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## SC can't dictate terms to Speaker: HDK

### Court to take call on Karnataka CM's assertion, MLAs' resignation today

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court will pronounce its verdict on Wednesday on several important Constitutional issues raised by the 15 rebel Karnataka Congress and Janata Dal (S) MLAs as well as State Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy and Assembly Speaker KR Ramesh Kumar.

The issues before the SC are following: a) Plea of the rebel MLAs for direction to Speaker Kumar to accept their resignation from the Assembly; b) Kumaraswamy contention that the SC had no jurisdiction to pass the two interim orders asking the Speaker to decide and, later, to maintain the status quo on the resignations and disqualification of the rebel MLAs; c) Speaker's plea to the court to modify its earlier order directing him to maintain status quo in the ongoing political crisis in the State.

A Bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi on Tuesday concluded hearing on the pleas of the rebel MLAs, the Speaker and Kumaraswamy.

Appearing for the 15 MLAs, senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi asked the Bench to continue with its interim order directing the Speaker to maintain status quo on the issue of resignation and disqualification of the MLAs.

The counsel for the rebel MLAs also asked the Bench that if the House assembles for business, the 15 rebel MLAs be exempted from appearing on



BJP members display placards as they protest in the Well of the Legislative Council demanding resignation of Karnataka Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Tuesday

despite the whip of the ruling coalition which, he said, has been reduced to minority Government.

Senior advocate Rajeev Dhavan, appearing for Kumaraswamy, told the Bench that the Speaker cannot be compelled to decide this issue in a time-bound manner. "When resignation process is not in order, the court cannot direct Speaker to decide by 6 pm," he told the Bench, also comprising Justices Deepak Gupta and Aniruddha Bose.

Kumaraswamy also told the SC that the rebel MLAs were hunting in a pack to destabilise his Government and the court should not have entertained their petitions.

Senior advocate AM Singhvi, appearing for the Speaker, told the Bench that no direction was issued to the Karnataka Speaker by the court in the midnight hearing when floor test was ordered and BS Yedurappa was invited to form the Government last year. He told the Bench that the

Speaker was yet to decide on the resignation and disqualification of rebel MLAs and the court had ample power to punish them.

The Speaker urged the apex court to modify its earlier order directing him to maintain status quo in the ongoing political crisis in the State even as the rebel MLAs accused him of acting in a partisan manner by not deciding on their resignations.

Singhvi said the Speaker would decide on both disquali-

fication and resignation of the rebel MLAs by Wednesday but the court should modify its earlier order asking him to maintain status quo.

Rohatgi argued that the Speaker cannot keep the resignation of these MLAs pending and by doing so he is acting in a partisan manner. Countering his submissions, Singhvi told the Bench that Speakers cannot be asked to decide the matter in a time-bound manner.

"How can the Speaker be directed to decide in a particular manner?" Singhvi asked the court. "Such orders are not passed even to a trial court."

He also said a valid resignation should be submitted to the Speaker personally; the MLAs appeared before him only on July 11, five days after they submitted their resignations to his office.

The rebel MLAs told the court that the Speaker kept their resignation pending just to disqualify them and there was nothing wrong in resigning to escape disqualification.

Rohatgi submitted before the Bench that the Speaker can be directed to decide on the resignation of the MLAs by 2 pm and he can take a call on their disqualification later.

The Bench asked Rohatgi if there was any Constitutional obligation on the Speaker to decide on the MLAs' disqualification which was initiated after the resignation.

Rohatgi said the rules say to "decide now" on resignation.

"How can the Speaker keep it pending?"

The rebel MLAs told the court that the State Government has been reduced to minority and the Speaker by not accepting their resignations has attempted coercing them to vote for the Government in the trust vote.

Disqualification proceeding is a mini-trial under the Constitution's 10th Schedule, said Rohatgi, adding that resignation is different and its acceptance is based on a single criterion alone — whether it is voluntary or not.

There is nothing to show the rebel MLAs conspired with the BJP, the senior advocate said. The disqualification proceeding was nothing but to scuttle resignation of MLAs, he said. He also told the court that the disqualification proceedings were initiated for not being a disciplined soldier of the party and for not attending meetings outside the House.

The Bench further asked if all the disqualification pleas are on same grounds, to which Rohatgi replied "more or less same".

He had also told the court that the Speaker has to only see if the resignations were voluntary or not. "Resignation has to be accepted, there is no other way to deal with it," Rohatgi told the court.

"It is my fundamental right to do whatever I want to do and cannot be bound due to non-acceptance of resignation by speaker," submitted Rohatgi.

## Pakistan opens airspace, Indian airlines relieved

### 5-month long ban after Balakot costs Air India ₹491 cr

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

In a big relief to Indian and international airlines, Pakistan on Tuesday opened its airspace for all civilian air traffic, lifting nearly five-month-long ban that was imposed after the Balakot air strikes.

The move will give relief to international airlines as well as Air India, which suffered a huge financial loss of around ₹491 crore as it had to re-route its various international flights due to the closure of the Pakistan airspace.

Pakistan's Civil Aviation Authority issued a notice to airlines (NOTAM) around 12.41 am Indian Standard Time, stating that "with immediate effect Pakistan airspace is open for all type of civil traffic on published ATS (air traffic service) routes".

After lifting of the ban, Air India flights AI 184 as well as AI 784 — coming from San Francisco — were among the first flights by an Indian carrier to pass through Pakistan airspace on Tuesday.

"The pilot on AI 184 came to know about the opening of Pakistan airspace while en-



route from San Francisco. The flight landed in Delhi around 7 am in the morning," an Air India official said.

Welcoming Pakistan's decision, Air India said its operation costs for one-way US and Europe-bound flights are likely to come down by ₹20 lakh and ₹5 lakh, respectively while IndiGo, India's largest airline by domestic market share, stated that it is "pleased" with the opening of Pakistan airspace and its flights flying via Pakistan "will operate as normal after all regulatory clearances".

Following Pakistan's move, India also issued a "revised NOTAM", announcing that normal air traffic operations have resumed between the two countries.

"Consequent to Pakistan issuing NOTAM to lift all airspace restrictions, relevant authorities have informed that India has also issued revised NOTAM immediately thereafter.

With this, normal air traffic operations have resumed through all Flight Information Regions between India and Pakistan," a Government source told PTI.

## CAPSULE

**BOMBAY HC QUASHES CRZ CLEARANCES TO PROJECT**  
Mumbai: The Bombay High Court on Tuesday quashed the CRZ clearances granted to the city civic body's ambitious ₹14,000-crore coastal road project, saying there was "serious lacuna" in the decision-making process and lack of proper scientific study.

**SHUT DOWN POLLUTING FIRMS IN 3 MONTHS: NGT**  
New Delhi: Contending that economic development cannot take place at the cost of public health, the NGT has directed the Central Pollution Control Board to shut down polluting industries in "critically polluted" and "severely polluted" areas within three months.

**FLOOD FURY CONTINUES IN ASSAM, BIHAR, KERALA**  
New Delhi: The flood fury continued in Bihar and Assam on Tuesday with the death toll in the region mounting to 47, even as a red alert was sounded in Kerala.

**222 LIONS DIED IN GIR DURING 2017-19**  
Gandhinagar: As many as 222 lions died, most of them due to natural causes, in the Gir forest region in Gujarat in the last two years.

## PM seeks list of truant Ministers

### Take Parliament duties seriously, Modi asks MPs

DEEPAK K UPRETI ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday came down hard on the Central Ministers who skipped their Parliament duty and sought a list of the absentee Ministers.

Addressing the BJP Parliamentary Party meeting, the Prime Minister indicated that the Parliament session, slated to conclude on July 26, could be extended if required for legislative purposes.

Modi asked MPs and Ministers to attend Parliament regularly and take their roster duties seriously. The PM is learnt to have told the Parliamentary Minister and the party leadership that he is informed if there is dereliction of duty by Ministers or MPs.

Ministers are required to be present in both the Houses to answer queries of the



Opposition and give clarifications as and when required. Opposition leaders are understood to have conveyed to the Government about the absence of Ministers at regular intervals.

Setting goals till 2025, the Prime Minister said his Government would target humanitarian issues like leprosy, TB or disability and asked all MPs to work on a mission mode and in coordination with officials. Talking about leprosy and TB, the Prime Minister invoked Mahatma Gandhi. While inaugurating a hospital for leprosy,

Modi said that he would rather be invited to put a lock on it. Modi said Mahatma rather stressed the need to eradicate the disease.

## Neeraj Shekhar joins BJP, may enter Upper House from UP

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A day after resigning from the Samajwadi Party and the Rajya Sabha, Neeraj Shekhar, son of former Prime Minister Chandra Shekhar, on Tuesday joined the BJP in the presence of its general secretaries Bhupendra Yadav and Anil Jain.

According to sources, Neeraj may be fielded by the BJP from Uttar Pradesh for a RS seat. Neeraj had been contesting Lok Sabha polls from his father's pocket borough Ballia and won twice in 2007 and 2009, but lost in 2014.

The SP then sent him to the Rajya Sabha. He was not fielded in the recent Lok Sabha polls.

Though Chandra Shekhar was not in the Samajwadi Party, SP patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav had never fielded any candidate against him from Ballia. After Chandra Shekhar's death in 2007, Mulayam had fielded Neeraj from the seat on a Samajwadi Party ticket.

## 11 dead, 40 trapped in Mumbai building cave-in

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In a second major rain-related mishap in Maharashtra in a little over a fortnight, at least 11 persons were killed and eight others injured when a 100-year-old dilapidated four-storey building collapsed at the congested Dongri locality in south Mumbai.

Indications available late on Tuesday suggested that the toll in the mishap might go up as about 40 persons are feared trapped under the debris of the ill-fated building. Teams of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and Mumbai Fire Brigade continued their search and rescue operations till late in the night.

The 80-year-old Kesarbai building — which in July last year had been classified in structural audit submitted to the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) as a structure "to be evacuated for demolition at the earliest" — caved in around 11.30 am, trapping the residents under its debris.

There were in all 15 families in the building when it collapsed like pack of cards.

As per the fatality and



Fire brigade personnel rescue a child from the site of the collapsed four-storey building at Dongri in Mumbai on Tuesday

injury figures released by the BMC at 8 pm, at least 11 persons were killed and eight others injured in the mishap. The deceased included an 18-month-old boy Ibrahim, a 13 year-old girl and three women. Eight persons, including a child, were rescued in an

injured condition and were rushed to Habib Hospital.

Among those killed was one Abdul Sattar Shaikh, said to be the owner of the building. Expressing his anguish over the mishap, Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted: "Collapse of a building in

Mumbai's Dongri is anguishing. My condolences to the families of those who lost their lives.

I hope the injured recover soon. Maharashtra Government, NDRF and local authorities are working on rescue operations."

## Sports varsity to be set up in Haryana

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The Haryana Cabinet on Tuesday decided to set up a Sports University in the State.

The Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Manohar Lal approved the proposal of the Sports and Youth Affairs Department to enact Sports University of Haryana Bill for the establishment of Sports University.

The Sports University of Haryana will be the first full-fledged sports university of international standards in the State.

"A void exists in the sports environment in various areas, such as, sports science, sports technology, sports management, high performance training. Therefore, it has been decided to establish the Sports

University of Haryana, which is expected to fill this void with its exclusive focus on promotion of sports education in the areas of sports sciences sports technology, sports management, and research and training in various areas related to sports," a spokesperson said.

The focus of the University will be on multi-disciplinary studies with stress on applicability based on the latest researches in sports sciences, sports medicine and sports technology.

The University is also empowered to establish Outlying Campuses. Apart from academic programmes and research, the University and its Outlying Campuses will also impart training to elite athletes, sports officials, referees and umpires and evolve as centre of excellence in various disciplines of sports.

## New Power Minister to be appointed in Punjab soon

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

The shockwaves sent by the cricketer-turned-politician Navjot Singh Sidhu in the political circles by submitting his resignation as Punjab Cabinet Minister may soon be neutralised with the Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh appointing a new Power Minister to replace him.

The Chief Minister has already called for a Cabinet meeting on July 18.

Capt Amarinder is claiming that he has not seen Sidhu's resignation letter which was "delivered" at his official residence in Chandigarh as he was away to New Delhi.

Capt Amarinder, who is scheduled to be back in the state capital on Wednesday, has maintained that he would take decision on Sidhu's resignation after going through

the contents of the letter. The Chief Minister has convened the Cabinet meeting for Thursday. It is to be seen whether he would consult his Cabinet colleagues to decide upon Sidhu's resignation or he would take the decision on his own after returning from New Delhi.

Notably, Sidhu sent his resignation letter to the Chief Minister at his official residence on Monday morning protesting against the change in his portfolio over a month after he was divested of Local Government Department, and allotted the Power Ministry.

Sidhu, on Sunday, made public his month-old resignation letter, dated June 10, addressed to the then Congress national president Rahul Gandhi. Capt Amarinder had, on June 6, conducted the portfolio reshuffling exercise.

Following which Sidhu



met Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi on June 9, and finally putting in his papers a day after.

Capt Amarinder, who is

on official visit to the national capital meeting the Union Ministers, had maintained that Sidhu should have taken over the charge of his new Department like other ministers whose portfolios had been reshuffled.

He stressed that Sidhu should have taken over the charge of Power Department first "and if, later on.

He felt that he wanted some other portfolio, that could have been considered in future".

Ever since Sidhu was divested of Local Government Department and given the Power portfolio, Sidhu had gone incommunicado and did not assume the charge of his new Department even after a month.

In his absence, Capt Amarinder had taken upon himself to look after the Power Department which, in the wake of summer season and

ongoing paddy transplantation process, holds great significance in the State.

Capt Amarinder had been convening meetings of the Power Department, taking significant decisions amidst the complaints of power shortage and electricity theft, and also seeking daily reports of the power availability.

The speculation regarding appointment of new Power Minister stemmed from the fact that the Chief Minister has openly criticised Sidhu for virtually leaving the state powerless by not assuming the responsibilities bestowed upon him by the virtue of his appointment.

"I thought power is an important thing for Punjab, one of our most important things, so I gave it to Sidhu, but he did not want it. So I said once a decision has been taken, you can't say I will take this and I will not take

that...It's like some General saying I am not going to get posted to Ladakh, send me to Manipur. How can you say this? You have to do what you are told to do," the 77-year-old Chief Minister had said firmly.

Sidhu's resignation is a direct fall out of the controversy that broke in the State following the loss of five seats by the Congress. Capt Amarinder had squarely blamed the "non-performing Minister".

Sidhu for the party's not-so-good performance in the state's urban pockets.

Sidhu's departure from the State Cabinet has given a hope to several legislators who were eyeing the berth in the council of ministers. Among the frontrunners are Raj Kumar Verka, Sangat Singh Gilzian, Rakesh Pandey, and Randeep Singh Nabha.



HARYANA CABINET

# Hry to have uniformity with UPSC in HCS exams

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The entrance test for Haryana Civil Service (Executive Branch) will now be similar to the pattern being adopted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), the State Cabinet decided on Tuesday.

The Cabinet which met under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister, Manohar Lal here approved the amendment in the Haryana Civil Service (Executive Branch) Rules, 2008 in order to bring more similarity and uniformity with the pattern being adopted by UPSC.

After the amendment, there will be 4 papers (3 compulsory and 1 optional) in the main written examination for the post of HCS (Executive Branch) and Allied Services. However, the list of 23 optional subjects and syllabus for compulsory and optional papers already notified by the State Government will remain unchanged.

At present, the main written examination of HCS and Allied Services consist of 5 papers namely one paper for English, one for Hindi, one for General Studies and one paper each for two optional subjects to be chosen from the list of 23 optional subjects.



After this amendment, the main written examination comprising 4 papers will carry total 600 marks. While Paper I of English (including English essay) and Paper II Hindi (including Hindi Essay) (in Devnagri Script) will be of 100 marks each, Paper III of General Studies and Paper IV in one subject to be selected from the list of 23 optional subjects will carry 200 marks each respectively.

The question papers for the examination will be of conventional (essay) type and each paper will be of three hour's duration. Candidates will have

the option to answer all the question papers.

Except the language or literature papers, in English or Hindi.

**AMENDMENT IN HARYANA MUNICIPAL ACT**

The Cabinet approved amendment in Haryana Municipal Act, 1973. As per the amendment, the election of President in Municipal Councils and Municipal Committees will now be held directly by the eligible voters under the supervision and control of State Election

Commission on the pattern of election of Mayors of Municipal Corporations. The provision has also been made in the Act that members of the House of the People and Legislative Assembly of a State will not have right to vote for the election and no confidence motion of the Vice President similar to the Corporation.

**JOB TO SON OF BRAVE POLICE OFFICIAL**

Haryana Cabinet has decided to provide Job of Constable to Vikas son of ESI Dharambir by giving relaxation in Haryana

**MONSOON SESSION OF HOUSE FROM AUG 2**

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The monsoon session of the Haryana assembly will commence on August 2, the Cabinet decided on Tuesday. The Cabinet has

authorized Chief Minister, Manohar Lal and Finance Minister, Capt. Abhimanyu for the supplementary demands related to budget and the Chief Minister for legislative work.

Compassionate Assistance to the Dependents of the Deceased Government Employees (Amendment) Rules, 2014. Dharambir sustained bullet injuries in his head in the line of duty and he is still unconscious and in critical condition and there is little hope of his survival.

On September 8, 2017, a police Escort Party consisting of Dharambir and seven other police officials were deployed for producing accused before court of Sub-Divisional Judicial Magistrate (SDJM), Mohindergarh (Narnaul).

The accused tried to escape from the police custody and they succeeded despite best efforts of the police escort party.

Meanwhile, five criminals came with arms and started indiscriminate firing on the police party and took away accused from the police custody. In this attack, Dharambir

and two other police officials sustained bullet injuries. ESI got bullet injuries in his head and he is still unconscious and in critical condition.

**AGE FOR LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DEPTT FIXED**

The Cabinet approved the draft of Haryana Law and Legislative Department (Group A) Service Rules, 2019 as per which no person will be appointed to any post in the service by direct recruitment who is less than 21 years or more than 42 years of age on the last date of submission of application to the Commission.

Recruitment to the service will be made in the case of Deputy Legal Remembrancer and Deputy Secretary by promotion from amongst Assistant Legal Remembrancer or by transfer or deputation of an officer already in the service of any state government or the Government of India.

## Centre asks Punjab to submit formal proposal for second AIIMS in State

PNS ■ NEW DELHI/CHANDIGARH

Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan has sought a detailed proposal from Punjab for dedicating the second AIIMS (All India Institute of Medical Sciences) in the state to the historic 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev.

The proposal was sought after the Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh raised the issue during his meeting with the Union Minister on Tuesday.

Notably, the Chief Minister had, in separate letters to the Union Health and Finance Ministers, written to seek the Centre's permission to dedicate the second AIIMS in Punjab to the special occasion. Capt Amarinder pointed out that the Finance Minister had assured consideration of the matter after the release of the Union Budget.

The first AIIMS is already coming up in Bathinda and the State has proposed the second one either in Ludhiana or Jalandhar. Talking to media persons after his meeting with the Union Health Minister, Capt Amarinder said that the Rs 250 crore PIMS Jalandhar building could be used for the

purpose. The Chief Minister said that Dr Vardhan had said that he would consider the demand after receiving a formal proposal. The Chief Minister's Chief Principal Secretary has been asked to pursue the matter with the Union Health Secretary.

The Chief Minister also sought from the Union Minister approval for PGI Satellite Centre at Ferozepur. The State Government has transferred land to PGI but the file is pending approval by the Union Health Ministry. Ferozepur is a border district and one of the 120 backward aspirational districts selected by NITI AAYOG for development, the Chief Minister pointed out.

The problem of drugs also came up for discussion, with the Chief Minister reiterating his demand for a National Policy on Drugs. AIIMS Delhi had appreciated the Buprenorphine + Naloxone therapy offered by the state's Outdoor Opioid Assisted Treatment (OoAT) Clinics, he pointed out, underlining the need to realign OST (Opioid Substitution Therapy) of the Government of India with the therapy offered by the state.



Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Tuesday meets the State's Congress Lok Sabha members in the Central Hall of Parliament. All the recently elected Congress Lok Sabha MPs from Punjab, except Ranveer Singh Bittu, were present. Pioneer Photo

## I don't even have Power Minister, quips Capt on atomic energy units in Pb

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Tuesday said that he was yet to receive any proposal from the Central Government for establishment of atomic energy units at the Bathinda and Ropar power plants.

Talks on the subject of using atomic energy for power production had been going on for a long time but there was nothing concrete yet on the table, Capt Amarinder told the media persons in response to a question after meeting the Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan.

Asked to react on the issue, he said that he would do so as and when the formal proposal comes to him.

"At the moment, I do not even have a Power Minister," the Chief Minister quipped, in an apparent reference to Navjot Singh Sidhu's resignation after his refusal to take over the Power portfolio allocated to him as part of a state cabinet reshuffle post the Lok Sabha elections. The Chief Minister has been personally monitoring the Power Department functioning on a day-to-day basis, in view of the ongoing paddy season, which requires continuous Power.

## PUNJAB POLICE BUSTS DRUG RACKET

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

In a major drug haul, the Punjab Police and the Special Task Force (STF) have busted an illegal drug racket of Tramadol tablets and other habit forming drugs operating pan Punjab recovering a consignment of over 10 lakh tablets in Bathinda.

This is another drug haul after Amritsar-manufactured pain-killer drug, Tramadol, was found used by the ISIS militants in Syria. Tramadol, the opioid-based tablets are a schedule H drug under the NDPS Act and used as a painkiller, can be sold only on prescription.

The police maintained that Tramadol tablet is sold for Rs 5.50 on prescription. However, the same tablet costs Rs 50 to Rs 60 when sold illegally.

Making the disclosures, STF chief and Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Gurpreet Kaur Deo on Tuesday said that the kingpin of this racket, Pardeep Goyal of Ludhiana's Shaheed Karnail Singh Nagar, has been arrested who was operating from his medical store — Platinum Health Care, Pindi Road, Ludhiana.

During the search of his residence, a total of 20,500 tablets were recovered by the police.

Deo revealed that the accused chemist was arrested by Bathinda Police during investigation of a peddler Sunil Kumar alias Sonu of Maur Mandi and recovered 1.56 lakh tablets from his Hyundai car. "Accused Sonu led to his confession for storing more banned tablets in the godown of Delhi-Punjab transport company bases at Maur Mandi where Bathinda police has confiscated 9,11,400 Tramadol tablets. Peddler Sonu disclosed that he has obtained the supplies from Pardeep Goyal," she said.

**GOYAL — A HABITUAL OFFENDER**

STF chief revealed that the accused chemist, Pardeep Goyal, has been dealing with large scale diversion of banned drugs and had obtained a wholesale drug license named as AP Medical Store at Takkar Complex, Pindi Gali, Ludhiana, in 2007.

"Subsequently, in a raid conducted by a drug inspector, his license was suspended for 21 days. After this, he changed the name of his firm from AP Medical Store to Jai Maa on the same license in 2011. But his license was again cancelled in 2018 after recovery of seven lakh banned illegal tablets from his premises," pointed the police.

However, accused Pardeep Goyal again started new firm, Platinum Health Care, by using the license of his brother-in-law Sandeep Garg of Solan. During investigation, it has come to light that he has supplied 70 lakhs tablets throughout Punjab, mainly in Amritsar, Phagwara, Hoshiarpur and Bathinda etc, over the last 10 months, said Deo.

**421 CHEMIST SHOP LICENSES CANCELLED IN FIVE MONTHS**

Punjab Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Kahan Singh Pannu informed that almost 16,000 licensed chemists are selling pharmaceuticals in Punjab out of which 117 chemist shops were found to be selling banned drugs, resulting in cancellation of 421 licenses in last five months.

He said that 15 offending chemists have already been convicted and 10 were declared proclaimed offenders during the period. No new license would be issued to any chemist if once cancelled, he made it clear.

**100 IDENTIFIED DRUG PEDDLERS TO BE ARRESTED**

STF chief Gurpreet Deo informed that strict enforcement has been ensured result-

ing in the arrest of 33,591 drug traffickers till July 14, 2019, besides massive recovery of narcotics, including 759.662 kg heroin and 17,881 kg smack.

Apart from this, STF has confiscated 97,986.416 kg opium, 296.039 kg poppy husk, 296.039 kg charas, 5,474.671 kg ganja, 755.126 kg bhang, 0.726 kg cocaine, 10.06 kg Ice and 344.884 kg intoxicant powder besides seizure of 1,17,008 narcotics injections and 1.62 crores (1,62,03,651) pills or capsules.

"STF has apprehended drug traffickers and cutting the supply chain of drugs resulting in registration of 27,666 FIRs till date. More than 100 major drug traffickers have been identified to be apprehended in due course of time," she said.

**STF KEEPING WATCH ON JAILED PEDDLERS**

Deo said that the STF is also coordinating with the Jails Department for keeping a close watch over incarcerated drug traffickers. Besides, joint operations are being conducted in border districts in close coordination with the Narcotics Control Bureau, she added.

"In addition to this, task force is working in close coordination with the district police and other agencies to maintain strict vigil so as to eradicate the scourge of drugs in Punjab," she added.

## Golf for business, Haryana tells Korean investors

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

To develop better business relations with Korean Investors, Haryana government has come out with an out of box idea. Haryana Government has decided to organise 'The India Korea Golf Meet' on July 19 at Gurugram to develop better business relations with Korean Investors through game of golf.

Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of 25 top Korean companies and representatives of Korean Embassy along with Secretaries from Government of India and Departments of Haryana Government will participate in this event.

A government statement said that usually seminars and conferences are organised for developing business relations but promoting Korean investment through golf is innovative and out of box idea of the Haryana Government.

Invest India, a national investment promotion and facilitation agency and Government of Haryana are the organisers of this event. On behalf of the state government, Department of Industries and Commerce will make arrangements for organising the game and the venue is DLF Golf and Country Club of Golf Course Road in DLF-5 of Gurugram.

Additional Chief Secretary, Industries and Commerce, Devender Singh said that the India-Korea Golf Meet is a

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unique opportunity for Korean companies to engage with the Haryana government regarding their interests and issues over an engaging game of golf. The date of event is July 19 and timings of the game are from 6 am to 1 pm. He said that Invest India, Korea Plus, Korean International Trade Association (KITA) and Haryana Enterprises Promotion Centre (HEPC) are associates in organising this unique 'Golf Meet'.

"Korea Plus" is the gateway for Korean investors in India. It acts as a one-stop agency for Korean investors and works closely with the embassies, central and state governments, industrial associations and corporates to generate leads and facilitate Korean investments.

The team provides business advisory and facilitation to more than a hundred Korean companies in a span of just two years of its existence. Korea Plus not only gives facts-based inputs for decision-making but also provides handholding facilitation support to execute

Korean investments. He said that Haryana Enterprises Promotion Centre (HEPC) is a 'Single Window Clearance System' for the benefit of the new units or units under expansion.

The single-window facility aims to simplify procedures and facilitate ease in doing business with the State supported by state-of-the-art Technology platform.

The key objective of HEPC is to make Haryana as a pre-eminent investment destination and facilitate balanced regional and sustainable development supported by a dynamic governance system, wide-scale adoption of innovation & technology, and skill development for nurturing entrepreneurship and generating employment opportunities.

Devender Singh said that Secretaries of Government of India and Departments of Haryana Government have been invited to play with Korean Investor's Team, including CEO of NITI Ayog Amitabh Kant, Secretary of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy Anand Kumar, Secretary of Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).

Head Corporate Propriety of National Skill Development Mission (NSDM) Archana Singh. Some MoUs might be signed on that day after the game, Singh added.

**SAD CORE COMMITTEE MEET**

## SAD REJECTS CBI CLOSURE REPORT

**SAYS WILL CHALLENGE DECISION IN THE COURT**

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Targeted by the Congress and other political parties over the issue of sacrilege incidents in Punjab during its tenure, the Shiromani Akali Dal on Tuesday virtually decided to turn tables on its rivals. It announced its decision to challenge the CBI's closure report in the matter, indicating in the process that the party was firm to come out clean on the issue.

Outrightly rejecting the closure report on the investigations into the Guru Granth Sahib's sacrilege incident at Bargari, the SAD core committee has declared to "challenge the closure report and take all legal, constitutional and political steps to get the probe by the apex investigating agency reopened and take to its logical conclusion."

"The party will not sit silent until all the culprits in this heinous crime and their masters in the conspiracy are exposed, booked and given exemplary punishment as per the law," decided the core panel.

It was stated that apart from the relentless legal fight, the

SAD "will use every peaceful democratic means and will stop at nothing to ensure that no one who has had a direct or indirect hand in or was behind this heinous outrage escape the long arm of law."

"The meeting also decided that a delegation, comprising the SAD leaders, would call on the Union Home Minister Amit Shah and urge him to intervene in the matter for withdrawal of the closure report and for ensuring that all immediate and urgent steps to get the probe completed are taken as a priority so that the culprits of this despicable crime are booked and severely punished," said the spokesperson Harcharan Singh Bains after the meeting.

At the same time, a team of legal experts will pursue the matter in a court of law to make certain that the "deep conspiracy behind the painful chain of events pertaining to the tragic and grievous acts of sacrilege is fully exposed and the hitmen and their bosses and conspirators are given punishment that should serve as exemplary deterrents for future culprits."

Bains said: "There is no justification in filing the closure report by the CBI when the probe in none of the issues referred to it for investigation by the SAD-BJP government at the persistent behest of several Sikh religious bodies has been com-

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pleted by the apex body."

The Sikh organizations had been demanding a probe by the central agency as these bodies expressed a lack of faith in the probe being conducted by the Special Investigation Team of the Punjab Police headed by the then IG IPS Sahota and comprising DIG RS Khatra and others.

"I have been taken aback by the CBI's closure report. The culprits are still to be charged, tried and punished. The Sikh masses want the entire truth behind the tragic sacrilege incidents to be fully brought in the open, criminals to be identified and given the severest punishment under the law of the land," said SAD president Sukhbir Badal.

He said that he firmly believed that those who committed such outrage against the most sacred scripture of humanity deserve to be hanged. "They and the conspirators behind them deserve no mercy..."

There are no words that

can adequately express the profound pain that the devout Sikh masses have suffered because of these heinous crimes," he said demanding death penalty for the hitmen and for their masters. SAD core committee expressed the party's firm conviction that the tragic acts of sacrilege were staged under a deep rooted conspiracy to defame the then SAD-BJP government in Punjab, to destabilize the social and political fabric of the state and to disturb the atmosphere peace and communal harmony among Punjabis.

The party said that the entire chain of events behind the murder of the prime suspect under the most suspicious circumstances in jail also needs to be thoroughly probed as he (the suspect) could not only have provided clinching evidence on the culprits but may also have provided the most critical information on the key players in the entire conspiracy behind these shameful acts.

## Helpline to nab erring dealers supplying fake agri inputs to farmers

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To crackdown on sale of spurious pesticides in the State, Punjab Government has set up a mobile helpline number 84373-12288 urging farmers to intimate about any incident of spurious seeds, pesticides and fertilisers being sold anywhere across the State.

The state Agriculture Department, in an advisory, has sought cooperation from the public, especially the farming community, to bring into the Department's notice about any instance of inferior or spurious pesticides being supplied to farmers. Strict action would be initiated against those trying to misled the farmers, said the spokesperson.

The spokesperson said that a dedicated e-mail id — qccpunjab2019@gmail.com — has also been set up where complaints in this regard could be forwarded for quick redressal. The Department has also urged the farmers to give information on the phone helpline or email id regarding any unlicensed or unauthorised dealer involved in illegal sale of agri-products. "The identity of the persons giving information in this regard would be kept secret," assured the state Agriculture Secretary and Tandrust Punjab Mission director KS Pannu.

State Assembly ticket only to winnable candidates: Barala

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Aiming to win the 75 plus seats in the upcoming Vidhan Sabha polls, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is organising meetings and public gathering at division level of each assembly constituency under its ongoing membership drive across the state, said BJP

State president Subhash Barala, adding only winnable candidates will be given ticket in the assembly election. Barala addressed public meetings at Shahabad division, Dhural division and Nalvi division of Shahabad assembly constituency, accompanying with Krishan Kumar Bedi, Haryana minister of state for

Social Justice and Empowerment; BJP State media co-chief Randeep Dhandha and BJP Kurukshetra district president Dharamveer Mirjapur on Tuesday. While addressing the public gathering, Barala said that BJP members are working for the betterment of the society

and the nation. They do not work for power and personal benefit. Members of other parties would have become arrogant, had they secured absolute majority in the assembly, he said, adding BJP workers never get distracted and all of them from booth level representatives to national president are

working selflessly for strengthening the party as well as for the welfare of the common people. So a strong BJP, a strong India, the slogan is also given by the BJP, there is no such thinking of any other political parties. The State president further said that BJP led-government has done work by keeping

common people in mind. BJP government in the state has adopted public welfare model which are being discussed all over the country after the Gujarat model. State's achievement on schemes like Ayushman scheme of health department, 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' and others are also being discussed

all over the country. "All the welfare schemes are being benefited by all the sections of the society including labourers and traders without any bias," he said, adding to strengthen the party, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had started membership drive from Banaras while party national vice-president and convener of the BJP membership drive

from Gurugram of Haryana state. BJP's membership drive has been intensified and done actively across the country. Along with membership drive, people are being encouraged to plant saplings to protect the environment. Booth level volunteers are being encouraged to plant at least five saplings. Barala further said that to seek people's blessings, the State Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar would start yatra across the state from August 15. People of the state had blessed the party in the recently concluded Lok Sabha elections. "We have set the target of winning 75 plus seats in the upcoming assembly elections and our strategy is to give

ticket to those candidates who are capable of winning the election," he added. Barala, while targeting the former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda, said that Hooda gives statement, sitting in Chandigarh but we are working on the ground for the welfare of the people. In his address, Haryana minister of state for Social Justice and Empowerment Bedi said that to secure 75 plus seats, all the party members will have to work hard equally. "People are with the BJP and we will go to the people with party's principles. All the party members should actively work to strengthen party by increasing its membership," minister added.

Classifieds

LOST AND FOUND

It is notified for the information that my original qualifying examination passing Certificate Secondary 10th Roll No 2107971 Year 2017 issued by CBSE Board has been actually Lost. Aman Tosham Bhawan.

It is notified for the information that my original qualifying examination Certificate of main Senior Secondary examination of year 2011 and Roll No. 2722501 issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Name: Ankur Sharma, S/o Binmohan Sharma R/o H.No. 2039 Sector 45-C, Chandigarh. Mob: 9846961657.

It is notified for the information that my Original Qualifying Examination Certificate of Main Secondary Examination of Year 2016 and Roll No. 2171158 issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Name: Aji Singh S/o Naminder Singh, Sector 26, Panchkula.

It is notified for the information that my Original Passing certificate of 10th class Examination of Year 2017 Roll No. 2104051 issued by CBSE has been actually Lost. Supriya D/o Sanjeev Kumar Soni, # 32 Shivalki Colony, Near Harbal Park, Ambala City.

It is notified for the information that my original qualifying examination certificate of main class 10th (DMC) examination of year 2007 Roll No. 2154486 issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Name of Candidate: Gursimran Singh S/o Harjeet Singh Full Address: 4 Anand Avenue PSCD Sadar, Marwal Road, Ferozepur (Punjab).

I, Kulvinder Kaur W/o Harjeet Singh R/o Vill. Sherpur Pacca, Bulwal, Distt. Hoshiarpur. Declared That A Sale Deed No.4240 Date 29-9-2006, Has Been Lost Near Reru Gate, Jalandhar on 25-06-2019. All Please Note.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Sheetal Sharma W/O Sunil Kumar R/O #940, Phase 2, Ramdarbar, Chandigarh. Declare that My Name Motioned in the Transfer Certificate of Daughter namely Shagun Sharma and Parvati Sharma As wrongly entered Sheetal and Shtal Sharma. That Sheetal Sharma, Sheetal and Shtal Sharma is one and the same person.

I, Komal Verma W/o Sh. Pankaj Verma, R/O V.P.O. Saha, Sub Telsil Saha, Distt. Ambala have changed my name Komal Rani to Komal Verma after marriage.

I, Rajeev Arora S/o Kewal Krishan Arora, R/O # 27-A, Housing Board Colony, Kalka (Panchkula) have changed my name from Rajeev Kumar Arora to Rajeev Arora.

I, V Arunakumari W/O No. 15475954 Rank SQMD Sombabu Vempada R/O Vill. Guduvada Post-Chittivasa Teh. Bhogapuram Distt. Vizianagaram (Andhra Pradesh) PIN-531162 presently residing at Tibri Cantt Distt. Gurdaspur (Pb) have changed my name from V Arunakumari to Vempada Aruna Kumari due to wrong name entered in service record of my husband before Kuljinder Singh Mann, Notary, Gurdaspur dated 15.7.19.

I, Parjinder Singh S/o Gian Singh R/O H.No. 2, Ward No. 11, Gobind Nagar, Batala Road, Gurdaspur have changed my name from Parjinder Singh to Parjinder Singh Chahal. Concerned note.

I, Somali W/o Navneet Kumar R/O 655/6, Onkar Nagar, Tibri Road, Gurdaspur have changed my name from Somali to Somali Sharma. Concerned note.

I, Dr. Harmanpreet Kaur W/o Dr. Tejbir Singh Dhalwal, R/O Dhalwal Cottage, B-23/43/41, Behind Sood Marbles, Aslamabad, Hoshiarpur Punjab has changed my name to Dr. Harmanpreet kaur Dhalwal after my marriage. Concerned may note.

I, Smt Kulvinder Kaur W/o No. 3381272Y Ex Sep Babir Singh R/O Vill. Khanpur Thara, PO. Meghwal Ganj Teh. Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab have changed my name from Kulvinder Kaur to Kulvinder Kaur Thara. Vide Affidavit Dated 16 July 2019 Before Notary at Hoshiarpur.

I, Smt. Sudes Kumari W/o No. 14806352L, Ex. Hav. Raj Kumar R/O Vill. Khangwari, PO. Manbota, Teh. Dasuya, Distt. Hoshiarpur (PB) Have Changed My Name From Sudes Kumari to Sudes Kumari. Vide Affidavit Dated 16 July 2019 Before Notary at Hoshiarpur.

I, Smt. Surenderpal Kaur D/o No. 3345414M Late Sep Bakhtawar Singh R/O Vill. Badala Mahi Po. Shamchourasi Teh. & Distt. Hoshiarpur. (PB) Have Changed My Name From Surenderpal Kaur to Daljit Kaur Atwal. Concerned Note.

I, Kamaljit Kaur W/o Manjit Singh Village Machhian PO. Garhdiwala Telsil Dasuya, Distt. Hoshiarpur declare my name written wrongly Kamaljeet in my school certificate. According to my aadhar card my correct name is Kamaljit Kaur be amended in other documents.

I, Kirshna W/o Parveen Kumar R/O H.No.101, Upper Mohalla, Kalka, Distt. Panchkula have changed my name to Krishna Devi

I, Naveen Sharma S/o Sh. Gian Chand Sharma R/O H.No.2161, Sector 44-C, Chandigarh declare that my correct name is Naveen Sharma but in some document my name has been written as Navin Sharma. Both names belong to me. That Naveen Sharma and Navin Sharma is the name of one and the same person.

I, Abhishek Thapa S/o Sh. Amarjit Singh R/O House No. 200, Sector 41-D, Badheri Chandigarh have changed my name from Abhishek Thapa to Abhishek.

I, Sharanjit Kaur Ghuman W/o Bhupinder Singh Ghuman, R/O House No. 1474, sector 43-B, Chandigarh, in my minor daughter's school certificate my name has been wrongly mentioned as Sharan Ghuman but my actual and correct name is Sharanjit Kaur Ghuman for all purposes.

I, Anita W/o Satish Bakshi R/O K-27, Ground Floor, Jai City, Jagadhri have changed my name to Kusum Lata.

I, S. Shiju S/o Sh. A. Sobana Raj R/O H.No. IV-10-14-1, Nilavani Vilai, Malpalai Post, Vilavancode, Kanya Kumari - 629152, have changed my S/o's name in Service record to S.P. Astrino to S.P. Rino. Kindly note all.

I, Hira Ram S/o Sh. Ram Bachan Yadav, R/O # 660, Phase-I, Ramdarbar, Chandigarh have changed my name to Heera Mal Yadav.

I, Sub. Rajesh Kumar Army No. JC730975/S/O Mahavir R/O Vill. Jeetpura, PO-Umrawas, Teh. Badhra, Distt-Charhki Dadr, Hry declare that my wife's Kavita Devi DOB wrongly mentioned as 17-03-1976 in my army record. But her correct DOB is 14-05-1976 will change in my army record.

I, Sonia, Sonia Rani alias Sonia Thakur W/o Abhijeet Sammi R/O H.No- 158-A Ram Nagar Ambala City have changed my name to Priya Verma.

I, Poonam Khurana W/O Late Sidharth Khurana R/O # 995, Sector 9, Ambala City declares that in my son Anngad Khurana's birth certificate my name is wrongly written as Shruuti Khurana but my correct name is Poonam Khurana. All concern please note.

I, Bhupinder Singh S/o Surinder Singh R/O House No. 5413, Sector 38-west, Chandigarh have changed my name from Bhupinder Singh to Bhupinder Singh Walia.

I, Neha Aggarwal D/o Sh. Mukesh Gupta R/O H.No. 404, Ward No. 1, Ladwa, Telsil Ladwa, District Kurukshetra have changed my name from Neha Gupta to Neha Aggarwal. Note all concerns.

I, Gurmeeto Devi W/o Sh. Rinku R/O Village Gobind Majra, Telsil Thanesar, District Kurukshetra have changed my name from Gurmeeto to Gurmeeto Devi. Note all concerns.

I, Priyanka D/o Ramesh Kumar R/O Village Chahar Wala, PO. Haibatpur, Teh. Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar have changed my name to Pnyanka Dhiman.

I, Harsh Kumar S/o Sadhu Khan # 40 New Darshani Bagh Manimajra Chandigarh have changed my name to Husain Deen.

I, Vinod Kumar S/o Devi Lal # 3115 Sector 23-D, Chandigarh have changed my name to Vinod Kumar Sharma.

I, Meena Kumari Alias Meena Kumari Sharma W/O Vinod Kumar Sharma # 3115 Sector 23-D, Chandigarh have changed my name from Somali to Somali Sharma. Concerned note.

I, Dr. Harmanpreet Kaur W/o Dr. Tejbir Singh Dhalwal, R/O Dhalwal Cottage, B-23/43/41, Behind Sood Marbles, Aslamabad, Hoshiarpur Punjab has changed my name to Dr. Harmanpreet kaur Dhalwal after my marriage. Concerned may note.

I, Gurbachan Singh S/o Kandhara Singh R/O VPO Pharah Telsil Dandia District Kailthal, Haryana (NDIA) declare that I have changed my son's name Sakattar Singh to Sakattar Singh Sraa. All concerned please note.

I, Siddharth Bandhu S/o Desh Bandhu R/O H.No.1814, Sector-21, Panchkula (Haryana) have changed my name to Siddharth

I, Sanjay S/o Nagar Mal, Residents house no. 9/69 Jawahar Market, Sadar Bazar, karnal(132001). It is inform that in my all educational certificates my father name recorded wrongly as Nagger mal Correct name is Nagar mal both the name are of one person.

I, Service No.4001799A Ex Sep Bakwinder Singh S/O Mela Ram Vill-Maan Po-Sidhwan Teh/Distt. Gurdaspur Punjab That I Have Declared Changed My Son Name From Jattanpreet Singh To Jatnipreet Singh.

I, Army No.2492670Y Sep Manjit Singh S/O Atar Singh R/O Village-Deol, Po-Hemrajpur, Telsil/Distt-Gurdaspur. Declare That In My Army Record My Daughter Name Manpreet Kaur Is Wrong And Correct Name Is Manpreet Kaur Bains.

I, Army No.2492670Y Sep Manjit Singh S/O Atar Singh R/O Village- Deol, Po-Hemrajpur, Telsil/Distt-Gurdaspur. Declare That In My Army Record My Son Name Sahejpreet Singh Is Wrong And Correct Name Is Sahejpreet Singh Bains.

I, Manisha Gaur W/o Gopal Sharma R/O 624 New Jyoti Nagar, Maan colony, Kailthal Road, Karnal declare that Manisha and Manisha Gaur are same name. In my matric certificate my father name is Ramdiya Gaur and in Pancard is Ramdiya sharma. Both name is my father pls note all concern.

I, Naresh Kumar S/o Som Nath Sharma R/O H.No. 1551/6, Jyoti Nagar Kurukhetra, have changed my name to Naresh Sharma

I, Jagdish Kumar S/O Shiv Ram R/O Village Pandori Beet P.O. Kot Maira Telsil Garshankar District Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Minor Daughter's Name Jaspreet To Jaspreet Chaudhary.

I, Rajni Bala W/O Rajesh Kumar R/O Behrampur Road Kothe Gurdaspur. Have Changed My Name Rajni Bala To Rajni.

I, Maninder Pal Singh S/O Hardev Singh R/O Village Madoko PO Brar Telsil Anjala District Amritsar have changed my name to Maninderpal Singh.

I, Geeta Rani and Shashi W/O Paramjit Sharma R/O F-13/1469, Gali No.7, Jagdambay Colony Majitha Road District Amritsar have certified that above both names are mine one and same person.

I, Ram Jee S/o Kartar Chand R/O P.O. Chogawan Telsil Anjala Distt. Amritsar have changed my name to Ram Ji.

I, Sonia Bedi W/o Mohit Kumar Verma R/O 4-A, Hardev Nagar, Kapurthala Road, Jalandhar Have Changed My Name From Sonia Bedi To Sonia Verma (Verma as Surname)

I, Jyoti Sahni W/o Rohit Kumar Verma R/O 4-A, Hardev Nagar, Kapurthala Road, Jalandhar Have Changed My Name From Jyoti Sahni To Jyoti Verma (Verma as Surname)

I, Kirpal Singh S/o Gian Singh R/O Vill. Chak Mehra, Po.Jalota, Distt.Hoshiarpur.144205, Punjab Have Changed Changed My Name To Gurbal Singh.

I, Simranjit Kaur D/o Jatinder Singh Bhinder R/O Vill. Mehtabpur Po. Mansoorpur Teh-Mukerian (Hoshiarpur) Pb, changed my name to Simranjit Kaur Bhinder.

I, Manjit Kaur W/o Jatinder Singh Bhinder R/O Vill. Mehtabpur Po. Mansoorpur Teh-Mukerian (Hoshiarpur) Pb, changed my name to Manjit Kaur Bhinder.

I, Jatinder Singh S/o Hardev Singh R/O Vill. Mehtabpur Po. Mansoorpur Teh-Mukerian (Hoshiarpur) Pb, changed my name to Jatinder Singh Bhinder.

I, Suretha Devi W/o Ashwani Kumar Vpo Jangal Teh & Distt. Pathankot have changed my name to Kanta Devi.

I, Nidhi Puri W/O Munish Chopra R/O Phase No 1 Near Peer Choudhary Road Green Park Kapurthala Have Changed My Name To Nidhi Chopra After My Marriage.

I, Ashish Kumar S/o Raj Kumar R/O Vpo. Khanpur Teh-Mukerian (Hoshiarpur) Pb, India, changed my name from Ashish to Ashish Kumar.

I, Jatinder S/o Sham Sunder R/O 1505 Mohalla, Sunder Nagar Nakodar (Jalandhar) changed my name to Jatinder Wadhwa.

I, Ashwani S/o Gain Chand R/O Vill. Sohail Khurd Teh-Nakodar (Jalandhar) changed my name to Ashwani Kumar.

I, Gurtej Singh S/o Harkesh Singh R/O Vill. Kalsan Teh-Raikot (Ludhiana) changed my name to Gurtej Singh Gill.

I, Baljinder Kaur W/o Gurtej Singh Gill R/O Vill. Kalsan Teh-Raikot (Ludhiana) changed my name to Baljinder Kaur Gill.

I, Gurtej Singh Gill S/o Harkesh Singh R/O Vill. Kalsan Teh-Raikot (Ludhiana) changed my minor daughter name from Jaismeen Kaur to Jaismeen Kaur Gill.

I, Manmohan Singh S/o Sudhagar Singh R/O Mohalla Tikhowal Mukerian Po & Teh-Mukerian (Hoshiarpur) changed my wife's name from Neelam Kaur to Kamlesh Rani.

I, Rajinder Kaur W/O Harmal Singh And Rupinder Kaur W/O Harmal Singh R/O Village Faizgarh Telsil Khanna (Ludhiana) Known By Above Said Two Names That I Have Changed My Name to Rupinder Kaur W/O Harmal Singh.

I, Vipin Kumar S/O Radha Krishna R/O Patti Nilowal, Vpo Bilga, Telsil Phillaur, Distt Jalandhar Have Changed My Name To Vipin Kumar Sunda.

I, Neha W/O Gaurav Basandrai R/O H.No. 136b, Tambaku Kutun, Mohalla Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala Have Changed My Name To Neha Basandrai.

I, Gurbax Kaur W/O Gurbal Singh R/O Vpo Apra, Telsil Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar Have Changed My Name To Gurbax Kaur Alias Bakhsh Kaur.

I, Pinki Kunder W/O Rinkle Kumar R/O Vpo Apra, Telsil Phillaur, Distt Jalandhar Have Changed My Name To Pinki

I, Raj Kapoor S/O Kishan Dass R/O Vill. Gulabgarh, P.O. Chak Prema, Telsil Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala Pb. 144401 Changed My Name To Raj Kapoor Dadra.

I, Lakshmi W/O Naresh Kumar Rana R/O H.No.191/54 Mohalla Ranghar Govt. College Road Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Name To Lakshmi Rana.

I, Jagdish Kumar S/O Shiv Ram R/O Village Pandori Beet P.O. Kot Maira Telsil Garshankar District Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Minor Daughter's Name Jaspreet To Jaspreet Chaudhary.

I, Jagdish Kumar S/O Shiv Ram R/O Village Pandori Beet P.O. Kot Maira Telsil Garshankar District Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Minor Son's Name Rahul Jindal To Rahul Chaudhary.

I, Damini Behl W/O Atul Kaura R/O Mohalla Kaurian, Barsa Wala Bazar, Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala Punjab Have Changed My Name Damini Bahl To Damini Kaura, After Marriage.

I, Hitherto Known As Monika Mann Wife Of Lakhwinder Kumar Resident Of H.No B-1/38 Garshankar Road Nawanshahr Telsil Nawanshahr District Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar Punjab 144514 India Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Monika Sethi.

I Hitherto Known As Manpreet Kaur Bhogal Wife Of Rajinder Singh Resident Of Guru Nanak Avenue Street No.3 Hoshiarpur 146001 Punjab India Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Manpreet Kaur.

I Hitherto Known As Kuldeep Lal Son Of Surjit Lal Resident Of Village Kajla P.O. Banga Telsil Banga District Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar Punjab 144505 India Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Kuldeep Kumar.

I Hitherto Known As Neeru Bala Wife Of Anil Setia Resident Of H.No B-11/242 Gali No.10 Kamalpur Hoshiarpur (Punjab) 146001 India Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Neeru Setia.

I Lal Chand Son Of Bnarsi Das R/O B-3/320 Navi Abadi, Nawanshahr District S.B.S. Nagar Have Changed My Minor Son's Name From Sahil To Sahil Matu.

I Jaspal Singh Brar S/O Gursewak Singh R/O Vpo. Ittan Wali District Ferozepur Have Changed My Minor Son's Name Abhijot Singh To Abhijot Singh Brar.

I Harmanvir Singh S/O Sarbjit Singh R/O Village Ugoke District Ferozepur Have Changed My Name To Harmanvir Singh Dhalwal.

I Kulvinder Kaur W/o Harjeet Singh R/O Near Ghaniya Road, Maluka District Bathinda Have Changed Name Kulvinder Kaur Brar.

I Harjeet Singh S/O Naib Singh R/O Near Ghaniya Road, Maluka District Bathinda Have Changed My Minor Daughter's Name Harmandeep Kaur To Harmandeep Kaur Brar.

I Harjeet Singh S/O Naib Singh R/O Near Ghaniya Road, Maluka District Bathinda Have Changed My Name Harjeet Singh Brar.

I Harjeet Singh Son Of Ajmer Singh R/O Village Sakankwali District Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name Harmeet Singh Sandhu.

I Harjeet Singh S/O Naib Singh R/O Near Ghaniya Road, Maluka District Bathinda Have Changed My Name Harjeet Singh Brar.

I Harmeet Singh Son Of Ajmer Singh R/O Village Sakankwali District Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name Harmeet Singh Sandhu.

I Harjeet Singh S/O Naib Singh R/O Near Ghaniya Road, Maluka District Bathinda Have Changed My Name Harjeet Singh Brar.

I Harmeet Singh Son Of Ajmer Singh R/O Village Sakankwali District Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name Harmeet Singh Sandhu.

I Gurbir Kaur Wife Of Amar Singh R/O Village Naurang Ke Lelli District Ferozepur Have Changed My Name Gurbjeet Kaur.

I Charanjit Kaur And Gurbinder Kaur Wife Of Jagroop Singh R/O Village Jhoke Hari Har District Ferozepur Declare That I Am Known By Both Names As Above.

I Sukhjinder Kaur Sekhon W/O Sukhjeet Singh Brar R/O Derru Khurd (Moga) Have Changed My Name To Sukhjinder Kaur Brar.

I Sarbjit Singh S/O Narinder Singh R/O Chand Purana (Moga) Have Changed My Name To Sarbjit Singh Brar.

I Davender Kaur W/O Sarbjit Singh Brar R/O Chand Purana (Moga) Have Changed My Name To Davender Kaur Brar.

I, Sarabjit Kaur W/O Davinderpal Singh Dhalwal R/O Mari Mustafa (Moga) Have Changed My Name To Sarabjit Kaur Dhalwal.

I Hitherto Known As Harlal Samota Son Of Mangru Ram Samota Resident Of Ward No -30 Jalandhar Colony Kotkapura Road Telsil & District Moga 142001 Punjab (India) Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Harlal Singh.

I Jagdev Singh S/O Mohinder Singh R/O Vill. Khosa Kotla (Moga) (Ludhiana) Have Changed My Name To Jagdev Singh Dhesi.

I Harmeet Kaur W/O Mohinder Singh R/O Village Lalle Distt. Ferozepur Have Changed My Name To Harmit Kaur.

I Kamlesh Rani W/O Sukhdev Singh R/O Talwandi Bhai Distt. Ferozepur Have Changed My Name To Gurmeet Kaur After Marriage.

I Charnjeet Kaur W/O Karmjeet Singh R/O Vill. Khosa Kotla (Moga) Have Changed My Name To Charnjeet Kaur Toor.

I Sandip Kumar S/O Amir Chand R/O Shastri Nagar Jagraon Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Sandeep Kumar.

It is for general information that I, Naminder Pal S/o Dilbag Jande, R/O VPO Bajrawar, District Hoshiarpur Pin 146104, Punjab India, declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as Dilbag Singh in my Passport. The actual name of my father is Dilbag Jande which may be amended accordingly.

I, Navdeep Sidhu S/o Sh. Chetan Sidhu, R/O Vill. Kangwal, PO Kathgarh, Distt. Ambala. Declare that Union Bank of India, Sarafa Bazar, Ambala City an FDR Since 2003 is on Me & My Father Name Navdeep Singh S/o Chetan Singh Which is wrong. I want to change my name as Navdeep Sidhu S/o Sh. Chetan Sidhu. If anybody has any objection please contact bank within 7 days.

I, Sanjay Shah S/o Sh. Ram Parvesh Shah R/O House No. 2310, Vikas Nagar, Mauli Jagran, UT, Chandigarh declare that my son Sandeep Kumar is out of my control. I disown him from all my moveable / immovable properties. Anybody dealing with him will do so at his/her own risk & responsibility.

I, Gurnam Singh S/O Sh. Munda Ram Village Sabapur, Kadassan, Barara Distt. Ambala Declare that my son Karambir And his Wife Manpreet is out of my control. I disown his from my all our Moveable /Immovable Properties. If any body deals with them, he/she / they fully responsible himself.

I, Armarjeet Kaur W/o Natar Singh R/O Village-Oind, Telsil-Morinda Distt. Roopnagar declare that my son Balwinder Singh and his wife Manpreet Kaur are out of my control. I disown them from my moveable & immovable property. Anybody deals with them at own his risk.

I Gurmukh Singh S/o Hans Raj R/O Village-Lubangar, Telsil-Kharar Distt. Mohali declare that my daughter in law Mandeep kaur is out of my control. I disown her from my moveable & immovable property. Anybody deals with her at own his risk.

I, Harminder Singh S/o Kesar Singh R/O H.No. 2, Shantipura, Ladowali Road, Jalandhar declare that my Daughter Harpreet Kaur is out of my control. I disinherit her from my moveable and immovable properties. I shall not be responsible for her dealings with anyone else. All Please Note.

मैं सोमवीर पुत्र कमल सिंह विवासी गांव जिककपुर तहसील बेरी जिला झुंजर ब्राम करता हूँ, कि मेरा पुत्र यतिंदर मेरे कदमे-सुखने से बाहर है और अपनी नमनमाई करता हूँ। जिसके चलते मैं अपने पुत्र यतिंदर को अपनी लमाम चल-अचल संपत्ति से बेदखल करता हूँ। भविष्य में जो भी इसके साथ लेदेद/ व्यवहार रहेगा इसके जिम्मेदार होगा।

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common people in mind. BJP government in the state has adopted public welfare

# Pay toll if you want good roads: Gadkari

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Stating that private partnership is needed to speed up projects in the country as Government does not have money, Union Surface Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari on Tuesday said people will have to pay toll if they want good roads even as he made it clear that the toll system would stay to generate money so that the public money could be used to implement road network in rural regions.

Gadkari informed the Lok Sabha that his ministry is working on a new green expressway from New Delhi to Mumbai, which can be covered in 12 hours. It will pass through most backward and tribal areas of Rajasthan, Gujarat and Maharashtra and also save Rs 16,000 crore in land acquisition.

Responding to demands of several MPs, he said he will consider if school buses or state transport buses can be exempt from tolls. The country has a shortage of over 25 lakh drivers and he told MPs that he will open a driving training centre in each state. After Minister's reply, NK Premchandran (Revolutionary Socialist Party) withdrew all of his cut-motions.

Replying to a discussion on demands for grants for the Road Transport and Highways ministry in the house, the minister said land acquisition was an issue in implementing several projects in West Bengal, Bihar, Kerala and Goa. He asked MPs from West Bengal to complete land acquisitions and encroachments so that he could give green signal to the pending road projects in the state.

The Minister said the Government has built 40,000 kilometres of highway in the last five years.

Amid concerns expressed by some members over collection of toll in different parts of the country, Gadkari said, "Toll zindagi bhar band nahi ho sakta... Kam zyada ho sakta hai. Toll ka janamdata main hoon... (Toll system can never end though the rates may vary from time to time. Toll is my brainchild.)"

"If you want good services, you have to pay for it. Government does not have money..." he said adding the toll tax concept was first generated in Maharashtra when he was the State Minister.

Noting that more than 400 projects worth 3.85 lakh crore were closed when he assumed charge of the ministry in 2014, Gadkari said the Modi government saved Non-perform-

ing assets worth 3 lakh crore during the past five years by re-starting work on these projects.

"There were 403 projects pending when Narendra Modi came to power involving a cost of 3,85,000 crore. It is a great achievement of Indian government that we saved bankers of Rs 3 lakh crore of NPAs and now 90 per cent of projects are moving fast," he said.

Gadkari referred to former US President John F Kennedy's quote that "American roads are not good because America is rich, but America is rich because American roads are good" to emphasise on building good quality of highways and roads across the country to boost its economy.

Expressing anguish over deaths caused by road accidents, he said his ministry had identified 786 black spots and added that poor engineering is one of the main reasons for them.

Gadkari said his ministry is working to make Delhi pollution-free and cited pollution has come down by 32 per cent due to various efforts, including building peripheral roads to prevent trucks bound for other states from entering the national capital. All new vehicles from April 1, 2020 will comply with Euro 6 emission norms, he said.

# Set up emergency unit to prevent sewer deaths, Centre directs States

New Delhi: Aimed at preventing sewer deaths in the country, the Centre has asked all States to set up an emergency response sanitation unit (ERSU) on the lines of fire services.

Union Housing and Urban Affairs (HUA) Secretary Durga Shanker Mishra has written to the chief secretaries of states and Union territories, saying that ERSU will be responsible to attend any sanitation emergency request. The ERSU will be responsible to meet sanitation emergency requests from all smaller towns within a cluster of, say, 75 km radius.

"States/UTs/ULBs (Urban Local Bodies) should set up an Emergency Response Sanitation Unit (ERSU), on the lines of the fire service station, in capital cities of each state/UT and also in all major cities having a Municipal Corporation and/or Water and Sewerage Board (in whatever name it is called) with population of more than one lakh," Mishra said in the letter.

Mishra told the states and UTs that the practice of "hazardous cleaning" of sewers and septic tanks is completely banned under the Prevention of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, (PEMSRA), 2013. As per a report, there have been 1,340 deaths related to manual scavenging in the past 10 years across the country. According to numbers col-

lated by the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK), since January 2017, one person has died every five days while cleaning sewers and septic tanks across the country.

Mishra said the government was seized of reports about incidents of deaths in course of hazardous cleaning of sewers and septic tanks.

Sanitation workers, who have been traditionally engaged in sewer and septic tank cleaning, should be properly trained, equipped and certified as sewer entry professionals (SEPs), the HUA secretary said.

"States and UTs should promote mechanized cleaning of sewers/septic tanks by establishing such units in each such city and keeping their contact number readily available for engaging in cleaning sewers/septic tanks at first instance, on priority," Mishra also said.

He added that entry of any person into a sewer and septic tank other than a properly equipped SEP, duly authorised by ERSU, should be strictly banned.

States and UTs should issue directions to urban local bodies and other appropriate authorities for filing FIR against employers if any person is allowed directly or indirectly to enter sewer and septic tanks without proper protective equipments including such individuals entering into sewer and septic tank, Mishra added. PNS

# Postal jobs test deferred after TN parties seek exam in Tamil

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre on Tuesday decided to cancel the examination for appointment of postmen, held on July 14. It will now be held in all local languages including Tamil, a demand made Tamil Nadu-based parties who forced a couple of adjournments in Rajya Sabha on the issue.

Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad informed the Rajya Sabha that the examination will now be held in all local languages, as per the notification of 10-5-2019 of the department concerned (with) examination, including (in) Tamil.

Tamil parties had been protesting that questions in the postal department's examination for appointments of postmen and assistants in rural areas held on Sunday were only in Hindi and English, and not Tamil. The AIADMK were joined in by DMK, CPI and CPI-M members in the protests.

Proceedings of the Upper House were adjourned thrice during the pre-lunch period and again for 30 minutes after the Upper House re-assembled at 2 PM on the issue.

When the proceedings resumed, Prasad, who is the Union Minister for Law and Justice, Communications and Electronics and IT said he has examined the matter and it has been decided to cancel the



examination held on July 14. "Certain issues were raised in this House by members, including my friends from Tamil Nadu. I have examined the matter today itself and it has been decided to cancel the examination held on 14-7-2019," Prasad said.

The minister said he would like to assure the House and the entire nation that the government led by Narendra Modi has respect for all regional languages, including Tamil. "I have myself seen the depth of language of Tamil when I was (election) in-charge there, and all other languages. Therefore this government's commitment to respecting all languages is full and total," Prasad said.

His assurance satisfied the agitating members. V Maitreyan of the AIADMK expressed gratitude to Prasad and said "due to the development in the last couple of days

unfortunately we were forced to raise the issue in the morning today in our own way. I am really thankful on behalf of my party members".

T K Rangarajan (CPI-M) suggested that all departments should hold examinations in regional languages. Deputy Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, Anand Sharma (Congress) said the larger issue is to pre-empt and ensure that there is no recurrence.

"Therefore, will the government give a categorical assurance to this House, and through the House to the people of the country, that for all future recruitments, examinations, interviews, in all Central Government Departments, the PSUs, paramilitary forces, the three-language formula, the assurance for which was given by India's first Prime Minister (Jawaharlal Nehru) shall be adhered to".

# Force ready to fight all spectrum of war: IAF chief

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Indian Air Force Chief BS Dhanoa said here on Tuesday the force is ready to fight all spectrum of war ranging from conventional to terrorism and developments undertaken after the Kargil war in 1999 have enabled the IAF to be prepared for handling all challenges.

Speaking at a seminar on 20 years of Kargil, the IAF chief said the force now has the capabilities to conduct precision bombing, like in the case of Balakot aerial strikes, which was limited during Kargil.

During the Kargil conflict, precision bombing capabilities which existed only on Mirage-2000 are now also available on Su-30, Jaguar, MiG-29 and MiG-27 Upp aircraft. Moreover, beyond visual range (BVR) Missiles are NOW carried by MiG-29, Su-30 and Mirage-2000 aircraft, he added. Dhanoa said "the IAF is

prepared to fight across the entire spectrum of warfare, be it an all-out war, a skirmish like Kargil conflict or retaliation to a terrorist attack."

He was the commanding officer of 17 squadron and was operating from Srinagar during the Kargil conflict in 1999. Speaking about his experiences, the IAF chief recounted the operational limitations that existed in 1999 and the innovative ways adopted by the IAF to overcome the difficulties during the conflict.

The developments which took place post Kargil war have transformed the Indian Air Force in capability so as to counter any kind of air threat in conventional and sub-conventional domains of warfare, Dhanoa said. IAF now has the capability to monitor the airspace deep inside the enemy territory and operates on secure communication with network-centric warfare capabilities.

# LS: Cong MPs walk out over Chinese incursion reports

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Congress MPs staged walkout from the Lok Sabha protesting the failure of Government's China police and reports on the recent Chinese incursion attempts in Ladakh. Raising the issue soon after the Question Hour, leader of the Congress in the House Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury accused the Centre of failing the China policy while Prime Minister Narendra Modi makes "tall claims". He said that Modi Government failed to prevent the continuous interference and intrusion by China into India territories.

"China had intruded into Doklam area in the past and created a lot of trouble for us and now. The recent attempt to enter into our territory in Ladakh's Demchok area and disturbing the people," accused Chowdhury, leading to protests from the Treasury Benches.

Cutting short the Congress leader's speech, Speaker Om Birla invited Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari to speak on his Ministry's Demands for Grants in connection with Union Budget. Protesting this Congress MPs staged walkout for a brief time.

# Def Min bars all business for one year with Switzerland-based Pilatus Aircraft

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Defence Ministry has suspended all commercial dealings for one year with Switzerland-based Pilatus Aircraft Limited following alleged corruption charges. The decision came after the CBI in June registered a case against arms dealer Sanjay Bhandari, officials of the Swiss company, unknown officials of the IAF and the defence ministry. Pilatus supplied 72 basic trainer aircraft to the IAF and is alleged Rs 339 crore was paid as kickbacks. The deal was worth over Rs 2,896 crores and inked in May 2012.

The order to suspend business dealings issued on July 12 was for violating the pre-contract integrity pact (PCIP) and will remain in force for one year until further orders. It referred to the ongoing investigation by the CBI, Delhi Police, Enforcement Directorate and Income Tax Department into "corrupt practices, unfair means and illegal activities" by the company.

Under the PCIP of November 12, 2010, Pilatus had agreed that while presenting the bid or during pre-con-



tract negotiation or before signing the contract, it shall disclose any payments made, committed or intended to be made to officials of the buyer or their family members, agents, brokers or any intermediaries in connection with the contract and the details of the services agreed upon such payments.

The Defence Ministry received reports of engagement of agents by Pilatus for assistance in the sale of the basic trainer aircraft for the IAF on payment of a commission, according to the vigilance department order.

The ministry had written a letter to the company in December 2016 asking it to offer comments on the report

along with details of any such engagement.

In its response submitted in January 2017, the company admitted engaging Offset India Solutions, a firm belonging to fugitive arms dealer Sanjay Bhandari, for the successful resolution, approval or implementation of Pilatus offset proposals, plans and obligations. The ministry then issued a show cause notice as the reply was not found satisfactory.

The CBI registered a regular case on June 19 this year under sections 120-B (criminal conspiracy) and 420 (cheating) of the Indian Penal Code. The investigations by the ED and I-T Department are also underway.

# SC seeks report in 3 months from Centre appointed expert panel on aircraft fumigation

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre informed the Supreme Court Tuesday that it has constituted a high-powered 8-member expert panel to ascertain the benefits and hazards of spraying insecticides or fumigation in aircraft with passengers on board.

The top court gave three months till October 31 to the panel to submit final report and suggest interim measures at the earliest.

A bench of Justice DY Chandrachud and Indira Banerjee was informed by the Centre's counsel that a notification on the modalities and working of the high-powered panel will be issued during the week.

As per the note submitted by the Centre, the eight member panel include — Principal Advisor (Public Health), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Chairman); Director of National Centre for Disease Control (Member); Director of National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme

(Member); Representative of Directorate General of Civil Aviation (Member) and Head of Epidemiology & Communicable Disease of Indian Council of Medical Research (Member).

The other three members are National Professional Officer, International Health Regulation, WHO (Member); Airport Health Officer, Delhi (Member), and Deputy Assistant Director General (International Health) as Member Secretary.

The Centre's note further said that the panel will take a considered decision and inform the top court. Senior advocate Saurabh Kripal, appearing for Interglobe Aviation Ltd (Indigo Airlines) and others, said that as it was a Monsoon season, some interim measures needed to be taken.

The bench said it was a policy decision the Centre has to take, but the high-powered panel may suggest some interim measures as early as possible.

## IN PARLIAMENT

# Of 8K cold storages 92% owned by private entities, says Tomar

THERE IS NO HARMFUL EFFECT OF FERTILIZERS ON SOIL FERTILITY IF APPLIED IN BALANCED MANNER: TOMAR

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

There are 8,038 cold storages in the country with a capacity of 36.77 million tonnes and 92 per cent of the capacity is owned and operated by private entities.

In a reply to Lok Sabha, Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar on Tuesday said against total stocks of 741.41 LMT (as on June 1, 2019), the total storage capacity available with FCI, Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) and state agencies (both owned and hired capacity), is 862.45 LMT (as on May 31, 2019) comprising 739.76 LMT in covered godowns and 122.69 LMT in Cover and Plinth (CAP) storage.

"As per the latest available information received from States, there are 8,038 cold

storages with capacity of 36.77 million tonnes in the country," he said during Question Hour. As per a study on All India Cold-chain Infrastructure Capacity, there was cold storage capacity of 32 million tonnes in the country against an approximate requirement of 35 million tonnes.

The Minister said the base line survey conducted during December, 2013 by M/s Hansa Research Group estimated that 92 per cent of cold storage are owned and operated by private sector, three per cent cooperative and remaining five per cent are under Public Sector.

Tomar said the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution deals with storage of foodgrains post procurement by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and state agencies.

Replying to another question, the minister said as such there is no harmful effect of fertilizers on soil fertility if applied in a balanced and judicious manner.

"The average rate of consumption of chemical fertilizers in the country is only around 134 kg per hectare. The

fertility of soil is being lost in certain situations mainly due to imbalanced use of chemical fertilizers coupled with low use of organic manures," he said.

Tomar said the government has been implementing 'Soil Health Card' (SHC) scheme since 2015 to assist state governments in soil testing and providing soil health cards to all farm holdings in the country regularly in a cycle of 2 years.

Soil health cards provide information to farmers on nutrient status of their soil along with recommendations on appropriate dosage of nutrients to be applied for improving soil health and its fertility.

"So far 411 new static Soil Testing Labs (STLs), 100 new mobile STLs, 8,752 mini STLs and 1,562 village level STLs have been sanctioned under the scheme since 2014-15. This includes 6 mobile STLs and 28 village level STLs sanctioned to Bihar.

"Out of these sanctioned labs, 129 new static Soil Testing Labs (STLs), 86 new mobile STLs, 6,498 mini STLs and 17 village level STLs are already established," he said.

# PMJAY: Around 3L patients made ₹4,405 crore claims

Gujarat tops list with claims worth ₹915 cr followed by TN and K'taka

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

Around ₹4,405 crore worth of claims by over 3 lakh patients have been made for health insurance under the Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) scheme since it was launched in September last year.

According to the latest data tabled in Parliament on Tuesday, Gujarat tops the list with claims worth ₹915 crore followed by Tamil Nadu at ₹618 crore and Karnataka (₹553 crore). The scheme has been most availed in Chhattisgarh where 611,216 patients enrolled for the claim followed by Kerala (574,448) and Gujarat (523,011).

However, states like Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Madhya Pradesh, which

have poor health indicators, are not the biggest users of the scheme as just 56,139, 130,721 and 107,718 patients registered under the scheme respectively, contrary to the expectations. In fact, in as many as four States less than hundred patients used the scheme. Similarly, Northeastern States except Assam too are yet to warm up to the scheme.

In West Bengal, which was initially reluctant to implement the scheme had 17,636 patients registered under the scheme with claim of over ₹17 crore. (See table)

Only Delhi, Odisha and Telangana have not signed the MoU for implementation of AB-PMJAY.

Replying to a query, Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State for Health said that under the scheme, the States have the flexibility to choose the mode of implementation. They can either implement it in insurance mode, or through a trust or in a mixed mode i.e both the insurance and trust mode. The States implementing scheme through Insurance mode

select Insurance Company through open tendering process. The private insurance companies are allowed to bid in the open tendering process to allow level playing field, said the Minister.

However, he added, the decision lies with the State Government concerned and the government has no role in the selection of Insurance company.

Choubey further said that under the scheme, 1393 procedures have been laid down for treatment of beneficiaries.

AB-PMJAY provides a cover of up to ₹5 lakhs per family per year, for secondary and tertiary care hospitalisation to over 10.74 crore vulnerable entitled families (approximately 50 crore beneficiaries).

PMJAY provides cashless and paperless access to services for the beneficiary at the point of service. Over 15,000 hospitals and health care providers have been empanelled across the country to provide healthcare services as per these packages, as per the Ministry.

## DETAILS OF HOSPITALISATION UNDER AB-PMJAY

State	No of hospital admissions	Amount for hospital admissions
Andaman And Nicobar Islands	23	69,900
Andhra Pradesh	147,378	4,149,416,562
Arunachal Pradesh	709	11,894,687
Assam	57,176	837,883,007
Bihar	56,139	565,105,942
Chandigarh	958	8,793,795
Chhattisgarh	611,216	4,467,368,971
Dadra And Nagar Haveli	13,327	84,385,920
Daman And Diu	5,031	42,497,182
Goa	1,415	45,784,121
Gujarat	523,011	9,152,275,799
Haryana	31,985	423,768,613
Himachal Pradesh	21,621	189,594,841
Jammu & Kashmir	23,712	143,539,076
Jharkhand	201,369	1,553,624,781
Karnataka	218,461	5,530,356,358
Kerala	574,448	2,863,340,460
Madhya Pradesh	107,718	1,505,484,559
Maharashtra	148,753	3,866,353,985
Manipur	3,801	61,403,820
Meghalaya	21,581	136,463,418
Mizoram	14,823	81,043,280
Nagaland	1,265	12,524,639
Sikkim	171	1,099,250
Tamil Nadu	256,395	6,186,951,217
Tripura	20,499	64,803,621
Uttar Pradesh	130,721	1,434,346,595
Uttarakhand	55,379	462,166,166
West Bengal	17,636	170,981,470
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3,266,721</b>	<b>44,053,322,035</b>

# FLOOD FURY



One-horned rhinoceros seen moving to an elevated area following floods due to incessant monsoon rainfall in Kaziranga National Park, on Tuesday PTI

Flood situation remained grim in parts of North-East and Bihar as the toll mounted to 44, with nearly 70 lakh people affected, even as north India witnessed widespread rainfall

## Unusual heavy rain in Nepal led to flash floods in Bihar: Nitish

PTI ■ PATNA

Unusual torrential rainfall in catchment areas in Nepal and subsequent massive discharge of water in rivers led to flash floods in Bihar where 25 people have lost their lives in the last few days while more than one lakh people have been evacuated, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar told the Assembly on Tuesday.

A total of 25.72 lakh people have been affected by the natural calamity so far, he said. In a statement, Kumar said floods normally struck north Bihar in August or, sometimes, in September, but this time they came a month earlier primarily because of unusually heavy rainfall in the Terai region of the neighbouring country.

For the last three-four days, the Terai region of Nepal has been lashed by rainfalls ranging between 280-300 mm which was many times higher than the 50 mm which is considered normal for the area during this time of the year. As a result, several rivers in Bihar like Kosi, Bagmati and Mahananda have been in spate, the Chief Minister said in the House.

Twelve districts—Madhubani, Sitamarhi, Sheohar, East and West Champaran, Supaul, Darbhanga, Muzaffarpur, Katihar, Purnea, Kishanganj and Araria have been affected by the floods, the CM added.

He cited the example of the catchment area for Kamala river in Nepal which received 203.60-



People cross a flooded street in Madhubani district PTI

319.80 mm of rainfall on July 12-13. This led to a massive discharge of water in the river which passes through Jayanagar in Madhubani district.

Water has inundated a road bridge in Jayanagar while in Jhanjharpur water level at a rail bridge has reached 54.50 metres, which is higher than the all-time record of 54.34 registered in 1987.

The Kamala Balan embankment has been breached at six places, affecting several blocks of Madhubani and Darbhanga districts. Water level in the Bagmati has broken previous records at several places affecting people in Sheohar, Sitamarhi and Muzaffarpur districts. All embankments

along the Bagmati have, however, so far remained unharmed, he added.

Besides, a dam over Khiroi river burst in Darbhanga district affecting many villages. Excessive water discharge in Mahananda has inundated large parts of Kishanganj district. All embankments in the Mahananda basin are, however, secure till now, Kumar added.

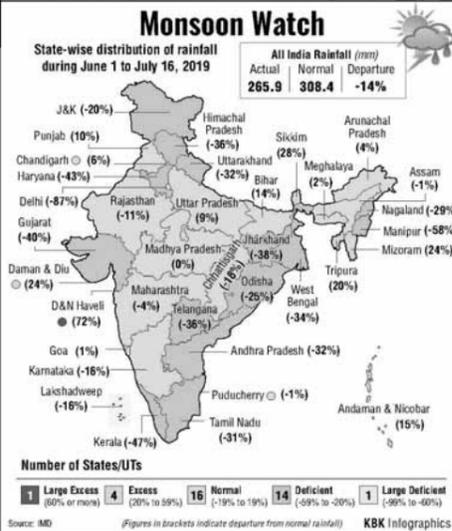
Till 10 am Tuesday, 25 people have died in the floods and instructions have been issued for prompt payment of ex-gratia to the next of their kin, he said.

The flood-hit area covers 555 Panchayats of 78 blocks spread across these districts. Rescue work is being carried out by 796 personnel equipped with 125 motor boats.

Besides 26 teams of NDRF and SDRF are engaged in the rescue operations and so far 1.25 lakh people have been evacuated from the marooned areas, the Chief Minister said.

For those displaced by floods, 199 relief camps have been set up which are at present inhabited by 1.16 lakh people. Their food is being prepared at 676 community kitchens. Instructions are in place for setting up more relief camps and community kitchens if such a need arises, he added.

Good quality of food and drinking water is being ensured and so is availability of bleaching powder and chlorine tablets, ORS and anti-diarrhea drugs, he said.



## ACROSS INDIA

In ASSAM, the deluge spread to 30 of the State's 33 districts, affecting nearly 43 lakh people and claiming 15 lives, besides submerging rhino habitats the Kaziranga National Park, Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary and the Manas National Park

The water level of the Brahmaputra rose above the danger level across the State

The death toll in BIHAR floods mounted to 24, with 25.66 lakh people reeling from the deluge in 12 districts of the State following incessant rains in neighbouring country Nepal

Five more children drowned in two separate incidents in East Champaran district, but a senior official of the State disaster management department said they were not counted among the flood casualties

At least 1,000 families had to be evacuated in Lunglei district of MIZORAM as raging waters of the Khawthlangtuipui river flooded 32 villages, while rain-related incidents led to the death of five people in the State, officials said

At least 32 villages in the Tlabung area of south Mizoram's Lunglei district were flooded by the river Khawthlangtuipui. Around 700 homes were submerged in the district and 800 families had to be shifted to safer places, the officials said

Nearly 200 families were evacuated from central Mizoram's Serchhip district, they said

InCESSANT rains across MEGHALAYA for the last seven days and rising waters of two rivers flooded the plains of West Garo Hills district, affecting at least 1.14 lakh people

A total of 57,700 people, residents of 50 villages in Demdema block and over 66,400, residents of 104 villages in Selsella block have been affected due to the floods, they said

The flood situation in TRIPURA showed signs of improvement as Khowai and Haora rivers started receding, officials said

Personnel of the NDRF and security forces rescued a number of people in the flood-affected Khowai and West Tripura districts, they said

In MAHARASHTRA, 75 villages along river banks in Palghar and Thane districts have been put on alert as the water level of two major dams in the region are close to the overflow mark, a senior civic official said

AS MANY AS 119 TEAMS OF THE NATIONAL DISASTER RESPONSE FORCE (NDRF) have been deployed in flood-hit areas of the country, including Assam and Bihar, and a 24x7 control room has been set up in Delhi to closely monitor the regions, an official statement said

The teams, each comprising around 45 personnel, are equipped with boats, divers and other flood rescue-related equipment, it said

## Have to eat rats to survive, claim locals in affected village

**Katihar:** Locals in Dangi Tola village of Katihar district in Bihar claimed they have no option but to eat rats as floods have wreaked havoc and destroyed houses in the region.

Around 300 families have been affected by floods in the area. Speaking to ANI, Talla Murrur, a local, said, "We have to eat rats as our house has been destroyed by the flood. There are no arrangements for us. The Government has given no facility to us. We are dependent on rats only to fill our stomachs. All my family members eat rats as they are easy to find in the floods."

"I have come here to catch a mouse with my grandfather as we don't have anything else to eat," said Murrur's grandson Vijendra. However, Block

Development Officer of Kadwa constituency, Rakesh Kumar Gupta said officials are unaware of the conditions claimed by the locals.

"We have no information regarding the condition of the villagers in the flood-affected areas. Even if they are eating rats, maybe it is likely that the tribal people might be eating it," he said.

Meanwhile, Congress MLA Shakeel Ahmad Khan said he has written a letter to Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, requesting him to provide assistance.

Bihar is witnessing floods as the water levels of several rivers have been rising following heavy rainfall in the past few days.

Many villages of Bihar's Araria, Darbhanga and Madhubani districts are flooded due to the heavy downpour. **Agencies**

## Extremely heavy rain forecast in Kerala, red alerts in 6 dists

**Thiruvananthapuram:** With the weather office predicting extremely heavy rains in the coming days for Kerala, a red alert has been issued in the state's six districts, including Idukki and Malappuram, from July 18.

The red alert, denoting likelihood of very heavy to extremely heavy rain, has been issued in Idukki, Malappuram, Wayanad, Kannur, Ernakulam and Thrissur districts on different days from July 18-20.

Extremely heavy rain — over 204 mm rains in 24 hours, have been forecast, a IMD bulletin said. The second spell of the South West Monsoon is starting Wednesday and there is a possibility of formation of low pressure in the Bay of Bengal, Kerala State Disaster Management Authority sources said. Officials have asked to open control rooms at taluk level. Fishermen have been advised not to venture into the sea. **PTI**

An aerial view of flooded Majuli, an island in River Brahmaputra, Assam on Tuesday AP



## 90% of Kaziranga National Park submerged

**Kaziranga/Guwahati:** With over 150 anti-poaching camps in the Kaziranga National Park affected by the Assam floods, the authorities are working round-the-clock to check poaching at the UNESCO World Heritage site, officials said.

The staff and security personnel are performing their duties using mechanised and country boats to deal with any kind of eventualities, they said. Ninety per cent of the Kaziranga National Park in Golaghat and

Nagaon districts of the state was still submerged, a statement from the Assam Ministry of Forest and Environment said.

Besides forest guards, a State Disaster Relief Force (SDRF) team was engaged alongside Assam Police personnel in vulnerable spots of the park, Divisional Forest Officer, Kaziranga National Park, Rohini Ballab Saikia said.

The Kaziranga National Park is home to the world's largest population of Indian

one-horned rhinoceroses. Other animals such as tigers, elephants, sloth bears, monkeys and musk deer are also found in the forest. Some of the animals have taken shelter in highlands within the park and many are migrating to the southern highlands of Karbi Anglong, crossing National Highway 37, the statement said. Though 90 per cent of the KNP is submerged, water level inside the park and the adjoining NH-37 has receded to some extent. **PTI**



# SP, VHP leaders killed in two shootouts in UP

IAN S ■ AYODHYA/PRATAPGARH

In two separate shootouts in Uttar Pradesh, a Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) leader and a Samajwadi Party (SP) leader were killed, exposing the deteriorating law and order situation in the State.

On Monday evening, VHP district president and advocate Pranav Misra was killed by unidentified bike-borne assailants in Pratapgarh while SP leader Akhilesh Yadav was killed in Kanakpur village in Ayodhya when unidentified assailants on bike fired several rounds at him and fled.

According to reports, Misra, who worked at the district court, was on his way to work when some armed men shot him dead.

Pratapgarh Superintendent of Police, N Anand, was removed from the post after the incident and replaced by Abhishek Singh.

Both the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the SP have condemned the murders and demanded immediate arrest of the assailants.



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Arif Khan, an advocate and a friend of Misra said: "Advocates are being killed since 2014 and as many as seven advocates have been killed so far. The police are silent on it and there have been no strict investigations on the murderers."

SP spokesman Rajendra Chaudhary said the incident was proof of growing lawlessness in the State.

# AS TMC WORKERS FACE IMAGE CRISIS

# Prashant to enroll 5-L youth to push Didi drive

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Amid reports that Mamata Banerjee has roped in India's new age election guru Prashant Kishor to revive her party Trinamool Congress' electoral fortunes in Bengal, the poll strategist has kick-started a grand plan to enroll at least 5 lakh youth in his 'youth in politics' campaign.

These youth, thus drafted in politics will augment a befuddled TMC's worker force. The Bengal ruling outfit suffered stunning reverses at the hands of a surging BJP in the recently concluded Lok Sabha elections when the saffron party romped home with 18 out of 42 seats leaving 22 for the

Trinamool and two for the Congress. In its worst defeat since 2006 the TMC conceded 12 seats to the Opposition.

Assembly segment-wise the Lok Sabha election results projected a whopping gain of 127 seats for the BJP in a 294-member House whereas the TMC's strength hovered around 155 and 160, down 55-60 seats from its 2016 tally.

Considering a general perception that Bengal ruling party had degenerated into a criminalised outfit, Kishor is working on an image-building exercise. Recruitment and training of clean, well-cultivated and untested faces is a part of his programme, sources said. Kishor's organisation I-PAC

is targeting all classes of youth; but mostly the unemployed ones, sources said adding his recruitment programme is called 'Youth in Politics' or YIP. Even those who have voted for the BJP or admire Narendra Modi are welcome in the YIP, sources said adding the group has already started enrolling about 4 thousand youth per day. This rate of enrolment is expected to rise further until it reaches 10,000 per day sources said adding by the end of September the number of people thus recruited would go up to five lakh.

These people will then be trained for a period of 15 months or so before they are pushed into the market for

election works, sources said. The team will also analyse if any particular caste, tribal, Hindi-speaking or industrial belts in the state had any role in the vote-share swing.

While similar strategy of enrolling foot-soldiers worked well in the case of Andhra Pradesh where Kishor worked for Jagannathan Reddy's YSR Congress to trounce Chandrababu Naidu, this may not work in Bengal as here he has to withstand the anti-incumbency wave against the Mamata Banerjee Government that was witnessed in the general elections.

"We could have won at least 2-3 more seats like Arambagh and Ghatal had the

Election Commission managed to control violence unleashed by the TMC goons," said State BJP president Dilip Ghosh adding, "BJP has a connect with the masses and Mamata Banerjee has lost that connect which is why she has to purchase an election expert. But she will have to remember that Bengal has a politically conscious and matured electorate unlike in many parts of India. Here professional electioneering will not work."

Even if the YIP "or whatever they are called moves door-to-door will they be able to erase the impression of a frightful decade a corrupt decade, a criminalised decade from their mind?" another

State BJP leader wondered. Already Kishor has met Banerjee several times and has been working in close coordination with her nephew and MP Abhishek Banerjee.

Kishor's endeavour in Bengal is part of a multi-core contract with the TMC, inside sources said, adding the election guru — responsible for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's landslide victory in 2014 — will also have to watch out for the source of the payment that comes to him as contract fee from the TMC, a galaxy of whose leaders are facing a slew of charges for their alleged involvement in chit fund and other corrupt activities.

# 'Scientists might have felt they do not want to take chance'

PTI ■ CHENNAI

With ISRO yet to officially announce the nature of the technical snag that prompted it to call off launch of Chandrayaan 2, a former space scientist on Tuesday commended the team for halting the high-stake Moon mission.

The launch of India's second Moon mission aimed at landing a rover on the unexplored Lunar South Pole was aborted early Monday due to a "technical snag" minutes before the scheduled lift-off of the country's most powerful rocket GSLV-MKIII from the spaceport of Sriharikota.

Former Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) scientist Nambi Narayanan, credited for his contributions in the development of cryogenic technology in the country's space programme, said calling off the launch was disappointing not just for the general public but even for the brains behind the Rs 978 crore project.

"It is a pity that countdown was stopped. They (scientists) might have noticed something wrong. I feel the problem might (have been even) small but they must not have wanted to take a chance", he told PTI.



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Narayanan's comments came even as the ISRO was yet to make any formal announcement on what went wrong during the final hour of countdown that prompted the space agency to call it off 56 minutes before the lift-off.

Though none of the ISRO officials whom PTI contacted responded, experts have said a glitch might have been noticed when the rocket's liquid propellant was being loaded into the cryogenic upper stage engine.

Incidentally, an update by ISRO around 1.34 am on Monday had said, "Filling of Liquid Hydrogen in Cryogenic stage of #GSLVMKIII-M1 completed. #Chandrayaan2 #ISRO Stay tuned for more updates." Narayanan said it was good ISRO halted the launch after

noticing the glitch. "It may be a small thing, but that is always good (halting a launch instead of going ahead). They are now trying to understand what went wrong. What actually happened. So, we need to wait," he said.

ISRO had earlier scheduled the launch of the mission, headed by women scientists Ritu Karidhal and Muthayya Vanitha, in the first week of January but shifted it to July 15 after choosing a launch window between July 9 and 16.

Chandrayaan-2, comprising an orbiter, a lander and a rover, was to have been injected into an Earth orbit about 16 minutes after lift-off with the lander to touch down on the Moon surface 54 days later through a series of critical orbit rising manoeuvres.

# MUMBAI BUILDING COLLAPSE

# Kesarbai building should have been demolished 2 yrs ago: RTI

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The Kesarbai building collapsed at the congested Dongi locality in south Mumbai, which caved in like a proverbial pack of cards on Tuesday morning, had in a structural audit report submitted to the Brihan Municipal Corporation (BMC) had been declared as a "dangerous" structure which was "to be evacuated for demolition at the earliest".

Even two years after the BMC classified it as a dilapidated structure that should be demolished immediately, at least 15 families were continuing to live in the Kesarbai building, which is believed to be 80 years' old.

Incidentally, the name of Kesarbai building is conspicuous by its absence in a list of 499 "dangerous" buildings in the metropolis prepared by the BMC.

In a statement released in the evening, the State-run Maharashtra Housing & Area Development Authority (MHADA) that Kesarbai Building — 25C — had been evacuated last year. The structure, however, collapsed earlier on Tuesday, leaving at least 10 persons dead and eight others injured.

The MHADA stated that the structure that collapsed on Tuesday was the illegal rear portion of the same building which does not fall within the purview of either MHADA or Mumbai Building Repairs & Reconstruction Board (MBRRB).

Meanwhile, an RTI reply given by the BMC revealed that

In July, 2017, BMC classified this building as 'CL' which needs to be evacuated & pulled down

from January 2013 till now, Mumbai has witnessed a shocking 2,704 different types of crashes including buildings, walls, balconies, slabs, portions of homes, etc.

"The crashes have resulted in 234 deaths, including 82 women and 152 men, besides injuring another 840, comprising 302 females and 538 males. Despite these tragedies, no steps have been taken by the BMC to demolish the buildings declared 'dangerous' in the past six years," RTI activist Shaikh Ahmed Shaikh Sheikh said.

It may be recalled that in 2014, a Bombay High Court Division Bench comprising Justice AV Mohta and Justice AA Sayed had directed the BMC to identify all dilapidated and dangerous buildings in Mumbai and put up their list on its website.

Based on the condition of the structures, the classifications are: C2 - buildings which can be repaired, and C1 - buildings which cannot be repaired and must be demolished at the earliest, he added.

The court had also ordered the BMC to draw up the list irrespective of its ownership - whether private, Government, BMC, or any other agency -- and send notices to the occupants to vacate such buildings. Slamming the BMC and MHADA for passing the buck

like on the previous occasions, activist Shaikh — who had procured several documents under RTI Act — said, "Since the high court's order in 2014, the BMC has done nothing to evacuate all these 499 dangerous (C1) buildings and demolish them. We cannot rule out the possibility of another mishap during the current monsoon."

The BMC's "B ward" had received a report from the trust that owned the Kesarbai building had received a structural audit report on July 31, 2017 stating that this building had been classified as "C1" building. The "C1" categorisation means that the building is in a dangerous state that "it is to be evacuated for demolition at the earliest". However, the residents of Kesarbai building had not vacated the building for the past two years.

Following a complaint by a resident, the BMC had issued a notice to the Kesarbai Building owners, Bai Hirabai Rahimbhai Aloo Paroo and Bai Kesarbai Dharamsaj Khakoo Charitable and Religious Trust, ordering them to carry out a structural audit of the structure.

A month later, the BMC learnt that the building was actually a cessed building of Maharashtra Housing & Area Development Authority (MHADA), over which it had no jurisdiction.

# Tuskers continue to roam in UP, kill another person

Bareilly: The two wild elephants, wandering from one spot to another since the past 20 days, have reached Uttar Pradesh's district, where it attacked and killed another person.

The incident took place in Mirzapur village, 15 km from Rampur city, on Monday night. The jumbos attacked Raju Yadav, who was returning home from work on his bicycle. According to villagers, Raju was not aware of the presence of the wild elephants in the village.

He unwittingly came close to them on the road near his house and was trampled and killed. Two weeks ago, the wild tuskers killed a person identified as Baijnath in Bilaspur tehsil and injured two others. Forest officials said that they were now trying to divert the elephants towards Bahedi in Bareilly district. Forest officials have also sought two more cow elephants from the Dudhwa Tiger Reserve for push-and-pull process to lure the tuskers away from human habitation to the forests.

The two adult bull elephants moved out of Bareilly's Mandanpur village to reach Rathodha village in Rampur on Saturday. In the night, they covered another 10 km to arrive at Mirzapur village on Sunday.

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Petition - 1	Asset-1	-	-	-	-	36.60
Petition - 2	Asset-1	-	-	-	-	46.33
	Asset-2	-	-	-	-	78.12
	Asset-3	-	-	-	-	39.81
	Asset-4	-	-	-	-	0.99

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# Seizure of exam papers from office, residences of SFI leaders put Kerala University in a spot

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

The credibility of graduates and post graduates passing out of Kerala University has come under a shadow following the seizure of bundles of unused answer papers and the official seal of the head of the department from the office of the CPI-M led Students Federation of India at Thiruvananthapuram and the residences of some of the SFI leaders.

The Confederation of University Teachers Organisation in Kerala has demanded that an independent agency should probe the circumstances that led to University answer sheets and office seals of the authorities reaching the houses of student leaders and party offices.

The Kerala Police probing the last week's stabbing incident at the University College in the heart of Thiruvananthapuram was shocked when they saw bundles of examination papers and the office seal stored in a room in the college which was being used by the SFI as its office.

Empty bottle of imported scotch was one of the items seized from the office room of the SFI. A probe is on to find out whether the bottle was dumped into the room by forces which are opposed to the SFI, said a police officer in the investigating team.

The University College is a fortress under the full control of the SFI irrespective of the party in power at the neighbouring Kerala Secretariat.

Once known for academic excellence, the University College has become a den of anti-social activities.

"This college is used by the CPI-M to recruit youngsters to be deployed in the institution to annihilate students belonging to other unions and political parties," said a teacher in the college who did not want his name to be quoted. It was a group rivalry

between the SFI activists which led to the stabbing incident resulting in Akhil, himself a SFI leader hot stab wounds.

The College was in the news recently when a second year degree student tried to commit suicide in the college itself because of harassment by the SFI leaders. She was saved in the nick of time and the college authorities acceded to her request for a transfer to another college.

"During the last one year 150 students have left the college complaining of harassment and abuse by SFI leaders," said this girl from her residence at a Thiruvananthapuram suburb.

The investigators probing the case seized bundles of unused university answer sheets from the residence of Shivaranjit, the prime accused in the stabbing case. Shivaranjit has been selected to the Kerala Police as civil police officer by the Kerala Public Service Commission which is fully under the CPI-M control. How he got into the rank list of the KPSC is also being investigated by the police. Shivaranjit and Nazem the second accused have been arrested and remanded to judicial custody. Following widespread resentment among the student community, the State leadership of the SFI has disbanded the wing's college unit.

# Both Trinamool, BJP claim control over Bongaon municipality

IAN S ■ KOLKATA

Amid high drama and clashes over a board meeting of West Bengal's Bongaon municipality called on Tuesday to debate a no-confidence resolution, both the ruling Trinamool Congress and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) claimed to have proved their majority.

Of the 22 members of the municipality in the North 24 Parganas district, 20 belonged to the Trinamool and one each to the CPI-M and the Congress. But shortly after the BJP's victory in the Bongaon Lok Sabha seat, 11 Trinamool councillors shifted their allegiance to the BJP and claimed that the Trinamool-run board had been reduced to a minority.

They also approached the high court claiming that the no-confidence resolution moved by them was rejected by the Chairman, and the state government was planning to appoint an administrator to run the civic body.

A special board meeting of the municipality was scheduled on Tuesday to take up and vote on the resolution.

But the situation became tense in the afternoon when the police allegedly stopped two rebel councillors from entering the municipality on the pretext of non-bailable charges against them.

The BJP supporters and activists clashed with the police, broke the barricade and pelted stones at houses and shops in the area, accusing the cops of working at the behest of the ruling party.

Police carried out a baton charge to disperse the crowd.

Meanwhile, the Trinamool councillors claimed they had retained control of the municipal board as the rebel councillors failed to attend the board meeting within the scheduled time of 3 p.m.

# CRPF troopers praised for saving girl from drowning in J&K

Srinagar: The brave efforts of two CRPF troopers who saved a girl from drowning in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district was praised by locals and the twitterati on Tuesday.

On Monday, the troopers, MG Naidu and Nalla Upendra, immediately jumped into the stream when they saw 14-year-old Nigena being washed away by powerful currents. The girl would have drowned, had not been for the timely rescue by the troopers who risked their lives to save her. Residents of the area, especially the parents of the girl, have said they can never fully express their gratitude they owe to the two troopers.

"It was an extreme act of bravery for which the entire area remains indebted to these two brave jawans," said a local from the area. Many Twitter users have also praised the bravery and presence of mind of the two troopers.

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## Fair probe

No matter what the amendments, the NIA must first free itself as an extension counter of political vendetta



The problem with investigative agencies in our country is that the perception of their toothlessness or subservience to the powers that be clouds their efficacy and compromises trust. This explains why, despite the appreciable urge of the Modi 2.0 government to evolve a zero tolerance module against terror, the passage of the National Investigation Agency (Amendment) Bill, 2019, saw massive protests from the Opposition. And in the end will do nothing to restore lost credibility. True, the ambit of investigation now includes cyber

crimes, human trafficking, fake currency and probes against Indian interests on foreign soil and the amendments are intended to establish a coordinated inquiry process but the Opposition fears probes could be misused to turn India into a police State. Besides, the creation of special courts for adjudicating such crimes and ensuring their speedy disposal has also raised some eyebrows as has the fear that centrist powers may overrun States. No matter what the assurances by Home Minister Amit Shah or the concerns expressed by Congress MP Manish Tewari, the fact remains that both are or have been part of ruling parties which have used investigations as a coercive tool for votebank management and in cases of terror, given them a frighteningly communal or religious tilt than developing a clinical approach. Political vendetta unleashed by the State has often been used to buy support, please respective votebanks and constituencies and build suitable narratives. This theory has gained further credence simply because there has been no closure of some of our most blighted terror cases. And leaving us wondering still if somebody had committed a conspiracy indeed or nobody knows what happened. Particularly, in the current context of simplified binaries between nationalists and anti-nationalists and a deep distrust of minorities, that is being reinforced by a hegemonic endorsement of Modi 2.0, there are bound to be questions about intent. Simply because past records show nothing to elevate the status of NIA as an independent entity but an extension counter of the ruling regime's priorities. It will surely take more than a reassuring speech in the House to change this presumptive perspective and one the new Modi government has to mean in actionable terms. For each failure of investigating agencies only ends up ridiculing our justice system.

The NIA itself doesn't have an enviable track record, set up as it was in 2009 by the then United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government after the Mumbai terror attacks, which claimed 166 lives. Then when it came to the Mecca Masjid, Malegaon and Samjhauta blasts, suspects have been either acquitted or booked depending on which side of the political divide they were on. For example, in the Mecca Masjid blast case, questions remain as to who killed the nine people and injured scores of others, considering that all the suspects were acquitted. Despite NIA's investigations, several key witnesses turned hostile weakening the case, either because of the agency's loopholes, its incompetence or counter-pressures from the political party or vested interests concerned. Three agencies — Hyderabad police, CBI and NIA — had probed the case and yet each seemed to work at cross purposes with each other, compounding complexities instead of ensuring a logical conclusion. The Hyderabad police arrested 20 Muslim youths but the CBI didn't consider that report worthy enough and focussed on a common strand between the Malegaon, Samjhauta, Ajmer Dargah and Mecca Masjid blasts. While a Jaipur NIA court convicted RSS worker Devendra Gupta for the Ajmer blast, he was cleared in the Mecca Masjid blast. Both Jaipur and Hyderabad NIA courts rejected Swami Aseemanand's confession, the critical mass on which the cases rested. Aseemanand himself changed his statement, claiming it was made under CBI pressure. So no matter what the amendments entail or not, there needs to be a foolproof process of inquiry, beginning with confessions and cross verifications with both the offenders and investigating officers and recordings. Also, the political to and fro — the Opposition assigning motives to the inquiry process and wanting to know why legislation needed to be hurried in the Budget session itself, and the BJP insisting that it was time to remove inconsistencies in anti-terror operations — only exposes how politics overshadows the need to curb terror forcefully. National security must be shielded from each other's agenda-driven campaigns. One wonders why there can never be a political consensus on tackling terror, assuming all parties are nationalists? Don't the Government and the Opposition equally owe an answer to the victims of terrorist violence?

## Time to split

Is dividing India's cricket captaincy as part of a post-World Cup rebuild a good idea?



The unique thing about the England team that won the World Cup, questionably according to many, was that there were two captains on the field. While Eoin Morgan, one-time Irish cricket star, lifted the trophy on behalf of his adopted nation, among those who celebrated with the team was its batting talisman Joe Root, the captain of the English test cricket team. Morgan has completely focussed on white ball cricket and Root continues playing white ball cricket but

without the stress of captaincy. And this has led to the English coming to dominate both the long and short versions of the game. Many other nations, India included, have tried such split captaincy. When MS Dhoni quit test cricket, Virat Kohli became test captain while Dhoni remained captain of the shorter versions. Yet, this split captaincy didn't win fans among cricket administrators and followers in India and Kohli was soon elevated to being captain of all three formats of the game. Australia had a bit more success with the split captaincy format, having a separate captain for its T20 side very early on, even though right now Aaron Finch is the team's undisputed captain in all formats.

So what has changed now that the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is reconsidering splitting the captaincy and is it a good idea? Should Rohit Sharma, India's explosive opening batsman, become the captain of the Indian team in white-ball cricket? Sharma's success as a captain can be judged by the success of his leadership of the Mumbai Indians T20 franchise in the Indian Premier League. Some also claim that Virat Kohli is being overburdened with captaincy, and as undoubtedly one of the best batsmen in the world, he is wiling under the pressure. This is possibly one reason that he quit the captaincy of his IPL franchise team, the Royal Challengers Bengaluru. On the other side, many would argue that a common leader allows all team members to walk the same talk rather than be confused by divergent voices. Will this then be antithetical to unity? Only if you look at it egotistically.

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## Defenceless defence

The Budgetary allocation to the armed forces has been stagnant as Governments have failed to address the concern that modern warfare needs upgradation



GEN ASHOK K MEHTA

When former Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman — one of four in the Modi 1.0 government — presented her maiden finance budget, hope and expectation about the defence allocation had rocketed, especially after she flagged national security and economic goals as her government's priorities. The reality was different. The grandstanding of national security — rich on symbolism and rhetoric, hollow in providing resources for the jawans to fight another Kargil whose 20th anniversary is being commemorated with high drama — is delusion. Nothing has changed, no lessons learnt especially after Army Chief Gen Ved Malik said, "We will fight with what we have" when surprised by Pakistani incursions. Unfortunately Air Chief Marshal B S Dhanoa expressed precisely similar resolve after Balakot when confronted with a question about a two-front war by a journalist. In the catastrophic 1962 war, Lt Col M S Rikh, Commanding Officer 2 Rajput at Namka Chu, said the same: "We will fight with what we have". The infection has spread among the higher military leadership, which has made a fetish of fighting under-resourced even as governments have milked the armed forces for electoral gains. The Modi government thinks that its three quarters-baked One Rank One Pay (OROP) is a substitute for modernisation. Sitharaman's defence allocation got the thumbs down when it made a token increase of six per cent over the last budget with hardly any change from the interim budget in February. "Soldiers got a raw deal from Sitharaman," said veterans.

In her several media interviews, the solitary question on defence allocation was standard: "You were defence minister; why no increase in defence budget". Her reply was also standard: "There is an increase customs duty on imports... MoD is ok with the allocation." At the India Today TV's budget conclave with India Inc, she was asked how difficult it was for her in the MoD. Smilingly she answered: "The Generals are easy to deal with" — a backhanded compliment with a message: "You will continue to fight with what you have". Militaries fight with essentials.

When the suave and articulate Arun Jaitley was Defence Minister, his views on the Defence Budget were revealing. In his second budget presentation, when asked on *Doordarshan* why there was only a nominal hike in defence, he replied: "I can give them more. But they can't spend the money". In the next budget, to the same question by the same person on the same channel, he said: "I don't have the money". Incidentally, Jaitley, not Sitharaman was the first Finance Minister to skip mentioning defence allocation in the budget speech. Just before the last election he told an *Aaj Tak* national security conclave that defence budget would increase once the tax net expanded and GDP grew. This esoteric method-



ology of defence allocation was confirmed by Defence Secretary Ajay Prasad on *Doordarshan*. When asked about inadequacy of funds for modernisation, he replied: "Towards December, I usually expect a call from the Finance Secretary asking MoD to return ₹ eight-10,000 crore."

The plea to increase the defence budget this year was made in Parliament by Congress members — soldier-politician Amarinder Singh, Manish Tewari, Shashi Tharoor and Preeti Kaur. Tewari quoted from a parliamentary panel report that defence expenditure had fallen in 2017-18 to 1.6 per cent of GDP and in 2019-20, the interim budget had declined further to 1.52 per cent GDP, the lowest since 1962. Defence Capital account has also reduced from 45.3 per cent in 2009-10 to 31 per cent in 2019-20. Returning to Sitharaman's budget, she said as defence had immediate requirement of modernisation and upgradation which is a national priority, "I am exempting defence imports from customs duty (started in 2016)". Besides, the revenue head of salary accounts and defence pension is not included in the defence budget, the crux of funding as the minister cited, is in modernisation of the armed forces. When the interim budget allotted a meagre increase in capital account,

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defence Minister Sitharaman promised to take up the issue with the Finance Ministry.

The capital outlay this fiscal is ₹ 1,08,248 crore, which is 30 per cent of the total government capital expenditure. The IAF has received 38 per cent of the capital account amounting to ₹ 39,303 crore. It has a committed liability of ₹ 47,400 crore for Rafale fighter and ₹ 400 AD system. It has paid up ₹ 40,000 crore of the ₹ 59,000 crore to Dassault. While the Navy's share is ₹ 23,156 crore, its committed liabilities amount to ₹ 25,461 crore. The Army which used to get the dominant share, around 51 per cent, has slumped to 35 per cent to ₹ 29,461 crore. It has reported a shortfall of ₹ 12,000 crore - ₹ 6,300 crore in capital and ₹ 5,700 crore in revenue (non salary account). The cumulative capital account shortfall is ₹ 25,000 crore without factoring any new projects.

The MoD has a way about explaining deficiencies in funding. It says it is bound by budgetary ceilings laid down by Finance Ministry, adding that the reduced allocations were passed on uniformly to all the three services. Here's the rub. Who is prioritising capital allocations in the absence of the CDS? Is it the Defence Secretary? Or the new czar of the Defence Planning Committee, NSA A K Doval?

This brings us back to the basics: the lacunae in the defence planning process.

"Unless the Defence Minister has issued her operational directive to the armed forces this month (one has not been given to them for more than a decade; in any case, the services/Integrated Defence Staff scripts it), the single services work independently along their own strategic perspective to evolve roles and missions without any prior strategic and technological environment assessment," said the *Strategic Defence and Security Review*. Is India going to fight a two or two and a half front war? Only former Army Chief, Gen Deepak Kapoor knows as he evolved this scenario in 2009. The force levels to match the threats and challenges will emerge from the SDR, not Kapoor's strategic thinking.

Prime Minister Modi has waxed eloquent on Uri, Balakot and the soldier, but never said a word on his defence budgets. Next week, Kargil will be showcased with great symbolism. Sitharaman's pithy remark that Generals are easy to deal with, will haunt Service Chiefs who will fight with what they have.

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## SOUNDBITE

The BJP came to power by winning the elections, then why is it scared of students elections and their voices? Isn't it dictatorship?



Congress General Secretary —Priyanka Gandhi

If you want good services, you have to pay for it. Government does not have money



Road Transport and Highways Minister —Nitin Gadkari

We should celebrate our diversity, we do in New Zealand, I'm proud of that and so I obviously take a very different view to President Trump



New Zealand PM —Jacinda Ardern

You attempt to do justice to somebody else's life and somebody else's story and somebody else's character, and that becomes you..



Bollywood actress —Sara Ali Khan

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Don't abuse NIA

Sir — Apropos to your report "Lok Sabha passes bill to give NIA more teeth" (TP 16 July). Though on the face of it, giving more teeth seems to be good but it should not be allowed to target people from a particular community in the name of fighting terror. While participating to push the amendments, the Home Minister should have shown some maturity while handling those people who have some reservations. As a person holding high office once occupied by stalwarts like Sardar Patel, Lal Bahadur Shastri, Gulzari Lal Nanda, L K Advani, his gesture and body language should not mirror election rallies. He could have worked towards passing the Bill unitesly instead of forcing division and making claims of anti and pro terrorism which make such an important amendment a political one. Also, by enlarging its power to more areas, it should not be allowed to become another version of CBI whose reputation has declined rapidly. However, merely empowering NIA or any other agencies cannot prevent terror acts which need measures to prevent acts similar to the one that happened

in Pulwama, a plank later used in the election battle.

N Nagarajan  
Via email

### No more gentlemanly

Sir —It refers to "Fair game?" Not only New Zealand fans but cricket fans and former cricketers all over the world are

### Winner takes it all

England are World Champions. That too after winning a cliff-hanger by a single run in a super-over. The thrilling six-ball shootout happened when the match was tied at 241 runs — making fans delirious at Lord's. It might have taken them 44 years, but England has finally done it. Neither a tied game nor a spirited New Zealand could stop them from bringing the trophy home. It finally took a super over for England to be crowned winners of the 2019 World Cup.

However, the match result does not tell the entire story. Much to its dismay, New Zealand discovered that fine margins matter — and how! The Black Caps put up a score of 241/8 in their allotted 50 overs. England, too, reached that score but not before losing all its wickets.

Then came the Super Over. England, having posted a total of 15 runs in the critical over, must have thought it had an advantage over New Zealand. But, much to the chagrin of the English, New Zealand also reached that score. The hosts were, however, crowned the world champions on the basis of the number of boundaries they had



hit: 26, compared to New Zealand's 17. Surely, the decision was taken in accordance with a bizarre ICC rule.  
KS Padmanabhan  
Chennai

scored six instead of five runs as per ICC law no. 19.8, gave the team a huge edge. Luck deserted the Kiwis. Hopefully ICC will look seriously into this besides the umpiring standards which were not great throughout the tournament. ICC needs to create a bigger and better pool of umpires for any of its future event.

Bal Govind  
Noida

### Overcoming pollution

Sir — There has been an alarming rise in air pollution levels. In the past, it was rare to spot a person wearing a mask on the streets but now it has become a common sight due to the health risks involved. If it escalates at this pace, the future of our nation will be bleak. As responsible citizens, we must ideally adopt alternative measures such as shifting to Electric Vehicles. Small steps like this will help us ensure a better tomorrow.

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**FIRST COLUMN**

## Plan early for a happy retirement

An independent US institute has recommended saving 10 per cent of our salaries from our early 20s to live comfortably



HIMA BINDU KOTA

People are living longer in these times and this can be considered both good and bad news. According to the latest WHO report in 2018, the life expectancy of men has increased from 64.2 years in 2015 to 67.4 years in 2018, and an average woman in India lives to the age of 70.3 years. However, the catch is that people are living longer with disability and illness. All of us, whether we are in our early 20s, 30s, or 40s, will age and reach a stage of life where we would retire and stop working for a living and may continue to have a long life albeit with some diseases. And here comes the worrisome thought, "Am I saving enough for my retirement?" and "How much of my salary should I set aside for a comfortable life after retirement?" So, what is the magic number representing the percentage savings from our salary that would make our retirement easier and happier for us?

While we try to save as much as possible for our retirement, during our working years, we feel pinched from all directions. Life can be expensive even in our earning years, with kids' education, housing and medical costs going through the roof. Any kind of loans, like student loans and credit-card debt, also intrude. Often it is not easy for us to look way ahead in future and imagine what would our future income be and how long would we continue to work; what would be our preferred lifestyle after retirement; how much would healthcare cost after many decades; our longevity; and how will our investments fare many years down the line? The result is obvious confusion and sometimes, this forces us to relegate it for consideration later. Although there is no magic number that can be same for all due to several reasons like low salary for some people, longevity or higher requirement of medical care in some others, independent research by some institutions, which do not have conflict of interest, like Employee Benefits Research Institute in Washington D.C, have given a useful thumb rule of saving 10 per cent. This organisation came to the conclusion after gathering anonymous information of millions of people and their saving habits.

So, based on the thumb rule, between you and your employer, set aside at least 10 per cent of your salary for retirement. Research shows that saving 10 per cent of salary, starting in your mid-20s, cuts the risk of running out of money in retirement to about 30 per cent. If your employer contributes three per cent, then your share is at least seven per cent. If the company kicks in five per cent, then you save at least five per cent. If your employer does nothing, set aside at least 10 per cent of each salary on your own. But is the 10 per cent rule same for all? Generally, if a person decides to save for retirement early, it is safe to say that 10 per cent savings would suffice. The moment the age of starting retirement savings increases, the rate of savings should also go up. Therefore, the 10 per cent is probably not enough for all. For the late savers, the rule of 20 per cent can come handy. This rule requires that for every rupee in income needed in retirement, a retiree should save ₹20. Let's say you earn about ₹5,00,000 in a year. You would need ₹1 crore by the time you stop working to maintain the same income level afterward. If you had somehow managed to save ₹4,000 per month (10 per cent of that wage) for 40 years at 6.5 per cent interest, that would get you to slightly more than ₹91,34,250, which is close. However, young people generally earn less than older ones. And how many people save ₹48,000 a year for 40 years?

Realistically, most people need to save well over 10 per cent of their income to come close to what they need. Once you have saved enough for your retirement, the four per cent rule suggests how much you should withdraw once you get to retirement. To sustain savings in the long term, it recommends that retirees withdraw about four per cent of their money from their retirement account in the first year, then use that as a baseline to withdraw an inflation-adjusted amount in each subsequent year. More conservative people should think of three per cent withdrawal rate. Although several rules are given by different financial planners and independent research agencies, retirement fund planning is very individualistic in nature.

We need to keep in mind the following steps while planning our retirement. First, develop a retirement budget and age. You have to know how much you need per month to live on. The categories of expenses, like groceries, car expenses and eating out may change significantly in retirement, but having an idea of what normal feels like before retirement is a good place to start. In addition, decide what age you plan to retire at and determine how much you will need to save in order to live a comfortable lifestyle. Achieving financial security is not possible without proper planning and commitment to save on a regular basis.

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**POINT COUNTERPOINT**

I HAVE SENT MY RESIGNATION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER PUNJAB, HAS BEEN DELIVERED AT HIS OFFICIAL RESIDENCE.  
 —NAVJOT SINGH SIDHU  
 PUNJAB CABINET MINISTER



I'LL DECIDE ON HIS RESIGNATION ONLY TOMORROW, I'LL LOOK INTO THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTER BEFORE TAKING A DECISION  
 —AMARINDER SINGH  
 PUNJAB CM

# The great Kashmir betrayal

Kashmiris have been betrayed by their very own and such perpetrators need to be exposed so that the false image they have built among locals is shattered



BRIG ANIL GUPTA

A recent Home Ministry report has publicised a fact that was known to many but did not get due visibility in the media and hence remained confined to a few. It revealed how hardline separatist leaders received funds from abroad and utilised them for personal gains — from amassing properties to paying for foreign education of their kin. This has not only dominated the media but also raised a public outcry that the misdeeds of these leaders should reach every household in Kashmir, the people they claim to represent.

Ever since Amit Shah has occupied the all-important chair of the Union Home Minister, the Ministry has got a new fillip because of his perceived image as a doer. During his recent maiden visit to Kashmir, he minced no words in reiterating the zero tolerance policy of his government towards terror and terrorists, enunciating the need to crack down on terror funding first and ensure that the law of the land prevails.

Tightening its noose around those who were involved in terror funding, terror financing, money laundering and hawala operations, the National Investigation Agency (NIA), for the first time, under the directions of the previous Modi government, had arrested many separatist leaders, businessmen, hawala operators and close relatives of the Hurriyat leadership and put them through sustained interrogation to track the sources and origin of terror funding in Kashmir. NIA was successful in not only tracking the trail of terror funding but also revealed the beneficiaries and how terror was being sustained in the Valley apart from allowing the so-called leaders in Kashmir lead a luxurious life. The regional parties, who were heading the governments in Kashmir, turned a blind eye to this notorious malpractice because of their vested interest in continuation of terrorism in the state. How else can they explain cases of money laundering and hawala operations which were lingering on for decades together despite the registration of the cases?

This, in fact, has been the misfortune of Kashmir because the regional mainstream parties owe their political survival to separatist and extremist forces operating in the Valley. During their interrogation, the separatist leaders confessed that Pakistan was the main source of terror funding with the specific purpose of fuelling separatist sentiments among the people of Kashmir. Cross-LoC trade was one of the major sources of hawala operations and terror financing. During interrogation, Asiya Andrabi of the Dukhtar-e-Milat admitted that she had been receiving funds and donations from Pakistan and other foreign sources for organising protests by Muslim girls and women in the valley. She has used part of this money to finance the education of her son in Malaysia while a major portion of expenses is borne by Zahoor Watali, a businessman arrested for terror funding. Watali is one of the main hawala conduits who received funds from Pakistan, ISI, UAE and had floated various shell companies to disguise foreign remittances for further transfer to separatist leaders and stone-pelters in the valley. Masrat Alam, the master-mind of stone-pelters, has confessed that funds were being distributed among various Hurriyat leaders including Syed Ali Shah Geelani.

“ WHILE 'BACK TO VILLAGE 1.0' WAS A MASSIVE OUTREACH PROGRAMME AIMED AT TAKING THE ADMINISTRATION TO THE DOORSTEP OF THE VILLAGERS, ITS 2.0 VERSION SHOULD AIM AT LAUNCHING AN EFFECTIVE INFORMATION CAMPAIGN AND LINK IT TO A MASSIVE ANTI-DRUG AND ANTI-RADICALISATION DRIVE. ONE SHOULD ALSO REVIVE LOCAL FOLK GROUPS FOR SOCIAL MESSAGING ”



Shabbir Shah, another separatist leader, confessed that his hotel in Pahalgam and other businesses are financed through funds received from Pakistan. Yasin Malik, who brought together the various factions of Hurriyat under the banner of Joint Resistance Leadership (JRL), which became notorious for issuing "bandh rosters" in Kashmir, affecting the lives of common Kashmiris, confessed before the agencies that funds were received from big business houses in Kashmir and other "sources." These sustained the bandh calls, disrupting economic activities in Kashmir, which also indirectly affected the trading community of Jammu.

These funds were used to fuel unrest in the Kashmir valley and organise violent agitations and anti-India activities, which resulted in large scale violence, leading to numerous injuries and deaths of innocent civilians and security forces personnel. The funds were also used to pay stone pelters, Friday protesters, those tasked to torch schools and government buildings, particularly *panchayat ghars* and the over guard workers. Pakistan has also entrusted Hurriyat the responsibility of financing "home-grown" terror groups from the funds received by them. Thus, apart from promoting and sustaining terror in Kashmir, these leaders were also involved in the killings of Kashmiris, closure of educational institutions and encouraging local youth to join the terror ranks. Among all this they also indulged in a luxurious life of their own and financing foreign education of their wards. According to the list released by the MHA, 210 relatives of Kashmiri separatist leaders currently live abroad. The documents also mention that 112 children of the separatists study in foreign countries,

out of which 21 belong to 14 well-known separatists.

The MHA document also reveals as to how they spread hate and violence in Kashmir to further the Pakistani agenda of keeping the pot boiling and in perpetual turmoil. While they deny Kashmiris the right to live peacefully and decide their future as per their own wishes, they themselves lead a lavish lifestyle. While the separatists encourage the youth of the Valley to pick up stones and arms against security forces and join militancy, they seem to have no qualms in shielding their own family from the strife in the region by settling them not only in the metros but abroad as well. The hands of the Hurriyat leadership are soaked with the blood of innocent Kashmiris, who have the right to know about their misdeeds. This is the story of the great betrayal in Kashmir by their own and they need to be exposed so that the false image they have built in the hearts of the poor Kashmiri folk is shattered.

Sensing defeat in its design of annexing Kashmir through "religious militancy," radicalisation and *jihadi* terror, it has now resorted to destroying the future generations of Kashmir by making them drug addicts. The frequency of seizure of drug consignments in the near past must have rung the alarm bells among the concerned authorities by now. Incidentally, drug menace is not confined to the Valley but has also engulfed the border districts of Jammu and is slowly penetrating other areas. It is more alarming in the Valley because the youth there is a vulnerable target due to the prevailing circumstances. The environment is such that the youth can be easily lured and the example of post-militancy Punjab is worth noting. Radicalisation and drug-

addiction are the two major challenges staring in the face of the administration.

There is a desperate need to launch "Back to Village 2.0" in the State. While "Back to Village 1.0" was a massive outreach programme aimed at taking the administration to the doorstep of the villagers, its 2.0 version should aim at launching an effective information campaign and link it to a massive anti-drug and anti-radicalisation drive.

Apart from extensive coverage in the vernacular press, the campaign should also aim at educating the people and making them aware through audio-visual means. One is reminded of the good old days when the teams of field publicity division of the Government of India used to visit the villages with 16 mm projectors and screen documentary films. Now the technology has improved manifold. Rather than depending on in-house resources, the government should consider taking the services of professionals in the field. The films/songs should be in the local dialects to widen their reach. One should also revive local culture and use "bhands" to promote local folk art and messaging. *Nukkad natak* (street plays) can also be staged by professional groups to give voice to the youth angst. If terror has to end and lasting peace ensue in Kashmir, the terror support network, both local and Pak-sponsored, will have to be completely eliminated. Social awareness will ensure that such elements are exposed and are unable to mislead the simple Kashmiris with anti-India propaganda and exploit the Kashmiri youth.

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# Where is the alternative voice?

Constructive criticism and not blind agitation is the role of an effective Opposition in a parliamentary democracy. Sadly, a counter view is missing in the 17th Lok Sabha making PM Modi look even more larger than life



KALYANI SHANKAR

The first session of the 17th Lok Sabha has begun well without much disturbance with even first-timers getting an opportunity to make their maiden speeches. While the 16th Lok Sabha saw a divided and fractured Opposition, the current one has so far seen only feeble voices with no effort to speak unidly. This could be because the Opposition is yet to recover from the blow it has received in the elections.

While any democracy needs a stable government, it also needs a credible and strong Opposition. Its main role is to question the government of the day and hold it accountable to the public. It is the Opposition that puts rein on the power of the gov-

ernment of the day and checks it. It is indeed a well-established fact that political parties with massive majorities and weak opposition have adversely impacted crucial issues.

However, when Rajiv Gandhi came to power after the assassination of Indira Gandhi in 1984 with a brute majority of 415 seats, the Opposition was weak in numbers but not silent. A half a dozen leaders from various Opposition parties, including Madhu Dandavate, Somnath Chatterjee, Inderjit Gupta, Unnikrishnan and Jaipal Reddy, had effectively exposed the Bofors gun deal scam, which really cost Rajiv Gandhi his government. Prior to that, when Indira Gandhi lost the elections in 1977, she had fielded vocal leaders like C M Stephan. Unfortunately, the current Opposition does not have many such leaders who could hold forth in Parliament and outside. This is indeed the real concern. In a blog post titled, *The frightening and scary scenario of India's Opposition*, BJP leader Arun Jaitley, calling the Opposition camp "fractured," pointed out that they have no agreement on either a leader or pro-



gramme and the common point between them is just to "get rid of one person (Modi)." By failing to unite, the Opposition had gifted a whopping 352 seats to the BJP in 2019.

The muted voice of the Opposition is also linked to the phenomenal growth of the BJP emerging as a pan-national party in the past decade or so. That is primarily because of the Congress' inability to function as an effective opposition. The grand old party is still living in its past glory without realising that the voter profile has changed and the

party has lost its connect with the new voters. Rahul Gandhi, though younger than Prime Minister Modi, is unable to attract his youthful peers. The Congress is yet to introspect what went wrong in the 2019 polls or make efforts to reinvent itself. On the contrary, Rahul Gandhi's resignation has plunged the party into a leadership crisis from which it is yet to come out. The Congress is yet to build up the party at the grassroots level to match the BJP. Only boycotting Parliament and hitting the streets are not enough. Congressmen need to connect with

the masses and educate them on issues that could set the agenda for the next round of Lok Sabha elections. Above all, even after the defeat in the polls, the Opposition remains divided as is evident from the way the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) leader Mayawati broke her alliance with the Samajwadi Party (SP) recently. The Congress-JD (S) coalition is crumbling in Karnataka. Also many Opposition leaders are vulnerable, facing several court cases and are so caught up in their survival that they can hardly prepare an alternative blueprint of governance to go the people with.

The second reason for the current state of affairs is the gradual demise of the Left parties. From ruling in three States earlier, the Left parties have been practically decimated in its strongholds of Kerala, West Bengal and Tripura. The comrades have long been split between a highly intellectual circle and a rural movement with the result they are gradually losing their hold on both. They also have failed to re-orient themselves to the current day requirements of the vot-

ers without realising that chanting secularism and class struggle no more attract them.

As for the rest of the parties like the SP, BSP, RJD, Trinamool Congress, NCP, DMK, JD (S), Shiv Sena, TRS, TDP and most Northeastern regional parties, they are led by regional satraps, who believe in family rule and have no worldview. The lack of opposition is indeed a great tragedy in India today and a worrisome factor in a democracy. The Congress had it going for six decades dealing with a weak Opposition. A complete decimation of Opposition parties is not good for the country. Constructive criticism and not blind agitation is the role of an effective Opposition in a parliamentary democracy.

It is quite clear that political power equations have shifted heavily towards the BJP. Right now Prime Minister Modi is enjoying a larger than life image like Nehru once did or Indira Gandhi. Time has come now for the Opposition to rise.

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**FOREIGN EYE**

## PAK BEATS FINALISTS IN LEAGUE BUT NEEDS 20 FRESH FACES

This World Cup witnessed many thrilling games and upsets, and threw up many young stars, while bringing the curtain down on the careers of others. For Pakistan, the experience was mixed: they lost some easy games initially, but bounced back to win four on the trot. They fell agonisingly short of the semi-finals, but could still take consolation from the fact that they had beaten both the finalists in league matches. However, they need to plan ahead by grooming the best 20 players for the next World Cup edition in 2023. (Dawn editorial)

# Lagarde resigns as IMF MD



PTI ■ WASHINGTON

French politician Christine Lagarde on Tuesday said she will resign as the Managing Director of International Monetary Fund with effect from September 12.

She has been nominated by the European Council as President of the European Central Bank. Her resignation has been accepted by the IMF Executive Board with effect from September 12.

"I have met with the Executive Board and submitted my resignation from the Fund with effect from September 12, 2019. The relinquishment of my responsibilities as Managing Director announced

previously will remain in effect until then," Lagarde said in a statement.

David Lipton remains the IMF Acting Managing Director in the interim period.

In a separate statement, IMF Executive Board said that it has accepted the resignation of Lagarde and expressed its "greatest appreciation" for what she did for the institution.

"Her legacy of achievements has made a lasting imprint on the Fund. Under her guidance, the Fund successfully helped its members navigate a complex and unprecedented set of challenges, including the impact of the global financial crisis and its aftershocks," the Board said.

# RBI rejects proposed appointment of ex-interim CEO, other on Religare's board

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Religare Enterprises said Tuesday that the Reserve Bank of India has rejected proposed appointment of two persons to the company's board of directors.

"The Reserve Bank of India vide its letter dated July 15, 2019 has communicated that the company's request for appointment of Ashok Mehta and Ashwani Mehta as non-executive non-independent directors has not been acceded to," Religare Enterprises said in a regulatory filing.

Ashok Mehta has served as the interim chief executive officer of the company in the past.

Religare had approved to appoint Ashwani Mehta as the non-executive non-independent director of the company on November 20, 2018. Ashwani is an MS in general surgery and is one of the pioneers to start laparoscopic surgery in northern India.

In June, the company's group chief executive officer (CEO) Milind Narendra Patel had resigned from his post which he had assumed in August 2018, after stepping down of Ashok Mehta as the interim CEO.

Patel continues as the group CEO, serving the notice period as per the company policies.

# Rupee falls 17 paise against USD on rising crude, capital outflow

## The rupee had settled at 68.54 against the US dollar on Monday

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee on Tuesday depreciated by 17 paise to close at 68.71 against the US dollar due to rising crude oil prices and foreign fund outflows.

A strengthening US dollar against major currencies overseas also weighed on the rupee sentiment, forex traders said.

However, sustained buying in the domestic equity market restricted the rupee's fall, they added. At the interbank foreign exchange (forex) market, the domestic currency opened lower at 68.59 per dollar, and further lost ground to touch the day's low of 69.76. The rupee finally settled at 68.71, down 17 paise over its previous close.

The rupee had settled at 68.54 against the US dollar on Monday.

The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six major currencies, moved up by 0.31 per cent to 97.23.

# Boeing jet trouble leads to cuts at Europe's busiest airline

AP ■ LONDON

Europe's biggest airline, budget carrier Ryanair, will cut flights and close some of its bases beginning this winter because of the delay to deliveries of the Boeing 737 Max plane, which has been grounded globally after two fatal crashes.

The airline also warned Tuesday that its growth in European summer traffic for 2020 will be lower than expected because of the slowed deliveries.

Ryanair chief Michael O'Leary said the airline "remains committed" to the Boeing 737 Max and expects it to be back in service before the end of the year but that the date is uncertain.

Ryanair, which is Europe's top airline by passengers, says some delays are expected and doubts about when the plane can return to the skies means it will take delivery of only 30 Max jets a year from now, rather than the previously scheduled 58.

He says the airline will close some of its bases as a result with a hope to return to "normal" growth levels in 2021. No details about the planned base cuts were provided.

# Business Corner



JP Alex has taken over as Executive Director (Air Traffic Management) at Corporate Headquarters of Airports Authority of India. Prior to this appointment, he was working as Executive Director (Operations) since 2015



The subcommittee on Agrichemicals, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), on Tuesday organised a conference on Role of Agrochemical in Sustainable Farming. P. Raghavendra Rao, Secretary (Chemicals & Petrochemicals), Dept of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Govt of India, inaugurated the event, which was attended by senior officials and heads of agrochemical companies, scientists, academicians, technocrats, corporates, policymakers and farmers. Prof. Ramesh Chand, Member NITI Aayog also attended the conference

# Brazil seeks WTO to set up dispute panel in case against India on sugar subsidy

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Brazil has sought establishment of a dispute panel under the aegis of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in a case against India's sugar subsidies to farmers.

In February, Brazil and several other countries including Australia and Guatemala have dragged India into the WTO's dispute settlement mechanism alleging that New Delhi's sugar subsidies to farmers are inconsistent with global trade rules.

Brazil is the largest producer and exporter of sugar in the world.

"Brazil respectfully requests that the dispute settlement body establish a panel," according to a communication submitted by the South American country to the Geneva-based WTO.

Brazil has alleged that in recent years, India has massively increased the level of domestic support under its support regime for sugarcane and sugar.

For example, India has almost doubled the fair and remunerative price for sugarcane from Rs 1,391.2 per tonne

in 2010-11 to Rs 2,750 per tonne in 2018-19, it has stated.

That fair and remunerative price is the minimum price that, under Indian law, domestic sugar mills must pay sugarcane producers. It constitutes one of India's most important support measures for sugarcane producers.

In addition, Brazil said some of India's states provide for higher minimum prices for sugarcane that local sugar mills must pay local sugarcane producers.

Seeking consultation is the first step of dispute settlement process. If the two nations are not able to reach a mutually agreed solution through consultation, complainant requests for a WTO dispute settlement panel to review the matter.

They had filed dispute under certain articles of WTO's Agreement on Agriculture, Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994.

If the panel rules against India's sugar subsidies, India can approach the appellate body of the WTO's dispute settlement mechanism.

# Local sourcing norms for FDI in single brand retail to be eased in few weeks: Goyal

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India will be easing mandatory local sourcing norms for FDI in single brand retail trading in the next few weeks, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said.

"India has opened up opportunities for single brand retail and is easing some detrimental clauses of the policy in next few weeks which will help single brand retail come in a bigger way to the country," an official statement said quoting the minister.

He was addressing CEOs of multi-national companies in the UK-India Joint Economic and Trade Committee (JETCO) meeting held on Monday in London.

The government in Budget proposed that local sourcing norms will be eased for FDI (foreign direct investment) in single brand retail

sector.

Currently 100 per cent FDI is permitted in the sector with certain conditions, including 30 per cent mandatory local sourcing preferably from MSMEs.

The minister also requested companies around the world to respect Indian sensitivities on restrictions of foreign investment in multi-brand retail.

"Particularly, e-commerce companies coming to India will have to ensure that they stay within the letter and spirit of the law when it comes to multi-brand retail and India's policies around that," he said.

He also said that manufacturing in India, in a cost-competitive environment, could be the key for British companies to expand their footprints to other parts of the world.

"Designed in the UK - Made in India can be the new

focus area for this partnership. Similarly, in the services sector, India can provide huge technical expertise to British companies," the minister said.

Further he said if the spirit of research and innovation in British industry and academia is bound together with the strength of the skilled Indian work force, the two countries may become the preferred supplier for the rest of the world.

Both countries have agreed to set up three new bilateral working groups to tackle barriers in specific sectors including food and drink, healthcare and data services.

India-UK trade and economic relations are reviewed annually by JETCO at the level of Commerce and Industry Minister.

Till date, 12 meetings have taken place and the last was held in January 2018 in London.

# Lenders plan to call bids for Jet Airways' asset sale by Sat

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The lenders to the bankrupt Jet Airways, who met here Tuesday for the first time since the carrier was sent to the NCLT, are understood to have decided to call for expressions of interest to sell the meager assets of the airline by Saturday.

The airline's meager assets include 14 aircraft including 10 Boeing planes--down from 124 before the grounding--and 49 per cent stake in Jet Privilege and a few buildings, while its liabilities are over Rs 36,000 crore, including more than Rs 10,000 crore of vendor dues, Rs 8,500 crore along with interest to the lenders, over Rs 3,000 crore in salary dues and more than Rs 13,500 crore in accumulated losses of the past three years.

The company is no more a going concern and had for many years run into negative networth.

The lenders also list spares, slots and routes as the "assets" of the airliner that was promoted by Naresh Goyal and operated its last flight on April 17. The airline was sent to the NCLT on June 17.

But it can be noted that government had temporarily given away all its domestic slots in April itself and its international routes in June.

The insolvency resolution professional for the airline Ashish Chhawchharia and the lenders led by State Bank will be laying down the bidding criteria, a source told PTI.

Voting on the timeline for issuing the expressions of interest and the eligibility criteria will be completed by the targeted date of July 19 and the EoIs are likely to be issued the next day on July 20, the source added.

Financial creditors have made a claim of Rs 8,500 crore, while the claims from operational creditors and employees

-which are much higher than the former--are yet to be verified, the source said.

The National Company Law Tribunal had on June 20 admitted the insolvency petition filed by the lenders against Jet Airways, and directed resolution professional to try to finish the process within three months. The tribunal had cited "national importance" of the airline while directing a faster resolution process, than 180 days allowed under the bankruptcy code.

Before it was sent to the NCLT, the banks, which own half of the shares in the airline had sought expressions of interest from both strategic and financial investors to sell between 31.2 and 75 per cent stake. The bankers had received four non-binding EoIs in April, while Etihad Airways, which owns 24 per cent in the carrier, had submitted a conditional bid.

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Be it known to all concerned that my client **Surinder Kumar Vaid** s/o Late Sh.Chander Paul Vaid r/o 2165-2166 Rani Bagh, Delhi-34 has disowned his son **Aditya** Aged 34 Yrs appx. & has debarred him from all his movable & immovable Properties for all time to come. If any person deals with him pertaining to the properties of his / her own, or all consequences, **Chander Kanti (Advocate)**, Ch-V-5, Opp. SBI, Tis Hazari

**Public Notice**  
To be known to all that I, Krishna Saini daughter of Late Sh.Ram Chander Saini, R/o B-3/191, Paschim Vihar is the owner/purchaser of **DDA Janta Flat No.109-A on Ground floor, Pkt-A-5** situated at Paschim Puri, ND-63 applied for conversion of the aforesaid property from leasehold to freehold in DDA. The original Demand Letter, Possession Letter, Site Possession Slip & NOC for water & electricity of the above said property have been lost. An FIR to this effect has been lodged in Police Station dt 8/7/2019. Any person claiming any right, interest having any objection may write/contact with above named person at above phone no **011-25254465** within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice & can personally inform or write to Dy. Director(LAB) or Director (LAB) H. D Block, 3rd floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi.

# Need to tap foreign capital to accelerate growth to 8%: CEA

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Chief Economic Advisor K V Subramanian Tuesday said there is a need to tap foreign capital to accelerate growth from the current level of 7 per cent to 8 per cent.

"Apart from sovereign bond issue, we also need to be tapping into foreign capital to trigger the virtuous cycle. Once this virtuous cycle is triggered then other parts start moving," he said at the book launch of HDFC Bank 2.0-From Dawn to Digital.

Achieving USD 5-trillion economy by 2024-25 is possible although the goal is slightly stretched, he said.

"When we get investment that enhances productivity, exports, jobs which leads to demand and thereby again creates investment triggering that is actually important. Of course, we are growing to close to 7 per cent. In order to grow at 8 per cent, we do need to trigger this and, therefore, foreign capital is something that has to be encouraged," he said.

Indian economy reached to the level of USD 1 trillion in 55 years and added USD 1 million in the past 5 years to USD 2.75 trillion by March 2019, he said.

On the merger in the public sector banks, Subramanian said they are being done based on synergies, and policy is to exploit economies of scale.

"Rather than any top-down strategy or mandate which says we need to have four banks, this should be based on looking at banks that might combine well because of synergies," he said.

# BASEUS, CHINESE DIGITAL ACCESSORY BRAND ENTERS INDIAN MARKET

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Baseus on Tuesday announced its entry into the India market with its entire range of accessories. The company has entered into an exclusive strategic partnership with Telecare Network India Pvt. Ltd. (An Optimus Group Company) as its distribution and marketing partner in India.

The wide range of innovative accessories launched include TWS Earpods, Smart 2-in-1 Dual Wireless Charger, Digital Display Power station - 3000mAh and Alexa enabled S17 Pro Wireless Sports Earphones.

# Trade Representatives of ENDS echo High Court concerns

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The voluntary association of Trade Representatives of ENDS in India (TRENDS) on Tuesday submitted a representation to the Chief Secretary, Delhi Government with copies to Chief Minister, Arvind Kejriwal and Health Minister, Satyendra Kumar Jain echoing the observations of the Court regarding the sale and distribution of E-Cigarettes in Delhi.

In the representation made to the Chief Minister, TRENDS pointed out that it concurs with the concerns of the High Court of Delhi.

# SEARCH OF MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one boy (depicted in the photo), **Namely: Suman Khan, S/o: Mitthu, R/o: Astha Kiran Complex, Sec-01, Rohini, Delhi, Aged: 17 years, has been missing/kidnapped from the area of P.S. Vijay Vihar, Delhi since 10.06.2019 at vide FIR No. 145/19 u/s 363 IPC, Dated 10.06.2019, has been lodged at P.S. Vijay Vihar, Delhi. His physical description is as under:**



Suman Khan

**Complexion: Fair, Height: 5', Face: Long, Clothing: Pink Colour Shirt and Payjama.**

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing/kidnapped boy, may inform SHO, Vijay Vihar, Delhi at E-mail: [cic@cbi.gov.nic.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.nic.in) or website : <http://cbi.nic.in> Tele No. : 11-24368638 or 24368641

# PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(SECTION 82 Cr.Pc.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused, **Ajay S/o Kartar Singh, R/o B-506, JJ Camp Tigr, New Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 417/14 u/s 11/12 POC SO, P.S. Neb Sarai, Delhi**, and it has been returned to warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused person **Ajay**, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Ajay**, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Ajay**, Under the **FIR No. 417/14 u/s 11/12 POC SO, P.S. Neb Sarai, Delhi**, is required to appear before the court on or before **17.08.2019**.

By order  
**Dr. Saurabh Kulshreshtha,**  
Additional Sessions Judge-01(South),  
Court No. 302, Saket, New Delhi

# SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



PRERNA THAKUR

General public is hereby informed that a girl (depicted in the photo), **Namely: Prerna Thakur D/o Rahul Thakur R/o H.No. 3425, Gali Bajrang Bali, Sita Ram Bazar, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped since 09.07.2019 from her house. In this regard a case vide FIR No. 92/19 dated 09.07.2019 has been registered at PS Hauz Qazi, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

**Age: 17 Years 4 month, Height: 5'2", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Built: Medium, Wearing: Pink colour suit-salwar.**

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing/kidnapped girl, may inform SHO, Hauz Qazi, Delhi

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# Sensex, Nifty extend gains for second day

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Equity benchmark BSE Sensex on Tuesday rose by 234 points, extending gains for the second straight day as index major Reliance Industries, Yes Bank and Tata Motors advanced. The 30-share index closed at 39,131.04 points, showing a rise of 234.33 points or 0.60 per cent. It touched an intra-day high of 39,173.89 and a low of 38,845.27 during the day.

The broader NSE Nifty ended 72.70 points or 0.63 per cent up at 11,661.05. During the day, the index hit a high of 11,670.05 and a low of 11,573.95. Yes Bank was the biggest gainer in the Sensex pack, rallying 11.48 per cent amid reports that private equity firms have shown interest in buying a major stake in the private sector lender.

Tata Motors jumped 5.53 per cent after reports suggested that its British brand JLR has secured a loan guarantee from the UK government. Sun Pharma, NTPC, PowerGrid, Tata Steel, Axis Bank, L&T, HUL, Asian Paints, RIL and SBI rose up to 2.57 per cent.

Infosys rose by 0.71 per cent, continuing its rise for a second day after its quarterly results. Among others, Dewan

## Yes Bank soars 11%

Housing Finance Corp rebounded by 4 per cent after a massive selloff on Monday. The company stressed that it was working with stakeholders and creditors to ensure resolution of liquidity issues, without any haircut to the lenders.

On the other hand, TCS, M&M, HCL Tech, Kotak Bank, TechM, Bharti Airtel and HDFC Bank fell up to 1.86 per cent. "Indian markets are showing resilience as we move into earnings season," said Sunil Sharma, Chief Investment Officer, Sanctum Wealth Management. The market has clearly factored in dismal earnings, but is cheering the decline in interest rates, improving liquidity as well as incremental positive news on resolution of some of the large stressed assets, he pointed out.

"Investors seem to take comfort from positive data from RBI on India's services export receipts which grew 15.5 per cent in May-19," Narendra Solanki, Head Fundamental Research (Investment Services) - AVP Equity Research, Anand Rathi Shares & Stock Brokers.

Broader BSE midcap and smallcap indices followed

benchmarks, closing up to 0.69 per cent higher. Sectorally, BSE realty, oil and gas, consumer durables, power, utilities, energy and capital goods indices ended in up to 1.98 per cent higher. While, BSE IT and tech indices settled up to 0.59 per cent lower.

Market breadth was negative as 1,300 scrips declined while 1,162 advanced. Bond yields slid for a fifth straight day to 6.34 per cent, a 2.5-year low mark on the hopes of further rate cuts post three consecutive rate cuts announced by the RBI so far in 2019, he said, adding that yields have come off by almost a percentage point since beginning of the fiscal year.

Elsewhere in Asia, Shanghai Composite Index and Nikkei ended in the green, while Hang Seng and Kospi settled in the red. Equities in Europe were trading higher in their respective early sessions.

On the currency front, the Indian rupee depreciated 17 paise to 68.72 (intra-day) against the US dollar as crude oil prices continue to rise. The global oil benchmark Brent crude futures were trading 0.36 per cent higher at USD 66.70 per barrel.

# Retail sales of passenger vehicles declined in June

## Liquidity issues, delayed monsoon took toll: FADA

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Automobile dealers' body AFADA on Tuesday said retail sales of passenger vehicles (PV) in June declined by 4.6 per cent to 2,24,755 units as compared to the same period last year, hit by liquidity issues and delayed monsoon. According to Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA), PV sales stood at 2,35,539 units in June 2018.

PV wholesales, on the other hand, declined by 17.54 per cent to 2,25,732 units in June from 2,73,748 units in the year-ago period. Two-wheeler retail sales declined by 5 per cent to 13,24,822 units last month compared to 13,94,770 units in the year-ago period. Commercial vehicle sales dropped by 19.3 per cent to 48,752 units against 60,378 units in June last year. Three-wheeler sales saw a dip of 2.8 per cent to 48,447 units last month from 49,837 units in the same period last year.

Total sales across categories declined by 5.4 per cent to 16,46,776 units in June as against 17,40,524 units in the same month last year. "Despite starting the month with a positive outlook and hope, the monthly sales ended in a de-growth due to continued liquidity tightness



and a much-delayed monsoon," FADA President Ashish Harsharaj Kale said in a statement.

Even with inquiry levels being reasonably strong, retail sales got affected as consumer sentiment continued to be weak and purchase postponement was seen across all segments, he added. In the April-June quarter, passenger vehicle sales declined by 1 per cent to 7,28,785 units as compared with 7,36,290 units in the same period of the previous fiscal.

Two-wheeler sales declined by 6.4 per cent to 40,64,903 units in the April-June period as compared with 43,44,827 units in the same period of 2018-19 fiscal. Sales across categories declined by 6 per cent to 51,16,718 units as against 54,42,317 units in April-June period of the last fiscal.

Commenting on outlook, Kale said that due to delayed monsoon in June and uneven spread in the first half of this month so far, the near-term outlook of four-six weeks remains negative. "FADA will once again be engaging with policy makers with an appeal to look at the current situation and request for urgent measures to support the auto industry get back to its growth trajectory," he added. Liquidity still continues to be a worry, both at the retail front as well as the dealer working capital and with NBFCs and banks still in a cautious mode, normalcy in lending required to get industry back to growth still cannot be seen, Kale said. He added that inventory levels in the PV segment is returning to three-week level, helping dealers manage their viability and profitability.

### BRIEFLY

#### SKODA LAUNCHES LIMITED EDITION RAPID

New Delhi (PTI): Czech carmaker Skoda Auto on Tuesday launched a limited edition of its mid-sized sedan Rapid in India at an introductory price of Rs 6.99 lakh (ex-showroom). The edition, which is powered by 1.6 litre petrol engine, is equipped with essential safety features like dual airbags and anti-lock braking system as standard across the range. Skoda Auto India said in a statement. It also has features such as rear parking sensors, anti-glare interior rear view mirror, rear windscreen defogger with timer, height adjustable three-point seat belts at the front, rough road package, and engine immobiliser with floating code system, it added.

#### SUZUKI LAUNCHES UPDATED ACCESS 125

New Delhi (PTI): Suzuki Motorcycle India Pvt Ltd (SMIPL) on Tuesday said it has launched a refreshed version of its scooter model, Access 125 priced at Rs 61,788 (ex-showroom, Delhi). The new version comes with all black alloy wheels, beige coloured leatherette seat and round shaped chrome mirrors to make the rider stand apart in the crowd, the company said in a statement. It also offers a standard DC socket convenient for charging mobile phones while commuting, it added. "Access 125 is a major contributor in Suzuki's India growth story and we are committed to making it even better to resonate the love received from the customer," SMIPL Vice President Devashish Handa said. The family scooter, powered by a 124 cc, 4 stroke single cylinder engine offers better mileage without compromising on power, performance and style, he added.

#### SEBI FINES GKS PROPERTIES FOR FRAUDULENT TRADE

New Delhi (PTI): Markets regulator Sebi levied a fine of Rs 5 lakh on GKS Properties for executing non-genuine trades in the illiquid stock options segment at BSE. The ruling follows an investigation conducted by Sebi in the stock options segment of the bourse between April 2014 and September 2015. During investigation, Sebi noted that 81.38 per cent of all trades executed in the segment at BSE were the ones which involved reversal of buy and sell positions by the clients and counterparties in a contract on the same day, thereby creating artificial volume in the stock options segment. GKS Properties was one such entity which executed reversal trades, Sebi said in an order dated July 15. "The non-genuine and deceptive transactions of the Noticee are covered under the definition of 'fraud' it added. The firm by indulging in manipulative trade practices violated the provisions of Prohibition of Fraudulent and Unfair Trade Practices regulations.

### NIFTY 50

SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY 50	11596.65	11670.05	11573.95	11662.60	74.25
YESBANK	94.00	106.50	92.25	106.25	13.00
TATAMOTORS	159.80	170.95	159.05	170.35	9.40
ADANIPORTS	411.65	421.50	407.65	420.70	11.60
SUNPHARMA	420.80	435.00	418.65	434.05	11.10
BAJAJFINSV	711.00	790.00	702.05	789.00	184.55
NTPC	128.80	131.40	128.00	131.00	3.05
BPCCL	349.00	356.30	348.60	355.00	7.60
TITAN	1092.00	1118.00	1082.55	1113.00	23.60
TREDDY	262.65	288.40	260.30	267.90	4.70
POWERGRID	204.80	209.40	203.20	208.40	3.45
AXISBANK	750.00	763.20	747.55	762.10	12.35
TATASTEEL	465.10	478.60	464.10	475.45	7.15
LT	1442.00	1464.00	1429.90	1460.45	19.85
GRASIM	923.60	937.35	918.65	934.85	12.55
HINDUNILVR	1723.50	1750.60	1712.75	1740.00	23.05
ASIANPAINT	1352.00	1375.00	1345.00	1371.00	17.85
RELIANCE	1279.95	1294.90	1277.05	1292.10	16.00
GAIL	145.50	148.00	144.80	147.30	1.80
MARUTI	6079.95	6172.00	6056.00	6153.95	74.25
BAIFINANCE	343.40	364.90	340.65	345.90	48.20
HEROMOTOCO	2515.00	2569.45	2487.15	2543.00	29.45
SBIN	358.50	360.55	357.65	363.95	3.90
EICHERMOT	1887.00	1910.00	1865.05	1903.55	19.70
IOCL	146.00	148.00	145.45	146.90	1.50
ONGC	229.45	233.65	229.35	232.40	2.00
COALINDIA	151.00	154.40	150.15	152.00	1.30
JSWSTEEL	269.95	275.00	269.00	273.20	2.25
IBULHSGFIN	632.10	617.10	613.55	643.90	4.95
BAJAJ-AUTO	2710.00	2745.00	2678.00	2734.00	20.00
CIPLA	554.75	558.45	549.40	554.00	3.45
ICICIBANK	421.55	430.55	421.55	424.75	2.45
HDFC	2270.00	2284.80	2256.95	2277.55	12.20
INFRADEL	261.60	264.70	261.30	263.50	1.25
INFY	777.00	787.80	776.00	782.90	3.55
ITC	271.00	272.75	270.60	272.00	1.00
INDUSINDBK	1485.00	1485.00	1460.05	1476.10	1.00
ULTRACEMCO	4590.10	4615.00	4568.75	4600.00	3.00
WIPRO	259.00	262.70	256.25	260.00	0.10
BHARTIARTL	351.00	354.95	349.65	350.05	0.05
VEDL	166.80	170.20	166.00	167.05	0.05
HDFCBANK	218.00	241.80	238.00	239.30	-1.75
ZEEL	341.70	352.80	339.30	345.25	-0.35
TECHM	680.00	681.60	670.50	676.50	-1.40
HINDALCO	199.40	202.00	197.50	198.95	-1.20
BRITANNIA	2770.00	2777.00	2737.60	2756.80	-16.80
UPL	642.50	645.75	630.35	643.00	-4.10
KOTAKBANK	1508.00	1511.50	1490.00	1497.00	-11.00
HCLTECH	1031.90	1032.15	1013.45	1019.00	-8.50
M&M	624.70	627.90	618.85	623.85	-3.50
TCS	2126.00	2132.50	2100.00	2105.00	-35.70

### BSE 500

Script	Open	High	Low	LTP	TECHM	GRUH	284.50	288.75	283.70	286.90	TRENT	458.00	458.00	439.40	446.70	MMTC	22.45	22.75	22.40	22.65			
YESBANK	94.35	106.30	92.30	103.90	627.90	627.90	619.00	623.10	TATACHEM	592.70	607.90	589.05	606.45	HEIDELBERG	194.05	200.00	193.55	199.15	IRCON	390.95	397.00	390.45	392.30
ICICIBANK	422.00	430.40	421.20	424.55	162.65	177.00	161.70	172.80	UBL	1355.00	1374.60	1355.00	1369.10	HSCIL	95.90	95.90	89.25	92.00	CORPBANK	27.25	27.35	26.65	26.70
RELIANCE	1279.00	1295.00	1269.10	1293.10	217.60	275.00	269.45	273.85	EMAMILTD	315.95	330.00	315.60	331.30	KYJRE	77.70	79.00	76.20	78.30	GHCL	223.70	223.70	220.35	220.95
IBULHSGFIN	630.00	651.05	614.10	646.10	1551.55	1615.85	1551.55	1606.10	BALKRISHL	758.00	759.00	747.30	754.85	GLAXO	1170.00	1180.00	1158.70	1174.80	MOTILALOFS	669.65	669.65	660.30	663.15
SPIJECITE	126.00	133.00	125.15	131.75	97.50	99.55	96.25	98.70	NMDC	112.60	115.20	112.50	114.90	GRANULES	95.35	95.35	93.90	94.05	SOMANYCERA	423.45	425.00	410.00	419.75
INDIGO	1388.70	1458.45	1366.95	1445.90	47.00	47.35	46.45	47.25	WESTLIFE	320.00	320.00	310.70	318.10	PRMSJOHNSN	93.00	93.80	92.30	93.10	VBL	958.80	966.60	942.30	948.30
TATAMOTORS	160.20	179.00	159.35	169.85	73.75	77.80	73.75	77.50	CHENNPETRO	188.50	196.00	187.30	194.00	NETWORK18	25.15	26.60	24.70	25.65	FINCABLES	384.75	384.75	380.00	382.05
FEDERALBNK	108.20	108.70	101.90	107.35	84.70	85.80	82.90	84.55	VIPIND	414.45	418.60	405.65	411.30	CROMPTON	227.00	233.30	225.00	232.30	FLFL	469.55	469.60	456.60	460.80
AXISBANK	752.50	763.00	748.00	761.70	1340.20	1362.50	1337.40	1359.25	CGPOWER	18.50	18.85	17.65	18.70	ECLERX	67.65	70.60	66.50	68.90	SJVN	26.20	26.30	25.65	26.10
INFY	776.80	787.90	774.80	784.95	2629.50	2683.70	2600.00	2677.85	IRB	88.75	89.85	86.00	86.90	BAYERCORP	3384.10	3424.70	3381.95	3396.80	LAURUSLABS	344.60	353.15	341.50	347.75
LT	1447.70	1464.00	1426.45	1461.50	352.95	354.95	349.80	350.85	BERGEPAINT	305.15	312.10	303.00	311.30	LAKSHVILAS	62.00	63.50	60.30	62.85	CCCL	241.25	243.75	234.60	241.55
TCS	2131.65	2131.65	2100.30	2105.30	1344.00	1349.00	1342.00	1345.00	SADHVA	178.20	195.50	176.70	178.95	WHIRLPOOL	1552.05	1579.05	1552.05	1568.80	VMART	2011.45	2099.00	2011.45	2048.45
BAIFINANCE	343.50	364.75	340.50	344.80	108.35	119.90	107.10	110.10	ENGINEERSIN	108.35	110.90	107.10	110.10	SYNDIBANK	39.60	40.00	38.70	39.70	GALAXYSURF	1232.05	1246.35	1226.15	1239.35
DHFL	46.10	51.80	44.45	50.60	538.10	560.00	532.00	555.85	MARICO	369.15	370.05	366.50	368.15	PIIND	1141.70	1150.00	1140.65	1147.15	ITDC	95.45	95.45	92.55	93.55
BAJAJFINSV	7743.95	7906.00	7701.85	7857.20	4620.00	4620.00	4561.75	4593.20	PTC	63.70	64.85	63.70	64.25	HINDCOPPER	37.75	38.00	37.45	37.55	ERIS	450.85	450.85	444.20	446.90
RBLBANK	603.00	608.85	573.45	578.40	768.00	780.00	760.25	779.20	GODREJIND	481.30	492.00	469.00	475.25	ASTERDM	120.45	127.00	120.45	126.50	CERA	2735.65	2745.00	2700.80	2711.75

# Trump and Democrats clash over Prez's 'racist' tweets

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

A livid Democratic Party has introduced a resolution in the US House of Representatives, condemning the "racist" tweets of President Donald Trump against four non-white women lawmakers from the Opposition party.

Trump sparked a furore on Sunday when he said the women lawmakers "originally came from countries whose governments are a complete and total catastrophe" and they should go home.

Though Trump did not explicitly name Democrat Congresswomen Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Ilhan Omar, Rashida Tlaib and Ayanna Pressley in his initial Twitter tirade on Sunday, the context made a clear link to the four Democrat women, who are known as The Squad.

Three of the women were born in the US and one, Omar, was born in Somalia but came to the US as a child.

The Democratic Party introduced a resolution in the

House of Representatives condemning the alleged racist tweets. The resolution by Congressman Tom Malinowski could be voted on as early as Tuesday.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Monday said that Republican lawmakers "must join" Democrats in "condemning the President's xenophobic tweets" and urged Democrats to support a resolution put forward by House Democratic lawmakers.

"The House cannot allow the President's characterisation of immigrants to our country to stand. Our Republican colleagues must join us in condemning the President's xenophobic tweets," Pelosi wrote in a Dear Colleague letter to House Democrats.

But Trump, a Republican, was in no mood to relent.

"The Dems were trying to distance themselves from the four 'progressives,' but now they are forced to embrace them. That means they are endorsing Socialism, hate of

Israel and the USA! Not good for the Democrats" Trump said as he unleashed a series of tweets against four Democratic Congresswomen.

The four women lawmakers held a news conference at the Capitol on Monday to denounce a tweet by the president in which he apparently suggested that they leave the country.

"This is a president who has overseen the most corrupt administration in our history," Omar said.

"To distract from that, he's launching a blatantly racist attack on four duly elected members of the United States House of Representatives, all of whom are women of colour," she said.

"This is the agenda of white nationalists, whether it is happening in chat rooms or it's happening on national TV. And now it's reached the White House garden," she said.

"This is simply a disruption and a distraction from the callous chaos and corrupt culture of this administration, all the



way down," Pressley said.

Both Omar and Tlaib repeated their calls for Trump to be impeached.

Trump had in a tweet, which was widely considered as against the four Democratic progressive lawmakers, said they should "go back and help fix the totally broken and crime infested places from which they came" before speaking out about how the United States government should be run.



## NZ PM 'completely disagrees' with Trump's racist tweets

Wellington: New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern on Tuesday said she "completely and utterly" disagreed with US President Donald Trump's racist tweets against four non-white Democratic Congresswomen.

In an interview with state broadcaster Radio New Zealand, Ardern said she was proud that in her country, Parliament was meant to represent "a range of different cul-

tures and ethnicities," adding that "never should a judgment be made about the origin of anyone, and their right therefore to be in parliament as a representative," Efe news reported.

"We should celebrate our diversity, we do in New Zealand, I'm proud of that and so I obviously take a very different view to President Trump," the Prime Minister added.

Ardern joined a flurry of criticism within the US and by some international leaders directed at Donald Trump, who had tweeted on Sunday that the four Congresswomen -- Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Ilhan Omar, Rashida Tlaib, Ayanna Pressley -- should "go back" to the countries they came from and falsely implying that they were not natural-born American citizens.

## GLOBE TROTTER

### QUAKE SHAKES BALI IN INDONESIA

Denpasar: Indonesian authorities say a subsea earthquake shook Bali, Lombok and East Java on Tuesday, causing damage to homes and temples.

### 23 MILLION OUT-OF-SCHOOL KIDS IN PAK

Islamabad: Despite generous funding from foreign donors to transform the educational sector in Pakistan and the claims by various governments regarding improvements, there are almost 23 million out-of-school children in the country, the second highest number in the world, a report said.

### 1 MILLION AFFECTED IN B'DESH FLOODS

Dhaka: More than 1 million people have been affected across Bangladesh due to floods caused by torrential rain in the country that has also led to major rivers flowing above the danger levels, the media reported on Tuesday.

### AIR RAIDS KILL 11 IN NORTHWEST SYRIA

Syria: Regime air strikes on Tuesday killed 11 civilians in opposition-held northwest Syria, the target of months of bombardment by the Government and its ally Russia, a war monitor said.

### 9 PAK WORKERS KILLED IN COALMINE COLLAPSE

Karachi: Nine miners were killed and two others rescued nearly two days after an underground fire trapped them in a coalmine in Pakistan's resource-rich Balochistan province, officials said on Tuesday.

### BRAZILIAN PRIEST SHOVED OFF STAGE BY WOMAN

New York: A Brazilian Catholic priest, known across the country for his popular sermons, was seen violently knocked off stage by a woman at a religious event in Sao Paulo in a video that has gone viral over social media.

### EU, SL HOLD INFORMAL COUNTER-TERRORISM TALK

Colombo: The European Union (EU) and Sri Lanka held an informal counter-terrorism dialogue where the former presented a support package for the latter focusing on law enforcement, rehabilitation and disengagement, counter-narratives and online radicalisation, the media reported.

## UK PM hopefuls slam tweets, but refuse to call them racist

London: The two candidates vying to become Britain's next Prime Minister both condemned on Monday US President Donald Trump's xenophobic tweets about progressive Democrat congresswomen as "totally offensive" and "totally unacceptable."

But front-runner Boris Johnson and Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt refused to call the tweets racist when pressed to do so during their last debate before next week's announcement of who will succeed Prime Minister

Theresa May.

May's spokesman had earlier said that the outgoing leader's view was that Trump's comments were "completely unacceptable."

On Monday, Trump doubled down on a series of his tweets from the day before urging the four congresswomen of colour to "go back" to the countries they came from.

"If you're not happy here, you can leave," Trump told reporters at the White House. Johnson said the original

tweets expressed sentiments "that went out decades and decades ago."

"I think the relations between the UK and US are incredibly important," said Johnson.

"But if you are the leader of a great multiracial, multicultural society, you simply cannot use that kind of language about sending people back where they came from," Johnson said.

"It's totally unacceptable and I agree with the Prime Minister."

Trump has developed good relations with Johnson and backs both his leadership bid and determination to take Britain out of EU.

Pressed by the moderator to call Trump's tweets racist, Johnson said: "I've said what I said."

Hunt recalled that he had three half-ethnically Chinese children who are British citizens.

"If anyone said to them, go back to China, I would be utterly appalled," Hunt said.

## Thailand's new Cabinet sworn in, ending rule by Army junta

Bangkok: Thailand's new Cabinet was sworn in on Tuesday, creating a nominally elected Government after five years of military rule but keeping power in the hands of the same allies of the Army.

King Maha Vajiralongkorn presided over the swearing-in of the 36-member Cabinet, during which they pledged their loyalty to the constitutional monarch.

"Every task has obstacles. Every mission faces problems," he told them in brief remarks.

"It is normal to take on work and solve problems so that the country can be run smoothly according to circumstances."

The Cabinet afterward regrouped at Government House for its first meeting.

## China promoting marriages among Han and Tibetans in Tibet

PTI ■ SHIGATSE (TIBET)

He is a Han and she a Tibetan and, in the best tradition of true love overcoming the biggest odds and the deepest hostilities, they rewrote the rules to become role models for ethnic unity in a remote land and also be officially recognised as "achievers."

Long Shi Zhong and Ba Sang Que Ba fell in love like many do but theirs was a romance with the hurdles built in. Fearing hostilities between the Han and Tibetan ethnic communities they belonged to, the couple had to wait for several years to get married, officials said.

In 2015, they finally did. And now Long and Ba, both in their early 50s, are symbols of ethnic unity in this prefecture-level city of the Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR) of China.

Their marriage has encouraged hundreds of young people to go for inter-community marriages, prompting the local government to confer the couple with the "national role model" award for ethnic unity.

A photo of Long and Ba finds place among achievers of Shigatse at a major community centre, which acts as a platform for governance at grassroots level.

"Our central government is pursuing a conscious policy of inter-community marriages to promote unity among various ethnic groups in Tibet and elsewhere," Ci Dan Yangji, a local government official, told officials said.

Another official added that Long and Ba set an example for many people in the society.

"Both of them waited for several years to get married.

They were apprehensive of the backlash between the two communities. However, there has been a surge in marriages between people from the communities after Long and Ba set an example," he said on the condition of anonymity.

Ci Dan said around 500 families were registered with the community centre in Shigatse, which comprised 40 "mixed marriage" couples.

Relations between the Tibetan people and Chinese authorities came under severe strain after the Chinese army entered various parts of the plateau in 1950.

Tibet's spiritual leader, the 14th Dalai Lama, fled Tibet following a Chinese crackdown on a popular uprising in 1959. India granted him political asylum and the Tibetan government-in exile has since been based on Dharamsala in Himachal Pradesh.

## US fears Iran seized UAE-based tanker in Strait of Hormuz

Dubai: A small oil tanker from the UAE travelling through the Strait of Hormuz entered Iranian waters and turned off its tracker two days ago, leading the US to suspect Iran seized the vessel amid heightened tensions in the region, an American defense official said Tuesday.

Iran offered no comment on what happened to the Panamanian-flagged oil tanker Riah late Saturday night, though an Emirati official acknowledged the vessel sent out no distress call.

## China calls Iran N-deal 'irreplaceable'

Dubai: China has called the Iran nuclear deal "irreplaceable" and the sole way to resolve the concerns over Tehran's nuclear programme.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said on Tuesday that "the complete and effective implementation of the agreement is the only viable and effective way to settle the Iranian nuclear issue and ease tensions."

He said that Iran's commitment to the agreement should be dealt with by the joint commission that oversees it.

Geng also blamed the United States for causing the current tensions -- last year, the Trump administration pulled out of the deal and re-imposed economic sanctions on Tehran.

Geng said the US should stop exerting pressure on Iran and create the conditions for a political and diplomatic settlement of the issue.

## N Korea warns US-S Korea drills will affect nuclear talks

Seoul: North Korea on Tuesday said looming US-South Korea military drills could impact the proposed resumption of nuclear talks between Pyongyang and Washington, and hinted that it could reconsider its moratorium on nuclear testing.

It was the first statement from Pyongyang on the talks since US President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un agreed to their resumption at an impromptu meeting in the Demilitarized Zone in June, following months of deadlock between the two sides.

The joint drills have been

## Pak journalists hold protest to denounce censorship

Karachi: Pakistani journalists are holding nationwide protests to denounce rampant censorship by the country's powerful security services, massive layoffs due to budget cuts and months-long delays in payments of their wages.

Tuesday's rallies, dubbed Day of Protest, are spearheaded by the Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists. It says journalists, who face the roughest phase in the country's history, have decided to "fight the unprecedented censorship."

Afzal Butt, president of the union, says the rallies are only the "beginning of a protest movement."

Journalists and press freedom advocates say the country's military is pressuring media outlets to quash critical coverage while the newly elected government is slashing its advertising budget, squeezing a key source of revenue for private newspapers and TV stations.

## AIDS deaths down a third since '10: UN

Paris: HIV-related deaths last year fell to around 770,000 -- some 33 per cent lower than in 2010 -- the United Nations said Tuesday, but warned that global efforts to eradicate the disease were stalling as funding dries up.

An estimated 37.9 million people now live with HIV -- and a record 23.3 million of those have access to some antiretroviral

therapy (ART), UNAIDS said in its annual report.

Highlighting the enormous progress made since the height of the AIDS epidemic in the mid-1990s, the report showed that the number people dying from the disease fell from 800,000 in 2017 to 770,000 last year.

The figure was down by

more than a third from 2010, when there were 1.2 million AIDS-related deaths.

But it also exposed weaknesses in the world's fight against AIDS. While AIDS-related deaths in Africa, the continent most affected by the epidemic, have plummeted this decade, Eastern Europe has seen the death toll rise 5 per cent.

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., Govt. of NCT of Delhi. 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.	EECD-VIII/2019-2010	Construction of road and side drains from KSN drain to Village Mubarakpur on Mubarakpur road from RD 0 M. to RD 365M. in Karjhawala Block	4217	1,69,91,093	3,39,822	04 Months	2019_IFC_176170_1	25.07.2019 upto 15.00 Hrs.	
2.	EECD-VIII/2019-2011	Construction of road and side drains from KSN drain to Village Mubarakpur on Mubarakpur road from RD 265 M. to RD 735M. in Karjhawala Block	4217	1,69,91,093	3,39,822	04 Months	2019_IFC_176173_1	25.07.2019 upto 15.00 Hrs.	
3.	EECD-VIII/2019-2012	Construction of road and side drains from KSN drain to Village Mubarakpur on Mubarakpur road from RD 730 M. to RD 1040M. in Karjhawala Block	4217	1,54,48,561	3,08,971	04 Months	2019_IFC_176175_1	25.07.2019 upto 15.00 Hrs.	
4.	EECD-VIII/2019-2013	Improvement of 4 Nos. Gali and side drain in Ramesh nagar at Bawana in Bawana A.C.	4217	11,26,647	22,533	03 Months	2019_IFC_176177_1	25.07.2019 upto 15.00 Hrs.	
5.	EECD-VIII/2019-2014	Providing and fixing outdoor exercise fitness equipments (Open Gym) at village Sawana in Mundka Assembly Constituency.	4217	15,25,910	30,518	03 Months	2019_IFC_176182_1	25.07.2019 upto 15.00 Hrs.	
6.	EECD-VIII/2019-2015	Providing and fixing outdoor exercise fitness equipments (Open Gym) at village Tatesar in Mundka Assembly Constituency.	4217	28,69,245	57,385	04 Months	2019_IFC_176184_1	25.07.2019 upto 15.00 Hrs.	
7.	EECD-VIII/2019-2016	Providing and fixing wire fencing over the bridge on both side at RD 2500M to 1500M of Munglupur Drain and at RD 0 M to 2350 M of Ladpur Drain.	2711	26,60,324	53,206	02 Months	2019_IFC_176185_1	25.07.2019 upto 15.00 Hrs.	
8.	EECD-VIII/2019-2017	Providing and fixing wire fencing over the bridge on both side at RD 9200m, to 8800m, 7500m, 2400m, 2400m, 500m, 300m, 200m and 100m of Sawana Drain.	2711	22,21,252	44,425	02 Months	2019_IFC_176192_1	25.07.2019 upto 15.00 Hrs.	
9.	EECD-VIII/2019-2018	Providing and fixing wire fencing over the bridge on both side at RD 7200 M to 7000 M, 2800 M, of Sultapur Drain.	2711	14,26,108	28,522	02 Months	2019_IFC_176193_1	25.07.2019 upto 15.00 Hrs.	
10.	EECD-VIII/2019-2019	Providing and fixing wire fencing over the bridge on both side at RD 8000m, to 7500m, 7000m, 3110m, and 3000m of Bagpur Drain.	2711	25,51,998	51,040	02 Months	2019_IFC_176198_1	25.07.2019 upto 15.00 Hrs.	
11.	EECD-VIII/2019-2020	Construction of RCC covered drain from plot No. 2091 to Plot No. 197 in Extended side area at village Pooth khuri in Distt. North.	4515	45,29,577	90,592	06 Months	2019_IFC_176200_1	25.07.2019 upto 15.00 Hrs.	
12.	EECD-VIII/2019-2021	Construction of approach road and side drain from Phari road Boodhanpur Majra to Culvert of Irrigation channel in village Boodhanpur in Bawana A.C.	4515	32,30,858	64,617	04 Months	2019_IFC_176201_1	25.07.2019 upto 15.00 Hrs.	
13.	EECD-VIII/2019-2022	Construction of road bearing Kh. No. 105 to 113 and adjoining road at village Karjhawala in Distt. NW.	4217	46,78,583	93,572	04 Months	2019_IFC_176204_1	25.07.2019 upto 15.00 Hrs.	

1. The entitlement of the contractors should be valid on the last date of opening of tenders. In case, the last date of opening of tenders is extended, the entitlement of contractor should be valid on the original date of opening of tenders.

2. Earnest money in physical form and self attested copy of Registration of entitlement & 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.

3. The details of above mentioned works can be seen and downloaded from the website <http://eprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

4. The agencies who do not fulfil eligibility criteria/ do not submit required documents upto the stipulated time, their tenders shall be rejected summarily at technical bid stage.

5. Tenders submitted through e-procurement portal shall only be considered and no manual tender shall be accepted. If 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).

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**NIT No: 44 of 2019**  
**Dated: 11.07.2019**

For and on behalf of the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir State, e-tenders are hereby invited from Original Manufacturers or their authorized dealers having proper authorization of the manufacturer to quote against the tender for the supply of **Telescopic Manipulator** as indicated in the detailed SBD & BOQ. The download of NIT shall start on **10.07.2019 at 1100 hours**. Tenders shall be submitted online on J&K State e-Procurement Portal [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) before **06.08.2019 upto 1800 hours**.

The tenders (technical bids only) will be opened online on **08.08.2019 at 1100 hours at Police Headquarters, Pirbagh Srinagar, J&K**. Pre bid Meeting will be held at PHQ Pirbagh Srinagar J&K on **19.07.2019 at 1500 hrs**. In case of unforeseen circumstances, the date of opening will be next working day or else as notified separately.

Detailed tender documents with terms and conditions are available on J&K State e-Procurement Portal [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in). Sd/- (Mubassir Latifi) JKPS, AIG (Provision/ Transport)

No: DIPK-NB-1719/19  
Dated: 15.07.2019  
For Director General of Police, J&K Srinagar

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**NIT NO: 43 of 2019**  
**Dated: 11.07.2019**

For and on behalf of the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir State, e-tenders are hereby invited from Original Manufacturers or their authorized dealers having proper authorization of the manufacturer to quote against the tender for the supply of **Hook & Line Set** as indicated in the detailed SBD & BOQ. The download of NIT shall start on **10.07.2019 at 1100 hours**. Tenders shall be submitted online on J&K State e-Procurement Portal [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) before **06.08.2019 upto 1800 hours**.

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No: DIPK-NB-1706/19  
Dated: 15.07.2019  
For Director General of Police, J&K Srinagar

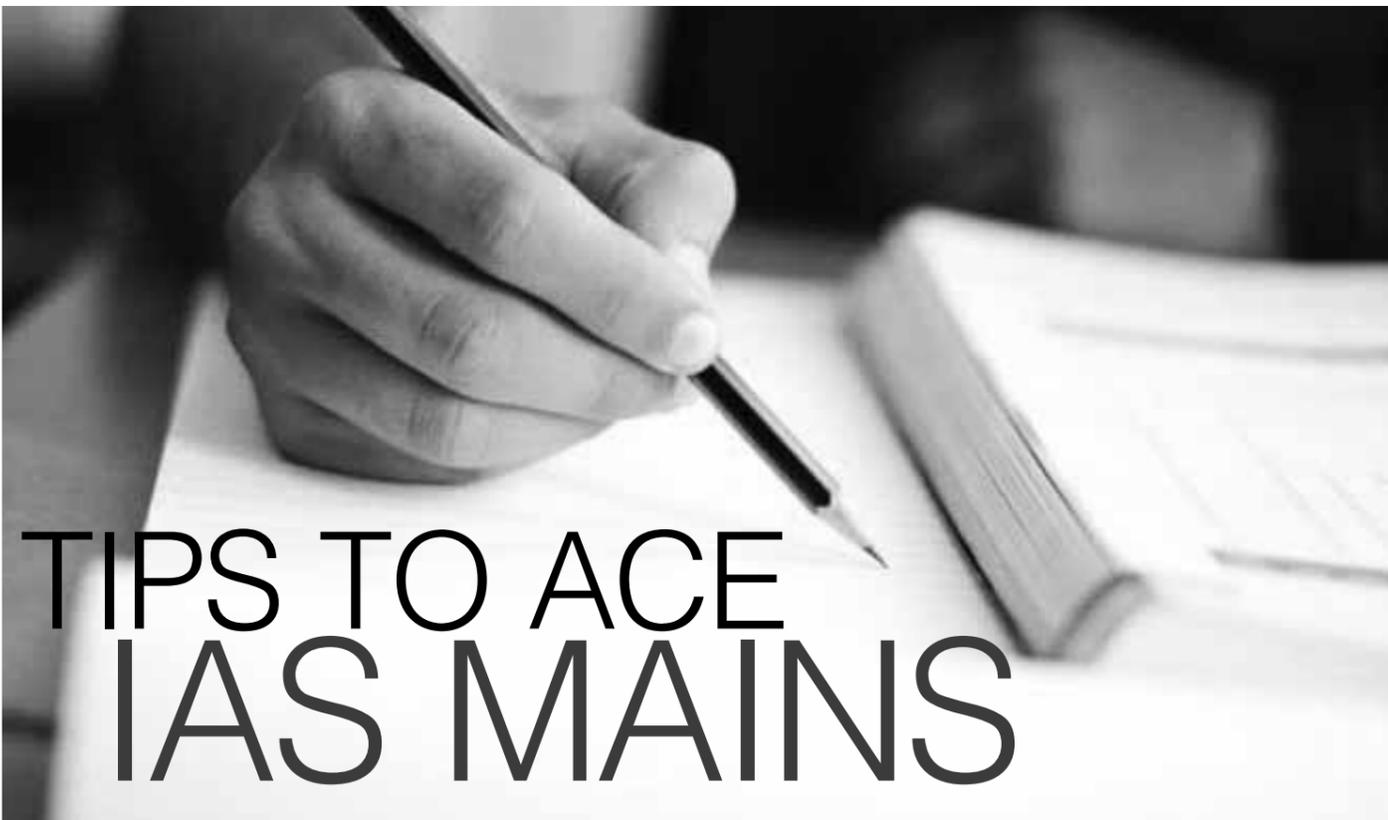
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**APPENDIX IV [See rule 8(1)]**  
**POSSESSION NOTICE**  
(For immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized officer of The Kangra Co-operative Bank Ltd., Head office at, C-29, Community Centre, Panikha Road, Jankapuri, New Delhi - 110058, having its registered office at 1916, Chuna Mandi, Pahar Ganj, New Delhi-110055, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Bank had issued a demand notice on dated: 26-07-2017, calling upon the borrower Sh. Vinod Kumar S/o. Sh. Kishan Lal R/o. H.No.70, South Anarkali, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051 and calling upon the mortgagor Smt. Shakuntla Devi W/o. Sh. Kishan Lal R/o. H.No.70, South Anarkali, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 7,82,755/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Eighty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Five only), together with further interest, penal interest and other charges as are applicable to this Loan account from time to time, from the date of the notice till the date of payment, with in 60 days from the date of receipt of the notice. The above mentioned borrower/mortgagor/surety having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the Bank has taken possession of the property described here in below in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 9 of the said rules, on this 12th day of July 2019. The borrower/mortgagor/surety in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the mortgaged property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The Kangra Co-operative Bank Ltd., for an amount of Rs. 7,82,755/- together with further interest, penal interest and other charges as are applicable to this Loan account from time to time, from the date of notice till the date of realization together with all the costs incurred by the Bank in realizing the said amount.

**DISCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY**  
The property under consideration is built up residential property area measuring 25 sq. yds. All the part and parcel of the built up property No. 70, measuring area 25 sq. yds. Consisting of whatsoever Therein, along with the rights of upper storey construction upto the last storey, fitted with electricity and water tap, situated at abadi of South Anarkali, in the area of Village Khureji Khos, Ilaqa Shahdara, Delhi-51. All the part and parcel of the built up property No. 70, measuring area 25 sq. yds. Consisting of whatsoever Therein, along with the rights of upper storey construction upto the last storey, fitted with electricity and water tap, situated at abadi of South Anarkali, in the area of Village Khureji Khos, Ilaqa Shahdara, Delhi-51. Falling under the Registration of Sub-Registrar, Distt. East, New Delhi, Bounded as East :- Property of Others, West/Property No.71, North/Road 15th. Wide. South: Portion of the said property. DELHI (HARISH SHARMA) DATED: 12-07-2019

AUTHORISED OFFICER  
THE KANGRA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.  
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# TIPS TO ACE IAS MAINS

With less than three months left for the civil services mains, AK MISHRA tells aspirers how to get that perfect score

A full proof preparation strategy for the most coveted exam of the country will play a major role in writing answers for the exam as well as the success rate in the competition. After appearing for IAS Prelims exam 2019, many students are waiting for its results but those who are confident must have started the preparation for the mains exam. However, the prelims exam was quite unpredictable and had surprised many students as well as the experts. The weightage of the questions had shifted a lot from analytical to current-affairs based questions. So no one can predict the upcoming IAS Mains 2019. We being an academy which is imparting quality education and providing a helping hand for all the civil service aspirants from the past 25 years can give you effective preparation tips after the discussion with a panel of experts and successful candidates.

Here are some vital tips to master your answer writing skills for the upcoming IAS Mains exam:

- Familiarity with the complete syllabus.
- Give equal importance to each subject and topic.
- Don't forget to read current affairs on a daily basis.
- Work on answer writing skills
- Start thinking as a problem's perspective rather than a common person as you are going to be the administrator.

To become a master in answer writing for such competitive exam requires a tremendous amount of practice. So students must begin with making notes on all the important subjects and topics. After getting a sound hold on subjects, they are advised to begin solving the questions. Now these are some important tips which help you during your

**INTRODUCE THE SUBJECT IN A SHORT PARAGRAPH, GET TO THE MAIN POINT OF THE ANSWER. AVOID GIVING LENGTHY PARAGRAPHS AND INSTEAD OF GIVING POINTERS, TRY TO ANSWER THE QUESTION IN BRIEF. TRY TO CONCLUDE THE ANSWER ON A POSITIVE NOTE**

actual examination phase for mains.

- **Read all the questions carefully:** Always read your questions properly and re-read it again until the time you totally understood it. You must spend approximately eight-nine minutes so try to understand the question within one minute. Understand and underline the keywords, you must weave your answers around.
- **Analyse all the important aspects:** Having understood the exact demand of the question, analyse all the aspects that must be mentioned, start from giving the background details to explaining further subject further in detail. Don't just stick to one issue in depth and analysis. Don't forget to recall all the current affairs, facts, and figures related to the topic.
- **Answer in a well-structured manner:** Introduce your subject in a short paragraph, get to the main point of the answer. Avoid giving lengthy paragraphs and instead of giving

pointers, try to answer the question in brief as much as you can and conclude the answer on a positive note.

- **Focus on your handwriting:** In Civil Service exams, handwriting has never been considered for the candidate's calibre and suitability for the outcomes. But in our opinion, good handwriting will always stimulate examiner's mind and help them come at ease with your answers. Make sure your answers have clear handwriting, big character size and enough space between the words.
- **Support your answers with facts/dates/names and other important details:** An exceptional answer for the civil service exam, especially considering the current trend of questions, must have enough factual backing with facts, dates, views, related to the topic.

The writer is Director and Founder, Chanakya IAS Academy

**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

**The improvement of understanding is for two ends: first, our own increase of knowledge; secondly, to enable us to deliver that knowledge to others**

— John Locke

**UG-PG PROGRAMMES**

Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies invites applications for admission to its UG/PG/diploma programmes of Journalism and Mass Communication.



**Programmes offered:** BA — Journalism and Mass Communication; MA — Journalism and Mass Communication; PG diploma in Advertising & Public Relation

**Duration:** Three years for BA, two years for MA; one year for PG diploma.

**Eligibility:** For BA — 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.

For MA — 50 per cent marks in any stream at graduation level from a recognised university with pass in English in Class XII.

For PG diploma — 50 per cent marks in any stream at graduation level from a recognised university with pass in English in Class XII.

subjects with the highest score out of the remaining subjects.

**How to apply:** Log on to [www.manavrachna.edu.in](http://www.manavrachna.edu.in).

**BBA PROGRAMME**

Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies (MRIIRS) invites applications for admissions to its BBA programmes.

**HOTEL MANAGEMENT**

Delhi Paramedical and management Institute (DPMI) invites applications for admissions to its Diploma course in Front Office Operations (FOO), Food & Beverage (DFB), and House Keeping (DHK).

**Programmes offered:** Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) General, Bachelor of Business Administration (Banking and Financial Markets), Bachelor of Business Administration (Global) — International Business.

**Duration:** Three years

**Eligibility:** For BBA General — 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 4

This course provides syllabus that combines theory and practice of Hotel Industry. It is an ideal field for students having a keen interest in interacting with people.

**Duration:** One year

**Eligibility:** Candidates who have recently passed Class XII from any recognised board can enroll for these courses.

**How to Apply:** Log on to [www.dpmiindia.com](http://www.dpmiindia.com) or the application forms and brochure may be obtained from admission office of Delhi Paramedical & Management Institute, New Ashok Nagar, Delhi.

**Last date to apply:** July 18, 2019.

**FASHION DESIGN**

International School of Design invites application for 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.

## Choose the master wisely

Selecting the right Scrum Master for the organisation can be a tedious task. AJAY KABRA tells you how one can simplify the decision making

Industry practices have been nurtured over the period of years by pseudo Agilest and the so-called sponsors of the transformation game from traditional project management to agile way of doing the job. Have we achieved success? Do expending millions of dollars justify? How do organisations measure Return on Investment (ROI) in their balance sheets? Nobody has a clue; the consulting organisations are making merry and laughing all the way to the bank.

One of the failure points could be the Scrum Master. Especially on how we appoint the Scrum Master, who selects them and what characteristics and traits should one look for when selecting a Scrum Master?

Let's explore how it is done today in our industry as compared to how should this happen?

Most of the times (9 out of 10), it would be the management who would appoint a person, whom they feel qualified for the job. However, the irony is that the Management would have little or no idea what that role entails. Experience has suggested that we find the job for the person rather than find the right person for the job.

At times, the selection process of appointing the Scrum Master has been dictated by the person who is on the bench and we are trying to find a project to make the person billable or

the other approach as seen is to nominate a person close to the management.

In fact, according to Scrum co-founder Dr Jeff Sutherland, great Scrum Masters can come from virtually any background or discipline (i.e., engineering, design, testing, product management, journalism, academia, social work), and their role is relatively simple:

- Remove impediments
- Guide the team in Scrum practices
- Protect against outside interference

All that a Scrum Master can do is to inspire you through effective coaching, enablement and guidance, but the implementation of the same is in your hands.

Who should be or become the Scrum Master for your new team? Is it your current project manager, Tech Lead, or the functional manager? I would have to argue against the current industry practices and say, anyone but one of these above-mentioned roles. Although, understandably, the management usually wants a standard answer for who they should select to be the Scrum Master in this new work approach called Agile it is not a one-size-fits-all answer. And the reason is because it depends on the person, the team and the environment. There are



multiple factors that would impact the selection of the person for the role. It cannot be a cookie cutter approach, which is much standardised, even in the same organisation across two teams, the selections could vary (and they should vary, if the circumstances vary).

Now, the question is who decides the Scrum Master? We often see that it is the management who decides, but they make the decision without knowing what Scrum is and more importantly, how it works.

We commonly see Project Managers being given the role of Scrum Master. What makes a great Project Manager may not make a great Scrum Master. Often, the management wants Project Managers who can get

things done. They drive performance and push the team. They may even micro-manage for results and visibility by tracking every task, status, risk, change and deviation from the plan. Management loves this (or, more truthfully, love the results). On the other hand, I've also seen Project Managers who provide management what they want (helping get more productivity and more visibility to progress, issues and options) by serving, empowering and trusting the team.

To simplify the decision making, one should look for these ideas when selecting a of Scrum Master:

- A person who understands and can practice servant leadership and facilitation
- Always in pursuit of continuous improvement
- Can create a degree of influence with team members and other stakeholders

You need a person who is humble, ego-less, collaborative in nature, knowledgeable on Scrum. Getting all of the traits in a single person could be a near to impossible task, in case we do see that happening, find from above items, which are your critical success factors for the Scrum Master role in your organisation.

The writer is Sr Director Agile transformation, Xebia IT Architects India Private Limited

## 'No dead-end for learning'

Today, practical knowledge is just as important as theory. MONICA CHAUDHARY tells MUSKAN BAKSHI how their simulation lab is solving the purpose

**Why did you come up with the Simulation lab?**

The reason behind introducing the first if its kind simulation lab was to provide our students with in-depth knowledge of the field. The students will be able to gain practical knowledge by training through MRI and CT scan. The lab also has ICU beds and dialysis technology machines which will provide the students with much needed exposure. It is often seen that students are made to learn everything theoretically which is not of much help. When the students step in to the industry they are left to manage things on their own. In such an industry, where there is no room for errors, students need hands-on learning practices which will help them in the long run. Here, with the help of this lab, the students can make mistakes and learn from it so they are future ready.

**How is the collaboration with Yuva Healthcare?**

Yuva Healthcare has been into these simulator labs from quite some time. We have partnered with them because they bring in technology and equipments from abroad. We believe in industry integration and therefore we decided to do this collaboration which will be of immense



Professor Monica Chaudhary  
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advancement play?

Technical advancement means new, better and simple ways to cure patients and make students learn in the best way possible. Technology is evolving and even the doctors are learning new things every day. Learning process for both professionals and aspirers is continuous. With technology, medical education is also advancing.

**What advice would you like to give out to aspiring medical students?**

Hunger to learn and explore is always the first step. Second comes the feeling to serve people. Those who are looking to make a career in the field should be able to take responsibility. Students should remain calm and focused. A lot of patience is the key. Medical students should be active, quick and should be able to react to different situations at the snap of a finger. They should be energetic and enthusiastic and should have a keen interest in learning things. They have to run at a fast pace and be prepared to follow strict working hours because for doctors there is nothing more important than a patient's life. Those who have these qualities in them are ready to go out and make a career in the field.

**What changes would you like to see in the medical field?**

I would want that we should be open to exploring more and accepting the newer technology. This would not only help doctor to cue more patients but also the students to be able to know this world inside out. It is an era where we have to adapt to the newest technology and apply it in the daily basis that is what makes people stand out in the crowd.

**What role does technical**

## New high for SRMIST

Indigenously designed and built by students of the SRM Institute of Science and Technology in collaboration with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), the nano-satellite SRMSAT-1 has completed 40,000 orbits since it was launched on October 12, 2011 from Sriharikota.

Speaking about the significant milestone, Dr S R S Prabaharan, Joint Director (Research) at SRMIST, said that the satellite has outlived its original life span of two years and continues to send data to the ground control centre in the campus at Kattankulathur in Kancheepuram district. Indeed, the satellite will complete nine years in space on October 11th this year.



Model of SRMSAT-1 sending data to ground control centre

An ambitious project conceived by SRMIST President Dr P Satyanarayanan, the satellite is tasked to monitor and estimate carbon diox-

ide and water vapor in tropical atmosphere globally. "We are proud of our students who built and launched the satellite with the help of ISRO," Prof Prabaharan said complimenting all branches of engineering students and faculty mentors at SRMIST who came together to create the satellite. ISRO provided solar cells and batteries for the satellite apart from making available its facility at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota for the launch.

On upcoming initiatives of the SRM students who have formed a Team SRMSAT, he said one of the projects being proposed to ISRO was on how to neutralise and/or prevent space debris.

## A step towards safe and secure future

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

A high level seminar on Railway Police Force (RPF) Vision 2030 was organised by JRRPF Academy Lucknow in RDSO on July 10 and 11. DG RPF Arun Kumar, DG RDSO Virendra Kumar and more than 50 RPF officers and delegates from all over India participated in the seminar which included three IGS, seven DIGs, and field officers of RPF with emphasis on vertical interaction and to incorporate ground realities and field experience to craft a futuristic policy and pilot projects for RPF in the future. The seminar was envisioned as

a pivotal exercise in preparing a futuristic road map for Security in Railways in 2030, and exploring possible technological interventions and innovative, practical solutions which are grounded in, in-depth understanding of the present context and positioned within a long term strategic view.

Presentations were made by officers ranging on subjects from Role of Information and Communication Technology in Railways security, Human Resource Management, Infrastructure security in railways, Video analytics of CCTV footage, Revamping Dog squads, making RPF a sports super-

power, LWE problems in railways and countermeasures, Intelligence setup up in RPF and role of RPF in disaster management.

The seminar aimed to capitalise on the transformation momentum within Indian Railways under the leadership of Minister of Railways, to provide a boost to comprehensive transformation of RPF to equip it to face the challenges ahead. Modern policing strategies and tactics must be driven by accurate, timely and reliable information supplied by current and emerging technologies, data-analytics and supported by the Department's systematic engage-

ment of all of the Indian Railways' diverse stakeholders. Issues pertaining to predictive and precision policing, efficient utilisation of manpower with technological reinforcements, new cyber investigative techniques, use of data analytics and reimagining infrastructure security of railways was deliberated during the two-day seminar.

DG RPF deliberated on each of the topics and great churning of ideas took place. The vision is to fulfill the motto of Yasho Labhasva i.e. Attain Glory by emerging as a professionally proficient and technologically savvy force in the next decade.



# Be on top of the game

The fashion world is more than just glitz and glamour. In order to start a new venture in this industry, there are a few points to keep in mind, says PRANAV AGGARWAL

The world of fashion appears to be filled with a lot of glamour and glitz. However, the reality is quite different. Just like any other business startups or new aspirants, the one related to fashion designing has a lot of hassle and a lot of hard work has to be put into it in order to achieve great heights and make the company scale new heights. There are a few tips to be followed in order to be successful in a new venture, a few of which have been mentioned below.

**Awareness and proper research is very important:** The fashion world is constantly changing and you need to update yourself as well in order to keep pace with it. There is a cut-throat competition in this field with everyone eyeing to be the best and people are ready to bring others down to achieve it. The challenge is all the more prominent now as the number of aspirants has skyrocketed in recent times. Something new is coming up every day and there is an increased necessity to be aware of all the changes that are taking place. You need to be

involved in extensive research as well which needs to be done not only through the online forum but also through visiting the stores physically. Only then you will be able to keep up and even stay one step ahead.

**Consider your target customers:** The fashion field is pretty huge and widespread and you are better off targeting one customer niche before expanding the investment with time. Be very clear about who the designs exactly are for and it is any better than what is already available in the market. You have to make a decision between the markets for men and women, older or younger age group, the type of clothes like either western or Indian etcetera. There is another point of consideration while choosing the target, which section of the society will be ready to wear the design of yours. Once all of these are taken care of, you should direct most of your work towards this direction.

**Have a good plan in place:** Planning never goes waste and comes to fruition sometime or the other. Therefore, it is very



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important that you have a business plan chalked out about how you are going to go about the whole process. The main aspect that needs to be taken care of immediately is the financial aspect of the business. Do you plan to have investors for it or take a loan for meeting the requirements. If it is the former, you will also need to know whom to approach and when and once that is done, you need to finalize the deal as soon as possible. The business plan is not very concrete though. It is always subjected to different forms of changes and adjustments that might be required.

**Find out about manufacturing and production details:** A plan might be in place but you should also know how to execute it properly. Looking at it from the perspective of a fashion design business, you need to take care of the manufacturing and production units of the materials and who is going to take the responsibility of distribution. Again, you can spread your wings either through the online or offline source

**Promote it well:** When

starting a new business, proper promotion is as important as anything else. One of the major mediums of doing so is through social media nowadays as the number of people hooked it is numerous. Thus, maximum coverage can take place through it only. You must be aware of the multiple advertisement forums that are available these days and everyone wants to make their online presence felt. You should also jump into this bandwagon and promote your business extensively.

**Look for feedback:** You should always be looking to satisfy the needs of the customers and making amends in your business accordingly. One potent way of doing so is to ask your customers for feedback. The utilities are many. You will not only know about the potential of your business adequately and also you can address some grievances of the customers as soon as possible. Thus, this tip can be included in the most important along with the others.

The writer is Executive Director, International School Of Design

# How to climb the corporate ladder

As more and more organisations hiring women, NAVNEET SINGH shares tips on how they can reach the top slot

It is our choices that show, what we truly are, far more than our abilities — JK Rowling

The above aphorism stands true in most of the circumstances we encounter in our lives. Similar is the case with female presence and growth in corporates. There is a tightrope walk between work and life for them and being able to manage their personal and professional aspirations is a big time achievement. And in today's world, "Be yourself" isn't sufficient. We need to acquire knowledge daily, familiarise ourselves with it and become proficient in no time.

According to McKinsey study on women in workplace, women are less likely to be hired into entry-level jobs than men and as we climb up the corporate ladder, the disparity increases. The ratio stands to be 79:100 when it comes to promotion to management level.

If we pick a red ball from the jar containing 79 red and 100 green balls, probability of red ball being picked up would definitely be less. Second, Pyramid narrows as we become senior and competition becomes fierce. Therefore, it becomes more important for female workforce to perform and acquire some extra ordinary skills which stands them apart and if not apart, equivalent to men at that level.

**Sync between skills in demand and skills women possess:** Problem solving, time management, communication skills, teamwork ability, good work ethics are the skills which are considered at first place to promote a person to managerial level. Employers expect hybrid skills from employees which are combination of technical and soft skills. Hence, it is very much necessary for women to brush up the technological skills. Also, social media skills, knowledge related to Content Management Systems, and specific data entry tools are considered an added advantage and will distinguish you from others.

**Networking:** The second critical asset for progress is networking. Build a strong professional network since organisations are all about people. Enroll in seminars and workshops. They would give you better visibility in the professional world and help with better networking opportunities. Nurturing relationships is mutually beneficial.

Women can broaden their access to opportunities by raising their professional profiles. Being in the network of stakeholders, who would be in right roles to make decision or influence decision, helps a lot. They can guide through all the career transitions and some-



Navneet Singh  
Founder-CEO, Avsar HR Services

times on personal front as well.

**Adaptability:** Mid-career drop-offs for women are common and this can be justified as well. This is the time when relationships and life related decisions are to be made. On the other hand, provision of right opportunities at the organisation level goes a long way in helping women stay focused on their career goals. Hence, it is all about a woman's conscious career management and balancing life choices and transitions. She should not let her dreams fade away.

Smart work-life balance also means focusing on health, fitness and being happy from inside. This would lead a woman to achieve smart multi-tasking goals and consequently increase her productivity at workplace.

**Able to raise the hand:** Sometimes opportunities are not visible. They do not present themselves. Woman needs to be bold enough to ask for them. And for it, she should:

- Explore strengths by understanding the workplace
- Build credibility
- Understand future work options
- Develop herself financially strong
- Be confident

Raising hand will also strengthen her emotionally and remind her that she should never forget her aspirations. They can face more challenges than men. They can excel more than men. They can climb the corporate ladder faster than men. They just need to take care of certain skills.

The process of risk management aims at identifying and prioritising risks before their occurrence and provide action-oriented information to facility managers. This process requires deliberation of events that may or may not occur. An efficient Facilities Management (FM) team can look across the business, identify a risk and put in place measures to help the company manage it. With specific procedures in place and systematic recording of actions, external risks can be mitigated if unexpected incidents result in legal action.

Efficient management of assets: The operational phase of an asset is the most crucial period as the asset is used to deliver services and support core businesses.

Therefore, proactive asset

management with a thorough maintenance plan is essential at this point. Understanding the right type of maintenance and evaluating the importance of each maintenance request will help extend the life of an asset. It is necessary to rate these by priority for the facilities manager to assess the asset's characteristics and make an informed decision about the frequency of maintenance or physical audits. The key aspect is to understand the impact of a failure of a critical equipment and have a go to plan for such failures with details on responsibilities and key task.

Understanding and managing people: An important asset for a company is its people as employee management directly impacts a company. Owing to the nature of the FM

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industry, team management can be a little more challenging than managing a static team. The management has to take numerous parameters into consideration — the geographical spread of various sites, shift patterns, emergency response including each team member's technical skill set. Today, many innovative software programmes are available for scheduling of staff and for managing work quality and deadlines. However, facility managers should ensure that they create a safe, healthy and positive environment for not only on-site but also off-site employees. The importance of employee health and wellness is

rising in the workplace: 89 per cent of the organizations responding to the CBRE Health and Wellness Survey, 2016, reported giving some level of attention to this growing trend. While the best interest of employees is the focus, employers do stand to benefit as well — initiatives in this area represent opportunities to responsibly manage/ reduce healthcare costs and increase productivity and performance. Ensuring the security of data: In the 'Big Data' environment, the decision-making process is largely driven by data, and the world of FM is no exception. As cable information has become exceedingly important, data

security has also become a prime concern. Data breaches primarily occur through hosted system for vendors on the company's network, thereby providing easy access to hackers. Segregation of company data from vendor access and utilization of cloud-based systems providing restricted and indirect access to vendors can minimise such data-related risks.

Creating a healthy vendor and contractor relationship: FM teams hire a range of commercial contractors to address various facility aspects related to repairs, maintenance and on-site management. While dealing with contractors and external agencies, facilities managers can face various challenges such as unqualified or poorly performing contractors, noncompliance with corporate standards and operational or performance-related risks. To

minimise these risks, companies can adopt the practice of rating or scoring contractors and their services.

Being compliant: Although compliance entails adhering to all the laws and regulations, it intersects almost every FM aspect like operations and ethics. In order to design an effective compliance strategy, it is essential to understand the requirements, challenges and inherent risks associated with each category. After developing an understanding of compliance requirements, an effective compliance programme detailing regulatory, professional and data standards with a methodical approach to compliance can be designed by facility managers.

The writer is Rajesh Pandit, MD Global Workplace Solutions & Property Management, CBRE



Application deadline: September 30, 2019.

Excellent opportunity to get a higher education with financial support from RMIT University in Australia — public research university which is ranked 16th in the world.

**Course level:** Research Award: \$31,000 per annum

International students can apply.

**Eligibility:** Must participate in a PhD or a Master by Research degree programme at the university.

The participants must have an equivalent level of academic attainment, taking into account previous study, relevant work experience, research publications, and other research experience.

Are able to take receipt of a funding for a minimum 12 months duration on a full-time basis (or part-time equivalent) because of prior enrolment in a graduate research programme.

Have not already completed a graduate research programme at the same or higher course level.

The University of Melbourne, Australia is offering McKenzie Postdoctoral Fellowships Program. The aim is to recruit new researchers who have the potential to build and lead cross-disciplinary collaborative research activities inside and across faculties.

**Eligibility:** Must have been awarded a PhD from a university other than the University of Melbourne by the closing date. The PhD must have been awarded no earlier than January 1 2017.

Applicants may be drawn from any field in which the university has research strength, and must have an ability to contribute to research collaborations and programs across faculties or disciplines. Applicants will be required to provide a declaration of support from the department/school in which they would be located if successful, but the criteria for selection will be university-based. Assessment will take account of achievement relative to opportunity.

**Language requirement:** Need meet specific English language/other language requirements in order to be able to study there.

**How to apply:** Submit application by email to [mckenzie-application-at-unimelb.edu.au](mailto:mckenzie-application-at-unimelb.edu.au).

**Application deadline:** August 20, 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. Some of them are:

- **Martin Luther Christian University: Allied Health Science Department, Shillong.** Course: BSc Surgical Technology, MSc Surgical Technology
- **Armed Forces Medical College, Pune.** Course: Bachelor of Medical Technology-Operation Theatre
- **Tripura Institute of Paramedical Sciences, Agartala.** Course: Bachelor of Medical Technology-Operation Theatre
- **Om Sai Para Medical College, Saharanpur.** Course: Bachelor of Medical Technology-Operation Theatre
- **Institute of Paramedical, Management and Technologies, New Delhi.** Course: Diploma in Operation Theatre Technician
- **Patna Institute of Nursing and Para Medical Science, Patna.** Course: Diploma in Operation Theatre Technician



## MARKETING AT THESOCIALSCOOP

Location: Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru  
Stipend: ₹35,000 per month  
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Application deadline: July 25, 2019

## SOCIAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM AT INDIA FELLOW

Location: Delhi, Pune, Jaipur, Bengaluru  
Stipend: ₹16,000 per month  
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Application deadline: July 25, 2019

## MARKETING & LEAD GENERATION AT THE SMARTTREE

Location: Delhi, Bengaluru  
Stipend: ₹1,000 per week  
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Application deadline: July 24, 2019

## BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT (SALES) AT AVIATE EDUCATION

Location: Delhi, Pune, Mumbai, Bengaluru  
Stipend: ₹10,000 per month  
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Application deadline: July 24, 2019

## HUMAN RESOURCES (HR) AT BP INCORPORATE INTERNATIONAL

Location: Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru  
Stipend: ₹2,000 per month  
Link: [internshala.com/i/1160258](http://internshala.com/i/1160258)  
Application deadline: July 24, 2019

## PRODUCT MARKETING AT 523 BUDDHA TECHNOLOGIES

Location: Delhi, Pune, Mumbai, Kolkata, Bengaluru  
Stipend: ₹12,000 per month  
Link: [internshala.com/i/1160259](http://internshala.com/i/1160259)  
Application deadline: July 23, 2019

## CONTENT WRITING AT DIMAKH CONSULTANTS

Location: Work From Home  
Stipend: ₹5,000-₹10,000 per month  
Link: [internshala.com/i/1160260](http://internshala.com/i/1160260)  
Application deadline: July 25, 2019

## IN BRIEF

### INTERNATIONAL LIFE SKILLS OLYMPIAD TEST

Skillizen Learning Foundation, a Singapore based global socio-educational company, has announced registrations for Life Skills Olympiad, 2019.

The International Life Skills Olympiad (ILSO) is designed for school children (including home-schooled ones) from Classes III to XII. The test will focus on evaluating real-world skills and

competencies that are critical for young children to manage and succeed in professional and social lives.

The registration for ISLO is live; registration has a fee of ₹490. Interested parents and schools can register students on [www.lifeskillsolympiad.org](http://www.lifeskillsolympiad.org) by paying the nominal registration fee that includes life skills guides, practice questions, and a mock test.

For more details visit: <http://www.lifeskillsolympiad.org>

### MAKE THE FUTURE LIVE

After a successful first edition in 2018, Shell is back with Make the Future Live India, to be held at the Shell Technology Centre, Bengaluru.

The edition will showcase innovation and foster dialogue on

clean energy solutions for powering progress in mobility, while deliberating on technologies, challenges, opportunities and partnerships. This is also a valuable opportunity for student teams to test and fine tune their self designed and built

energy efficient vehicles for the regional Shell Eco-marathon Asia competition in 2020.

It is a platform for widespread youth participation following the growing demand of the students to continue hosting the fuel-efficiency competition.

### ONLINE COURSES FROM SHAW ACADEMY

As part of the fast expanding range of exciting benefits Bhatti Airtel has now partnered with Irish and India based global EdTech, Shaw Academy to offer popular online courses to its mobile customers.

A part of benefits, select customers will now get a one year access to the entire academy course library worth ₹6,000. Customers will also get a free one month access to any one academy

course worth ₹800. Eligible customers can unlock the benefit through the Airtel app and visit [www.shawacademy.com](http://www.shawacademy.com).

James Egan, CEO-founder of Shaw Academy said: "Our mission is to deliver accessible high quality education. Such a partnership shows that the demand for interactive, engaging educational content as a lifestyle offering within major consumer programs continues to grow."

### LEARN NOW PAY LATER

The ICA EduSkills has joined causes with Bajaj Finserv to bring out a revolutionary scheme called the — Learn Now Pay Later scheme. This will enable students to avail cutting-edge and valuable courses that ICA has to offer, without having to worry about paying the entire fees for these courses upfront. Student can pay now fee in convenient installments of ₹2,500-₹3,500 per month. The students can start repaying the fee from the seventh month of completion of the course, over a tenor ranging from 12-24 months.

With the scheme, students just need to pay ₹10,000-₹20,000 and can complete any finance-related course within six months. This, in turn, would empower the nation to house a new and fresh workforce, skilled with the apt skill to contribute towards the growth of the nation.

### TOPPERS SPEAK SEMINAR

The FIITJEE Punjabi Bagh centre organised felicitation ceremony for the Toppers of JEE Advanced 2019 along with a toppers speak seminar wherein the students shared tips and success mantra with future aspirants of IIT-JEE. More than 350 students attended the session.

Addressing the audience Partha Halder Centre Head of FIITJEE Punjabi Bagh Centre said: "One must strive for excellence in every sphere of learning during the preparatory days. One must practice a lot and identify the reasons for committing silly mistakes. This will help to plug the loopholes." Adding further, he said "A student needs to raise the bar with every passing month leading up to IIT-JEE."



## Lampard takes over Chelsea

AFP ■ LONDON

Chelsea legend Frank Lampard said Tuesday he won't be looking backwards as he takes on possibly the biggest challenge of his career: managing his former team.

Speaking in Japan where the Blues are playing two friendlies, Lampard said he was "very happy" with his squad but expects to work the team hard during the pre-season.

"For me the story is not to look backwards," said Lampard, whose return to his former club as head coach was confirmed earlier this month.

"I know the club very well, I know the players very well. I have my own way that I want to work with the players," he told reporters in Yokohama, where Chelsea will face Japan's Kawasaki Frontale on July 19.

Lampard acknowledged taking on leadership of the Blues will be a major undertaking, with Chelsea having lost their best player of recent times, Eden Hazard, to Real Madrid last month, and serving a two-window transfer ban that prevents him from making new signings.

But he said there was no reason to dwell on the ban.

"I think I inherited very good players. We cannot bring in any

players we know that... But I'm very happy with the squad.

"My job now is to work hard in pre-season with them. I like my teams to play with a lot of energy and speed, with and without the ball, so I want to win it back as quickly as we can," he said.

Chelsea's new \$72 million signing, Christian Pulisic, is listed as one of the team members visiting Japan, but it was not clear when he will arrive.

Lampard declined to reveal the line-up for the two friendlies on Chelsea's calendar, which include a much-anticipated face-off against Barcelona on July 23.

American international Pulisic signed a five-and-a-half year contract with Chelsea in January but was immediately loaned back to Germany to finish the season at Borussia Dortmund.

Lampard won 13 trophies in 13 years and became Chelsea's all-time leading marksman with 211 goals from midfield during a decorated playing career at Stamford Bridge.

But he has a lot to prove in his new role. The former England midfielder has just one season of managerial experience having led Derby County to the Championship play-off final in May, when they were beaten by Aston Villa.

## Ole confident De Gea will sign new deal



David de Gea during practice session

AFP ■ PERTH

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer said on Tuesday he is optimistic that goalkeeper David de Gea would sign a new deal to remain at Old Trafford as Manchester United prepared to face old rivals Leeds in Perth.

United's pre-season tour of Australia has been overshadowed speculation over the

## Nitesh Kumar to lead UP Yoddhas in PKL

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

UP Yodha Tuesday announced that young defender Nitish Kumar will lead the side in the seventh edition of the Pro Kabaddi league, starting July 20.

"UP Yodha's team captures the warrior spirit of Uttar Pradesh and its players are ready to give their blood, sweat and tears in the battlefield.

Nitish Kumar will be the captain of this side this season," Team UP Yodha said at an event to announce *itel* smartphone as their official partners.

The Greater Noida based franchise made its debut in the fifth season of the PKL and ended third in both the editions it has participated in.

The team will play its first game on July 24 against Bengal Warriors in Hyderabad.

# De Ligt agreed to join Juventus

AFP ■ TURIN

Defender Matthijs de Ligt has agreed to join Juventus, Dutch and Italian media reported on Monday, but it was not clear whether the Turin club had yet agreed a fee with Ajax.

Reports said that the 19-year-old Dutch international, who cap-

tained Ajax to the semifinals of the Champions League, had agreed personal terms with Juventus and would arrive in Turin on Tuesday and undergo a medical on Wednesday.

Media in Italy said Juventus would pay Ajax of Amsterdam 75 million euros (\$85 million).

De Ligt has been linked with



many of Europe's leading clubs after his impressive play for resurging Ajax and Netherland teams last season.

He has played 117 games for Ajax in all competitions, scoring 13 goals, including three as the club reached the last four of the Champions League last season, only to lose in the final seconds to Tottenham. De Ligt

scored the winner in Turin as Ajax eliminated Juventus in the quarter-finals.

He has played 17 times for the Netherlands.

Earlier on Monday, Juventus unveiled Aaron Ramsey, the Welsh midfielder who had agreed in February to join as a free agent once his contract with Arsenal expired.

# Sharath & Co Start favourites Commonwealth Table Tennis C'ships



PTI ■ CUTTACK

Indian men's team, led by skipper A Sharath Kamal, will start as favourites when the 21st Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships begins at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium here on Wednesday.

India are clubbed with Singapore and Scotland in

group B, while England, the top-ranked team here and placed in group A, have Sri Lanka and Cyprus for company.

With the format allowing two teams from each group to qualify for the second stage, Sharath and Co are confident of sweeping the Gold medals.

Sharath's calculations are



based on the weakest England, Nigeria and Singapore teams that have come here.

"Indeed, we are in the toughest group but since England, Nigeria and Singapore have not fielded their best players, Indian men should win the team and open events," said the winner of 10 medals, including the 2004 singles and team championship Gold medals.

Sharath said the way G Sathiyam, ranked No 24 in the world, has been playing, of

late, India would always fancy their chance against even the toughest. "He is in the form of his life. Besides, two seasoned campaigners in Liam Pitchford and Paul Drinkhall (England) and Aruna Quadri and Segun Toriola (Nigeria) are not here. Singapore, too, have fielded a young side while other teams are not that strong. It makes our job easier," he said.

In comparison, the women team draw looks far easier than one would have expected.

MEN			
Group A:	England, India, Nigeria, Australia,	Sri Lanka, Singapore, Malaysia, South Africa,	Cyprus, Scotland, Bangladesh, Wales
WOMEN			
Group A:	Singapore, India, Australia, Nigeria,	Wales, South Africa, Malaysia, England,	Scotland, Sri Lanka, Cyprus, Bangladesh.

Again, on the basis of team ranking, Singapore is the top-seeded squad but India, at No 2, form a part of group B with South Africa and Sri Lanka, while group A has Singapore, Wales and Scotland.

The other groups have lesser teams in terms of ranking. The Indian women, on its strength, should be able to cross the first-stage hurdle without dropping a sweat.

However, they could face some stiff competition from Singapore as the hosts approach the final. Manika Batra, on

whose shoulder the burden is placed, may not be in the kind of form she had in 2018 CWG and Asian Games, but she is capable of pulling it off in a team event like this, particularly when the home crowd would be rooting for her and Team India.

In their first group match, Indian women take on Scotland, followed by Singapore.

The championships open with group matches in women section for the team championships.

## Mirabai in constant battle with fear of injury

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Top Indian weightlifter Mirabai Chalu on Tuesday said she lives in fear of injuring herself ahead of next year's Tokyo Olympics despite recovering from an unspecified back problem, which marred her progress in 2018.

After the Gold-winning performance in the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games last year, Mirabai had complained of lower back pain.

The injury puzzled doctors across the country, who were unable to diagnose the cause, forcing the 24-year-old to miss the Asian Games and the World Championships in

the same year. "A lot has changed after the injury. There is a always a fear as to what will happen if I get injured again. I have to think twice before every lift, every training session," Mirabai said.

About nine months later, the back pain has subsided allowing Mirabai to make a successful comeback to the arena. She notched up a Gold medal at the EGAT Cup in Thailand in her first outing after the setback.

The injury has led Mirabai and coach Vijay Sharma to tweak their training regimen. "My approach has changed because we don't know why the pain occurred in the first place. Was it

because of some exercise or was it because of my technique, we still don't know that," she said.

"She is taking things a bit slowly," added Sharma, only slightly elaborating on what has changed for the star.

Mirabai has enjoyed a good run since her comeback. In the Asian Championships in April, she missed out on a medal by a whisker.

The 24-year-old had lifted 199kg (86kg+113kg), her personal best, but lost out to China's Zhang Rong, owing to a lower clean and jerk result.

She then got back to winning ways by notching up the gold at the recently concluded Commonwealth

Championships.

"My progress since the injury has been good. I have won Gold EGAT and then again in Commonwealth Championships. I am satisfied

with the performance." The diminutive Manipuri has now set her sights on the World Championship, scheduled to be held in September.

She has fond memories of the tournament, where she was crowned champion in 2017.

With those memories, come the expectations and with that a lot of pressure as the

World Championship will also double up as an Olympic qualifying event.

Compared to 2017 the expectations are much more because I am returning for the first time and this is the main event for the Olympics. But I try not to think about it. I just keep in mind what the coach tells me," she said.

### HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

e-Procurement Notice INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

1. The Executive Engineer Electrical Division No-II, HPPWD Shimla-2 on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the online bids on item rate, in electronic tendering system, for the under mentioned work (s) from the eligible and approved contractors/Firms registered with HPPWD (Electrical) department in appropriate class.

S. No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time	Cost of form
1	C/O Civil hospital at Rohru in District Shimla (SH - Providing 160KVA DG set therein)	20,72,052	18,600	2 months	500/-NR

2. Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission: The Bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website <https://hptenders.gov.in>. Bidder will be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). "Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPPWD may obtain the same from the website: <https://hptenders.gov.in>. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.

3. Key Dates:

1. Date of Online Publication	17.07.2019 17:00 HRS
2. Document Download Start and End Date	17.07.2019 17:30 HRS up to 06.08.2019 17:00 HRS
3. Bid Submission Start and End Date	17.07.2019 17:30 HRS up to 06.08.2019 17:00 HRS
4. Physical Submission of EMD and Cost of Tender Document	07.08.2019 up to 11:00 HRS
5. Date of Technical Bid opening, Evaluation of Technical Bid followed by Opening of Financial Bid.	07.08.2019 11:30 HRS

4. Tender details: The Tender Documents shall be uploaded online in single Cover:  
**Cover 1:** shall contain scanned copies of all "Technical Documents/ Eligibility Information".  
**Cover 2:** shall contain "BOQ/Financial Bid", where contractor will quote his offer for each item.

5. Submission of original documents: The bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security/Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and other Technical Documents in **O/o Executive Engineer Electrical Division No-II, HPPWD Shimla-2** as specified in Key Dates under Sr. No. 3 on Tender Opening Date, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive.

6. Bid opening details: The bids shall be opened on **07/08/2019 at 11:30 Hrs** in the office **Executive Engineer Electrical Division No-II, HPPWD Shimla-2** by the authorised officer. In their interest the tenderer are advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of tenders.

7. If it happens to be holiday on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue and no separate notice will be given in this regard.

8. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than **120 days** after the deadline date for bid submission.

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

10. The competent authority on behalf of Governor of H.P. reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders received without assigning any reason.

11. Registration with HP Sales Tax is essential. If the bidder has not registered and found to be the lowest bidder he is supposed to register him on award of work. He shall submit the sales tax paper to the employer, before any payment is made to him.

-HIM SUCHNA AVAM JANSAMPARK-

Executive Engineer, Elect. Division No.II HPPWD Shimla-2  
 RO NO. 1002/19-20 Dt. 16-07-2019

### HPPWD Tender Notice

Sealed Item rates. Tenders on PWD form 688 are re-invited by the Executive Engineer HPPWD Nurpur on behalf of the Governor of HP from the approved and eligible contractors enlisted in HPPWD (B&R), so as to reach in his office on or before 07/08/2019 up to 11.00 AM and shall be opened on the same day at 11.30 AM in the presence of intending contractors or their authorized representative, if any. The tender forms can be had from his office against the cash payment (NR) on 08/08/2019. Application for issue of tenders should reach in the office along with all the required documents on or before 07/08/2019. The earnest money in the shape of NSCs/Time deposit account/saving account in any of the Post Office of HP duly pledged in the name of Executive Engineer Nurpur Divn. HPPWD Nurpur must accompany with the application. Conditional tender and tender received without earnest money will summarily be rejected. The offer of the tender shall be kept open for 120 days. The XEN reserves the right to reject any tender without assigning any reason.

S. No	Name of work	Estimated cost (Rs.)	Earnest money (Rs.)	Time Limit	Cost of tender form (Rs.)
1.	C/O KhajjarJatoli/Aund road kms 0/0 to 6/200 (SH - P/L G-III and 20mm thick premix carpet with seal coat in kms 6/50 to 5/600=250 mtr.	232551/-	4700/-	Three month	350/-
2.	C/O link road from Mehra to TalokinathMandir (SH - C/O CC pavement from Kms. 0/0 to 0/100) = 100 mtr. Length.	256769/-	5200/-	Three month	350/-
3.	C/O link road from Math Manerkhad bridge to village Mehliankms 0/0 to 0/900 (SH - C/O 1.00 mtr. span RCC slab culvert at RD 0/278, solid causeway at RD 0/423 to 0/425 and CC pavement in kms 0/250 to 0/290, C/O B/wall at RD0/258 to 0/268 RS, C/O R/wall at RD 0/278 to 0/290 RS and 0/278 to 0/298 LS with edge wall at RD 0/250 to 0/258 and U-shape drain 0/258 to 0/268).	494943/-	10000/-	Three month	350/-
4.	C/O link road from Khawara to Gatta via Oider (SH - C/O CC pavement from RD 0/0 to 0/100=100mtr.)	307521/-	6200/-	Three month	350/-
5.	C/O link road from BholThakranPatwarikhana to JogiMohalaJanglaharkms 0/0 to 1/600 (SH - P/L wearing G-II 63mm to 45mm and 20mm thick premix carpet with seal coat at RD 0/0 to 0/100 and 0/115 to 0/165, solid causeway at RD 0/100 to 0/115)	252633/-	5100/-	Three month	350/-
6.	C/O link road from Bassa to Haler road kms. 0/0 to 2/0 (SH - C/O CC pavement at RD 0/045 to 0/145 = 100 mtr.)	294200/-	5900/-	Three month	350/-
7.	C/O link road from HarizenBastlBhalekms 0/0 to 0/900 (SH - C/O CC pavement at RD 1/120 to 1/50 & 0/650 to 0/720 = 100mtr length.)	294200/-	5900/-	Three month	350/-
8.	C/O link road from Bhaloon to BassaSamletian at Kms. 0/0 to 2/500 (SH - C/O solid causeway at RD 1/770 to 1/785).	137857/-	2800/-	Three month	350/-
9.	C/O link road from HarizenBastlPargana to Ghartharkms 0/0 to 2/0 (SH - C/O CC pavement at RD 0/0 to 0/100 L=100mtr.)	323209/-	6500/-	Three month	350/-
10.	C/O SukharThar to Samooth road kms 0/0 to 2/0 (SH - P/L G-II 63mm to 45mm and 20mm thick premix carpet at RD 0/900 to 0/950, 0/955 to 1/005, 1/030 to 1/105 and 1/113 to 1/185).	305596/-	6150/-	Three month	350/-
11.	A/R & M/O to AgharGangath road kms (SH - P/L G-III and 20mm thick premix carpet in patches and 25 mm thick bituminous concrete at RD 0/0 to 0/600)	361797	7300/-	Three month	350/-
12.	A/R & M/O to link road to village Panjharat (SH - P/L G-III and 20mm thick premix carpet in patches and 25 mm thick bituminous concrete at RD 0/0 to 0/524).	254370/-	5100/-	Three month	350/-
13.	A/R & M/O to Bhatt to Kamnala road (SH - P/L G-III and 20mm thick premix carpet in patches and 25 mm thick bituminous concrete at RD 1/200 to 1/325).	116376/-	2400/-	Three month	350/-
14.	A/R & M/O to Both Ganon road (SH - P/L G-III and 20mm thick premix carpet in patches and 25 mm thick bituminous concrete at RD 2/100 to 2/800).	490195/-	9850/-	Three month	350/-
15.	A/R & M/O to Both Ganon road (SH - P/L G-III and 20mm thick premix carpet in patches and 25 mm thick bituminous concrete at RD 2/800 to 3/550).	492150/-	9900/-	Three month	350/-
16.	A/R & M/O to Both Ganon road (SH - P/L G-III and 20mm thick premix carpet in patches and 25 mm thick bituminous concrete at RD 3/550 to 4/200).	477057/-	9600/-	Three month	350/-
17.	A/R & M/O to Both Ganon road (SH - P/L G-III and 20mm thick premix carpet in patches and 25 mm thick bituminous concrete at RD 4/200 to 4/800).	475067/-	9500/-	Three month	350/-
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20.	Const. of Baduni to Kutt road kms 0/0 to 1/0 (SH - P/L Cement concrete 14.8 and 80mm thick cement concrete paver block in kms 0/0 to 0/190).	484641/-	9700/-	Three month	350/-
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# Stokes sets sights on Ashes glory

## Sir Ben Stokes?

Stokes likely to be knighted for final heroics



England's Ben Stokes, left, celebrates with supporters at the Oval in London on Monday after Poms beat New Zealand to win its first World Cup in 44 years

AFP ■ LONDON

Ben Stokes has already started turning his attention to the Ashes just a day after starring for England in their dramatic ICC World Cup final win against New Zealand.

The all-rounder made an unbeaten 84 as the host nation tied the scores in regulation play at Lord's on Sunday and batted again in a Super Over shootout that also ended all-square.

The hosts won what Stokes described as the "best-ever" final on superior boundary count.

Monday saw a bleary-eyed Stokes on the other side of London's River Thames, where he was attending a team celebration event at the

Oval, with Eoin Morgan's side parading the trophy in front of hundreds of young fans.

"I've woken up in better conditions, but it's an incredible feeling," Stokes, who was man of the match said.

"We would have been devastated if we hadn't managed to lift that trophy but looking back over that game I think it will go down in the history books as the best ever, with all the drama of a World Cup final.

"It's an amazing thing to be part of."

The World Cup could be the first half of remarkable double with England, for the first time since the inaugural 1975 edition, staging a World Cup and Ashes in the same season.



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game of your lives, you simply and stubbornly refused to lose. It is that determination, that character, that has made you world champions. You have helped the nation fall in love with cricket once again. We have a team that will be spoken of in awe for generations to come."

First comes a one-off Test against Ireland at Lord's next week before England begin their quest to regain the urn against an Australia side seeking a first away Ashes series win since 2001 at Edgbaston on August 1.

"We may be world champions but also want to be Ashes winners as well," said the 28-year-old Stokes.

"Everyone here deserves to feel like a champion because we've just won it but when it comes to the Ashes it's going to be heads on again because it has to be.

"Whether you're winning or losing games, you've just got to wipe the slate clean."

Stokes also revealed how he had coped with the highs and lows of nearly winning the World Cup final

in regulation play before going out to bat again for the Super Over.

"Needing two runs off one ball, all I was thinking was 'just don't hit it in the air and get caught'. It was just 'don't try to be a hero and do it with a six,'" he explained.

"I wish it had gone for two because I wasn't best pleased with myself walking off and back to the changing rooms for that 10-minute turnaround.

"I actually had to go and have five minutes to myself in the shower area of the changing room. I was pretty annoyed, angry. I had to get my head switched back on because I knew there was a job out there to do.

"I was full of adrenaline so I needed to make sure my head was in the right place."

### ROOT HOPES DOUBLE

Basking in the glory of their maiden World Cup triumph, England Test captain Joe Root feels the team are on the cusp of reaching the cricket "pinnacle" if they also manage to win the Ashes.

"It's what we set out to do two or three years ago and we're halfway there," Root was quoted as saying by the BBC on Monday.

"We couldn't be in a better place really, having achieved what we've achieved here," said Root. "This will give the guys confidence and we've talked about taking that forward into a series like that.

"The way we played against Australia in that semi-final at Edgbaston... the guys who were involved relished it and will want a bit more: the feeling of euphoria we felt at that ground..."

"To potentially be able to experience all that again is very exciting. Ashes cricket always has a different edge to it so that in itself will get everyone going."

"It's always so special," added the 28-year-old.

"The atmosphere, the way it builds up and the way the guys get excited about it, it's like no other series in Test cricket.

"It's something I'm really looking forward to and it'll be massive, especially on the back of this. It'll make it even bigger."



Ben Stokes reacts during World Cup final match against New Zealand

PTI ■ LONDON

England's World Cup hero Ben Stokes is likely to be bestowed with knighthood for his sensational performance in the summit clash against New Zealand which helped the hosts claim their maiden title in the ICC's 50-over showpiece event.

Stokes smashed an unbeaten 84 off 98 balls to help England tie the final match at Lord's on Sunday. He then scored eight in the Super Over which also ended in a tie.

Stokes' World Cup heroics impressed Boris Johnson and Jeremy Hunt, the two contenders to be the next prime minister of the UK.

"I will give dukedoms, whatever — I will go to the maximum, to, what, the Garter King of Arms," said Johnson, the frontrunner to replace Theresa May as Britain's PM, during a series of rapid-fire 'yes or no' questions at the end of leadership debate hosted by *The Sun* and *talkRADIO*.

Asked if Stokes deserves knighthood, Johnson said, "Yes is the answer, absolutely."

### 11 English cricketers have been knighted for services to cricket till now with Alastair Cook being the last to be conferred with the honour

When Hunt was asked the same question, he replied succinctly: "Of course."

Eleven English cricketers have been knighted for services to cricket till now with former Test and ODI skipper Alastair Cook being the last to be conferred with the honour.

The 28-year-old Stokes had missed the 2017-18 Ashes due to a pending investigation into his role in a fight in Bristol that had left a man in hospital with facial injuries.

Stokes went on to redeem himself with a superlative performance at the World Cup, amassing 465 runs and claiming seven wickets for England.

His performance was lauded by England captain Eoin Morgan, who described him as "extraordinary" and "superhuman".



Shakib Al Hasan celebrates with Liton Das after completing fifties against Afghans

## Shakib rested for SL ODIs

AFP ■ DHAKA

Bangladesh are resting all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan but have retained skipper Mashrafe Mortaza for the three-match one-day international series against Sri Lanka later this month, officials said on Tuesday.

Left-arm spinner Taijul Islam and top-order batsman Anamul Haque were also recalled to replace Shakib and batsman Liton Das, who has been rested for personal reasons.

Medium pace Abu Jayed, who was part of World Cup squad but did not play any games, was the other player to miss out.

"Now that the World Cup chapter is over and we are starting a new season. This series is very important for us," said Minhajul Abedin Nannu.

"We didn't make big changes from the World Cup squad here. As we don't have Shakib and Liton, we included two players in their places and dropped one player," he said.

Bangladesh finished eighth in the World Cup after

just three wins — against struggling South Africa, West Indies and Afghanistan.

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) sacked coach Steve Rhodes after the team returned home last week and announced it will not renew the contract of bowling coach Courtney Walsh.

Mashrafe, who claimed just one wicket in eight matches, shouldered the responsibility for the team's lacklustre performance, but the BCB has kept faith on him.

Bangladesh will become the first team to tour Sri Lanka since the deadly Easter attacks in which 258 people were killed.

The teams will play three one-day internationals on July 26, 28 and 31 at the Premadasa International Stadium in Colombo.

**Squad:** Mashrafe Mortaza (Capt), Tamim Iqbal, Soumya Sarker, Anamul Haque, Mohammad Mithun, Mushfiqur Rahim, Mahmudullah Riyad, Mosaddek Hossain, Sabbir Rahman, Mehidy Hasan, Taijul Islam, Rubel Hossain, Mohammad Saifuddin, Mustafizur Rahman.

## Next India coach should be below 60

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Indian cricket board on Tuesday invited applications for the men's team support staff including head coach who will need to be less than 60 years of age with a minimum international experience of two years.

The BCCI has streamlined the process of hiring the support staff including head coach, batting coach, bowling coach, fielding coach, physiotherapist, strength and conditioning coach and administrative manager. The application deadline for all the roles is 5 pm, July 30.

Before Ravi Shastri was appointed as the head coach in July 2017, the



Indian team coaching staff, from left, batting coach Sanjay Bangar, head coach Ravi Shastri & bowling coach Bharat Arun stand outside dressing room before the semi-final match against New Zealand

BCCI had issued a nine-point eligibility criteria which lacked focus and clarity. This time, it is only a three-point criteria for all the coaching roles including head coach besides the positions in the batting, bowling and fielding department.

"The current coaching staff of Team India will get an automatic entry in the recruitment process," said the BCCI in a statement.

The head coach should have coached a Test playing nation for a minimum of two years or three years with an associate member/A team/IPL side. The applicant also should have played 30 Tests or 50 ODIs.

The criteria remains the same for

batting, bowling and fielding coach except the number of games played. The three personnel should have played at least 10 Tests or 25 ODIs and be less than 60 years of age.

The current support staff comprising Shastri, bowling coach Bharat Arun, batting coach Sanjay Bangar and fielding coach R Sridhar were given a 45-day extension following the World Cup, covering the West Indies tour from August 3 to September 3.

All of them can re-apply but the team is set to have a new trainer and physio after the departure of Shanker Basu and Patrick Farhart following India's semifinal exit in the World Cup.

## 'No one lost the final'

PTI ■ WELLINGTON

"No one lost the final," New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson said on Tuesday as his team tried coming to terms with the gut-wrenching defeat against England in the World Cup's greatest summit clash.

Cricketers, current and former, shared New Zealand's pain on losing the title on boundary count with many of them asking for a "serious look" into the rule, slammed as "absurd".

"At the end of the day nothing separated us, no one lost the final, but there was a crowned winner and there it is," Williamson told *Newstalk ZB*.

Widely praised for the grace with which he and his side accepted the defeat, Williamson said they had signed up to the rules that governed the tournament.

"I suppose you never thought you would have to ask that question and I never thought I would have to answer it (smiling)," was Williamson's first reaction when asked about the rule.

"While the emotions are raw, it is pretty hard to swallow when two teams have worked really, really hard to get to this moment in time.

"When sort of two attempts to separate them with a winner and a loser it still doesn't perhaps sort of shine with one side coming through, you know," Williamson, one of the finest gentlemen playing the sport, said.



New Zealand's captain Kane Williamson walks away after getting his losers medal after the WC final match at Lord's

## Stead wants rules review after 'hollow' WC final

AFP ■ WELLINGTON

New Zealand coach Gary Stead has called for the Cricket World Cup's rules to be overhauled, labelling the showpiece final "hollow" after England defeated the Black Caps on a technicality.

The teams could not be separated at the end of both regular play and a Super Over shootout, so England were handed victory because they had a superior boundary count.

"It's a very, very hollow feeling that you can play 100 overs and score the same amount of runs and still lose the game, but that's the technicalities of sport," Stead told reporters in remarks released by *New Zealand Cricket* on Tuesday.

He said such a thrilling match, which has been hailed by many experts as the greatest one-day game in history, deserved a better way to determine the result.

"There's going to be many things they look at over the whole tournament — I'm sure when they were writing the rules they never expected a World Cup final to happen like that," he said.

"I'm sure it'll be reviewed (and) there's many different ways that they'll probably explore."

Stead shrugged off suggestions England had been mistakenly handed an extra run after a throw from a fielder hit the bat of a diving Ben Stokes' and deflected to the boundary in the



Gary Stead during Kiwi nets session

final over of regular play.

England were awarded six runs but former umpire Simon Taufel said they should only have got five as the batsmen had not crossed for their second run when the throw was made.

"I didn't actually know that," Stead said. "But at the end of the day the umpires are there to rule."

"They're human as well, like players, and sometimes there's a mistake but that's just the human aspect of sport."