to farmers

suffering crop loss/damage arising out of natural calamities, adverse weather incidence, to stabilise the income of farmers.

PMFBY is voluntary for states. West Bengal government had implemented both the schemes during 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19. "But state government has withdrawn from the scheme from Kharif 2019 and is implementing its own scheme 'Bangla Fasal Bima Yojana,' Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said

in Lok Sabha in a written reply.

Under the PMFBY, all food and oilseed crops and commercial/horticultural crops can be notified subject to availability of past yield data based on requisite number of crop cutting experiments (CCEs) and capacity of the states to conduct the requisite CCEs for each crop and insurance unit area.

However, for coverage of crops under RWBCIS required weather data is the prerequisite. As per the pro-

visions of the scheme, specific crops and areas under the concerned state government.

Actuarial/billed premium rate is charged by the insurance companies. But farmers have to pay maximum of 2 per cent of sum insured for Kharif and 1.5 per cent for Rabi food and oilseed crops and 5 per cent for commercial/horticultural crops. Remaining part of actuarial premium is shared equally between the central and state government.

NIFTY 50

SCRIP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY 50	11372.25	11398.15	11302.80	11331.05	-15.15
POWERGRID	204.70	211.00	204.20	210.00	5.90
KOTAKBANK	1460.00	1512.00	1455.25	1494.15	39.85
HEROMOTOCO	2415.55	2480.00	2401.70	2465.00	61.30
ITC	265.50	271.00	265.00	270.00	6.55
ASIANPAINT	1409.00	1443.95	1401.85	1430.30	26.10
NTPC	131.45	133.45	130.50	132.90	2.05
BPL	35.50	36.00	35.60	35.90	5.50
TTIAN	1090.00	1109.00	1086.40	1110.00	15.45
UPL	64.60	65.80	64.00	64.95	7.10
BAIFINANCE	3257.00	3297.35	3208.15	3275.40	27.40
INAY	787.00	804.00	785.55	790.00	5.60
GAIL	137.95	140.80	137.75	138.95	0.95
HINDUNILVR	1683.00	1701.55	1667.30	1690.05	9.35
VEDL	167.35	168.40	164.75	168.10	0.85
TCS	2127.90	2130.00	2102.40	2119.95	10.05
BAJAJFINSV	7164.80	7254.95	7115.00	7184.00	21.55
BHARTIARTL	342.95	348.50	337.40	343.50	0.95
HINDALCO	202.05	204.25	200.40	202.60	0.20
ACHERMOT	17200.00	17381.35	17041.60	17089.05	17.05
AXISBANK	732.90	739.30	726.10	728.00	0.55
WIPRO	264.90	270.00	263.80	264.65	-0.15
ICICIBANK	412.80	416.00	409.75	410.90	-0.60
BRITANNIA	2739.00	2749.95	2701.00	2729.00	-5.00
LT	1414.80	1414.80	1386.20	1400.00	-3.70
INFRAEEL	262.00	265.60	258.05	263.35	-0.70
TECHM	673.25	675.65	665.75	670.00	-1.95
IOC	147.65	148.70	145.10	147.50	-0.45
CIPLA	531.00	535.20	521.00	529.10	-1.85
SUNPHARMA	431.00	435.00	427.10	428.65	-1.60
TATAMOTORS	157.40	159.50	154.80	156.15	-0.60
INDUSINDBK	1425.70	1432.80	1404.40	1413.35	-0.35
RELIANCE	1285.00	1293.90	1260.40	1275.00	-5.50
HCLTECH	1026.05	1025.95	1007.15	1011.05	-7.90
MARUTI	5910.00	5972.40	5820.20	5853.30	-57.20
YESBANK	89.00	93.90	87.10	90.25	-9.90
ULTRACEMCO	4584.10	4619.90	4521.50	4534.00	-50.10
TATASTEEL	462.00	467.90	456.75	460.00	-5.55
JSWSTEEL	266.00	266.00	259.80	261.25	-3.15
ONGC	146.50	147.75	144.15	144.85	-1.80
M&M	566.10	567.00	555.85	557.70	-7.20
DREDDY	2640.00	2644.65	2580.45	2598.00	-34.50
COALINDIA	222.00	222.00	217.00	218.40	-3.00
GRASIM	892.50	898.45	878.80	880.00	-12.15
HDFCBANK	2294.50	2294.50	2242.05	2265.30	-31.75
ZEE	363.55	367.20	354.50	359.00	-5.05
BAJAJ-AUTO	2569.00	2570.00	2512.50	2520.05	-42.85
ADANIPORTS	409.00	409.00	398.00	400.30	-6.90
HDFC	2181.40	2189.75	2126.00	2140.00	-46.90
IBULHSGFIN	654.00	658.60	634.60	641.50	-14.40
SBN	312.00	333.00	341.00	342.10	-8.75

NIFTY NEXT 50

SCRIP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY NEXT 50	26706.25	26752.00	26190.70	26560.25	-118.85
HDFCLIFE	491.00	511.95	481.50	488.00	17.35
ICICIPRULI	377.70	386.00	374.75	386.00	10.15
UBL	1383.60	1415.00	1366.60	1413.80	34.75
SBI	764.00	780.00	764.00	777.10	10.15
ICICI	1058.00	1079.00	1042.00	1075.00	24.95
SIEMENS	1185.15	1219.90	1179.80	1205.00	17.60
NIACL	127.55	130.05	125.00	128.55	1.00
PIDILITIND	1204.00	1211.00	1188.00	1206.50	8.30
AMBUJACEM	216.20	219.15	215.15	217.15	1.35
INDIGO	1514.00	1536.80	1501.00	1527.70	8.50
DLF	180.80	182.90	179.05	180.80	0.80
NHPC	23.10	23.30	23.10	23.20	0.10
MOTHERSUMI	112.25	113.80	110.40	112.00	0.40
NMDC	113.70	115.10	111.80	113.90	0.35
COLPAL	1166.00	1175.90	1157.75	1167.00	2.65
DABUR	422.90	427.45	418.30	421.00	0.50
CADILAC	236.10	237.65	233.10	236.00	0.10
CONCOR	535.55	541.75	532.60	537.90	0.15
GODREJCP	624.90	627.50	614.60	621.35	0.15
LUPIN	760.00	765.90	751.20	756.00	6.50
FGH	10512.90	10538.00	10412.00	10488.00	-17.90
OFSS	3320.00	3379.95	3300.00	3330.10	-5.90
ACC	1581.10	1599.00	1568.00	1578.50	-2.80
MARICO	362.30	363.45	358.40	360.30	-1.55
PETRONET	239.75	242.80	238.25	240.35	-1.35
BHEL	64.45	64.50	63.50	63.70	-0.40
PAGEIND	19351.00	19825.00	19300.00	19326.00	-125.40
MRF	54549.00	54435.40	53600.00	53800.00	-344.10
L&T	108.10	109.00	106.60	107.35	-0.70
DMAT	1405.00	1420.00	1393.25	1407.80	-9.75
DIVISLAB	1630.00	1644.45	1609.10	1613.95	-11.40
SAIL	46.15	46.45	45.50	45.90	-0.35
HINDZINC	222.65	225.90	221.95	222.55	-2.05
SHREECEM	21049.65	21390.00	20618.00	20711.55	-198.80
BOSCHLTD	15130.00	15257.70	15000.00	15000.00	-146.95
HAVELLS	722.00	724.95	708.20	715.00	-7.70
BIOCEN	247.70	247.70	238.20	243.55	-2.90
GREC	222.50	224.75	218.30	218.50	-2.80
HINDPETRO	293.30	293.95	289.00	289.95	-3.75
AUROPHARMA	570.15	574.75	558.25	561.90	-9.15
ABB	1410.00	1444.95	1361.85	1381.00	-22.90
MCDOWELL-N	596.05	600.00	580.10	589.05	-10.50
BAJAJHDLG	344.00	344.45	335.70	337.00	-61.00
ASHOKLEY	77.80	77.80	74.60	74.85	-1.40
PEL	101.00	102.70	100.85	101.60	-0.25
IDEA	10.85	10.95	10.45	10.50	-0.25
HDFCAMC	2190.00	2205.20	2131.10	2135.00	-6.70
BANKBARODA	118.80	119.15	112.05	112.55	-5.80
SRTANSFIN	1044.50	1044.70	1025.15	1027.50	-60.75
BANDHANBNK	506.80	508.00	465.70	467.95	-33.35

BSE 500

SCRIP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	LTP	CHANGE					
Script	Open	High	Low	LTP	Change					
YESBANK	89.40	93.85	87.15	90.70	BHARTIARTL	342.95	348.50	337.40	343.50	0.95
SPICEJET	143.00	147.90	141.60	145.05	DCBANK	194.20	195.50	192.20	195.25	10.05

Boris Johnson elected UK PM

PTI ■ LONDON

Boris Johnson on Tuesday comfortably won the Conservative Party's leadership race to become the UK's next Prime Minister and vowed to "get Brexit done" by the October 31 deadline, amid the political uncertainty over the country's divorce deal with the European Union that cost his predecessor her job.

Johnson, the 55-year-old former foreign secretary and London Mayor, was widely expected to beat foreign secretary Jeremy Hunt in the battle for 10 Downing Street, which was triggered last month when a Brexit-battered Theresa May resigned as party chief and prime minister amid a mounting rebellion from within the Conservative Party.

"We are going to energise the country. We are going to get Brexit done on 31 October and take advantage of all the opportunities it will bring with a new spirit of can-do," Johnson said in his first speech as the new Conservative Party leader.

"We are once again going to believe in ourselves, and like some slumbering giant we are going to rise and ping off the guy ropes of self-doubt and negativity," he said, in his characteristic ebullient style.

The west London MP from Uxbridge and Ruislip sought to strike a unifying note by thanking his predecessor, May, and his challenger Hunt as a formidable opponent whose good ideas he plans to "steal".

Addressing the Tory party members at the Queen Elizabeth II Centre in London, near the Houses of Parliament,

soon after the results were declared, Johnson said: "No one person or party has the monopoly of wisdom. Time and again it is to us (Conservative Party) that people have turned.

"At this pivotal point in history... I know that we will do it. The mantra is deliver Brexit, unite the country and defeat (Labour leader) Jeremy Corbyn. "I will work flat out to repay your confidence. The work begins now."

The co-chair of the Tory party's 1922 Committee Cheryl Gillan MP declared that Johnson won 92,153 votes compared to 46,656 polled for Hunt by a voting base of 159,320 Tory membership, with 509 rejected ballots.

The poll turnout was pegged at 87.4 per cent, with Johnson racing ahead with a vote of nearly two to one. Hunt said he was "very disappointed", but Johnson would do "a great job". He said he had "total, unshakable confidence in our country" and that was a valuable quality at such a challenging time.

The EU Commission's Brexit negotiator, Michel Barnier, said he was looking forward to working with Johnson "to facilitate the ratification of the withdrawal agreement and achieve an orderly Brexit". Johnson has previously said the agreement reached with the 28-member EU was "dead". The flamboyant politician is expected to spend some time finalising his key Cabinet and ministerial posts.

A number of Brexiteers, including Indian-origin MPs

Priti Patel and Rishi Sunak — both supporters of Johnson, are expected to be part of his new team.

"With Boris Johnson leading the Conservative Party and as Prime Minister, the UK, will have a leader who believes in Britain, will implement a new vision for the future of the country and a roadmap to move forward and thrive as a self-governing nation that re-establishes our ties with our friends and allies around the world such as India," said Patel.

Many Cabinet ministers, including Chancellor Philip Hammond and justice secretary David Gauke, have already said they would step down rather than serve under Johnson as Prime Minister with his "do or die" pledge over the Brexit deadline.

Foreign Office minister Alan Duncan became one of the first to step down in opposition to Johnson's Brexit strategy even before the results were declared. Another minister, Anne Milton in the education department, also resigned ahead of the result.

Johnson's colourful personal life has also been under some scrutiny during the month-long leadership contest, with speculation rife in the UK media on whether his girlfriend Carrie Symonds is likely to join him as partner at 10 Downing Street.

May, who chaired her last Cabinet meeting on Tuesday, will address her final Prime Minister's Questions in the House of Commons on Wednesday and then be driven to Buckingham Palace to meet the Queen.

NEWLY-ELECTED UK PM JOHNSON'S BIGGEST CONTROVERSIES

FIRED FOR LYING — After graduating from Oxford University, Johnson landed a trainee reporter job at *The Times* newspaper in 1987. He was dismissed within a year for concocting a quote in an article about King Edward II and the monarch's suspected gay lover.

FIRED FOR LYING (AGAIN) — In 2004 Johnson, by now an MP, was sacked from his roles as Shadow Arts Minister and Conservative Party vice-chairman by then-leader Michael Howard for lying about an extramarital affair. Johnson had initially dismissed the tabloid allegations of a four-year fling with another woman as "an inverted pyramid of piffle". Howard sacked him — as a matter of "personal morality", according to Conservative officials — due to his lack of candour following further allegations that Johnson had paid for his mistress's abortion.

MAYORAL FIASCOS — Johnson's failed bid to build a so-called garden bridge over the River Thames is seen as perhaps the most egregious error of his eight years as London mayor from 2008. He oversaw attempts — costing 53.5 million pounds — to create the new central London crossing covered with trees and flowers, but faced spiralling costs and opposition from local residents. His successor Sadiq Khan scrapped the project in 2017 on the advice of an independent review. Johnson later claimed "not a single penny of taxpayers' money" was wasted on the plan while he was in office and blamed Khan for its demise. The ex-mayor also faced criticism for wasting more than 300,000 pounds on three crowd-control water cannons that the government then barred from use out of fear that they were excessively heavy-handed.

ACCUSED OF BREXIT 'LIES' — Johnson helped to promote the controversial claim that Britain would no longer have to make weekly payments of 350 million pounds (USD 436 million) to the EU. Use of the figure, which was emblazoned on the side of the Leave campaign's touring bus, has been criticised as misleading because it represented the country's gross contribution to the 28-nation bloc. The net figure is far smaller because it also includes a budget rebate from Brussels as well as payments to Britain's public sector from EU coffers.

DIPLOMATIC MAELSTROM — Johnson's 2016 to 2018 tenure as Foreign Secretary featured a number of gaffes — the most high-profile of which jeopardised the case of a British-Iranian woman, Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, who is being held in a Tehran jail. The dual citizen, who worked for the Thomson Reuters Foundation — the media group's philanthropic arm — was detained in 2016 as she left Tehran after taking her infant daughter to visit her family. She was later jailed for five years for alleged sedition. She vehemently denies the charges.



WORLD REACTS

◆ Congratulations to Boris Johnson on becoming the new Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. He will be great!
US PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP

◆ Congratulations to Boris Johnson for being nominated as Prime Minister
EU HEAD URSULA VON DER LEYEN

◆ I congratulate my former counterpart, @BorisJohnson on becoming UK PM
IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MOHAMMAD JAVAD ZARIF

◆ I congratulate Boris Johnson and I will call him when he is officially the Prime Minister
FRENCH PRESIDENT EMMANUEL MACRON

Iran warns new PM it will 'protect' Gulf waters

Tehran: Iran warned Britain's next PM Boris Johnson on Tuesday that it will "protect" waters of the oil-rich Gulf, amid a standoff between the two countries over the seizure of tankers. In the face of rising hostilities with the United States, Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps on Friday impounded a tanker sailing under the flag of US ally Britain.

The seizure of the Stena Impero ship has been seen as a tit-for-tat move after British authorities detained an Iranian tanker on July 4 in the Mediterranean on suspicion it was shipping oil to Syria in breach of EU sanctions.

"Iran does not seek confrontation. But we have 1500 miles of Persian Gulf coastline. These are our waters & we will protect them." Iran's top diplomat warned Britain. **AFP**

Carrie Symonds: Britain's new 'first girlfriend'

London: Boris Johnson will enter Downing Street as British PM for the first time on Wednesday amid speculation over whether his far younger girlfriend, Carrie Symonds, will accompany him. Twice-married Johnson, 55 — declared the Conservative Party's new leader on Tuesday and now set to be confirmed as premier by Queen Elizabeth II — is dating the party's 31-year-old former director of communications.

The two have been public, but largely discreet, couple since serial philanderer split last year from his wife of 26 years. In the run-up to Johnson's takeover, British newspapers have been rife with rumours over Symonds' future role as the nation's "first girlfriend" and whether she will also be at his 10 Downing Street headquarters. **AFP**

Iran to meet nuke deal partners amid tanker crisis

AFP ■ TEHRAN

Iran said on Tuesday it will attend an urgent meeting with countries still party to the troubled nuclear deal, as it declared itself the "guardian of security" in the Gulf amid a tanker crisis.

The planned July 28 meeting is aimed at salvaging the hard-won deal, on life-support since the US withdrew from it last year and reimposed biting sanctions against Iran.

Amid rising hostilities with the United States, Iran's Revolutionary Guards on Friday seized a tanker sailing under the flag of US ally Britain. State television aired new footage of the crew aboard the Stena Impero which Iran has impounded at its port of Bandar Abbas for allegedly breaking "international maritime rules."

In the video, the crew of 18 Indians, three Russians, a Latvian and a Filipino are seen sitting around a table and seemingly going about their daily routines. The seizure of the Swedish-owned vessel has been seen as a tit-for-tat move

after British authorities detained an Iranian tanker on July 4 in the Mediterranean on suspicion it was shipping oil to Syria in breach of EU sanctions.

"Throughout history, Iran has been and will be the main guardian of security and free navigation" in the Gulf, President Hassan Rouhani said late on Monday. "There is still no adequate and lasting stability and security in the region," he added, emphasising Tehran was not seeking to stoke tensions. The head of Iran's navy said in an interview published Tuesday that Iran closely observes "all enemy ships" going through the Gulf using drones. "We observe all enemy ships, especially America's, point-by-point from their origin until the moment they enter the region," Rear Admiral Hossein Khanzadi said, quoted by JYC news agency.

"We have complete images and a large archive of the daily and moment-by-moment movements of coalition forces and America." Iran's chief defence chief Gholam Reza Jalali said the seizure of the UK-flagged tanker marked the "end to British rule in seas."

GLOBE TROTTER

S KOREA, RUSSIA DIFFER OVER WARNING SHOTS
Seoul: South Korean air force jets fired 360 rounds of warning shots on Tuesday after a Russian military plane twice violated South Korea's airspace off the country's east coast, Seoul officials said in an announcement that was quickly disputed by Russia.

KIM INSPECTS NEW SUBMARINE
Seoul: North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has inspected a newly built submarine and ordered officials to further bolster the country's military capabilities, state media reported on Tuesday, as the North increases pressure on the United States ahead of the possible resumption of nuclear diplomacy.

EX-CHINESE PREMIER LI PENG NO MORE
Beijing: Former Chinese premier Li Peng — known as the "Butcher of Beijing" for his role in the Tiananmen Square crackdown — has died aged 90, state broadcaster Xinhua said Tuesday. The former chairman of the National People's Congress Standing Committee died of an unspecified illness in Beijing on Monday, Xinhua said. The ex-premier had previously battled bladder cancer.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to public at large that the Client M/s. Irfan S/o. Sh. Abdul Salam and his wife Smt. Ronak Begum R/o 933, Kucha Rahullah Khan, Tiraha Behram Khan, Delhi GPO, North Delhi-110006 have disowned their sons Mohd. Faizan, Mohd. Rihan, Mohd. Salim, Mohd. Akram and this legal heirs, from their immoveable and moveable properties. They have severed all their relations with them due to their misconduct and misbehavior, if anybody deals with them, my clients will be responsible in any manner.
Raj Kumar Gulati (Advocate)

SUPPLYING, FABRICATION AND ERECTION OF STRUCTURAL STEEL OF BRIDGE

Open tender through e-Tendering system is invited for the following works:
Tender No.: CE/CON/NG/MB/2019/08/RT1. **Name of work:** Supplying, fabrication and erection of structural steel of bridge no. 59 (Jaldhaka) 7 x 45.7m OVG at km 52/9-10 in between station Betgara - Altagram in connection with New Maynaguri - Gumaihat doubling project. Approx. Value: ₹14,31,41,532.09, Earnest money: ₹8,65,800.00, Completion period: 12 Months. Tender submission: from 02-08-2019 to upto 14:30 hrs. of 16-08-2019. Opening date & Time: 16-08-2019, 15:30 Hrs. For Details Please visit www.irps.gov.in.
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My client SMT. SANTOSH PARASHAR W/O LATE SH. RAMESH CHANDER PARASHAR R/O H.NO. L4, BUDH VIHAR, PHASE-II, DELHI-110086, has disowned her son MR. DEEPAK PARASHAR alongwith his wife MRS. MANJU SHARMA alias NAVYA PARASHAR and revoke all relationship from them due to their bad behavior and bad intentions. My client has debarred them from all their rights, claims in any manner from her moveable and immoveable properties and in near future they will have no concern with my client in any manner with immediate effect. Any Persons dealing with them shall be doing so at their own risk and responsibilities.
SANJEEV JAIN (Advocate) Tel: 9873891274
Office-RU-17, DDA Mt. Palampura, Delhi-110088

Public Notice

M/s Bamboo Hotel & Global (Delhi) Private Limited is pleased to inform that the Expansion of "Hotel Complex & Convention Centre" at Asset No. 13, Hospitality District, DIAL IGI Airport, Delhi had been accorded with Environmental Clearance vide **F. No. 21-35/2017-IA-III dated 05/03/2019** form Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi.
The copies of the clearance letters are available with Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate change, New Delhi and can also be seen on their website <http://environmentclearance.nic.in> and on our website (www.dcreality.com) M/s Bamboo Hotel & Global Centre (Delhi) Private Limited.

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

The Executive Engineer, Civil Division No. VIII, Irrigation & Flood Control Deptt., Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Sector-15, Rohini, Delhi invites online **Item Rate** E-tenders on behalf of the President of India from approved and eligible contractors of I&FC Deptt. The contractors who are registered with other Departments but granted provisional permission by the Chief Engineer (I&FC) are also eligible for participation of e-tendering for the following works:-

Sr. No.	NIT No.	Name of Work	Head of Account	Estimate Cost (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Time Allowed	Tender ID No.	Last date & time for submission of Price Bid
1.	EE/CD-VIII/2019-2023	Plantation of trees on the bank of Mungeshpur drain from RD 31204M to RD 29900M and RD 23413M to RD 22000M	2711 Non Plan	13,13,681	26,274	5 Years	2019_IFC_176577_1	25.07.2019 upto 15.00 Hrs.

- The enlistment of the contractors should be valid on the last date of opening of tenders. In case, the last date of opening of tender is extended, the enlistment of contractor should be valid on the original date of opening of tenders.
- Earnest money in physical form and self attested copy of Registration of enlistment & other documents (eg. ESI & EPF registration, copy of PAN card, Copy of VAT documents) should be submitted in the Office of Executive Engineer, Civil Division-VIII, I&FC Deptt., Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Sector-15, Rohini, Delhi-110085 before the last date and time of submission of technical bids.
- The details of above mentioned work(s) can be seen and downloaded from the website <http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>
- The agencies who do not fulfill eligibility criteria/ do not submit required documents upto the stipulated time, their tenders shall be rejected summarily at technical bid stage.
- Tenders submitted through e-procurement portal shall only be considered and no manual tender shall be accepted.
- Intending tenders participating in tendering process in EE CD-VIII, I&FC shall furnish ESI & EPF registration along with other required documents and the same shall be uploaded while bidding. Moreover the ESI & EPF registration documents of all contractors shall be kept on records and ESI & EPF registration documents of lowest tenderer to whom the work awarded shall form the part of the agreement.(I&FC department office order No.1417-48 dated 29.01.2016).

Sd/-
(J. NARENDR SAGAR)
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER: CD-VIII
DIP/Shabdarth/0421/19-20

PRESS E-TENDER NOTICE

The Executive Engineer, Civil Division No. VII, Irrigation & Flood Control Deptt., Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Sector-15, Rohini, Delhi invites online percentage E-tenders on behalf of the President of India from approved and eligible contractors of I&FC Deptt. The contractors who are registered with other Departments but granted provisional permission by the Chief Engineer (I&FC) are also eligible for participation of e-tendering for the following works:-

Sr. No.	NIT No.	Name of Work	Head of Account	Estimate Cost (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Time Allowed	Tender ID No.	Last date & time for submission of Price Bid
1.	EE/CD-VII/NIT/2019-2027	Plantation of Sappling within 15 days on Sub-Minor No. 5 CTP Network Near Ibrahimpur village of Civil Division-VII and its maintenance period is 05 years after completion of work.	2711 Revenue	95,64,051/-	1,91,281/-	15 days for plantation work + 05 years maintenance work	2019_IFC_176590_1	27.07.2019 upto 15.00 Hrs
2.	EE/CD-VII/NIT/2019-2028	Rejuvenation and providing and fixing rain water harvesting system in Alipur Store at village Alipur in Distt. North.	2711 Revenue	11,06,957/-	22,139/-	02 Months	2019_IFC_176591_1	27.07.2019 upto 15.00 Hrs
3.	EE/CD-VII/NIT/2019-2029	Plantation of sappling within 15 days on Nangloi Drain, Bawana Escape Drain & Main Channel near (Niranankari) Ground of Civil Division-VII and its maintenance period is (05) five years after completion of work	2711 Revenue	95,64,051/-	1,91,281/-	15 days for plantation work + 05 years maintenance work	2019_IFC_176590_1	27.07.2019 upto 15.00 Hrs
4.	EE/CD-VII/NIT/2019-2030	Improvement of road and side drains behind Nagar Nigam Primary School and near Drain at Shahbad Daultpur in Bawana A.C	MLALAD Works	57,09,553/-	1,14,191/-	04 Months	2019_IFC_176608_1	30.07.2019 upto 15.00 Hrs

- The enlistment of the contractors should be valid on the last date of opening of tenders. In case, the last date of opening of tender is extended, the enlistment of contractor should be valid on the original date of opening of tenders.
- Earnest money in physical form and self attested copy of Registration of enlistment & other documents (eg. ESI & EPF registration, copy of PAN card, Copy of VAT documents) should be submitted in the Office of Executive Engineer, Civil Division-VII, I&FC Deptt., Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Sector-15, Rohini, Delhi-110085 upto 3.00 PM on the last date of submission of technical bids for obtaining the deposition slip for uploading.
- The details of above mentioned work(s) can be seen and downloaded from the website <http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>
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Sd/-
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (CD-VII)
DIP/Shabdarth/0420/19-20

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
Publication in Newspapers of e-Tender Notices for procurement of goods has been stopped by the office of Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway and all Stores Offices of Northern Railway. Firms desirous to participate in tenders of Northern Railway are requested to visit the website www.reps.gov.in regularly after registering themselves on this portal and submit their e-bids on this portal only. 2372/19
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ARMED POLICE HEADQUARTERS J&K SRINAGAR

Phone No.: 0194-2455133, E-mail :- aphq@jkipolice.gov.in

Gist of e-NIT No. 11 of 2019

Dated :- 22-07-2019

For and on behalf of the Governor of Jammu & Kashmir State, online tenders (e-tenders) are invited from reputed vendors/firms/entities for **Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of (1+30) Public Address Conferencing System at Armed Police Headquarters J&K Srinagar as detailed in Annexure- "A" of this e-NIT.** The e-NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, Bill of Quantities, (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the J&K State e-Procurement Portal www.jktenders.gov.in from **23.07.2019 (1400 hours) to 02.09.2019 upto 1600 hours.** Bidders submitting their bids on-line shall only be accepted and no document other than those mentioned in the e-NIT shall be accepted manually.

The tenders (technical bids only) will be opened **online on 04-09-2019 at 1400 hours** at Armed Police Headquarters J&K Batamalo Srinagar. In case of unforeseen circumstances, the date of opening will be next working day or as notified separately.

The sample(s) should be packed in a separate cover affixed with sealing wax and seal of the firm quoting e-NIT No. and offer details. The sample shall be received at Armed Police Headquarters, Batamalo Srinagar before the closing date of submission of tenders.

Detailed tender documents (SBD) with terms and conditions are available on J&K State e-Procurement Portal www.jktenders.gov.in.

Sd/- (S.I.M Gillani) IPS
Addl. Director General of Police,
Armed, J&K Srinagar
No:DIPK-NB-1840/19
Dated: 22.07.2019

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

[Regulation 31(2) read with Regulation 12(3) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Liquidation Process) Regulations, 2016]
FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE STAKEHOLDERS OF VIVID IT SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED – IN LIQUIDATION

Pursuant to Regulation 31(2) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Liquidation Process) Regulations, 2016, Public Announcement is hereby made that the List of Stakeholders of Vivid IT Solutions Private Limited – in Liquidation ("Corporate Debtor") has been prepared by the Liquidator, which has been filed with the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Delhi Bench ("Hon'ble NCLT") on 21st July, 2019.

As there is no functional website of the Corporate Debtor, hence the List of Stakeholders showing complete details of the amount of claims admitted by the Liquidator, extent upto which the claims are secured/unsecured, details of Stakeholders and proofs admitted/rejected in part and those wholly rejected, if any, can be obtained by emailing to the undersigned Liquidator at vidid.cirp@gmail.com.

The Stakeholders are further notified that any modification of entries in the List of Stakeholders, as filed with the Hon'ble NCLT, can be made only by filling an application with the Hon'ble NCLT.

Sd/-
Bimal Kumar Sharma
Liquidator
Vivid IT Solutions Private Limited
IBBI Registration No. IBB/ IPA-001/ IP – P00542/ 2017-18/ 10967
Date: 22-07-2019
Place: New Delhi

SEARCH FOR MISSING FEMALE

General public is hereby informed that a female (depicted in the photo) namely **Jyoti W/o Ashok R/o N-499, Raghubir Nagar, Delhi.** Age: 28 yrs. (along with her daughter Disha Age-3.6 years) has been reported missing since 12.07.2019 at 7 pm from her house. In this regard a case **DD No. 33-A dated: 13.07.2019** has been registered at **PS Khyala, New Delhi.**

Jyoti

Disha

Her physical description is as under:
Complexion: Fair, **Height:** 5'5", **Face:** Round, **Build:** Normal, **Clothing:** orange colour suit-salwar & sleeper in feet.
Disha : Wearing yellow top and white nicker and sleeper in feet.
Any person having any information or clue about this missing female & her daughter may inform to SHO khyala, New Delhi.

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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 **Friday, August 09, 2019** inter-alia, to consider and approve the Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter ended 30th June, 2019.

This intimation is also available on Company's website at www.oswalgreens.com and on Stock Exchanges' website at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com

For Oswal Greentech Limited
Sd/-
Anil Bhalha
Date: 23-07-2019
Place: New Delhi
Managing Director

Make learning fun

The role of Arts in school curriculum has been ignored. KARTIK BAJORIA tells you how it can be integrated to strengthen academic learning

The arts, a subject-group that is often side-lined in favour of the more serious Sciences, followed by Commerce. Perhaps we as a society have not fully appreciated the value and role the arts can play, even when it comes to the learning and understanding of traditional subjects. Especially in our schooling system, if only we integrate the arts into the academic curriculum in a manner where they become a regular teaching method, we will see immense benefits in the degree of receptiveness in learners.

Making learning fun

Most students love to partake of some form of the arts. It may be painting, singing, drama, a performing art - there will rarely be a student who is negatively predisposed to every kind of art form. We humans have a natural affinity and lure for the arts. The arts present an immersive experience to the viewer/listener, and a wonderfully creative expression to the performer. If we take what is typically perceived as a mundane subject, something theoretical such as History or Geography, and communicate it through the medium of art, learners will automatically imbibe lessons more willingly, and rather than mugging-up entire texts, will remember the lessons much more vividly, because their very dispensation would have been in a fun, entertaining manner. A classic case in point is to dramatise a History lesson, say that of the British Rule in India. If we make a play out of that lesson, involve the students by assigning roles and having them enact scenes (chapters), not only will the participants enjoy performing it, even the other students who are viewing it will become positively predisposed to the lesson. It will simply not feel like studying any more. And isn't that the point of education to be fun?

Critical and analytical thinking skills

By employing the arts in mainstream education, through classes such as art appreciation, film appreciation, we will develop the vital skills of critical and analytical thinking in our learners. Today, ask any student to share his or her opinion on a current issue, what you are likely to get in return is a factual report, not a well-thought out unique opinion. It can be argued that this is due to our learners not being exposed to opportunities of developing their opinion-formation in



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the first place. By integrating lessons such as art appreciation, learners will get a chance to acquaint themselves with interpretive thinking, which will form the foundation of them honing their critical and analytical thinking, which, eventually, is an ethos that will permeate their general way of being, and will get applied to subjects across the board. The arts, can do this very effectively.

Lateral thinking

Another facet of a young learner that the arts can springboard is lateral thinking. With international boards slowly coming into Indian schools, the focus is shifting from rote-learning to a more exploratory, free-thinking based education philosophy. However, the vast majority of our schools still do not espouse this learning method. Integrating the arts into a school's cur-

riculum can prove to be that critical step towards developing a student's lateral thinking abilities. The arts tend to be abstract. They have room for multiple points of view. There is no one right or wrong answer. If a student watches a film he or she might feel completely differently about it than his peer; and neither would be wrong. Further, a painting, a sculpture, instigates interpretation on the part of the learner, and compels the onlooker to view the creation from several standpoints, which directly influences the ability to think laterally, a skill sorely lacking, and desperately needed in the me-too world that we currently exist.

Communication Skills

Inculcating a robust arts-based curriculum will also aid in learners developing strong communication skills. A good piece of art always tells the artist's story. This may be political, societal, personal; that is besides the point. But rather than trying to get our learners to only write and deliver speeches and debates; if we can get kids to express themselves through art from an early age, they will likely develop an entirely new and creative way of expressing themselves, one that is fun, personal, imaginative.

Discipline

In an era of attention deficit and fast-diminishing patience, practicing some form of art as part of a school's regular, ongoing curriculum can imbue students with a lifelong ethos of patience and hard-work. Any creation of art calls on the creator to work arduously on it. If this kind of dedication and discipline can be inculcated in learners from formative stages, we would have permanently resolved the attention-deficit problem of modern generations!

The positive in today's situation is that if not schools, many external organisations are working hard to conduct programmes at schools, using the arts as a means of propagating academic curriculum, bundled therefore with all the fringe benefits that the aforementioned points outline. However, a lot more can be done, and ought to be done. If together, parents, educators, schools, make a concerted effort in this direction, it will be plain to see just how dramatic an effect an arts-integrated pedagogy can have on academic learning.

The author is Writer, educator and moderator

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Education is not just about going to school and getting a degree. It's about widening your knowledge and absorbing the truth about life
— Shakuntala Devi

DIPLOMA COURSE

Cradle of Management Institute invites applications for admissions to its diploma programme in Operation Theater Technician.

The programme aims to provide efficient and balanced training in OTT. This course offers core clinical skills and a sound knowledge of specialist equipment and drugs provides the students with the ability to reassure and support patients emotionally through the stressful experience of surgery.

Duration: One year
Eligibility: Minimum qualification for securing admission to diploma programme is Class XII pass from any recognised board.

How to apply: Log on to www.cmi-hm.com.

Last date to apply: July 24, 2019.



admissions to its bachelors, masters & diploma programmes in Fashion Design.

Eligibility: Class X pass for diploma, Class XII for bachelors & diploma and graduates for masters degree or diploma (any stream).

How to apply:

Log on to <http://www.insd.edu.in/apply-online.html>.

Last date to apply: July 31, 2019.

MASTERS PROGRAMMES

Luxury Connect Business School, Gurgaon invites applications for admissions to its masters programmes.

The courses include post graduate diploma in Luxury Management, executive masters: executive diploma in Luxury Management, Luxury Brand Management (Online), Luxury Retail Services Skills (Online).

How to apply: Log on to <https://lcbss.edu.in/>, <https://lcbss.nopaperforms.com>.

APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY

Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies invites applications for admission to its BA/BSc (Hons) — Applied Psychology programme.

Duration:

Three years
Eligibility: Pass in Class XII examination/equivalent examination with at least 50 per cent marks in aggregate in five subjects including English as compulsory subject along with four subjects with the highest score out of the remaining subjects.

How to apply: Log on to <http://www.manavrachna.edu.in>.

Last date to apply: April 17, 2019.

BANKING & FINANCE

TKWs Institute of Banking & Finance invites applications for admissions to its advanced diploma programme in Banking & Finance.

This programme aims at providing students, a strong academic foundation in accounting together with advanced qualifications and industry relevant skills to kick start their career in banking and finance industry. After completing Advanced Diploma in Banking and Finance a student can find employment in Banks, financial companies or in corporate finance across the industry.

Duration: Three years
Eligibility: Minimum qualification for securing admission to degree programme is Class XII pass in commerce stream with minimum 55 per cent marks from a recognised board.

How to apply: Log on to www.tkwsibf.edu.in

Last date to apply: July 29, 2019.

FASHION DESIGN

International School of Design invites application for

AI is the new flavour

With the emergence of technologies, there are speculations that it will eliminate human jobs. SUDESHNA DATTA tells you how one can work along with technology

With the advent of emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), natural language processing (NLP) and big data, the jobs of today are going through major transformations, where machines are gaining greater prominence in daily business functions. This has also given rise to a large number of new career opportunities, both in terms of product innovation and optimising operations for a more effective output. As a result, the skills required by employees are changing, too, giving rise to the need for reskilling and up skilling the workforce in order to meet the new demands.

Given that emerging technologies are bringing about widespread changes within the job landscape, there has been some speculation about the extent to which automated tools will eliminate human jobs. The fact remains that the growing number of careers in AI and related fields will actually be a boon in terms of catering to the needs of an increasingly

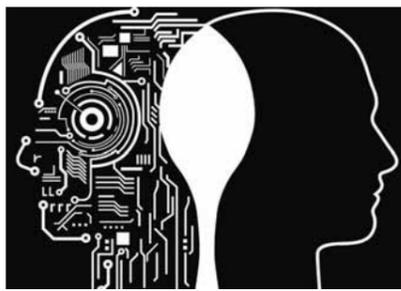
digitised business ecosystem.

The new roles are also bringing about the demand for new or realigned skill sets amongst the workforce, and there is a considerable shortage of talent in the tech industry with the necessary skills. However, due to the growing demand, several amongst the IT industry talent pool have begun considering it as a lucrative career choice. There are several existing options, and others to be created in the near future, for those looking to join the industry in an AI or ML role.

Before considering a job in AI, it is a good idea for aspirants to build a strong foundation in skills such as coding in various commonly-used languages, statistics, cognitive science theory, engineering, robotics and Bayesian networking. Here's a list of some of the most in-demand jobs in the industry at present:

Machine Learning Eng

In order to effectively carry out the role of a machine learning engineer, it is important to be well-versed



with AI programming and have a deep understanding of multiple coding languages. ML professionals should also be privy to the practical application of predictive models and natural language processing.

Data Scientists

In a world that is fuelled by all-things-data, these professionals are the ones who make sense of it all to put forth useful insights and information for a business.

For this, data scientists must have a thorough understanding of statistical computing and programming

languages, as well as good communication skills in order to effectively present insights to various stakeholders. Using tools such as machine learning and predictive analysis, the role of a data scientist is to collect, analyse, and interpret complex and large pools of data.

Research Scientists

The role of research scientists are vital to gathering and interpreting data that is relevant to a particular business. They must also be highly experienced in AI disciplines across the board such as ML, applied mathematics

and computational statistics. Their expertise should lie in the key areas of graphical models, reinforcement learning, NLP and computer perception.

Robotic Scientist

Building a robot requires a professional with specific knowledge and skillsets. In order to become a robotic scientist, one will need a bachelor's degree in computer science, engineering or similar fields. A robotic scientist creates mechanical devices that can carry out a number of processes and functions as per the requirement.

AI is optimising operations, thus helping businesses do better while cutting costs, and helping employees focus on tasks that create more value and aid to their growth. By focusing on revamping their skillsets for the future of jobs, aspirants can secure their dream jobs while effectively contributing to their personal growth and that of their organisation as well.

The writer is Co-founder & Executive VP, Absolutdata Analytics

Choose wisely

Students often confuse MBA with PGDM and end up making wrong choices. DR RAMAKRISHNAN RAMAN tells you ways to differentiate

Pursuing post-graduation in management remains one of the most preferred options for Indian students. Generally graduates from engineering, commerce & arts and economics stream aspire to pursue their post-graduation in the management discipline.

This is evident by the number of applications that the competitive exams like CAT (Common Aptitude Test), SNAP (Symbiosis National Aptitude Test) and XAT (Xavier Aptitude Test) receive year after year. Students often face dilemma to choose amongst the two most popular options, namely MBA (Master in Business Administration) and PGDM (Post Graduate Diploma in Management). Some aspirants are not sure about the difference between these programmes. In order to make the right decision, it is important to know how MBA and PGDM are different. According to the present Indian legal framework and rules, only a University can offer an MBA degree. Also, educational institutions which is affiliated to a university can also offer an MBA programme of the university. The legal framework allows a Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM), which is a diploma course to be offered by the institutes that are recognised by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).



These autonomous institutions are not affiliated to any university. However, accreditation by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) makes an institute's PGDM course equivalent to an MBA.

This is the reason for institutions like SIBM Pune, FMS Delhi and NMIMS Mumbai to offer an MBA degree whereas institutes like XLRI, NITIE and MDI among many others offer the PGDM program. In 2017, Lok Sabha approved the IIM Bill 2017 that promises to grant autonomy to the elite B-schools and allow them to award full-fledged degrees to their graduates instead of post-graduate diplomas in management. IIMs will be able to grant MBA and doctoral degrees once the law is enacted. As on date, even the IIMs (Indian Institutes of Management)

offer only PGDM and not an MBA program.

While both MBA and PGDM programmes essentially train you for managerial and leadership positions, the corporates largely give importance to the institution from which you graduate.

Autonomous institutes which offer PGDM programme and private and deemed universities which offer MBA programme design the curriculum by taking the requirements from the corporate. The curriculum is also revamped very frequently. Hence from a corporate perspective and from the perspective of starting package that is offered to students, the institution's brand is what that matters.

The writer is Director, Symbiosis Institute of Business Management (SIBM), Pune

New courses on offer

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Building India's talent base to compete in the global economy, Amity launched Amity Future Academy. In order to provide better understanding of various technological trends for the ever-changing future, it will allow individuals to explore futuristic trends. The courses offer advanced training programs that are specially designed to create a pool of high-quality professionals and help young professionals gain in-demand skills.

At a time when India is looking to build a 21st century knowledge economy, Amity has designed the Academy of Tomorrow. From digital classrooms to collaborative learning, students and industry professionals will get an exposure to skill-based learning. The pro-

grammes offer industry-relevant skills certified by the world's most renowned academic institutions such as Wharton online, eCornell, Arizona State University, The Open University and more institutes of repute.

Ajit Chauhan, Chairman, Amity Future Academy said: "India Skills Report 2018, reflected about 47 per cent of future jobs in India will be in the areas of analytics, artificial intelligence and robotics. We embrace Education 4.0 learning by being the first in India to rationalise the concept of knowledge for tomorrow."

Amity Future Academy brings 10,000+ courses from across the domains blockchain technology, data science, machine learning, digital marketing, programming, cyber security and HR management & analytics.

Funding for open innovation challenge

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad-incubated Startup BeAble has won ₹25 lakh in funding at Open Innovation Challenge 2019 of India Innovation Growth Programme (IIGP) 2.0. The startup is a spinoff from the first batch of Fellowship in Healthcare Entrepreneurship at Center for Healthcare Entrepreneurship (CHE) — IIT Hyderabad, and works in the convergence of good design and technology to rehabilitate stroke patients.

The IIGP 2.0 Open Innovation Challenge 2019 received more than 1,600 applications from across India. BeAble Health was selected as one of the winners and awarded seed grant of ₹25 lakh to support its market penetration and scale-up operations.

The IIGP 2.0 is a tripartite initiative of Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, American global defense manufacturer Lockheed Martin and Tata Trusts. Supporting the Government's missions of Start-

up India and Make in India, IIGP 2.0 works to enhance innovation ecosystem by enabling innovators and entrepreneurs through the stages of ideation, innovation and acceleration to develop technology-based solutions for the future.

ArmAble is BeAble Health's first product and is aimed at solving the pressing need for an intensive, engaging and regular rehabilitation therapy for Upper Limb. It is aimed at conditions such as cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, traumatic brain injury, fracture and frozen shoulder.

Pay after placement

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A unique academic establishment, Sunstone Eduversity, continues to make headlines for offering India's only Pay after Placement management programme, which is in great demand among the management aspirants. The programme focuses on developing skilled yet job-ready managerial professionals who can bridge the skill set gap existing between the academia and industry. To meet the growing demand of the programme, Sunstone recently partnered

with Harlal Institute of Management and Technology (HIMT), approved by the All India Council for Technical Education, Ministry of HRD, Bar Council of India and affiliated to Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Technical University, Lucknow and Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut.

Piyush Nangru, COO & Co-Founder, Sunstone Eduversity said: "Operating on the tech-led asset-light model, we partner with the top colleges to utilise their infrastructure for our management programmes with a focus on employability."

Content knowledge is key

It is difficult to keep students focused on what is being taught all the time. A concept-based curriculum will keep things interesting, says DR NEELIMA KAMRAH

To address the challenges in the field of education, concept-based learning is needed in curriculum. The world is changing so that knowledge is and content can change but concept stay the same. Concept-based learning emphasize on big ideas rather than focusing on subject-specific content. Information is useless until and unless we can do something with it.

Concept-based learning brings 'real world' meaning to content knowledge and skills by leading students to consider the context in which they will use their understanding. A concept-based education not only improves results but also promotes the learning capacities to enable students to succeed in the future. Its instruction must begin with content skills and knowledge established by local standards and curriculum guides.

It is an educational method that centers on big-picture ideas and learning how to organise and categorise information. Unlike more traditional learning models which concentrate on the ability to recall specific facts (like the dates of an event), conceptual learning focuses on understanding broader principles or ideas (what we call concepts). The traditional method of education is to connect students with information sources only without knowing that weather the student is able to understand the concept and remember it or not.

MAKE MEANINGFUL SCHOOLING

A concept-based education challenges learners to think more widely and deeply than a traditional, topic-based, two-dimensional one. It focuses only on knowledge and skills, whereas the former goes much further and deeper, developing conceptual understanding.

RELEVANCE OF EDUCATION

In order to be relevant, a curriculum must look at all aspects of a young person's development as a learner. Science specialists still need to develop their creativity; linguists still need to be fit; artists still need to be responsibly active citizens. Happy and successful school-leavers have both a bag of great academic results and a bag of learning capacities that enable them to use these grades to good effect. These are ingredients for success.

BENEFITS

We believe that a creative, concept-based education engages the intellect and emotions of a student to a higher degree



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than a more traditional, topic-based curriculum. This helps students to transfer their understandings across learning areas. They are better equipped to make connections to their own experiences and the wider world, both now and when looking to the future.

Their intellect is developed to handle a world of increasing complexity and accelerating change, producing an intellectual depth in thinking and understanding. Students' motivation for learning is increased, as they are encouraged to analyse facts and consider implications in a personally engaging way.

INCREASE IN INTEREST

Interest is a powerful motivational

process that energises learning, guides academic and career trajectories, and is essential to academic success.

Interest is both a psychological state of attention and affection toward a particular object or topic and an enduring predisposition to reengage over time.

It is difficult to keep the student at one place and keep focused on what is being taught. That's why it is important to make the curriculum interesting so that students are in touch with them. This specialty is in concept-based education. Whether it is an English drama or a chapter of Science, concept-based education makes everything interesting.

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'Let's make coworking places more engaging'

India has become one of the youngest start-up countries. PRASHANT GARG tells you how one can move into a more inclusive and expanding space

With start-ups growing and companies trying to give their employees a more adaptable and friendly environment, the demand for a coworking space rather than a designated office has risen manifolds. People are changing and so are their habits, they now wish to socialise and have an environment that is interactive as networking these days has become an integral part of the professional system. This networking can also be helpful for stage one entrepreneurs.

Now that India has become one of the youngest start-up countries, people here are ready to give up on their dusty conventional offices and move to a more inclusive and expanding space that offers latest technological solutions and that too in all the prime locations. The conductive spaces that these coworking companies offer make it easier for professionals to adapt to the socialising trend. According to Deskmag's 2018 Global Coworking Survey, 84 per cent of people who work in coworking places are more engaged and motivated. They are able to complete tasks on time and are better able to focus while working.

Embrace Technology: People working in co-working spaces take advantage of the latest technologies to improve their routine day-to-day work. With technologies like access card, attendance system, booking system, coworking space management, etc have become so advanced that you don't need to worry about anything. All human intervention has been outgrown. Many co-working spaces are offering their customers a high technology-enabled environment without having to cover those fixed costs themselves.

Quality Design: Coworking spaces are known for their interiors. The design is so well-prepared that people love working here. Office design affects the performance of the employees. Modern interiors, trendy furniture like a colorful couch, sitting as well as a standing desk, etc. are incorporated to grab a larger share of the coworking tribe. Apart from this, coworking spaces also provide access to recreational activities within their office spaces.

Focus on Community Building: Working in a community rather than by yourself helps the individuals grow their point of views and give them a broader perspective. The industry has shown that most successful coworking businesses are differentiated by their ability to cater to a specific audience. So, rather than focusing on competition, building a community is a better focus on the growth of the business.

Go Green: Any person would prefer



Prashant Garg
Country Manager, Garage Society India

working on a beach or on top of the mountain, as it may not be possible for everyone to find a way to work, co-working spaces are incorporating many elements of nature to create a beautiful working environment. A space that has a well-maintained green walls and ample plants help workers to relax and enhance productivity. The coworking spaces have started placing artificial water fountain, stones, beach-like structure and other things which gives the feel of nature. They are also using solar panels, installing intelligent heating and cooling systems, taking advantage of natural light and promoting a culture of recycling.

Multiple Locations: As the demand for coworking increases, the number of locations of these coworking places has risen. You will find coworking space at different locations which are accessible for a common man. This also means that if you have an office in one of the co-working places in one city, when you move to another city you are entitled to access that facility.

Innovation is the key to unlock the doors of a new world and coworking spaces are creating these keys to give you easy access to this world. We witnessed a huge increase in the number of coworking spaces over the past years and as the industries grow and the start-ups emerge, the need of a supportive environment with all the required resources and an interactive circle will be on an increasing verge. The above trends will make co-working a better place to work.

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Masters' students to stay in the UK for seeking job opportunities for at least six months post-graduation.

It is an attempt to remove the UK's existing complex visa regime and put an end to the preferential benefits that were offered to EU students. The government of Britain, therefore, will give three months to students before graduating wherein they will have an option to switch their UK study visa to the UK work visa, even from outside the UK.

How Indian professionals will leverage the benefit?
With Brexit supposed to come into existence by 2021, the UK will start following a skills-based approach to pull in bright migrants rather than taking in individuals based on the countries they belong to. It will

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work during their post-study leave period. Besides this, there lies another lucrative opportunity for international graduates. The students will get two years of time after graduating wherein they will have an option to switch their UK study visa to the UK work visa, even from outside the UK.

What is it that the UK is eyeing on and

what's the road ahead post-Brexit?

Britain is looking to increase their reach to global partners by providing educational offerings that international students can't refuse. The UK also plans to simplify its student application mechanism, which otherwise is very complex to run through and apply for.

It is clear that with new post-Brexit rules and policies, the diverse master programs in the UK, which are relatively of shorter durations will regain popularity and kill the hesitation among Indian students, who started to fly off to other newer shores like Australia, Canada and other EU countries, majorly due to the UK's complex visa procedures enveloped by multiple restrictions.

These programmes will also give students an early entry into the job market, thus empowering them with a competitive edge as compared to other foreign universities. Moreover, there is no doubt that the UK houses some of the world's most reputed educational institutions offering world-class education to the domestic as well as international students. These programmes and courses not only provide high salaries jobs but also open several doors for them in terms of a variety of domains as per students' interest, where they can significantly nurture and upskill themselves.

The post-Brexit days are likely to bring a lot of relief to Indian students and professionals in terms of higher education programs and well-paid jobs in the UK. It is envisioned that Britain is set to bring an improved version of post-study visa regime to boost its International Education Strategy in 2021. The strategy aims at welcoming foreign students from around the world and raising the UK's total number of international students to 6,00,000 annually than the current 4,60,000. This will boost the country's education exports to 35 billion pounds by 2030.

What does this new strategy offers to Indian students?

The offerings will include a chance for the undergraduates and



Lakshaya Bharti Institute of International Hotel Management (LBIHM), Delhi, has introduced a unique scholarship scheme Atithya Shree for students taking admissions in the institute. The scholarship scheme is divided into three categories under which a student can get concession in annual fee between 10 per cent and 30 per cent. Those students got 60 to 70 per cent mark in Class XII will get 10 per cent concession in annual fees. Those students who qualify Class XII with marks between 71 to 80 per cent, will get 20 per cent concession in annual fees. Similarly, those who have scored more than 80 per cent in their intermediate, get 30 per cent concession in annual fees.

Under this scholarship scheme, there is a special concession for the girls' students of every category will get a 10 per cent concession in fee. Those students who have qualified Class XII in this year are eligible for this scholarship.

How to apply: To fill this scholarship form and any other queries related to scholarship please visit www.lbi-ihm.com.

Application deadline: Last date to fill the application

form is August 13, 2019.

The University of Sheffield, UK is pleased to offer a School of Law PhD Scholarship for 2019 entry. It consists of: £4,500 towards course fees per year, for up to 3 years. An annual tax free maintenance of £9,000 per year, for up to 3 years. A Research Training & Support Grant of £500 per year, for up to 3 years.

One must apply via the PG Online Application System and state that you wish to be considered for the School of Law PhD Scholarship.

Application deadline: August 12, 2019.

India Delhi Academy of Medical Science has announced scholarship for doctors who want to take admission in PG medical preparations. The scholarship test will be held on September 3, 2019 at 95 centers.

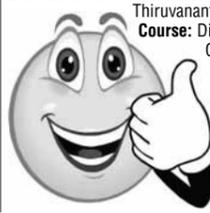
Selected students will be rewarded according to their all India Rank. Free for all courses (classroom courses, online test series & postal courses) across India will be provided to the students who will grab top 10 ranks across the country. 50% discount on all courses (classroom courses, online test series & postal courses) across India will be given to those who will score 11-20 ranks across the country.

Application deadline: It is August 22, 2019.

STUDY CENTRES

Surgical Technology is a specific technical profession in the field of health science. Their primary duty is to take care of all the work and management of the operation theatre. The curriculum comprises of training in Anatomy and Physiology, Biomedical Science, Pharmacology, Pathology, Microbiology, Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Besides basic educational qualification, excellent clinical, communication and behavioural skills are necessary. There are several paramedical institutes as well as hospitals across the country that offer courses in Surgical Technology. A few more are:

- **PG Institute of Medical Education and Research: College of Nursing, Chandigarh.** Course: Certificate Course in Operation Theatre Technician
- **SIT College, Ramanathapuram.** Course: Diploma in Operation Theatre Technician
- **Shri Dhanwantri PG Ayurvedic Medical College, Mathura.** Course: Diploma in Operation Theatre Technician
- **Global University: School of Paramedical Sciences, Saharanpur.** Course: Diploma in Operation Theatre Technician
- **IMT College of Paramedical Education, Agra.** Course: Diploma in Operation Theatre Technician
- **Florence College Of Nursing, Ranchi.** Course: Diploma in Operation Theatre Technician
- **Kerala Institute of Medical Sciences, Thiruvananthapuram.** Course: Diploma in Operation Theatre Technician



BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT (SALES) AT STORYTELLER.ORG

Location: Delhi, Gurgaon, Noida, Bengaluru
Stipend: ₹8,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/1160366
Application deadline: July 29, 2019

FULL STACK DEVELOPMENT AT LIMELIGHT

Location: Ahmedabad, Chennai, Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru
Stipend: ₹8,000-₹15,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/1160367
Application deadline: July 29, 2019

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT (SALES) AT POSSIER TECHNOLOGIES

Location: Chennai, Delhi, Pune, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Bengaluru
Stipend: ₹10,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/1160368
Application deadline: July 27, 2019

WEB DEVELOPMENT AT CARS24

Location: Delhi, Gurgaon, Bengaluru
Stipend: ₹15,000-₹20,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/1160369
Application deadline: August 16, 2019

SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING AT DESIGNERS LAB

Location: Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru
Stipend: ₹ 5,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/1160370
Application deadline: July 28, 2019

GRAPHIC DESIGN AT TEADLE MEDIA

Location: Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Kolkata, Bengaluru
Stipend: ₹2,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/1160371
Application deadline: July 27, 2019

TRANSCRIPT AUDITING AT TECHCANVASS

Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹8,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/1160372
Application deadline: July 31, 2019

IN BRIEF

SBI PO MAIN EXAM ANALYSIS

The State Bank of India Probationary Officer is one of the most coveted banking exams of India. It is a national level exam and this year is being conducted for 2000 vacancies of Probationary Officers (POs) posts. The selection for this post is held in three stages: Prelims, Main, and Interview. Out of 9.5 lakh students who appeared for the Prelims exam on June 8-9 about 20,000 students qualified for the main exam which was held on July 21.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR PG COURSES

Strengthening its commitment towards students' success, Pearl Academy has rolled out a new initiative assuring 100 per cent placements for all its students after their course. The academy will offer 100% scholarship on tuition fees for PG at any of its academic partner institutions like London College of Contemporary Arts, London College of Creative Media, Berlin Institute of Business & Innovation; London School of

MOUS WITH MALDIVES GOVT

In a bid to gain an in-depth exposure of Skill Development Ecosystem of India, and drive greater cooperation between the two countries, representatives of the Government met senior officials from the Government of Maldives and signed MoUs.

The overall level of the exam was difficult. The sequence of sections was — Reasoning & Computer Aptitude, Data Analysis & Interpretation, General Awareness, and English Language. In the Reasoning & Computer Aptitude section, many new questions were asked. In Data Analysis & Interpretation, majority of the questions were asked from the new type of Data Interpretation. In the English, maximum questions were from Reading Comprehension. In General/Economy/ Banking Awareness, more than 35 questions were asked from current affairs. The toughest section was Reasoning & Computer Aptitude while English was the easiest.

Business & Finance, Singapore; University of Applied Sciences Europe amongst others. Professor Nandita Abraham, President, Pearl Academy said: "We have a rich legacy of preparing professionals. The students' success and growth is at the heart of whatever we do. Our expert faculty and an industry driven curriculum ensures a holistic professional experience for our students."

The countries agreed to extend cooperation in training and skilling in a number of sectors including agriculture, IT, tourism and fisheries. Other areas of support include entrepreneurship, apprenticeship and training of trainers.

BECOME A PLANT DOCTOR

The Centre for Rural Technology (CRT) of Indian Institute of Guwahati (IIT-G) in collaboration with MS Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) and Centre for Agriculture and Bioscience International (CABI) New Delhi organised a week-long capacity building programme on *Becoming a Plant Doctor*. The workshop was attended by subject-matter specialists from various Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) of Assam and Odisha, researchers from MSSRF, Assam Agricultural University (AAU), National Rice Research Institute (NRRI) and IIT Guwahati.

The inaugural address was delivered by Professor TG Sitharam, Director, IIT-G. He talked about the need for farmer friendly, science and technology based advisory systems in building the resilience among small and marginal farmers.

FRUGAL INNOVATIONS

Bringing the focus on Frugal Innovation, FORE School of Management, New Delhi (FSM) organised Roundtable 2.0 on — *Frugal Approach to Innovation: So Far and Way Forward*. The event was organised by FSM's Centre for Research and Innovation in Frugal Technology Management. This centre is unique since it is dedicated to furthering Frugal Innovation. It works closely with industry and technology institutes in India and abroad to contribute to the body of knowledge in this important area and facilitates market access and commercial feasibility for frugal innovations.

The inaugural roundtable was held in January 2019 and comprised of theme-oriented presentations.

Narine, Pollard recalled for T20s

Mystery spinner, Kieron & Russell included in Windies squad for first 2 games

PTI ■ ST JOHN'S

The veteran duo of Sunil Narine and Kieron Pollard were on Tuesday recalled to a 14-member West Indies squad for the first two games of the three-match T20 International series against India, beginning August 3 at Florida in the United States.

Wicketkeeper-batsman Anthony Bramble is the only uncapped player in the squad selected for the first two T20s to be played on August 3 and 4 at the Broward County Stadium, Lauderdale, Florida.

The selection panel could make changes to the squad for the third T20I on August 6 at the Guyana National Stadium, the West Indies Cricket Board said.

The squad, to be led by captain Carlos Brathwaite, also includes all-rounder Andre Russell subject to passing a fitness assessment prior to the series. Russell had made an early exit from the World Cup to undergo an operation on his troublesome left knee.

Interim chairman of the selection panel Robert Haynes said veteran opener Chris Gayle had notified that he was unavailable for the series due to playing commitments at the GT20 in Canada. This has given the opportunity for left-handed compatriot John Campbell to fill the slot.

Left-handed opener John Campbell and left-arm spinner Khary Pierre have also been included alongside a number of regulars, as the interim selection panel seeks to explore options with the ICC T20 World Cup looming next year in Australia.

"This squad is an excellent balance of experience and youth. It is not just about the present — the India Tour of the West Indies — but we are also looking at the T20 World Cup coming up next year and it is important that we find the right combination of players



Sunil Narine plays a shot during Indian Premier League clash against Rajasthan Royal

IPL/Twitter

and the right formula for defending our title," said Haynes.

"We have to make sure that we put certain things in place now, so that when it comes to picking the squad for the T20 World Cup, it becomes easier, so we are giving more players the opportunity to play and get the exposure."

Haynes said he expects

the T20I series to be a keenly contested one.

"Most of the players that we have selected have played in the IPL and they know all of the Indian players well. We will have the edge for sure because we are playing at home. At the end of the day however, it is important that the players go out there and play to win, not just to compete, and I think we

have the right balance to do so."

Mystery spinner Narine last played in a T20I for West Indies against England almost two years ago at Chester-le-Street and batting all-rounder

MYSTERY SPINNER NARINE LAST PLAYED IN A T20I FOR WEST INDIES AGAINST ENGLAND ALMOST TWO YEARS AGO AT DURHAM AND BATTING ALL-ROUNDER POLLARD APPEARED LAST NOVEMBER ON THE TOUR OF INDIA

Pollard appeared last November on the Tour of India.

"We felt that players like Narine and Pollard, who have played well in T20 leagues around the world, once they are fit and mentally ready to play, we must give them the opportunity to represent the West Indies again," said Haynes.

The 28-year-old Bramble will provide wicket keeping back-up to Nicholas Pooran despite not having played an official T20 in close to three years. He did, however, captain West Indies 'Bat last year's Canada GLT20 and was picked up by Guyana Amazon Warriors in the CPL draft in May.

"Though Nicholas Pooran will be the first-choice wicket-keeper, we needed to have someone to deputise in case something unexpected happens and he (Bramble) is the perfect choice," said Haynes.

India play three ODIs and two Tests against the West Indies after the T20Is.

West Indies Squad for first two T20 Internationals: Carlos Brathwaite (capt), Sunil Narine, Keemo Paul, Khary Pierre, Kieron Pollard, Nicholas Pooran (wk), Rovman Powell, Andre Russell, Oshane Thomas, Anthony Bramble (wk), John Campbell, Sheldon Cottrell, Shimron Hetmyer, Evin Lewis.



Wriddhiman Saha in a file picture

BCCI/Twitter

Saha ready to shoulder responsibility in A game

PTI ■ NORTH SOUND

Wriddhiman Saha will begin his reintegration after a major shoulder injury with his first first-class game in 18 months when India A take on West Indies A in an unofficial Test starting on Wednesday.

Wriddhiman and Hanuma Vihari the two Test specialists who have been included in the A squad to prepare for the two-Test series starting late August. Wriddhiman, who is only three months shy of his 35th birthday, is returning after a career-threatening injury that many believe has been completely mismanaged at the National Cricket Academy.

It will not be out of place to label his comeback 'Wriddhiman 3.0' with the keeper-batsman beginning everything from the scratch, something that is not easy in the mid 30s.

Having stayed under MS Dhoni's shadow for the better part, Wriddhiman was finding his mojo in an injury-ridden career but the injury during the last IPL was a massive blow.

With Rishabh Pant proving his credentials with centuries in England and Australia, it's again that phase in his career where he could be seen wearing the orange or green bib and rushing with the towel and energy drink during breaks.

The teamman that he is, Wriddhiman will do it without batting an eyelid but the ques-

tion that crops up is what exactly will be left for him post West Indies tour, when India play twin series against South Africa and Bangladesh at home.

People in the know of things are still at their wits end as to how the same kind of injury that had K L Rahul back in action in two months, saw the Bengal stumper out for more than a year till the Mushtaq Ali Trophy.

"KS Bharath just about missed out on an India team berth. For the first time in 18 months, Wriddhiman will be keeping for a day or may be 120 overs if required. Then he will have to bat. The NCA had initially messed up his rehab and it required a surgery. It needs to be seen how it holds up," a senior BCCI official privy to developments at the NCA said.

For Vihari, a good innings will keep Virat Kohli and Ravi Shastri interested for the one middle-order slot even though vice-captain Ajinkya Rahane is the favourite to take up the No 5 spot for now.

The two openers, Priyank Panchal of Gujarat and Abhimanyu Easwaran of Bengal, will like to continue their good work and keep Rahul on toes, especially after two below-par tours of England and Australia.

Bharath is expected to get a chance in the third Test and a good knock can make him the second keeper at home as the Andhra player is considered to be good keeping up to the spinners.

Anderson out of Ireland Test with Roy to make debut

AFP ■ LONDON

James Anderson has been ruled out of England's four-day Test against Ireland at Lord's starting on Wednesday but World Cup star Jason Roy will make his debut.

Opening bowler Anderson has failed to recover from the right calf injury he sustained when playing for his county Lancashire against Durham on July 2.

"Jimmy will continue to be assessed" ahead of the first Ashes Test at Edgbaston on August 1, an England and Wales Cricket Board statement said on Tuesday. Chief selector Ed Smith stated when naming the squad last week that England's record wicket-taker would not be risked ahead of the Ashes series if there were any lingering doubts over his injury.

Bowling resources have already been stretched by side strains sustained by Mark Wood and Jofra Archer in the recent World Cup victory over New Zealand.

Warwickshire paceman Olly Stone will make his Test debut in Anderson's absence, with World Cup-winning batsman Roy also playing his first Test after featuring in 84 one-day internationals.

England will play two spinners in Jack Leach and Moeen Ali in an attack led by Stuart Broad, with uncapped all-rounder Lewis Gregory missing out from the original 13-man squad.

Test skipper Root, speaking at Lord's on Tuesday, said Anderson could have played against Ireland but stressed that England did not want to take any chances with their prize asset ahead of a five-Test Ashes series.

"Jimmy probably would have been able to get through this Test match but (it's) just making sure that he's absolutely



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ready," Root explained.

"We thought the last thing we want is him carrying a niggle going into a series so we tried to be sensible about it and give him as much time to be 100 percent going into that series — a five-match series. So we're very confident that he'll be fit (for the Ashes)."

The powerful Roy will open the innings, as he did during the World Cup, even though he is a middle-order batsman in first-class cricket.

"With Jason, we want him to be himself, express himself and trust his instincts as much as possible," Root said.

"He brings something different to our Test batting side, he's a proven performer in international cricket and fully capable of making big contributions. I hope he doesn't try to play differently, I hope he'll go and be himself."

"There were occasions in the World Cup when he had to trust his defence and he might have to draw that out a bit longer in Test cricket — but he can go and put the pressure back on the opposition. He's one of the best in the world at that."

Anderson, 36, no longer plays ODI cricket so did not play in the World Cup. The Lancashire swing bowler, with 575 scalps, trails only the spin trio of Sri Lanka's Muttiah Muralitharan (800 wickets), Australia's Shane Warne (708) and India's Anil Kumble (619) in the all-time list of Test wicket-takers.

England team to play Ireland: Jason Roy, Rory Burns, Joe Denly, Joe Root (capt), Jonny Bairstow (wkt), Moeen Ali, Chris Woakes, Sam Curran, Stuart Broad, Olly Stone, Jack Leach.

Away Ashes triumph the pinnacle: Lyon

AFP ■ EDGBASTON

Australia off-spinner Nathan Lyon says it would be a dream come true to win the Ashes in England and he has even thought about how he would celebrate if it happened.

The 2019 campaign will be Lyon's third Ashes tour to the UK, where Australia have not won a Test series since the 4-1 triumph of Steve Waugh's men in 2001.

In the 18 years since, four touring parties have returned home empty handed, twice under captain Ricky Ponting (2005 and 2009) and twice (2013 and 2015) with Michael Clarke at the helm.

Clarke was Lyon's captain on his previous visits to England where the off-spinner has played eight Tests with a record of two wins, four losses and two draws, a stats sheet he is desperate to



Nathan Lyon bowls during Australian team practice session ahead of Ashes

ICC/Twitter

improve.

Lyon has been part of Australian Test teams that have won the Ashes at home, including a 5-0 whitewash in 2013-14. He has won away in South Africa and Asia, and been part of the Test side crowned No1 in the world.

But the 31-year-old says winning an Ashes series in England is the ultimate.

"It's like a dream," Lyon said on the latest episode of *The Unplayable Podcast*.

"As a kid you always dream of firstly playing cricket for Australia but then winning the Ashes."

"Winning the Ashes is always (up) there but winning it away makes it more special."

Driving Lyon as much as anything is the vision of Test legend Shane Warne jubilantly celebrating winning the 1997 Ashes series at Trent Bridge with a Test to play.

With the stumps in both hands above his head, Warne danced victoriously after Australia won the fifth Test by 264 runs to take an unassailable 3-1 lead in the six-match series.

The memory of Warne grooving on the away dressing room balcony in front of thousands of fans is a fantasy he hopes to live in less than two months.

And he's been practicing just in case it comes to fruition.

"The big memory for me is seeing Shane Warne with the stump," Lyon said.

"That's the biggest thing. I'm desperate to replicate that. I reckon it would be brilliant."

"If we win the Ashes I'll do it. I've been practicing, don't worry about that."

"Like Steve Smith batting in his room, I've got a stump up there."

Pick your best for Ashes: AB

IANS ■ SYDNEY

Former captain Allan Border feels Australia should pick their best six batsmen for the upcoming Ashes series against England beginning August 1 in Birmingham.

Border revealed his first choice team to *foxsports.com.au*, naming southpaws David Warner, Marcus Harris and Usman Khawaja as his preferred top three.

"The top three batsmen are left-handers, which is not necessarily the wrong thing," Border said.

"A lot of people jump up and down about picking too many left-handers but if they are your best players then go with them. If they were right-handers, no one would say anything," he added.

The former Australia skipper also stated that wicketkeeper-batsman Matthew Wade should come into the side considering his good domestic form.

"I'd be very tempted to go with Wade. You talk about picking the guys in form, and he's in great form. (Marnus) Labuschagne might get that guernseys in that he can bowl some pretty handy leg-spin and he's good in the field too," Border said. "Wade can bowl some medium pace. He can get it through alright, you could sling



Marcus Harris bats during nets

AFP

him half a dozen overs if you had to here and there."

The 63-year-old also advised the Australian team to resist from temptation of playing an all-rounder at the number six spot and instead play a proper batsman.

"I wouldn't go the all-rounder at No 6. I'd pick a straight out-and-out batsman. England's conditions are a bit softer underfoot and temperature wise. There's not as much physicality and stress on the bowlers," he said.

Allan Border's XI: David Warner, Marcus Harris, Usman Khawaja, Steve Smith, Travis Head, Matthew Wade/Marnus Labuschagne, Tim Paine (c,wk), Pat Cummins, Mitchell Starc, Nathan Lyon, Josh Hazlewood.

Barca lose in Griezmann's debut

AGENCIES ■ SAITAMA

Antoine Griezmann made his Barcelona debut on Tuesday but was unable to prevent the LaLiga champions slipping to a 2-1 friendly defeat to Chelsea in Saitama.

World Cup winner Griezmann — who joined the club in a \$120million move earlier this month — made little impact during his 45-minute appearance against Frank Lampard's side, who went in front through Tammy Abraham's 34th-minute goal.

Barcelona looked bright at the start of the second period before Ross Barkley's fine finish nine minutes from time sealed the win, despite Ivan Rakitic's late strike.

Chelsea continue their preparations for the 2019-20 season with a game against Championship side Reading on Sunday, while Barca take on Vissel Kobe — and their former player Andres Iniesta — a day earlier.

Barcelona could — and perhaps should — have gone ahead inside the opening minute but Oriol Busquets' header from eight yards sailed over Kepa Arrizabalaga's goal.

Abraham was equally wasteful in the 23rd minute, blazing a



Antoine Griezmann and David Luiz battle for ball possession

AP

half-volley over from six yards after Marc-Andre ter Stegen had failed to hold Christian Pulisic's powerful strike.

The striker made up for that miss soon after, though, coolly rounding Ter Stegen and slotting into an empty net after Jorginho had cut out Sergio Busquets' sloppy pass on the edge of the penalty area. Pulisic could have doubled their advantage five minutes before the interval but crashed a left-footed effort into the side netting, while a subdued Ousmane Dembele saw his low strike kept out by Kepa at the other end.

Barca were a team reborn

after making 11 changes at the break, Rafinha, Carles Perez and Carles Alena all testing Kepa with low strikes in the opening stages of the second half.

Chelsea substitute Kenedy inexplicably headed well wide after latching onto Barkley's lofted pass but the England international made no mistake in the 81st minute, squeezing an effort inside Neto's right-hand post from 18 yards.

The Spanish side at least ended the game on a positive note, Rakitic thundering into the top corner from distance in stoppage time.

Lanka to farewell Malinga



Lasith Malinga prepares to bowl during Sri Lanka team nets session during ICC World Cup. Twitter

AFP ■ COLOMBO

Sri Lanka will start looking to replace key wicket-taker and former skipper Lasith Malinga when the shaggy-haired fast bowler calls it quits after the first one-day international against Bangladesh on Friday.

Both teams go into the three-game series nursing a World Cup hangover, with Sri Lanka facing an especially tough rebuilding task with the loss of the instantly recognisable Malinga.

The blond-highlighted bowler with the distinctive sling action proved his enduring worth when he tormented England during the World Cup, taking four for 43 as Sri Lanka stunned the eventual champions in the group stage.

Malinga, 35, is Sri Lanka's third-highest ODI wicket-taker with 335 wickets from 225 matches, behind only Chaminda Vaas (399) and Muttiah Muralitharan (523). Malinga needs three wickets to overhaul Anil Kumble's 337 for ninth place on the international list.

Sri Lanka captain Dimuth Karunaratne said finding a replacement for Malinga, who is retiring from one-day internationals, is just one of many challenges ahead following a disappointing World Cup.

"I think if you take the World Cup, we did fairly good. In patches we did really well and sometimes we didn't do very well," he said.

"We know we need to find a wicket-taking bowler because Lasith Malinga is not available after this series.

"We need to find the bowlers who can take wickets in the middle part and the early overs. Those are the areas. I need some good youngsters, we need to groom some youngsters for the next World Cup," he said.

However, Sri Lanka's problems don't end there, as coach Chandika Hathurusingha and his assistants will be shown the door after the Bangladesh series because of their sixth-place finish in England.

Bangladesh, who finished eighth of the 10 teams, are also entering a new era after they sacked coach Steve Rhodes following the World Cup.

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MALI HOPES TO PLAY T20s

AFP ■ COLOMBO

Veteran Sri Lankan pace bowler Lasith Malinga on Tuesday confirmed he will retire from one-day international cricket after the first match against Bangladesh but hopes to play T20 cricket.

Malinga invited fans to his farewell ODI at the R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo on Friday and said the cricket board agreed to his request to retire from the 50-over format of the game.

Posting a video message to his fans on his wife's Facebook page, Malinga said he felt no ill will towards officials and players who may have tried to push him out of the team.

The 35-year-old said he was sidelined by selectors two years ago but was able to prove his value to the

The visitors are also without key players, including skipper Mashrafe Mortaza and inspirational vice-captain Shakib Al Hasan.

Mashrafe has a hamstring injury while Shakib, who scored 606 runs and claimed 11 wickets in the World Cup, is being rested.

Opening batsman Tamim Iqbal, interim captain for the series, said Bangladesh's younger players will get a chance to impress.

"I thought we had a pretty decent World Cup. There were a few games that we should have won. We, the cricketers also felt that we could have done more," said Tamim.

"I think that whoever plays the first one-day match they need to cash in on the opportunity," he added.

Bangladesh are the first foreign sports team to visit Sri Lanka since the Easter Sunday suicide attacks this year, which killed more than 250 people.

The team were given security usually reserved for visiting state dignitaries, with extra forces at their hotel and armed guards for their bus.

"I think the security has been fantastic. All the facilities they have given to us have been top notch," said Tamim.

national team at the recent World Cup.

"Friday will be the last day you will see me playing a ODI match," Malinga said. "If you can, please come for the match." During practice on Tuesday ahead of the first ODI against Bangladesh, Malinga said he hoped to play T20 cricket and had his sights on the 2020 World Cup in Australia.

"I hope to be able to take Sri Lanka to the next T20 World Cup," he said.

"I hope I will have an opportunity to play in that tournament, but if there are better players than me, I don't mind being left out." Malinga's retirement was first announced by skipper Dimuth Karunaratne, who on Monday told reporters the right-arm fast bowler indicated Friday's match would be his last ODI appearance.

Kane 'worthy recipient' of NZ of Year accolade: Stokes



Kane Williamson plays football during New Zealand's practice session. AP

PTI ■ LONDON

Nominated for New Zealand's Player of the Year award, England's World Cup hero Ben Stokes has graciously turned it down, saying Black Caps skipper Kane Williamson is the "worthy recipient" of the accolade.

The 28-year-old Stokes was born in New Zealand's Christchurch but moved to England aged 12, going on to establish himself in the England setup.

The all-rounder was named Man of the Match after he broke Kiwi hearts with his gallant show in the epic World Cup final recently.

"I am flattered to be nominated for New Zealand's Player of the Year," he posted on his social media accounts.

"I am proud of my New Zealand and Maori heritage but it would not sit right with me to be nominated for this prestigious award. There are people who deserve this recognition more and have done a lot more for the country of New Zealand."

Stokes amassed 465 runs and took seven wickets in the

World Cup as England edged out New Zealand in a thriller, decided by boundary count, at Lord's on July 14 to clinch their maiden title.

"I have helped England lift a World Cup and my life is firmly established in the UK — it has been since I was 12-years old," he said.

"I feel the whole country should align their support to New Zealand captain Kane Williamson. He should be revered as a kiwi legend. He led his team in this World Cup with distinction and honour.

"He was the player of the tournament and an inspirational leader of men. He shows humility and empathy to every situation and is an all-round good bloke. He typifies what it is to be a New Zealander. He would be a worthy recipient of this accolade. New Zealand, fully support him. He deserves it and gets my vote," Stokes concluded.

In the final, Stokes smashed 84 runs to help England level the scores at 241 and take the match to the Super Over. Along with Jos Buttler, Stokes then plundered 15 runs in six balls.

Van Dijk dreams of Ballon d'Or victory

AGENCIES ■ LIVERPOOL

Virgil van Dijk admits winning the Ballon d'Or after an exceptional season with Liverpool would be a dream come true.

No defender has claimed the award since Fabio Cannavaro in 2006, the year he lifted the World Cup with Italy, but centre-back Van Dijk is a strong contender to break the drought.

The 28-year-old shone as Liverpool won the Champions League last season and was crowned PFA Players' Player of the Year for his part in helping the Reds finish second in the Premier League.

Already a revered figure at Anfield, Van Dijk could become the club's second Ballon d'Or recipient after Michael Owen in 2001.

"If people are talking about it — you can't say it doesn't [excite you]," Van Dijk told Sky Sports.

"But it's a subject we don't have any influence on. I can't change anything right now other than get fit, stay fit and that's the situation.

"Winning something like that is a dream come true for every footballer in the world. If you don't then you just get on with it and try to perform better than last year.

"It would be fantastic and I would be very proud.

"But the main thing will be to focus on what we do all together and achieving the bigger goal — that's getting silverware with the club."

Van Dijk and Liverpool are in the United States for pre-season ahead of another gruelling campaign.

The European champions must contend with the usual domestic and Champions League commitments along with a trip to Qatar for the Club World Cup in December.

Liverpool boss Jurgen Klopp views the demands on modern players, including regular international matches and tournaments, as unsustainable.

"It looks like nobody can imagine a week without football in the year," Klopp told reporters.

"When did that happen? A game again, a game again."

"It is difficult for the boys. Everything will be fine this season, but in the long term we have to change it. There must be breaks.

"Come on, let them go. Be brave. Don't treat every game like it is the last of a decade."



Gareth Bale trains during practice session. Twitter

Zidane: Bale declined to play

AFP ■ WASHINGTON

Real Madrid boss Zinedine Zidane has denied disrespecting Wales star Gareth Bale as he discussed the expected transfer of the 30-year-old forward from the La Liga giants on Monday.

Speaking to reporters on the eve of Real Madrid's friendly with Arsenal at FedEx Field — home of the NFL's Washington Redskins — Zidane said it was Bale who chose not to play in Madrid's 3-1 friendly defeat to Bayern in Houston on Saturday.

"I did not disrespect anyone, least of all Gareth," a

frustrated-sounding Zidane said. "I said that the club is working to facilitate Bale's departure, nothing more. The other day, Gareth did not dress for the game, he did not want to because the club was negotiating his departure," he added.

Zidane had been branded a "disgrace" by Bale's agent for his comments after the Saturday match, when he said he hoped Bale's move from the club happened soon "for everyone's sake."

Bale has been frozen out in Madrid by Zidane despite helping his side to a Spanish title and four Champions Leagues since arriving from

Tottenham Hotspur six years ago.

His brace, including a brilliant bicycle kick, sank Liverpool in the 2018 final, but he was shunted aside by Zidane as soon as he returned to the Real bench in early March.

After Zidane's reappointment, Bale played 90 minutes in just three of the remaining 11 matches, was left out completely four times and frequently substituted when he did play.

"Today, he is a Real Madrid player," Zidane said, adding that the striker would train with the team Monday night.

Hazard: You must always win trophies at Madrid

AGENCIES ■ MADRID

Eden Hazard stressed the importance of winning trophies every season at Real Madrid as the star signing eyes silverware in 2019-20.

Hazard swapped Chelsea for Madrid in a big-money move during the off-season after the LaLiga club's difficult 2018-19 campaign.

Madrid finished third behind bitter rivals Barcelona in LaLiga, crashed out of the Champions League in the last 16 and lost in the Copa del Rey semi-finals.

Hazard — who led Chelsea to Europa League glory last term — understands the importance of titles at the Santiago Bernabeu.

"When you play for Real Madrid you need to win things every season. You need to win, win, win," Hazard told Jay Shetty via Madrid's official website.

"If you don't win the Champions League the fans get down and that's to be expected. At this club you always want to win and that's why I'm here.

"I want to play games, score goals and, come the end of the season, lift trophies."

Hazard made his debut for Madrid in last week's 3-1 loss to Bayern Munich at the International Champions Cup.

The Belgium international and Madrid are back in action against Arsenal in Maryland on Tuesday



Eden Hazard in action against Bayern Munich

late night.

"I play with freedom. That's difficult in football because there are defenders, midfielders... but that's the kind of player I am," Hazard said.

"If I don't have that freedom I don't play well and end up on the bench. I like to get on the ball, move to the right, to the left, shift around and play with my instinct.

"I don't think: I have to do this, play the ball to the right, to the left. I just play, get on the ball and decide what to do."



Nabil Fekir poses after signing Real Betis deal. Twitter

Fekir completes Betis switch

AGENCIES ■ LYON

Nabil Fekir has left Lyon and joined Real Betis, potentially paving the way for Giovanni Lo Celso's departure.

France international Fekir, 26, entered the final 12 months of his deal at the start of July and LaLiga club Betis swooped to complete a transfer that could cost them €29.75million, with the deal also including a potential 20 per cent sell-on bonus for Lyon.

His younger brother, Yassin Fekir, has also moved to the Benito Villamarin, and Lyon will receive 50 per cent of any future transfer fee for the 22-year-old.

The versatile attacker, who has hit 36 Ligue 1 goals in the last three years, almost moved to Liverpool in 2018 and was linked to Arsenal after declining to discuss new terms with Lyon, the club he captained for two seasons.

Fekir progressed through the Ligue 1 side's academy and helped France win the World Cup in Russia last year.

His arrival in Seville is expected to free up midfielder and fellow left-footer Lo Celso for a switch to Tottenham.

A full Argentina international, the 23-year-old is reportedly keen to work with compatriot Mauricio Pochettino in London.

Lo Celso joined Betis on loan from Paris Saint-Germain at the start of last season, before the move was made permanent in April.

Bale 'won't be leaving' on loan

AFP ■ MADRID

Gareth Bale will not be leaving Real Madrid on loan during the transfer window despite falling out of favour under Zinedine Zidane, his agent said on Tuesday.

The Real boss said at the weekend the La Liga giants were poised to offload the 30-year-old Wales star.

But his representative, Jonathan Barnett, told Sky Sports News any deal would have to be a permanent one.

"There will be no

makeshift deals to get him out of the club," said Barnett.

"Gareth is one of the best players on the planet. I can guarantee you he will not be going on loan to any club."

"Gareth is a Real Madrid player and for now he's staying as a Real Madrid player," said Barnett.

"If something comes along that suits us, then things could change and he could be gone in a day or a week. Or he could still be a Real player in three years, when his contract ends."

World wrestling c'ship trials venue shifted to IG Stadium

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) on Tuesday shifted the men's trials for the World Championship from Sonapat to Delhi's IG Stadium, keeping in mind "better organisation facilities".

The parent body also insisted that the decision to shift venue was not taken in anticipation of disruption from unruly fans at the Bahalgarh complex.

Recently a few referees had requested the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) to change the venue for Friday's trials since they feared for their safety at the small hall at SAI centre in Sonapat.

There is no place for fans to sit and watch the proceedings at the Bahalgarh Centre and it usually becomes difficult to contain supporters in case they do not agree with the decision of the officiating referee and judges.

"We have shifted the venue to IG stadium in Delhi because there is huge interest in World Championship trials. Fans, thousands in number, are expected to come and watch. The small wrestling hall at Bahalgarh cannot accommodate so many fans,"

WFI Assistant Secretary Vinod Tomar said.

Asked if the referee's request has forced them to change the venue, Tomar replied in negative.

"No, no. It's not about referees. Wherever the WFI conducts trials, the referees will have to report. It's about better management. IG stadium has good seating capacity and trials can be conducted smoothly there," he insisted.

However, history suggests that even IG stadium witnessed ugly scenes during the 2018 Commonwealth Games trials when supporters of star grappler Sushil Kumar and Praveen Rana exchanged blows.

The men's trials will begin at 8am on Friday and it has been decided to hold trials for only six Olympic weight categories — 57kg, 65kg, 74kg, 86kg, 97kg and 125kg.

Two-time Olympic medallist Sushil Kumar, who competes in 74kg, has sent his entry for the trials.

The trials four other categories which are part of the World Championship will be conducted later. The trials for women are scheduled to be held on Sunday in Lucknow.