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Speaker saves the day for HDK

Assembly adjourned, trust vote not taken on Thursday despite Governor's advice

PNS ■ BENGALURU

Karnataka Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy staved off what seemed an imminent defeat on the trust motion on Thursday in the State Assembly after Speaker KR Ramesh adjourned the House till Friday, defying Governor Vajubhai Vala's call to complete the process by the end of the day.

The Governor has written a letter to Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy, asking him to prove majority on the floor of the House by 1.30 pm on Friday.

Rocked by a spate of resignations of its MLAs, the Congress-JD(S) alliance Government lacked the number in the House for the passage of the motion and fielded one after another lawmaker to deliver lengthy speeches and delay the inevitable.

Emboldened by the Supreme Court's ruling that the MLAs cannot be forced to attend the House proceedings, as many as 20 lawmakers skipped the trust vote debate, making it amply clear that the Kumaraswamy Government was not going to survive the motion. But the ruling dispensation decided to buy time to explore any last minute possibility to win back the rebel MLAs. As part of this strategy, it went for a marathon debate, which will continue on Friday.

BJP leader BS Yeddyurappa declared his party members would stay put in the House itself overnight and even till the



Karnataka Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy during an Assembly Session at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Thursday

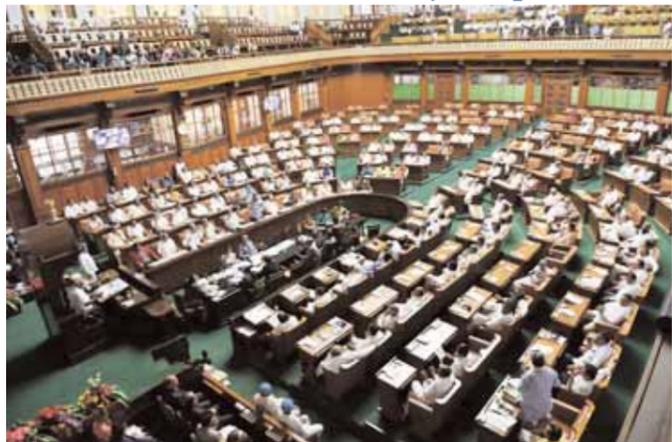
time the trust vote was decided.

"We will stay until the trust vote is decided," Yeddyurappa said after the BJP, exasperated over the delay in taking up the voting, and also rushed a delegation to the Governor to ask Speaker KR Ramesh Kumar to conclude the trust vote process by the end of the day itself.

Acting swiftly, Vala asked the Speaker to complete the process of Vote of Confidence moved by the end of the day.

The drama unfolded right from the word go as the Chief Minister moved a one-line motion, saying the House expressed confidence in the 14-month-old Ministry headed by him.

The House that barely focussed on the debate on the motion saw three adjourn-



A view of an Assembly Session at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Thursday

ments, acrimony and repeated disruptions by belligerent slogan shouting Congress members before the proceedings were wound up for the day.

As many as 16 MLAs — 13 from the Congress and three from the JD(S) — had resigned, while Independent MLAs R Shankar and H Nagesh have withdrawn their support to the coalition Government, putting the Kumaraswamy-led Government in jitters.

One Congress member Ramalinga Reddy retracted, saying he would support the Government. The ruling com-

bine's strength is 117 — Congress 78, JD(S) 37, BSP 1, and nominated 1, besides the Speaker.

With the support of the two Independents, the Opposition BJP has 107 MLAs in the 225-member House, including the nominated MLA and the Speaker.

If the resignations of 15 MLAs (12 from Congress and 3 from JD(S)) are accepted, the ruling coalition's tally will plummet to 101, (excluding the Speaker) reducing the 14 month-old Kumaraswamy Government to a minority.

BJP leaders said they were

mullying moving the Supreme Court in the light of Thursday's developments.

The Congress-JD(S) alliance may have brought time, but there was a slim chance of the survival of the Government. Even as the Congress leaders were trying to win back the rebel MLAs, another party MLA Shreemant Patil skipped the House proceedings amid report that he has been admitted in a Mumbai hospital.

At one point, Congress members carrying pictures of Patil rushed towards the Well of the House shouting slogans

"down down BJP" and "down down operation kamal (lotus)" to bring down the Government.

BSP MLA Mahesh, on whose support the coalition was counting, too did not show up, amid reports he was keeping away as he has not received any directions from the party leader Mayawati on the stand to be taken on the trust vote.

Seeking the trust vote, Kumaraswamy said the rebel MLAs had cast doubts about the coalition Government across the country and "we have to tell the truth."

"The entire nation is watching the developments unfolding in Karnataka," he said.

As soon as the motion was moved, Yeddyurappa said the trust vote process should be completed in a single day.

"The Leader of Opposition seems to be in a hurry," Kumaraswamy taunted Yeddyurappa. As the Chief Minister sought the trust vote, Congress Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah pressed for deferring the confidence motion till the Assembly Speaker decided on the issue of whip in the wake of the Supreme Court verdict on the political crisis in the State.

Siddaramaiah said the 15 rebel MLAs were influenced by the apex court order that they can abstain from attending the Assembly proceedings and asked the Speaker to give a ruling on the fate of whip issued by him as CLP leader.

₹400 cr benami plot of Maya's brother seized

I-T dept tightens noose around Anand Kumar and his wife

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Income-Tax Department has attached a "benami" commercial plot measuring seven acres and worth ₹400 crore belonging to BSP chief Mayawati's brother Anand Kumar and his wife in Noida Sector 94.

The IT Department has applied Section 24(3) of the Prohibition of Benami Property Transactions Act, 1988, under which the department can attach an asset if it estimates the asset to be benami.

The attached plot bearing number 2A in Sector 94 Noida is located in the vicinity of proposed five star hotel and other such luxury infrastructure.

Anand and his wife, Vichiter Lata, allegedly used six companies for transactions relating to the acquisition of the attached plot, sources said.

The benami transactions were effected through a host of companies, including Vision Town Planners Private Limited, BPTP International Trade Center Pvt Ltd, Euro Asia



Mercantile Pvt Ltd, Sunny Cast and Forge Pvt Ltd, Karishma Industries Pvt Ltd and Add-Fin Capital Services India Pvt Ltd, sources said. The provisional order for the attachment of the plot "beneficially owned" by Anand and his wife was issued on July 16.

Benami properties refer to the instances wherein the real beneficiary is not the one in whose name the property is registered.

During probe, the Department detected a "complex web of shareholding" by at least six firms, including dummy companies, who were the "benamidar" or the entities in whose name the "benami" property was registered.

Pak must release Jadhav; India committed: Govt

Jaishankar informs Parliament about incessant efforts to bring him back

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

After getting a verdict in its favour in the Kulbhushan Jadhav case by the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on Wednesday, India on Thursday asked Pakistan to release him and reiterated its commitment to vigorously continue efforts to bring him back. The ICJ had ordered review of death penalty to the former Indian Navy officer and directed Pakistan to provide him consular access.

Elaborating on the Government's resolve to secure Jadhav's release, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said, "Pakistan was found to have deprived India of the right to communicate with Jadhav, have access to him, visit him in detention and arrange his legal representation."

Making a statement first in



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar makes statement on the ICJ verdict on Kulbhushan Jadhav issue in the Lok Sabha during the ongoing Budget Session of Parliament in New Delhi on Thursday

the Rajya Sabha and then in the Lok Sabha on Thursday, the External Minister said "Kulbhushan Jadhav is innocent of the charges made against him. His forced confession without legal representation and due process will not change this reality. We once again call upon Pakistan to release and repatriate him forthwith," he said.

The ICJ on Wednesday directed Pakistan to suspend the death sentence given in 2017 to Jadhav on charges of espionage and sabotage.

"The Government will vigorously continue its efforts to ensure his safety and wellbeing, as well as his early return to India," Jaishankar said as members cutting across party lines welcomed the ICJ judgment by thumping benches.

Jaishankar noted that Jadhav was awarded a death sentence by a Pakistani military court on "fabricated charges." This was done without providing Indian representatives consular access to him, as envisaged by international law and practice.

Ownership rights soon for residents of 1,797 illegal colonies: Kejriwal

Centre has given in-principle nod for regularisation, says Delhi CM

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

Good news for the people residing in unauthorised colonies of the national Capital as soon they will have ownership rights after the Centre has given nod to a proposal of the Delhi Government to regularise 1,797 illegal colonies.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday directed the officers to prepare large scale registry of homes. Kejriwal said, "Congratulations to the people living in unauthorised colonies. You will soon be owners of your houses. The Centre is willing to give its approval to the Delhi Government's proposal sent by us in November 2015. The preparations to begin registry have started. I would like to



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It may be noted that Delhi Cabinet had cleared the proposal to regularise colonies on November 2, 2015 and sent it to the Centre on ten days after. According to Delhi Government official, the Centre has now sent a communication to the Delhi Government stating its in-principle approval for regularisation of unauthorised colonies.

Flooded out, tiger finds 'home'

PTI ■ GUWAHATI

Images of a fully grown tiger "relaxing" on a bed inside a house-cum-shop in flooded Kaziranga National Park on Thursday created a buzz on social media, bringing under spotlight the plight of animals in Assam battling a deluge.

The pictures of the Royal Bengal Tiger on the bed at a shop at Harmoti near Bagori range of the World Heritage Site along NH 37 on Thursday were widely shared on social media after the Wildlife Trust of India posted it on Twitter.

"The tiger has entered a house and is relaxing on a bed. #AssamFloods bring in unusual guests!" "#JustIn our vet @samshulwildvet is making plans with #AssamForestDepartment @kaziranga to tranquilise the #tiger," the WTI said.

"Our vet @samshulwildvet is on a mission to tranquilise this #tiger to get him out of bed!" the organisation, which is cooperating with the State's forest department in the massive efforts to save wildlife during the flood, tweeted.

Locals said the tiger entered the shop of Rafikul Islam around 7 am and was noticed relaxing on his bed. Over 95 per cent of the



A Bengal Tiger sitting on a bed in a house in flood-hit Harmoti area of Kaziranga National Park

Park is submerged, rendering animals shelterless and forcing them to look for refuge in human habitations.

KNP Bagori Range Officer Pankaj Bora, however, said the tiger was not being disturbed and only its movement was being monitored. Forest officials are waiting for the animal to leave on its own.

As the animal refused to leave the safe haven for several hours, foresters burst firecrackers, forcing it out into the jungle.

Several famed one-horned rhinoceros and other animals have reportedly died in the floods that have engulfed vast swathes in Assam's 29 out of 33 districts.

No fee hike for college students in Haryana: CM

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister, Manohar Lal Khattar on Thursday announced that the enhanced fee charged from the college students will be rolled back with immediate effect and the fee structure of the last academic year will be charged from the college students.

He also announced that the difference of enhanced fee will be refunded back to the students by the respective colleges with in a fortnight.

The Chief Minister also directed all the Vice Chancellors of the affiliating State universities should notify the same fee structure as was applicable to the students in the academic session 2018-19 for the academic session 2019-20 as well.

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Dosa king just sent to jail for life dies in hospital

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

Rajagopal, (73), owner of Saravana Bhavan Group of restaurants, breathed his last on Thursday morning at a Chennai hospital where he was undergoing treatment for a series of ailments. The restaurateur, an accused in the murder case of a woman whom he wanted to possess as his third wife, was serving life-term in Chennai's Puzhal Prison since early this month following the Supreme Court's refusal to quash the Madras High Court order sentencing him and others to life for the murder committed by them in 2001.

A Chennai court had witnessed many dramatic scenes as the apex court refused Rajagopal's plea to extend his bail to avail medical care in a private hospital in the city. He was brought to the court in an ambulance and was fitted with



oxygen masks and a series of tubes to his nostrils and all over the body. The judge refused to entertain Rajagopal's plea and sent him to jail with a directive to the authorities that medical aid be made available to him in the event of any emergency. Later the Madras High Court, hearing a petition moved by the son of Rajagopal,



Customers wait in a queue outside Saravana Bhavan restaurant in New Delhi on Thursday

CAPSULE

EX-CONG MLAs ALPESH THAKOR, ZALA JOIN BJP
Gandhinagar: Former Congress MLAs Alpesh Thakor and Dhavalsinh Zala joined the BJP in Gujarat on Thursday. P6

DAWOOD'S NEPHEW HELD AT MUMBAI AIRPORT: COPS
Mumbai: Mumbai Police has arrested terrorist Dawood Ibrahim's nephew Rizwan Kaskar in connection with an extortion case, an official said. P6

MALLYA'S APPEAL TO BE HEARD IN FEB NEXT YEAR
London: Vijay Mallya's appeal in the UK High Court against his extradition order has been listed for a three-day hearing from February 11 next year.

3 NAXALITES KILLED IN J'KHAND ENCOUNTER
Ranchi: Three Naxalites have been killed in an encounter with security forces in Jharkhand's Lohardaga district on Thursday.

ELECTION PROGRAMME OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE OF THE ISMAILPUR PRIMARY AGRICULTURE COOPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD ISMAILPUR TO BE HELD ON DATED 03-09-2019

| S.No | Programme | Date | Time | Place |
|------|---|--------------------------|----------------------|--|
| 1. | Exhibition of the list of voters as Required under sub-para (2) of rule 35. | 19.07.2019 to 01.08.2019 | To on wards | 1. Office of ARCS Ambala 2. Coop Bank Branch Matheri Shekha 3. Regd office of PACS & its Sale Point 4. office of Inspector Coop Societies Ambala-II |
| 2. | Hearing of the objection to the list of voters, as required under sub-para (4) of rule 35 | 02.08.2019 | 10.00 am to 12.00 pm | Office of Assistant Registrar Coop Societies Ambala |
| 3. | Filing of nomination Paper | 20.08.2019 | 11.00 am to 3.00 pm | Do |
| 4. | Scrutiny of Nomination Papers. | 21.08.2019 | 10.00 am to 12.00 pm | Do |
| 5. | Display of list validity nominated Candidates | 21.08.2019 | 2.00 pm | Do |
| 6. | Withdrawal of the Nomination Papers | 23.08.2019 | 11.00 am to 3.00 pm | Do |
| 7. | Allocation of Symbols | 23.08.2019 | After 03.00 pm | Do |
| 8. | Display of the list of Contesting Candidates | 23.08.2019 | After 03.00 pm | Do |
| 9. | Taking of Poll if necessary | 03.09.2019 | 8.00 am to 4.00 pm | In the premises of the Ismailpur PACS |

Note: 1) It is compulsory for all voters to bring their society Pass Book/Other Photo I.D.
2) Out of total Ten Elected Committee Members at least Two Women, One Scheduled Caste & if Backward Castes Voters area more than 10% at least one B.C. Member will be elected.

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ELECTION PROGRAMME OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE OF THE CHAURMASTPUR PRIMARY AGRICULTURE COOPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD. CHAURMASTPUR TO BE HELD ON DATED 06-09-2019

| S.No | Programme | Date | Time | Place |
|------|---|--------------------------|----------------------|--|
| 1. | Exhibition of the list of voters as Required under sub-para (2) of rule 35. | 19.07.2019 to 01.08.2019 | To on wards | 1. Office of ARCS Ambala 2. Coop Bank Branch Matheri Shekha 3. Regd office of PACS & its Sale Point 4. office of Inspector Coop Societies Ambala-II |
| 2. | Hearing of the objection to the list of voters, as required under sub-para (4) of rule 35 | 02.08.2019 | 10.00 am to 12.00 pm | Office of Assistant Registrar Coop Societies Ambala |
| 3. | Filing of nomination Paper | 20.08.2019 | 11.00 am to 3.00 pm | Do |
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| 5. | Display of list validity nominated Candidates | 21.08.2019 | 2.00 pm | Do |
| 6. | Withdrawal of the Nomination Papers | 23.08.2019 | 11.00 am to 3.00 pm | Do |
| 7. | Allocation of Symbols | 23.08.2019 | After 03.00 pm | Do |
| 8. | Display of the list of Contesting Candidates | 23.08.2019 | After 03.00 pm | Do |
| 9. | Taking of Poll if necessary | 06.09.2019 | 8.00 am to 4.00 pm | Places given below |

| Sr No | Place of Polling | Polling Station no | Booth no | Sr. No of Voter List |
|-------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------|----------------------|
| 1. | The Chaurmastpur PACS | 01 | 01 | 001 to 1111 |
| 2. | The Chaurmastpur PACS | 02 | 02 | 1112 to 2204 |
| 3. | The Chaurmastpur PACS | 03 | 03 | 2205 to 3216 |

Note: 1) It is Compulsory for all voters to bring their society passbook/other photo I.D.
(2) Out of Total Ten Elected Committee Member at least two women, one Schedule cast Member & if Backward Caste Voters are more than 10% at least one B.C Member Will be Elected.

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POSSESSION NOTICE (for Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Syndicate Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice/s on the dated mentioned against account calling upon the respective borrower/surety/wrner of the property to repay the amount as mentioned against the account within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower/surety/owner of property having failed to repay the amount, notice hereby given to the borrower/surety/owner of property and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rule, on this date mentioned against each account.

The borrower/surety/guarantor's attention is invited to the provision of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower/surety/owner of property in particular and public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of Syndicate Bank, Radaur Branch, for an amount of and interest thereon, costs etc.

| Name of the borrower/Guarantors of the property | Description of mortgaged property | Date of Demand Notice | Date of Possession notice affixed | Amount outstanding the date of demand notice (Rs.) |
|---|--|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| M/s R K Trading Co., Prop. Smt Neelam Verma and Surety: Smt. Jyoti | 1. All that part and parcel of Plot no 213 measuring 0K-03M-03 sarsai, i.e. 100 sq yards being 10/6606 share out of land measuring 110K-02M comprising khawat no 949/910, Khatauni no 1115, khasra no 1093 (5-8), 1094 (8-0), 1095 (2/6-8), 1098 (8-0), 1099 (8-0), 1102 (2/10-2), 1106 (8-0), 1107 (8-0), 1128 (8-0), 1129 (8-0), 1131 (2/8-16), 1132 (8-0), Khatauni no 1116 khasra no 1135 (8-0), 1136 (2/7-8), situated at Village Radaur H B No 45, Musama Jaat nagar, Tehsil Radaur, District Yamuna Nagar vide Jamabandi for the year 2015-16, purchased vide sale deed no 1334 dated 18.10.2016, registered at SRO Radaur read with Mutation No 108109, bounded: On the North by Street 33ft wide; On the South by Plot of Ankit Kumar; On the East by Plot no 214 Neelam Verma; On the West by Street 21 ft wide. | 04.05.2019 | 16.07.2019 | Rs. 2,41,973.70 |
| M/s Aarkay Jewellers, Prop. Sh. Ashish Verma, Guarantor: Neelam Verma & Jyoti Verma | 1. All that part and parcel of Plot no 209 measuring 100 sq yards (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Sixty Three Thousand Twenty Five and Paise Sixty Two Only) and interest thereon, costs etc. | 04.05.2019 | 16.07.2019 | Rs. 2,16,048.01 |
| M/s Variety Footwear Virender Kumar, Guarantor: Sh. Subhash Chand | 1. All that part and parcel of Shop no 182, ward no 1 as per release deed no 1059 dated 24.10.2000 having area of 30 square meter main Bazaar, Radaur, Distt Yamunanagar owned by Virender Upneja. Bounded: On the North by Shop of Sh. Harbhajan; On the South by Shop of Sh. Prushotam Kamboj; On the East by Street; On the West by Main Bazaar Road. | 14.05.2019 | 16.07.2019 | Rs. 2,016,048.01 |

DATE: 18.07.2019 PLACE: Radaur AUTHORISED OFFICER

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer, B&R Division, HPPWD Sangrah, District Simur, H.P. on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh invites the item rates bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of Contractors registered with HPPWD for the works detailed in the table.

| Sr. No. | Name of Work | Estimated Cost (Rs.) | Starting Date for Downloading Bid | Earnest Money (Rs.) | Deadline for Submission of Bid |
|---------|--|----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. | Construction of Paddy/yard to Sher Tendula Road km. 0/00 to 7/00. (SH) - C/O 3.00 mtr span RCC Slab Culvert at R.d. 4/105. Under MNP | Rs. 4,95,994/- | 25.07.2019 | Rs. 8,600/- | 07.08.2019 |
| 2. | C/O Nohra Gallon road km. 0/00 to 3/00. (SH) - C/O 900 mm dia Hume Pipe Culvert at RD 0/430 with wing wall both side. Under MNP | Rs. 1,67,713/- | 25.07.2019 | Rs. 3,400/- | 07.08.2019 |
| 3. | C/O Cross Drainage work on Nohra Hindga Bandal Road km. 0/00 to 5/600 (SH) - C/O 900 mm dia Hume Pipe Culvert at RD 4/945 with wing wall both side. Under MNP | Rs. 2,22,123/- | 25.07.2019 | Rs. 4,500/- | 07.08.2019 |
| 4. | C/O Link road from Solan Meenus road to GSSS Chand - u 0/00 to 1/200 (SH) - C/O 900 mm dia Hume Pipe Culvert at RD 0/590 with wing wall both side & P/L WBM G - 1 in Km. 0/00 to 0/990. Under SCSP | Rs. 6,98,782/- | 25.07.2019 | Rs. 14,000/- | 07.08.2019 |
| 5. | Installation of Steel Crash Barrier on Dani Khud Drabi Road km. 0/00 to 1/900 (SH) - P/F W/ metal beam crash barrier at RD. 9/850 to 9/970 alongwith edge wall at RD. 9/850 to 9/954, 9/956 to 9/990, 9/920 to 9/954 & 9/960 to 9/964. | Rs. 4,32,656/- | 25.07.2019 | Rs. 8,700/- | 07.08.2019 |
| 6. | Installation of Steel Crash Barrier on Sangrah Paller Road km. 0/00 to 12/270 (SH) - P/F W/ metal beam crash barrier at RD. 2/420 to 2/480, 5/340 to 5/390 & 7/900 to 8/015. | Rs. 6,99,945/- | 25.07.2019 | Rs. 14,000/- | 07.08.2019 |
| 7. | C/O Govt. Degree College Building at Sangrah in Tehsil Sangrah Distt. Simour H.P. (SH) - C/O Retaining wall in PCC in front of Arts Block. Under Deposit. | Rs. 10,52,068/- | 25.07.2019 | Rs. 21,100/- | 07.08.2019 |
| 8. | Construction of additional accommodation of GSSS at Barag (SH) - C/O two room with verandah and stair case in first floor. Deposit Work. | Rs. 7,57,248/- | 25.07.2019 | Rs. 15,200/- | 07.08.2019 |
| 9. | MT On Kath to Dhal palyana road km. 0/0 to 2/200 (SH) - P/L WBM Grading -4.MT & C/O PCC Road side drain in Km. 0/0 to 1/0. Under SCSP | Rs. 12,02,528/- | 25.07.2019 | Rs. 24,500/- | 07.08.2019 |
| 10. | C/O Missing Cross Drainage work on renuka Sataun road Km. 0/0 to 13/450 (SH) - C/O 900 mm dia Hume pipe culvert at Rd. 9/920 to 12/250. | Rs. 4,98,900/- | 25.07.2019 | Rs. 10,000/- | 07.08.2019 |
| 11. | C/O Link road Kuffer Dedar koli ka Bag km 0/0 to 9/00 (SH) C/O 900 mm dia Hume pipe culvert at RD 2/210. Under SCSP | Rs. 2,85,707/- | 25.07.2019 | Rs. 5,700/- | 07.08.2019 |
| 12. | C/O Shivpur arat road km 0/0 to 8/00 (SH) C/O 900 mm dia Hume pipe culvert at RD 6/450. Under MNP | Rs. 2,82,862/- | 25.07.2019 | Rs. 5,700/- | 07.08.2019 |

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website www.hptenders.gov.in.

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On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh

Plans to be made to double farmers' income

PNS ■ NEW DELHI / CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister, Manohar Lal Khattar on Thursday said that new schemes for Peri Urban Agriculture and diversification of crops will be prepared in the direction of doubling the income of farmers.

Talking to reporters after attending the first meeting of High Powered Committee of Chief Ministers for Transformation of Indian Agriculture, in New Delhi, he said that in the direction of

diversification of crops in Haryana, the 'Jal Hi Jeevan Hai' scheme was praised in the meeting and it was discussed to pursue the scheme in other states as well.

The meeting was presided over by Maharashtra Chief Minister and Convenor of the Committee, Devendra Fadnavis. Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar, Gujarat Chief Minister, Vijay Rupani and Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister, Pema Khandu also attended the meeting. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister, Kamal Nath



participated through video conferencing.

Khattar said that in view of the diversification of crops, discussion was also held to prepare new schemes by forming the basis of Peri Urban Agriculture to economically reorganize the agricultural areas around the urban areas along with crop

get fresh agricultural and other food items," he said.

The Chief Minister said that in the context of marketing of agricultural products, the details will also be prepared to provide storage facility to the farmers. Discussions were also held to increase the involvement of the Center in the purchase of agricultural crops. Apart from this, discussion was held in the meeting on the need to increase central subsidy in micro irrigation schemes. The Chief Minister said that Haryana Government is giving up to 85 per cent subsidy under irrigation schemes.

IN BRIEF

THREE INSTALLMENTS OF DA TO BE RELEASED IN HARYANA

Chandigarh: Haryana Government has decided to release three due installments of Dearness Relief (DR) of January 1, 2018, July 1, 2018 and January 1, 2019 to pensioners and family pensioners, who are drawing their respective pension in the 6th Pay structure. Finance Minister, Capt. Abhimanyu said that the Chief Minister, Manohar Lal, has approved a proposal to this effect. He said that DR will be released to pensioners and family pensioners on the pattern of Government of India. According to which, the DR Rate will be enhanced by 3 per cent from 139 per cent to 142 per cent on January 1, 2018, by 6 per cent from 142 per cent to 148 per cent on July 1, 2018 and by 6 per cent from 148 per cent to 154 per cent on January 1, 2019.

CHILDREN OF DECEASED GOVT EMPLOYEES TO GET MORE

Chandigarh: Haryana Government has decided to extend the benefit of enhancement of children education allowance from Rs 750 per month to Rs 1,125 per month with effect from May 1, 2018 to eligible children of deceased government employees. Finance Minister, Capt. Abhimanyu said the State Government had issued a scheme to grant Children Education Allowance of Rs 500 per month per child maximum to first two living children to government employees with effect from July 1, 2009. The mentioned rates were revised from Rs 500 per month to Rs 750 per month with effect from January 1, 2014 on the same terms and conditions. It is worth mentioning here that the office of Chief Secretary has also issued clarification that instructions will also be applicable to the deceased government employees, who died while in service.

BSE TO SUPPORT SMES IN RAISING CAPITAL IN HARYANA

Chandigarh: BSE, India's premier exchange and the world's fastest Stock Exchange with a speed of six microseconds, on Thursday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Haryana's Industries and Commerce Department to encourage and support MSME in raising capital. The two intend to facilitate SMEs in raising funds through BSE's dedicated platform for SMEs - BSE SME - where small companies can list and raise productive capital, gain visibility and credibility vis-a-vis large corporates.

6.38 LAKH CARDS ISSUED UNDER HIMCARE SCHEME

Shimla: Himachal Pradesh Health Minister Vipin Singh Parmar on Thursday said that as many as 6.38 lakh cards have been issued till July 15th in the state including the tribal areas under Himcare scheme. He said that the benefit of this scheme is being given to those families who are not covered under Ayushman Bharat or any other scheme providing medical reimbursement facility. The Minister said that keeping in view the tough topography of the state, government is according top priority to the health sector so that every person sitting up to the remotest areas could avail health facilities near to his home.

PATHANKOT MINES E-AUCTION GETS ₹ 62.18 CR REVENUE

Chandigarh: Punjab Mining and Geology Department on Thursday conducted an e-auction for Pathankot cluster and received total bids worth ₹ 62.18 crore. Sanki Food Private Limited successfully won the bid. Earlier, the Department held the e-auction on July 5, 2019, for two clusters of Ludhiana-Jalandhar and Ferozpur-Fazilka, and earned ₹ 100.30 crore approximately. Spokesperson said that Punjab has been divided in seven clusters and the auction of four clusters is still pending. "This is the highest-ever earnings for the State Government from the mining business and the Government is expecting to earn over ₹ 300 crore annually from the mines," added the spokesperson.

PSPCL MAKES STUDENTS AWARE FOR SAVING POWER

Patiala: To educate students about the importance and saving of electricity in day-to-day life, the Punjab State Power Corporation Limited has organised a paper reading contest on energy conservation in Rajpura's Senior Secondary School, Bhairwal, wherein 75 students of Class VIII to XII participated. PSPCL's Deputy Chief Engineer (demand side management) Dharmपाल delivered the lecture regarding energy saving benefits, and also highlighted the uses of nine watt LED bulbs, 20 watt tube lights, 50 watt BEE five-star rating fans, five-star rating submersible pumps motors etc.

TRAINING COURSE FOR DAIRY FARM MANAGER

Chandigarh: A four-week training course, to provide self employment avenues to the state's youth as well as making dairy a profitable venture besides making the youth learn the ropes of this trade to be successful farm managers, would start from August 13. Announcing this, the state Dairy Development Department director Inderjit Singh exhorted the youth to derive maximum benefit from this training course, after which the trainees would be selected following counselling on July 26.

UT FOREST DEPT CELEBRATES VAN MAHOTSAV

Chandigarh: To observe Van Mahotsav-2019 in a befitting manner by involving various greening agencies like NGOs, Resident Welfare Associations, Eco-Clubs besides Government agencies, UT's Department of Forests and Wildlife on Thursday organized 'Eco Club Day'.

168 injured animals and 61 birds in SPCA premises

Chandigarh: The premises of Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Sector 38 here is a home to as many as 168 injured animals and 61 birds.

This was revealed during the visit of Mandeeep Singh Bar, UT Deputy Commissioner-cum-President, SPCA Chandigarh to the premises. The SPCA is working to prevent cruelty to animals, provide help and relief to stray animals in union territory of Chandigarh and surroundings.

During the visit, Bar checked the functioning of SPCA and visited Dog kennels, Bird centre, Laser treatment Centre and Gushala. A total of 79 crows, 86 dogs, 1 horse, 2 cats and 61 birds are undergoing treatment at the premises. Bar emphasized that awareness camps should be organized by SPCA in coordination with MC, UT Administration to reduce menace of dogs and dog bites cases in the city. He asked for more space to be provided for sick or injured eagles and directed to rehabilitate eagles admitted in SPCA in coordination with the UT Forest & Wildlife Department.

Bar also directed the staff to make more effective mechanism for the rehabilitation of healthy large and small stray animals. The Deputy Commissioner also reviewed the progress of work undertaken in building of SPCA Chandigarh. PNS

H. P. P.W.D. TENDER

Sealed item rate tenders on the form 68& are invited by the Executive Engineer Dehra Division HPPWD, Dehra on behalf of the Governor of HP for the following works from the approved and eligible contractors (C&O Class) enlisted in HPPWD.

TENDER SCHEDULE:

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| 1. Date and time of receipt of application for tender form: | 06.08.2019 upto 4.00 PM |
| 2. Date and time of issue of tender form: | 08.08.2019 upto 5.00 PM |
| 3. Date and time of receipt of tenders: | 09.08.2019 upto 10.30AM |
| 4. Date and time of opening of tenders: | 09.08.2019 at 11.00 AM |

The tender forms will be issued against cash payment (non refundable). The earnest money in the shape of NSC/FDR/Deposit at call of any of Post Office/Bank in H.P. duly pledged in the name of the Executive Engineer, Dehra Division HPPWD Dehra must accompany with each tender.

| Job No. | Name of work | Estimated cost | Earnest money | Time limit | Cost of form |
|---------|--|----------------|---------------|------------|--------------|
| 1 | C/O Link road from village Barou to Saioa Km 0/0 to 1/800 (SH) C/O Cement concrete pavement PCC drain in Km 0/200 to 0/300 and 0/700 to 0/800. | Rs. 4,70,923/- | Rs. 9,400/- | One month | Rs.350/- |
| 2 | C/O Link road from village Barou to Saioa Km 0/0 to 1/800 (SH) C/O HP culvert at RD 0/700 & 0/915 and Providing and soiling and wearing in Km 0/0 to 1/0. | Rs. 4,82,500/- | Rs. 9,700/- | One month | Rs.350/- |
| 3 | C/O Link road from village Barou to Saioa Km 0/0 to 1/800 (SH) P/L 20mm thick premix carpet with seal coat in Km 0/0 to 0/500. | Rs. 3,39,465/- | Rs. 6,800/- | One month | Rs.350/- |
| 4 | R/O Rain damages on Amb Ghatta Tihri road (SH) C/O R/wall at RD 7/760 to 7/775. | Rs. 3,06,588/- | Rs. 6,200/- | One month | Rs.350/- |
| 5 | C/O Adde Di Hattian to Lahan road Km 0/0 to 2/500 (SH) C/O 900mm dia HP culvert at RD 0/600 and 0/780, C/O Edge wall and PCC drain in Km 0/500 to 0/400. | Rs. 3,43,659/- | Rs. 6,900/- | One month | Rs.350/- |
| 6 | C/O Adde Di Hattian to Lahan road Km 0/0 to 2/500 (SH) C/O P/L Soiling and wearing in Km 0/400 to 0/900. | Rs. 2,90,192/- | Rs. 5,800/- | One month | Rs.350/- |
| 7 | C/O Adde Di Hattian to Lahan road Km 0/0 to 2/500 (SH) C/O P/L 20mm thick premix carpet with seal coat in Km 0/400 to 0/900. | Rs. 3,33,901/- | Rs. 6,700/- | One month | Rs.350/- |
| 8 | C/O Seorpan Adde Di Hattian road (SH) C/O Cement concrete pavement at RD 4/435 to 4/435. | Rs. 2,98,208/- | Rs. 6,000/- | One month | Rs.350/- |
| 9 | C/O Seorpan Adde Di Hattian road (SH) C/O PCC drain with edge wall at RD 3/200 to 3/400. | Rs. 4,82,445/- | Rs. 9,700/- | One month | Rs.350/- |
| 10 | C/O Link road to village Faked Km 0/0 to 2/0 (SH) Providing Protection wall of existing causeway at RD 0/300. | Rs. 4,17,757/- | Rs. 8,400/- | Two months | Rs.350/- |
| 11 | C/O Link road to village Garri Km 0/0 to 2/0 (SH) C/O 6.00mtr span RCC slab culvert at RD 0/180 (SH) C/O Sub Structure. | Rs. 4,94,190/- | Rs. 9,900/- | Two months | Rs.350/- |
| 12 | C/O Majheen Nallian via Plan Da Gatta road 0/0 to 6/0 (SH) C/O Cement concrete pavement from RD 0/300 to 0/470. | Rs. 4,96,498/- | Rs. 9,900/- | Two months | Rs.350/- |
| 13 | C/O Kullara Majheen Seorabala road (SH) C/O R/wall at RD 12/810 to 12/834. | Rs. 4,87,280/- | Rs. 9,800/- | One month | Rs.350/- |
| 14 | C/O Bandhalian Sasan road Km 0/0 to 2/500 (SH) C/O B/wall at RD 2/310 to 2/370. | Rs. 4,96,619/- | Rs. 9,900/- | One month | Rs.350/- |
| 15 | C/O Link road from Bihari Lal House to village Bohal Jagir Km 0/0 to 0/900 (SH) P/L, G-I and G-II in Km 0/200 to 0/700. | Rs. 2,90,192/- | Rs. 5,800/- | One month | Rs.350/- |
| 16 | C/O Link road from Bihari Lal House to village Bohal Jagir Km 0/0 to 0/900 (SH) C/O 900mm dia HP culvert at RD 0/130 and C/O PCC drain at Rd. 0/200 to 0/300. | Rs. 4,18,448/- | Rs. 8,400/- | One month | Rs.350/- |
| 17 | C/O Link road from Bihari Lal House to village Bohal Jagir Km 0/0 to 0/900 (SH) 20mm thick premix carpet with seal coat in Km 0/200 to 0/700. | Rs. 3,33,901/- | Rs. 6,700/- | One month | Rs.350/- |
| 18 | C/O Link road Gagrahi to village Sateetar Km 0/0 to 1/800 (SH) C/O Cement concrete pavement in Km 0/0 to 0/100. | Rs. 2,98,208/- | Rs. 6,000/- | One month | Rs.350/- |
| 19 | C/O Link road Gagrahi to village Sateetar Km 0/0 to 1/800 (SH) C/O PCC drain and Edge wall in Km 0/0 to 0/100. | Rs. 4,87,760/- | Rs. 9,800/- | One month | Rs.350/- |
| 20 | C/O Link road Gagrahi to village Sateetar Km 0/0 to 1/800 (SH) C/O 900mm dia HP Culvert at RD in Km 0/705 and P/L, G-I and G-II in Km. 0/400 to 0/900. | Rs. 3,37,895/- | Rs. 6,800/- | One month | Rs.350/- |
| 21 | C/O Link road Gagrahi to village Sateetar Km 0/0 to 1/800 (SH) P/L 20mm thick premix carpet with seal coat in Km 0/400 to 0/900. | Rs. 3,33,901/- | Rs. 6,700/- | One month | Rs.350/- |
| 22 | C/O Link road Gagrahi to Rajpootan Baroha and Makrohal Km 0/0 to 2/0 (SH) C/O 900mm dia HP culvert at RD 0/135 and P/L, G-I and G-II in Km 0/100 to 0/600. | Rs. 3,38,373/- | Rs. 6,800/- | One month | Rs.350/- |
| 23 | C/O Link road Gagrahi to Rajpootan Baroha and Makrohal Km 0/0 to 2/0 (SH) C/O PCC drain and Edge wall in Km 0/0 to 0/200. | Rs. 4,87,798/- | Rs. 9,800/- | One month | Rs.350/- |
| 24 | C/O Link road Gagrahi to Rajpootan Baroha and Makrohal Km 0/0 to 2/0 (SH) C/O Cement concrete pavement in Km 0/0 to 0/100. | Rs. 2,19,545/- | Rs. 4,400/- | One month | Rs.350/- |
| 25 | C/O Link road Gagrahi to Rajpootan Baroha and Makrohal Km 0/0 to 2/0 (SH) P/L 20mm thick premix carpet with seal coat in Km 0/100 to 0/600. | Rs. 3,33,901/- | Rs. 6,700/- | One month | Rs.350/- |
| 26 | C/O Gummer Koke road Km 0/0 to 6/500 (SH) C/O Cement concrete pavement in Km 6/300 to 6/400. Under SCSP. | Rs. 2,94,335/- | Rs. 5,900/- | One month | Rs.350/- |
| 27 | C/O Link road PWD store Bharoli to NH 88 via Forest Rest House Km 0/0 to 0/600 (SH) C/O 900mm dia HP culvert at RD 0/010 and P/L Soiling and wearing and 20mm thick premix carpet with seal coat in Km 0/0 to 0/300. | Rs. 4,22,641/- | Rs. 8,500/-</ | | |

MAJOR RESHUFFLE IN PUNJAB POLICE HS Sidhu back as STF head

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

A day after elevating three AIPS officers to the DGP-rank, the Punjab Government on Thursday conducted a major reshuffle exercise transferring 26 IPS, and five PPS officers including Harpreet Singh Sidhu who was given back the charge of the Government's Special Task Force (STF) on drugs.

Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Sidhu, who was holding the post of special principal secretary to Chief Minister Amarinder Singh, is once again heading the significant anti-drug wing a year after he was removed from the post following reports of a tussle between him and the then DGP Suresh Arora.

He would replace STF head Gurpreet Kaur Deo, who has been given the charge of ADGP (Crime).

After coming to power in 2017, the Chief Minister had set up the STF to combat drug menace in Punjab. He had especially brought Sidhu, who was at that time on central deputation in the Naxal-hit Chhattisgarh, to head the STF.

Earlier in the day, Deo was relieved from the additional charge of the Litigation Wing. But later in the evening, she was also divested of the charge of STF chief and was posted as ADGP Crime.

The State Government also shifted eight Senior Superintendents of Police (SSPs) including PPS officer Sandeep Goel and IPS officer Dhruv Dahiya.

Goel, whose speech in a police-public interaction event admitting flaws in the police department went viral, has been shifted from Ferozepur to Ludhiana (Rural) as the district police chief.

Dahiya, who has been posted as Tarn Taran SSP, has been shifted from Fatehgarh Sahib after his team claimed to have recovered Rs 16 crore from a Jalandhar priest.

The government has also given new postings to the three newly-promoted DGPs — Prabodh Kumar has been posted as special DGP and Bureau of Investigation director, Rohit Choudhary will be special DGP (Policy and Rules), and Iqbal Preet Singh Sahota has been elevated as special DGP (Armed Battalions, Jalandhar).

ADGP Praveen Kumar Sinha has been posted as officiating ADGP (Prisons) after Chaudhary has been moved out of Prisons Department following his promotion to DGP level. Notably, there have been one after another incidents of violence in the state jails.

Sinha, who will now be heading Prisons department, is heading the SIT probing the Rs 16-crore cash scandal involving a Jalandhar priest.

He had arrested two police constables from Kerala after they ran off with nearly Rs seven crore recovered from the priest.

Besides, Vivek Sheel Soni has been posted Ferozepur SSP, while Kuldeep Singh has been given the charge of Mohali SSP.

IPS officers Deepak Hilory, and Gaurav Garg have been posted as SSPs of Pathankot and Hoshiarpur, respectively. PPS officers Bhupinder Singh and Narinder Bhargava have been posted as SSPs of Fazilka and Mansa, respectively.

Senior IPS officer ADGP Gaurav Yadav has been given additional charge of IG Disaster Management, Punjab. IPS officer Gurpreet Singh Toor has been posted as DIG STF, the spokesperson said.

Jitendra Kumar Jain will also hold additional charge of the Director State Crime Records Bureau Punjab.

ADGP Shashi Prabha Dwivedi has been given additional charge of the Women Affairs, while ADGP RN Dhoke will look after the additional charge of the ADGP Security and the Community Affairs and NRI, Punjab.

B Chandra Sekhar has been posted as inspector-general (IG) Crime (Bureau of Investigation), while Pramod Ban has been posted as IG Information Technology and Telecommunications.

G Nageswara Rao has been given the charge of IG STF, while Balkar Singh has been posted as IG Special Investigations. LK Yadav has been given the charge of IG-cum-Director Vigilance Bureau and Mohnish Chawla has been posted as IG-cum-Director Economic Offence Wing (EOW).

Shive Kumar Verma has been posted as IG Crime and Jaskaran Singh has been given additional charge of IG Disaster Management, Punjab. IPS officer Gurpreet Singh Toor has been posted as DIG STF, the spokesperson said.

Punjab Minister suspends four over diversion of food grains

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Ordering immediate suspension of an Assistant Food Supply Officer and three inspectors of the Department of Food Supply, the State's Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu on Thursday made it clear that the Department maintains 'no condonation stance over malpractices'.

He said that the Food and Civil Supplies Department deals with distribution of food grains to the economically weaker households. "Any attempt of pilferage or diversion in the food grains for poor cannot be overlooked. It is not just dereliction in duty but it is grossly unethical," said Ashu.

Ashu said that Sumit Kumar, posted as Food and Civil Supplies inspector at Gurdaspur, Jagtar Singh at Hoshiarpur, Khushwant Singh inspector at Ludhiana and Jaswinder Singh, AFSO, Ludhiana, have been suspended over "fabricating glaring deficiency in distribution of food grains".

Health dept cracks down on sex determination tests in Punjab

60 held in less than 7 months, 14 machines sealed

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Cracking down against the illegal sex determination tests, the Punjab Health Department has arrested 60 offenders and sealed 14 machines in less than seven months across the State for violating the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act.

Disclosing this, the state Health and Family Welfare Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu on Thursday said that during this drive conducted from November 2018 to June 2019, the health teams have unearthed illegal operations in some of the ultrasound and scanning centres and 18 FIRs have been registered whereas 60 culprits have been arrested and 14 ultrasound machines were sealed.

He said that the Health Department has further widened its scope of its activities to nab the offenders who are secretly conducting sex determination tests. "Working in this direction, the Punjab Government has inked Memorandum of Understanding with an espionage agency which has conducted 19 sting operations till now," he said.



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The Minister said that Health Department has also appealed the public to support the government in nabbing such anti-social elements. "Rs 50,000 reward has also been announced for the informer who would give information of such sex determination tests being carried out at any scanning center," he said. He said that if FIR is registered against any erring ultrasound and scanning centre, the decoy patient would also be rewarded with Rs one lakh.

Sidhu said that in order to strike a fair balance in sex ratio, the Health Department would

soon made it imperative for any pregnant mother to show her Mother and Child Security Card (Vaccination Card) whether she is going in private center or in government hospital for ultrasound test.

He said that after this registration, a pregnant mother would be eligible for undergoing ultrasound test in government or in private hospital.



The Victory Flame reaches Manekshaw Auditorium, Chandimandir on Thursday to mark the 20th anniversary of the victory in Kargil war

550TH PARKASH PURB CELEBRATIONS OF GURU NANAK DEV

Channi urges Centre to release ₹100cr for celebration

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NEW DELHI

Punjab Tourism and Cultural Affairs Minister Charanjit Singh Channi on Thursday urged the Union Tourism and Culture Minister Prahlad Singh Patel to release Rs 100 crore for the celebrations of the 550th prakash purab of Guru Nanak Dev, besides awarding heritage status for Dera Baba Nanak and Batala.

Channi, who called upon Patel at his office in Transport Bhawan at New Delhi, said that the devotees from all parts of India and abroad as well those who respect the philosophy of the Great Guru are eagerly awaiting to be a part of these grand celebrations.

"Keeping this in view, the Union Government should release these funds on priority basis so that all the arrangements are made well in advance," Channi also extended an invitation to the Union Tourism and Culture Minister for the celebrations by the State Government.

Channi also sought to declare Dera Baba Nanak and Batala townships of Punjab as heritage cities as the Sikhs' first master, Guru Nanak Dev, had spent a significant time of his life in these townships.

"Both these townships are as much linked to the journey of the great Guru's life as are the revered Sultanpur Lodhi and Sri Kartarpur Sahib," he said

Punjab Tourism and Cultural Affairs Minister Charanjit Singh Channi also demands heritage status for Dera Baba Nanak and Batala

while demanding ₹ 400crore for the development works to be undertaken for both these historically important cities.

Channi suggested that the Sahitya Academy should work in collaboration with the State Government for the celebration programs so that the philosophy and the Guru's messages of universal brotherhood, tolerance and compassion should be disseminated all over the world.

Patel informed that the National Book Trust is already in the process of translating the teaching of the great Guru in other regional languages of India. The Union Minister assured Channi of the wholesome support from the Centre and that the proposal will be considered on priority basis.

SODHI UNVEILS SPORTS CALENDAR, DISTRICT AND STATE LEVEL EVENTS TO COMMENCE FROM JUL 20
Punjab Government is

striving to celebrate the 550th parkash purb of Guru Nanak Dev with great fervour by organizing sporting events.

With the motive to transform Punjab into a healthy and robust State, the state Sports Department is going to organize sporting events regarding which a detailed calendar was unveiled on Thursday.

Sports Minister Rana Gurmeet Singh Sodhi said that as per the directions of the Chief Minister, Capt Amarinder Singh, a detailed roadmap was chalked out with regard to the Sports Fixtures as per which sports competitions at every level ranging from District to State level would be held besides a cycle rally and a Kabaddi Cup of International stature.

He said that the sports events would commence from July 20 when all the districts would see under-14 boys and girls competitions being held which would continue till July 30.

"These sports events would come to culmination with a cycle rally from Sultanpur Lodhi to Dera Baba Nanak on October 17, apart from a Circle Style Kabaddi Cup later on," he said.

Sodhi disclosed that Volleyball Federation Gold Cup dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre would be organized from September 27 to October 3 at Amritsar.

Kathua rape-murder case to be heard on priority: Punjab High Court

IANS ■ CHANDIGARH

Recognising the gravity of the crime, the Punjab and Haryana High Court on Thursday heard on priority petitions of the victim's family and the six convicts in the brutal rape and murder of an eight-year-old girl in Kathua in Jammu and Kashmir.

The pleas — one moved by the victim father's seeking death penalty for the heinous act and another by the six convicts challenging their conviction — were listed for hearing jointly along with the plea of one of the convicts seeking suspension of his sentence.

After hearing the case briefly, the bench led by Justice Rajiv Sharma made it clear that the court would deliver justice.

"If we don't hear it, the case will hang," he observed.

His assertions came when senior advocate R.S. Cheema, appearing for the state of Jammu and Kashmir, told the court that an appeal was yet to be filed by the state and all the issues could be taken up together. Appearing for one of the accused, another senior advocate J.S. Bedi also sought time to argue the case, citing voluminous records.

Refusing to grant a long date, the bench fixed the next hearing in the case for August 7. Simultaneously, the court issued notice to the accused and the state of Jammu and Kashmir. The victim's father has sought an enhancement of the life sentence awarded to

three of the convicts who were sentenced to life imprisonment by a trial court in Pathankot in Punjab on June 10.

The special court had convicted six of the eight accused in the crime and pronounced a life imprisonment to three — temple priest and mastermind Sanji Ram, Deepak Khajuria and Parvesh Kumar. Investigating officer Raj Dutta and Special Police Officer Surinder Kumar were also sentenced to five years in jail for destroying crucial evidence in the case.

Sanji Ram's son Vishal was acquitted due to lack of evidence, but the fate of his minor nephew, also among the accused, will be decided by a juvenile court.

According to the chargesheet, the girl, who belonged to a Muslim nomadic tribe, was kidnapped and held captive at a village temple in Kathua district on January 10, 2018. The 15-page chargesheet said the eight-year-old girl was starved, sedated and repeatedly raped in captivity over several days before being bludgeoned to death.

Her mutilated body was found in a forest on January 17. Three days later, one of the accused — reportedly a juvenile — was arrested by the police, the chargesheet said. The abduction, rape and killing of the child was part of a carefully planned strategy to remove the minority nomadic community from the area, it added.

Organ donation impacts five lives

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

After their 29 years old son Ravi Kapoor was declared brain dead, Kapoor family from Derabassi was left with a decision that no one wants to make. Should Ravi become an organ donor?

"In the midst of their grief, they said yes to organ donation. They were able to look beyond their own pain, so that no other parent would have to feel the depth of loss that they were experiencing," said Prof. Vipin Koushal, nodal officer, ROTTO (NORTH) PGIMER while briefing about the latest case of deceased organ donation here in PGIMER.

Prof. Koushal said, "Through their selflessness and magnanimity, they turned their gravest tragedy into a precious gift of life and 'gift of sight' for five others here in PGIMER with the transplantation of liver, kidneys and corneas."

Ravi Kapoor had suffered profound head injuries in a freak accident after his scooter was hit by a stray animal on the intervening night of July 13 and 14 on the outskirts of Derabassi. Immediately, the family and friends rushed fatally injured Ravi to local Civil

Hospital from where he was taken to Govt. Medical College, Sector 32 here.

Ravi's condition being precarious, he was referred to PGIMER and was admitted here on the morning of July 14. However, the inevitable had to happen as Ravi could not be retrieved from his critical condition and was declared brain-dead on July 17 after duly following the protocols of THOA, Prof Koushal said.

Even in this darkest hour and amid his own grief, the father Kuldeep Kapoor along with other family members showed exceptional courage by consenting to donate the organs of his young son when the option of organ donation was flagged to him by the Transplant coordinator on duty in PGIMER, he said.

"Our tragedy is too gruesome for words. We don't want to focus on Ravi being gone or how he died. We want to focus on the positive, and that's what organ donation has taught us to do. It seems Ravi's life had a purpose. His mortal journey has ended because others were to live because of him through organ donation," said Kuldeep Kapoor after he signed for organ donation of his deceased

KAPOOR FAMILY FROM DERABASSI LOOKED BEYOND THEIR OWN PAIN; SAID YES TO ORGAN DONATION & IMPACTED FIVE LIVES IN PGIMER

son. "Despite being no more, his legacy is living on by helping five others continue with their lives, and their parents and all the lives that are being touched as a result," added the grieving but proud father of the donor Ravi Kapoor.

Following the family's decision for organ donation, the transplant surgeons retrieved liver and kidneys from the donor, which on transplantation, gave second chance at life to three terminally ill organ failure patients. Two other corneal blind patients will get their eye sight restored with the transplantation of retrieved corneas of the donor. This way, five lives have been impacted with this 15th deceased organ donation of 2019 here in PGIMER, Prof. Koushal added.

Reservation for wards of Sikh riot victims, sportspersons in pvt medical colleges

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Government has decided to extend reservation for sportspersons and children or grandchildren of the Sikh riot victims to its quota in private medical colleges for the undergraduate MBBS courses.

"These micro reservations already exist in Government Medical Colleges, and the government, as per its amended notification of July 11, 2019, has extended the same now to the Government quota of 50 percent to private colleges also," submitted the state Advocate-General Atul Nandu before the Punjab and Haryana High Court on Thursday.

Appearing on behalf of the state earlier, the AG submitted that through its revised notification of July 11, it had amended its previous notification dated June 6, 2019.

Nanda later scotched rumours in a section of the media that it had taken a stand in the court against similar reservation in private colleges for

wards of army personnel who had died in action. The issue of such reservation never arose in the Court and there was no question, hence, of the State Government taking any such stand, he categorically stated.

Earlier, the Court asked the state as to whether such micro reservation could also be applied by the Court to the balance 50 percent management quota in such private colleges.

The Court was informed that although this issue was beyond the scope of the present petition, the State would not adopt an adversarial approach when it came to any welfare measure. The same could be discussed and decided after the court had the opportunity to peruse the various Constitution Bench judgments in this regard, especially that of PA Inamdar, said the AG.

The case has been adjourned for Friday, July 19. Meanwhile, Capt has made it clear that his Government was keen to provide any welfare measure, as needed, in the interest of the state.

Centre asks Punjab to formulate schemes for water charging and conservation

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Central Government on Thursday reviewed the progress of various centrally-sponsored schemes including MG-NREGA, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G), National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), Program for Students with Disabilities Management System (PSDMS), besides others.

Union Ministry of Rural Development's secretary Amarjit Singh on Thursday held a meeting with the Punjab Government officials, attended by the Chief Secretary Karan Avtar Singh, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Tejveer Singh, Principal Secretary (Finance) Anirudh Tewari, ACS Sanjay Kumar and Principal Secretary Rural Development DK Tewari and Jaskiran Singh.

Sinha appreciated the progress made under these schemes and ensured that

SINHA APPRECIATED THE PROGRESS MADE UNDER THESE SCHEMES AND ENSURED THAT FUNDS MAY NOT BE A HINDRANCE IN WAY OF PROGRESS OF CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES

funds may not be a hindrance in way of progress of centrally sponsored schemes.

He highlighted the issue of depleting water table in the state of Punjab and insisted to formulate schemes for water charging and its conservation.

Suggesting that these types of activity can be taken up under MGNREGA, Sinha insisted upon the convergence in various development schemes of State and Central Governments for quality assets creation.

Secretary also suggested creating corpus of fund at the state level to meet any exigency.

At the same time, he assured that material funds for MGNREGA will be released shortly to the State.

During discussion, it was proposed that skilled and semi-skilled worker payment, currently which is the part of material component (40 percent) should be included in the labour component (60 percent).

He told that the matter is already under consideration and may be sorted out soon.

The Secretary desired that credit linkage of SHG's should be taken up on large scale as banking industry is very strong in the State, which will push more fund in the rural area resulting in overall development.

Sinha was requested to enhance the target under PMAY(G) to which he made a positive response and desired to send written request to the Union Ministry.

He also appreciated the works done under PMGSY in the State. He mentioned that quality work as being done in Madhya Pradesh and same can be replicated in the state of Punjab.

'Give benefits to public at Antyodaya and Saral Kendras'

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Project Director, Chief Ministers' Good Governance Associates Programme, Rakesh Gupta on Thursday gave directions to the departments to provide the benefits of schemes and services to the public at Antyodaya and the Saral Kendras in a time bound manner and added that

they should provide training to the employees at the district level so as to further improve their functioning.

Presiding over a review meeting with Nodal officers on the Antyodaya Saral Project, Gupta directed the Transport, Women and Child Development, Dakshin Haryana Biji Vitran Nigam, Haryana Shehri Vikas

Pradhikaran, HSIIDC and Urban Local Bodies Departments to further improve their functioning for facilitating the people.

He also directed the departments to take immediate action on tickets coming on the ticketing system of Antyodaya Portal.

Apart from this, the department should take immediate

action on the important tickets being sent on daily basis.

He directed the Nodal Officers to soon dispose of the applications or complaints received on the Antyodaya Portal.

Otherwise the departmental action can be taken against the officers, who are negligent in their work.

Secy praises Hry Govt for achieving 100% target of constructing 5,573 km roads

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Secretary, Union Ministry of Rural Development, Amarjeet Sinha on Thursday appreciated Haryana Government for achieving 100 per cent target of constructing

5,573 km roads under first and second phase of the 'Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna' in the state.

Sinha, who is on a two-day visit held a review meeting along with Haryana Chief Secretary, Keshni Anand Arora regarding the development works being carried out in connection with rural development here.

Sinha said Haryana has potential to work in areas such as skill development, women empowerment, waste manage-

ment and water conservation, and in this direction, work is being done at fast speed in the state. He suggested that for all-round development of villages, all the concerned departments should make plans in coordination with each other so that the schemes can be implemented smoothly for the benefit of the people.

Arora informed on the works being carried out in the state under the flagship schemes of the Central Government.

Hry BJP to launch 3-day membership drive at booths from July 20

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has decided to launch a three-day-long special membership drive to make as many members as possible, said BJP State president Subhash Barala, adding the ongoing membership drive of the party is being organised intensively across the state.

Barala said that BJP had secured maximum votes at each booth during last parliamentary election and under the strategy of making such votes as party members, three days special membership drive will be launched at as many as 20,000 booths across the state on July 20, July 21 and July 22.

The Party president said that all district party heads, district membership drive chief, division president, division membership drive chief and others have been directed to ensure that each party member is actively participated in this drive by encouraging the voters to become party members.

Each BJP member has been assigned target of making at least 25 new voters during the special drive, he said, adding to accelerate the drive, all the office bearers must motivate and ensure energetic participation by existing members throughout the drive. Our goal is not only to increase the number, but to take party's ideology to the people.

No fee hike...

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A delegation of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad under the leadership of Kshetriya Sangthan Mantri, North Zone of the Parishad, Vikrant Khandelwal, met Khattar and presented a representation demanding that the enhanced fee being charged from the college students of the state in the academic session 2019-20 may be rolled back.

Classifieds

LOST AND FOUND

It is notified for the information that my Original Qualifying Examination Certificate of Main Secondary Examination of Year 2017 and Roll No. 2188853 issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Sharu Village Gurnina P.O. Pithawas Distt Rewari.

It is notified for the information that my Original statement of Marks Sheet of main Secondary Examination issued by the CBSE bearing Roll No 2274761 of year 2017 and Senior Secondary Examination bearing No 2754919 of year 2019 issued by the CBSE have actually been lost. Name: Parmeet Kaur D/o Mr Harbans Singh Verma. Address # 88, Swara) Enclave, Sector 126, Kharar, Mohali (Punjab). 98767-98783.

It is notified for the information that my original Qualifying Examination passing Certificate secondary 10th Roll No 2175050 year 2014 issued by CBSE Board has been actually Lost. Sweetly Rohak.

It is notified for the information that my original Passing Certificate of main, secondary 10th examination of year 2012. Roll No 2216744 & 12th examination year 2014 Roll no 2725392 issued by CBSE Board has been actually Lost. Chanan Singh kangra.

It is notified for the information that my original Qualifying Examination Certificate of Main/Secondary Examination of Year 1999 and Roll No. 2122180 issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Name of the Candidate Neeru. Full Address/Fel. E-701, Mona Greens, VIP Road, Zirakpur. 9569999904.

It is notified for the information that my original DMC of Matriculation Examination of the year 2017 and Roll no 2215434 issued by CBSE had been actually lost. Rishika, Amritsar, 70095-48529.

It is notified for the information that my original Duplicate Qualifying Examination Certificate of Main Secondary Examination of Year 2017, and Roll No. 2335958 issued by CBSE has been actually lost / destroyed / mutilated. Name of the Candidate Muskan Sharma R/O House No. 1111, Sector 7, Panchkula Haryana. 99140-25406.

It is notified for the information that my original Qualifying Examination certificate of secondary examination of year 2017 and roll no. 2273658 issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Name of candidate Uday Veer Singh Randhawa S/O Sukhinder Singh R/o Kothi No 955, Near Circuit House Sector 39-A, Chandigarh 9814212518.

It is notified for the information that my original Qualifying Certificate of secondary Examination Matric Certificate of year 2012 Roll No T3069131 issued by ICSE has been actually lost. Name of Candidate Preetish Arora. D/o Manish Arora R/O H.No.384, Basant Avenue Amritsar.

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I, Vijay Ranga R/o 306 GH 27 MDC Sector 5 Panchkula Haryana 134114 have change my minor daughter name from Yashasi to Yashasi Ranga.

I, Sharda Sharma W/o Pawan Kumar (Daughter of No. 6257044 Late Har Shanti Sarup) R/o 544E Rose Street Majitha Road, Amritsar District Amritsar (Punjab) declare that I have changed my name Sarda Kumari to Sharda Sharma after marriage.

I, Milap Mahajan S/O Ramesh Kumar R/O Near Ida Office Jail Road Gurdaspur, Tehsil/Distt:Gurdaspur. Declare That In School Record My Daughter Name Kritika Mahajan Her Dob 31-01-2007 Is Wrong And Her Dob 30-01-2007 Is Correct.

I, Tak Chand S/O Kundan Ram R/o vill Khnaspur, P.O Amin, Tehsil Thanesar, Distt. Kurukshetra have changed my name Tak Chand to Tek Chand.

I, Kanchan W/o Mannu Seth R/O 12 Ravinder Nagar, Jalandhar changed my name from Kanchan to Kanchan Seth.

I, No. 14620595X Rank HAV Suresh Kumar S/O Gordhan Unit 7002 EME BN C/o 56 APO Have Changed my Wife DOB From 10.05.1977 To 26.07.1975.

I, No. 14620595X Rank HAV Suresh Kumar S/O Gordhan Unit 7002 EME BN C/o 56 APO Have Changed my Wife Name From Kumari Sunita To Sunita.

I, No. 14620595X Rank HAV Suresh Kumar S/O Gordhan Unit 7002 EME BN C/o 56 APO Have Changed my Son Name From Anshu Kumar To Anshu.

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I, Savita Gupta W/o Vivek Gupta R/o Churamani Hospital, Hisar, hereby declare that my father's name is Ram Sawrup Gupta and it has been wrongly mentioned as Jai Raj in Original PAN Application. In future I may be known as Savita Gupta D/o Sh. Ram Sawrup Gupta.

I, Paramjit Kaur W/O Gurnam Singh R/O Vpo Babri Jwanwal, Tehsil/Distt-Gurdaspur. Have Changed My Name To Paramjit Shergill.

I, Raj Kumar Aggarwal S/O Dev Raj R/O H.No.741 Opp Puda Office Phase-1 Modal Town Bathinda changed my name Raj Kumar.

I, Darshana Devi Garg W/o Raj Kumar H.No.741 Opp Puda Office Phase-1 Modal Town Bathinda changed my name Darshana Devi.

I, Sawinderjit W/o Malkit Singh R/O H.No.71, Kapoor Nagar Sultanwadi Road District Amritsar have changed my name to Sawinder Ji Kaur.

I, Bandana Rani W/o Avtar Krishna Sharma R/O H.No.E7/293, Batha Haveli Shah Near Ranjitra Chheharta Amritsar have changed my name to Bandana Sharma.

I, Tanya W/o Manmohit Singh R/O H.No.E-157 Rajni Avenue Amritsar have changed my name to Taranjeet Kaur.

I, Navjot Kaur Sohi D/o Baghel Singh W/o Harjit Singh R/O Village Karyal Tehsil Ajnala District Amritsar have changed my name to Navjot Kaur.

I, Shelly Bhatta W/o Vinod Kumar R/O H.No.908, Gal Bala Lal Chand VPO Attari District Amritsar have changed my name to Shelly.

I, Harjit Kaur W/o Gurmukh Singh R/O 142, Near Akali Colony Dasmesh Avenue, Sultanwadi Road District Amritsar, have changed my name to Amrit Kaur.

I, Kuldeep Singh S/o Harbans Singh China R/O Village China Bidhi Chand Tehsil and District Tarn Taran have changed my name to Kuldeep Singh China.

I, Komalpreet Kaur W/o Nirmal Singh R/O Village Mehlanwa Tehsil Ajnala District Amritsar have changed my name to Rajbir Kaur.

I, Amrao Singh S/o Pargat Singh R/O Village Begepur Tehsil Patti District Tarn Taran have changed my name to Umroo Singh.

I, Tilak Raj S/o Nand Lal Thakur R/O 18, Guru Nanak Avenue Opp Anand Petrol Pump G.T Road Amritsar have changed my name to Tilak Raj Thakur.

I, Rohan Jain S/o Anil Jain R/O H.No.124, Shiv Nagar Colony P/O Jawala Flour Mill Islamabad District Amritsar have changed my name to Rupesh Jain.

I, Anil Kumar Jain S/o Subhash Chander Jain R/O 124, Shiv Nagar Colony P/O Jawala Flour Mill Islamabad District Amritsar have changed my name to Anil Jain.

I, Sukhdev Raj S/o Karam Chand R/O Near Mata Rani Wali Gal Ranyia Tehsil Baba Bakala District Amritsar have changed my name to Sukhdev Raj Rikhi.

I, Gian Parkash S/o Amar Nath R/O W.No.17, Mandi Harji Ram Malout Tehsil Malout District Muktsar have changed my name to Gian Parkash Garg.

I, Gurpreet Kaur W/o Satwinder Singh R/O VPO Buri Sidhwan Tehsil Malout District Muktsar have changed my minor son's name Hamanbeer Singh to Hamanbeer Singh Sandhu.

I, Kawaljit Kaur W/o Amandeep Singh R/O VPO Sheron District Tarn Taran have changed my name to Kanwaljit Kaur.

I, Sukhjeet Singh S/o Bachan Singh R/O VPO Verka Pati Hardass Di District Amritsar have changed my name to Sukhjeet Singh.

I, Simmerjeet Kaur Randhawa W/o Sukhdev Singh R/O Khuras Tahl Fatehgarh Churian Tehsil Batala District Gurdaspur have changed my name to Simmerjeet Kaur.

I, Gurjit Singh S/o Surta Singh R/O Village Panjwar Tehsil and District Tarn Taran have changed my name to Gurjit Singh Sandhu.

I, Navjot Son Of Shreegopal Bhargav R/O L-13/790, Gali No.1, Kot Baba Deep Singh District Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Navjot Bhargav.

I, Shri Gopal S/O Gori Shankar R/O L-13/790, Gali No.1, Kot Baba Deep Singh District Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Shreegopal Bhargav.

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I, Harpreet Kaur Wife Of Sarabjeet Singh Residing At H.No.6/2807, Gali No.6, Krishna Nagar Tarn Taran Road District Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Paramjit Kaur.

I, Sukhinder Singh Dhot S/O Karnail Singh R/O H.No. 4176/3 Tarn Taran Road Bye Pass Jandiala Guru Amritsar. Have Changed My Name To Sukhinder Singh.

I, Sandeep Kaur Dhot W/O Sukhinder Singh R/O H.No. 4176/3 Tarn Taran Road Bye Pass Jandiala Guru Amritsar. Have Changed My Name To Sandeep Kaur.

I, No.2501499P Nk Anshu Gautam S/O Mohinder Pal Of 17 Punjab C/O 99 APO. I Declare That My Wife's Name Has Been Wrongly Written As Babita Gautam Instead Of Babita In The Army Record. My Wife's Name May Kindly Be Corrected As Babita In The Army Record.

I, Ranjit Kumar S/o Ashok Kumar R/O H.No.10, Rose Enclave Islamabad Amritsar have changed my name to Ranjeet Kumar.

I, Neha Arora D/o Twinder Julla E/W Anshu Kumar Arora R/O 22, Joshi Farm Near Swami Satya Nand College Guru Amardass Avenue Amritsar have changed my name to Neha Julla.

Inderjit Sharma S/o Amr Chand Sharma R/O VPO Bikhindwal Tehsil Patti District Tarn Taran have changed my Religion Hinduism to Sikhism.

Inderjit Sharma S/o Amr Chand Sharma R/O VPO Bikhindwal Tehsil and District Tarn Taran have changed my name to Inderjit Singh.

I, Mandeep Singh S/o Harjit Singh R/O 104, S.A.S. Nagar, Near Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar, Jalandhar have changed the name of my minor son from Hargun to Hargun Jit.

I, Amarjit Singh S/o Jagjit Singh R/O 1072, Guru Nanak Nagar, Basti Mithu, Jalandhar have changed my name to Amarjit Singh Rathore (Rathore as Surname).

I, Vandana W/O Harpreet Singh, R/O Ward No-2, Raikot, Distt Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Vandana Rani.

I, Parmjit Kaur W/O Palwinder Singh R/O Village Rohno, Kalan Tehsil Khanna (Ludhiana) Changed My Name To Parmjit Kaur.

I, Kulwinder Kaur W/o Sarabjit Singh R/O Vpo. Sidhwan Dona (Kapurthala) have changed my name as Kaur Kulwinder.

I, Seema Jindal W/o Sunil Kumar R/O H.No. B-5-92 W.No. 7 Mohalla Banian Phillaur (Jalandhar) changed my name to Seema Rani and my minor daughter name from Sudha to Sudha Jindal.

I, Charnjit Singh W/o Gurminder Singh R/O Vpo. Palahi Teh-Paghwara (Kapurthala) changed my name to Charanjit Kaur.

I, Neharika Mahajan D/O Vipan Kumar R/O H.No-120, Opp Geeta Bhawan Mandir, Tehsil/Distt:Gurdaspur. Have Changed My Name To Neharika Gupta.

I, Manita Devi W/O Rajesh Kumar R/O Near Railway Crossing Malahat Nagar W.No-4 P.O. Una District Amb (HP) Have Changed My Name To Manita Bhanote.

I, Hitherto Known As Arun Kumari Sharma D/O Banarasi Dass Sharma W/O Lateh Joshi. R/O H.No.B-14/32 Chand Nagar Bahadurpur Tehsil & District Hoshiarpur 146001 Punjab India Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Aruna Joshi.

I, Shakuntala W/O Resham Singh R/O S.No.17, Shakedh Bhagat Singh Nagar, Khotran Road, Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala (Punjab) Have Changed My Name Spellings From Shakuntala To Shakuntia Rani.

I, Komal Mittal W/O Anurag Gupta R/O 179/6, Guru Harkrishan Nagar, Phagwara-144401, District Kapurthala Have Changed My Name As Komal Gupta After Marriage.

CMs' panel zeroes in on ECA Act utility

Nath supports Centre's view, says scrap obsolete law

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

The high-level committee of Chief Ministers (CMs) on Transformation of Agriculture on Thursday deliberated, among others, the utility of the Essential Commodity Act (ECA), 1955.

The Centre, which is of the view that the ECA, in its present form, is deterring investment in agricultural marketing as it imposes stocking limits, saw support coming from Opposition quarters with Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Kamal Nath favouring scrapping the legislation.

Nath's Gujarat counterpart Vijay Rupani underlined the need for reforms in the agriculture market mechanisms and relaxing the norms in the legislation for the benefit of small traders and farmers.

While Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath sent his views in writing, Arunachal Pradesh CM Pema Khundu stressed on the need for doing away with the middlemen menace in the state where local farm and horticulture produces are bought at throwaway prices but sold at higher prices outside the State.

The committee is expected to look at a policy directive in this regard so that investors have enough confidence about the provisions of the Act.

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At its first meeting, organised by the Niti Aayog, the Chief Ministers also discussed the reforms in Agriculture Marketing Produce Committees (APMCs) and contract farming and called for radical reforms to transform agriculture with massive thrusts on private investments, technological innovation and robust marketing across the country to boost farmers' income.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis, who was also the convener of the committee, said the committee has finalised Terms of Reference (ToR), and States have been asked to give their feedback by August 7. The next meeting of the committee will be on August 16. The Maharashtra Chief Minister further added the terms of reference also include making sure that more farmers in the States get institutional loans.

Agriculture being the State subject, the committee has

deliberated upon ways to incentivise States to fully implement the major reforms in agriculture introduced in the past including some key legislations to attract private investments in the sector at its first meeting.

According to Fadnis, the committee will come up with a background paper and a comprehensive agriculture policy to transform the sector after taking all states on board. "The policy will focus on ways to enhance investment credit in the sector," he added.

At the meeting, Fadnis said though the credit disbursement for the farm sector may exceed Rs 13 lakh crore in 2019-20, the agricultural investment credit is still too low.

Chief ministers of Haryana, Arunachal Pradesh and Gujarat, Union Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Narendra Singh Tomar, Niti Aayog member Ramesh Chand and Niti Aayog Chief Executive Officer Amitabh Kant attended the meeting.

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taken a number of steps. Listing out some examples, he said the Prime Minister's employment generation programme itself has catered to employment of 14.3 lakh till November 30, 2018, the Deen Dayal Gramin Kaushal Yojna has helped 4.73 lakh people get jobs, MNREGA over past 3.5 to 4 has helped 972.99 person employment days.

"Taking into account the seriousness of the matter, the Government has set up a cabinet committee on employment and skill development to ensure that more people get jobs," he said. In his written reply, the minister said, this Ministry has launched a new regular Employment-Unemployment Survey, namely, Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) during 2017-18 with certain changes in survey methodology, data collection mechanism and sampling design vis-a-vis the earlier quinquennial (once in every five years) Employment and Unemployment surveys of NSSO.

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Finance Bill passed in Lok Sabha

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With the Opposition demanding reversal of several tax proposals in the Union Budget, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday said the proposals are aimed at improving the ease of living and reducing pain of the citizens.

The Minister did not relax the tax proposals with regards to Foreign Portfolio Investors, TDS on cash withdrawal above Rs 1 crore from banks and hike in customs duty on newsprint as was being demanded by the Opposition.

While replying to discussion on the Finance Bill, 2019, Sitharaman said Budget proposals will promote Make in India and digital payment. The Bill was later passed by the Lower House by voice vote.

With regard to simplification of tax laws, the Ministry has already set up a task force to finalise a new Direct Tax Code (DTC), she said.

The Minister, however, did

not say anything on proposal to increase customs duty to 10 per cent on newsprint. Several members have asked the Government to reduce hike in customs duty on newsprint saying it would badly hurt the small and medium newspapers.

Referring to imposition of 2 per cent TDS on cash withdrawal beyond Rs 1 crore, she said the tax could be adjusted against the liability of the assesses and hence there will be no additional burden on them. On the proposal to hike tax liability on individuals earning more than Rs 2 crore, she said it will not impact FPIs provided they organised themselves as company.

Charging that budget deficits are underestimated and "Fiscal honesty" is being undermined, the Congress on Thursday said in the Lok Sabha that several amendments to laws that are not related to finance are being proposed through the Finance Bill and there was no road map for achieving the high-sounding

targets. Initiating the discussion on the Finance Bill, 2019, Leader of Congress in the Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said there is no roadmap for achieving the target of USD 5 trillion economy and asserted that it was the successive congress regimes which built up Indian economy brick-by-brick after it had virtually been under the colonial rule. "You should not see the past as a cancelled cheque... You should look at from where we started," he said and remarked that before Independence, the country's growth was less than one per cent.

Chowdhury also attacked BJP for making high-sounding promises even as unemployment rate, he said was the highest in the country. "The country is gasping for employment... (the employment figures) are heart wrenching," Chowdhury said, emphasizing the need for concerted efforts to build the economy. The Congress leader said

"Fiscal honesty" is being undermined and deficits are underplayed.

Referring to mismatch in certain figures mentioned in the Economic Survey and the Budget, Chowdhury said the sanctity of regular Budget numbers have been called into question.

Before Chowdhury spoke, NK Pemchandran (RSP) pointed out that the budget which is mainly the tax statement of the government has included several issues not related to the finance bill. In this respect he quoted the rulings of previous speakers including that of Sumitra Mahajan.

Premchandran objected to the Finance Bill having the provisions to amend a number of laws, including Benami Act, Sebi Act and PMLA Act, and urged Speaker Om Birla to disallow it. A Finance Bill can only have taxation proposals, Premchandran said, soon after the finance minister stood up to move the bill for consideration and passage. He also

accused the Government of bypassing Parliament to avoid discussion and scrutiny for amending existing laws by including them in the bill.

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Theft of paintings: SC clears way for prosecution of socialite Mafatlal

NEW DELHI: In a setback to socialite Sheetal Atulya Mafatlal, the Supreme Court dismissed her plea challenging the Bombay High Court order which had directed her prosecution for allegedly filing a false case regarding theft of 31 paintings.

A Bench of Justices Ashok Bhushan and Navin Sinha was hearing the case in which initially in 2011, Sheetal's step daughter had lodged a complaint with the police that 48 paintings were taken away from their home allegedly by her step-mother. Acting on her complaint, the trial court had ordered registration of FIR and during the investigation, it was found that Sheetal had kept 31 paintings in a flat of her friend.

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Bills passed to speed up arbitration process in India

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Parliament on Thursday passed a Bill to set up an independent and autonomous regime for institutionalised domestic and international arbitration in India. The New Delhi International Arbitration Centre (NDIAC) Bill, 2019, which seeks to replace an ordinance issued in March this year by the previous Government, was passed by Rajya Sabha. Lok Sabha had passed the Bill on July 10.

The Bill provides for setting up an independent and autonomous regime for institutionalised domestic and international arbitration and to acquire and transfer undertakings of International Centre for

Alternative Dispute Resolution to the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre with effect from March 2 this year.

The Upper House also passed the amendment in the Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Bill Act, 2019 that seeks to make changes in the existing law of 1996. It will now go to Lok Sabha. The Bill was earlier cleared by LS in August 2018 but could not be passed by RS. The Bill lapsed following the dissolution of the 16th Lok Sabha.

Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad moved both the Bills including one that seeks to make changes in the existing law of 1996. The amendment bill will facilitate in achieving the

goal of improving, institutional arbitration by establishing an independent body to lay down standards, make arbitration process more friendly and cost-effective, and ensure timely disposal of cases. It provides for setting up of an independent body — Arbitration Council of India — to frame arbitral institution and accredit arbitrators by laying down norms.

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Ongoing LS session most productive in 20 years

New Delhi: The ongoing Session of the 17th Lok Sabha has been the most productive in the last 20 years, with the lower house registering 128 per cent productivity till Tuesday, according to think tank PRS Legislative Research.

Lok Sabha members discussed the General Budget for 17 hours, demands for grants for Railways for 13 hours, demands for grants for Road and Transport for 7.44 hours, Speaker Om Birla informed the House Thursday.

He said members discussed demands for grants for the ministries of Rural Development and Agriculture for 10.36 hours, and issues related to Sports and Youth Affairs Ministry for 4.14 hours.

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Data leak of unemployment figures serious: Govt

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government on Thursday admitted in the Rajya Sabha that there has been a data leak of unemployment figures and said efforts were being made to ascertain who was behind it.

Replying to queries during Question Hour, Minister of State for Planning and Statistics Rao Inderjit Singh termed the issue as "serious" and said data pertaining to unemployment figures was leaked ahead of its announcement in May this year.

He also informed members that the Government has changed the methodology for ascertaining unemployment rates as a periodic survey is now being held every year based on quarterly data, against the five-year surveys earlier.

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He said employment and unemployment rate surveys used to be held once in five years. "This Government deemed it fit to carry out a periodic survey every year," he said. Singh said some changes were also made in the methodology and technology was used and that is why there is a difference in previous surveys done by NSSO.

He said the 2.2 unemployment rate would have been same as brought out by the NSSO earlier if it was made out for five years, but this has increased both in rural and

urban areas as the methodology has changed.

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Govt issues notice to TikTok, Helo

Asks them to reply by July 22 or face ban

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government has issued notices to popular Chinese social media apps TikTok and Helo along with a set of 24 questions regarding the alleged misuse of their platforms for "anti-national activities" in India, official sources said.

The Centre has warned these apps that they might face a ban if they do not submit appropriate responses by July 22, the sources added.

The action from the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) follows a complaint by the RSS-affiliated Swadeshi Jagran Manch, which had written to the Prime Minister alleging that these platforms are being used for anti-national and illegal activities.

When contacted, TikTok and Helo in a joint statement

said India is one of their strongest markets and they will fully collaborate with the Government to meet their obligations.

MeitY has sought reply from TikTok and Helo on allegation that these platforms have become "a hub of anti-national activities", and has sought assurance that the data of Indian users are not being transferred and will not be transferred in future "to any other foreign Government or any third party or private entity", according to sources.

MeitY has also sought response on the initiatives being taken to check fake news and steps being taken to be compliant under Indian laws. The IT ministry has asked Helo to reply on allegations that it paid a huge sum for putting 11,000 morphed political ads on other social media sites.

Flagging concerns around the violation of child privacy norms, the ministry has sought explanation on why the minimum entry age has been fixed



at 13 years since a person below 18 is considered a child in India.

MeitY also asked TikTok and Helo about excessive data collected by them, number and kind of information sought by law enforcement agencies, employees and offices they have in India, details of charges and outcome of investigation by the UK Information Commission against TikTok, and if minors are prevented from watching content with "risk warning tag,"

the sources said.

TikTok and Helo are owned by China-based internet firm ByteDance. In their joint statement, TikTok and Helo said they are grateful for the immense support given by India's growing digital community. "Our continued success in India will not be possible without the support of our local community. We take our responsibilities to this community seriously and welcome this opportunity to fully collaborate with the Government to meet and exceed our obligations," the statement said.

India is one of the strongest markets for TikTok and Helo, it said. "In line with our commitment to India, we are investing USD 1 billion dollars in India over the next three years, with a strategic focus on developing technology infrastructure, establishing local partnerships and supporting initiatives such as the Skill India Program which we are proud to be assisting with already," the statement added.

Pak has been enacting similar drama since 2001: India on Hafiz arrest

New Delhi: A day after Mumbai attacks mastermind Hafiz Saeed was arrested by Pakistan, India Thursday said similar "drama" has taken place at least eight times since 2001, and the genuineness of the action will depend on whether he is tried for his terrorist activities.

External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said India hoped that Saeed will genuinely be brought to justice this time. "This is not the first time that Hafiz Saeed has been arrested or detained. This drama has taken place at least eight times since 2001. The question is whether this time it would be more than a cosmetic exercise and whether Saeed will be tried and sentenced for his terrorist activities," he said at a weekly media briefing.

He said Saeed must be punished as he is a designated terrorist, and listed by the United Nations Sanctions Committee under the UN Security Council Resolution 1267. "Effective action mandated internationally against Hafiz Saeed and his terrorist organisations is an obligation on part of all UN member states, including Pakistan," said Kumar.

Saeed also carries a reward of USD 10 million under US law. "Pakistan's sincerity to take action against terrorist and terror groups will be judged on the basis of their ability to demonstrate verifiable, credible and irreversible actions against terrorists and to disrupt and dismantle terror groups operating from their soil," the MEA spokesperson said. He said India has long been maintaining that the UN Security Council provisions pertaining to listing and proscription of known terrorist entities and individuals must be effectively and sincerely enforced by all member states.

Ponzi case: ED attaches assets worth ₹200 cr under PMLA

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has attached assets worth Rs 200 crore under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA) in a Ponzi Scheme case. The attached assets include lands, flats, factories, hotels, amusement park, tea estate, office spaces, shops, registered in the name of sixteen different companies of ponzi firm Basil International Limited (BIL) in Assam, West Bengal, Odisha, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Tripura, Maharashtra along with balances lying in the bank accounts of the company.

ED had initiated investigation under PMLA on the basis of the Charge-sheet filed by CBI against BIL and others for cheating common public by propagating & selling illegal schemes and by promising huge and unsustainable returns (Ponzi Scheme), the agency said.

Investigation under the provisions of PMLA revealed that the funds were fraudulently collected by selling illegal schemes through chain

of agents located in Assam, West Bengal, Tripura, Odisha, Jharkhand and several other states. These schemes were sold not only in the name of BIL, but also in the name of many other companies like Vamshi Chemicals Limited, Nixcil Pharmaceuticals and Specialties Ltd. and Basil Express Ltd. among others, the agency said. The investigation also revealed that the funds collected through the schemes were illegally diverted by creating a web of shell companies. More than 60 private and public limited shell companies have been identified so far in the case.

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1st cargo ship from Bhutan via India arrives in B'desh

Dhaka: In the first-ever movement of its kind, a cargo ship carrying 1,000 tonnes of stones from Bhutan has arrived in Bangladesh via India.

At a ceremony held at Narayanganj on the outskirts of Dhaka on Thursday, Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Riva Ganguly Das, Ambassador of Bhutan to Bangladesh Sonam T. Rabgye along with Vice Chairman of Bangladesh leading business conglomerate Bashundhara Group Safwan Sobhan received the first-ever consignment through the Indo-Bangladesh Protocol Route.

The ship, MV AAI of the Inland Waterways Authority of India, was digitally flagged off by Indian Minister of State for Shipping Mansukh Mandaviya on July 12, said the Indian High Commission in Dhaka in a statement cited by Xinhua news agency. The ship sailed from Dhubri in Assam and travelled to Narayanganj in Bangladesh over the Brahmaputra River. Dhubri was declared a port of call in October 2018, the report said.

Mallya's UK HC extradition appeal to be heard in Feb 2020

PTI ■ LONDON

Embattled liquor tycoon Vijay Mallya's appeal in the UK High Court against his extradition order has been listed for a three-day hearing from February 11 next year, the UK court said on Thursday.

The 63-year-old former Kingfisher Airlines boss had won a reprieve earlier this month when a two-judge panel at the Royal Courts of Justice in London granted him permission to appeal against the extradition order of a lower court to face fraud and money laundering charges amounting to an alleged Rs 9,000 crore in India.

"The appeal hearing has been listed on 11 February 2020 with a time estimate of three days," a UK High Court official said. At a hearing on July 2, Justices George Leggatt and Andrew Popplewell concluded that "arguments can be reasonably made" on some aspects of the prima facie case presented by the Crown

Prosecution Service (CPS), on behalf of the Indian Government.

The ruling on the basis of that material by Chief Magistrate Emma Arbuthnot in her extradition order of December 2018, which was signed off by UK home secretary Sajid Javid earlier this year, is therefore now set for a full appeal hearing in the higher court.

"By far the most substantial ground is that the senior District Judge was wrong to conclude that the government had established a prima facie case," noted Judge Leggatt.

Mallya's counsel, Clare Montgomery, had successfully contested the basis on which Judge Arbuthnot had arrived at certain conclusions.

She claimed the judge had been "plain wrong" in accepting some of the Indian authorities' assertions that Mallya had fraudulent intentions when he sought some of the loans for his now-defunct Kingfisher Airlines, that he made misrepresentations to the banks to

seek the loans and had no intentions to pay them back.

Montgomery also questioned the admissibility of some of the evidence produced during the extradition trial at Westminster Magistrates' Court in London.

The High Court judges accepted the broad arguments and directed her to submit a draft for the appeal to proceed to a full hearing, a time-frame for which has now been set for February next year.

Mallya had said he felt "vindicated" by the ruling and repeated his offer to pay back the money owed to the Indian banks.

"I still want the banks to take all their money, do what they have to do and leave me in peace," he said.

He has repeated this offer of settlement in subsequent Twitter interventions, most recently telling social media critics to "ask your Banks why they are not taking 100 per cent of the money I have been offering".

Alpesh Thakor, Zala join BJP in Gujarat

Gandhinagar: In a major blow to the Congress in Gujarat, former party legislators Alpesh Thakor and Dhavalsinh Zala joined the BJP on Thursday.

Thakor and Zala had resigned as MLAs on July 5, apparently after voting against Congress candidates in the Rajya Sabha bypolls.

A prominent OBC leader of Gujarat, Thakor described the BJP as a party of "disciplined workers" and said it was difficult for him to work for his community when he was in the Congress.

"I was feeling suffocated in the Congress as I could not work for development of the poor people of my community. In that party (the Congress), no work can be done due to infighting and attitude of its leaders," said Thakor.

He praised the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who is also the BJP chief.

The 43-year-old ex-MLA from Radhanpur in Patan dis-



Former Congress MLAs Alpesh Thakor, Dhavalsinh Zala and Gujarat BJP president Jitu Vaghani show victory sign after the former joined the ruling BJP in Gandhinagar on Thursday

trict said the BJP is a "disciplined party" where the voice of its workers is heard.

Thakor and Zala joined the ruling party at a function held in its headquarters here in the presence of Gujarat BJP president Jitu Vaghani.

Zala, a close associate of Thakor, was the MLA from Bayad in Sabarkantha district. In the past, Zala had said he was not feeling comfortable in the Opposition party.

Thakor had joined the Congress in 2017 just ahead of the assembly polls that year. The opposition party fielded the OBC leader from Radhanpur in the December 2017 assembly polls and he emerged victorious from the seat.

During the 2017 assembly poll campaign, Thakor had shared the dais with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on multiple occasions.

Some Cong, NCP MLAs to join BJP soon: Maha chief

Solapur: Some Congress and NCP MLAs will resign and join the BJP within a week or 10 days, the saffron party's newly-appointed Maharashtra unit chief Chandrakant Patil claimed on Thursday.

The NCP was quick to hit back at Patil over his claim, saying he was making such a statement to create confusion in the opposition camp ahead of the Assembly polls.

"There will be resignations of lot many Congress, NCP MLAs this week," Patil told reporters at the government rest house here.

The BJP leader, however, refrained from naming the opposition legislators who are likely to switch over to the ruling party.

"The fun part of it will be missing if I reveal the names. The fun of life lies in the uncertainty. So, let it remain that way," he said cryptically.

On Wednesday also, Patil said one should not be surprised if any of the five Maharashtra working presi-

dents of the Congress joined the BJP in the coming days.

The Congress last Saturday appointed Balasaheb Thorat as its state unit president.

It also appointed Nitin Raut, Basawaraj M Patil, Vishwajeet Kadam, Yashomati Chandrakant Thakur and Muzaffer Hussain as its working presidents for the state.

NCP chief spokesperson Nawab Malik said Patil's comments implied the ruling party lacked enough candidates to fight the state Assembly polls, due in September-October, and therefore, the attempt to create confusion.

Malik exuded confidence that no one from the NCP was going to switch over to the BJP.

"They want to create confusion among the opposition rank and file. Their claims suggest they do not have candidates and hence, are trying to import candidates from other parties. No one from the NCP is going to defect (to the BJP)," Malik said.

K'taka MLAs being kidnapped, alleges Congress in Assembly

Bengaluru: The Congress on Thursday alleged in the Karnataka Assembly its MLA Shreemant Patil, who suddenly disappeared after being with them at a resort and went incommunicado, had been 'kidnapped' as part of efforts to 'topple' the coalition Government.

As the assembly debated the confidence motion moved by Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy, senior Minister DK Shivakumar alleged Patil was kidnapped and admitted to a hospital in Mumbai.

Patil's photographs emerged showing him lying on a bed in a hospital and undergoing ECG related tests.

Raising the issue, Shivakumar said "With folded hands I am requesting the Speaker of the house, my party MLAs have been kidnapped. I have got a call from the family members. I want you to bring them back sir. We want police protection."

The Congress MLAs said in unison that the lawmakers were living in fear and Patil was kidnapped, kept in a room, taken by a special flight and then admitted to a hospital.



Shivakumar said they would produce documents to show that Patil was forcibly admitted to the hospital to skip Assembly.

"I have documentary evidence. He is being held in a hospital... Patil traveled with Lakshman Savadi (former BJP MLA) in the flight," he alleged.

Congress state president Dinesh Gundu Rao alleged Patil was with him till Wednesday, attended a meeting and was in good health. However, suddenly he disappeared from the resort, where his party MLAs were staying. Rao said, "When we tried to check where he had gone, we could not find him. He was in good health but see the drama of the BJP."

The remark led to pandemonium with BJP shouting him down amid acrimonious exchanges between the trea-

sury benches and the opposition. Intervening, Kumaraswamy said "In the case of Patil, you must explain, who sent his photos on WhatsApp, who travelled with him in the flight. The speaker has the responsibility to safeguard the MLAs since numbers matter in the vote."

CT Ravi of the BJP told the Congress members Patil was in their 'custody' only and they were making the allegation against his party as they lacked numbers.

"They don't have the numbers. They are playing this game."

The Speaker then asked "Should I blindfold myself and say I have no relation with it? Where are we heading?"

He told the House that he got a letter, not written on the letterhead, purportedly by Patil saying he had developed chest pain and had been hospitalised.

"Evidence before me is that it is not natural... I am disturbed," the speaker said and directed Home Minister M B Patil to get in touch with the MLA's family and enquire about his condition and report back to him.

BSF rubbishes Bangladesh's claims on killing of smugglers, says its non-lethal strategy effective

Siliguri (WB): The BSF has rejected the claims of the Border Guard Bangladesh that killing of smugglers is on the rise along the India-Bangladesh frontier, saying it is "completely incorrect".

The Border Security Force (BSF) maintains that it fires only when a situation turns "ugly" and the lives of its troops are in danger.

The BGB has accused the BSF of killing and torturing smugglers along the border, an allegation rejected by the BSF.

The BSF implemented the non-lethal strategy along the India-Bangladesh border in 2011 which has led to a sharp decline in the number of smugglers getting killed along the border, BSF Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Miridul Sonowal told PTI in Siliguri.

The usage of pump action gun and three types of grenades is one of the many key steps taken by the BSF to reduce the death of smugglers, he said.

Asked about the claim of Bangladesh that the number of killings is going up, Sonowal termed the allegation as "completely incorrect".



"The non-lethal strategy has been very effective along the border. The allegations are baseless," the DIG said.

Recently, Bangladesh Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan, while speaking in Parliament in Dhaka, accused the BSF of having killed 294 civilians along the border in the past 10 years.

The issue of smuggler killings came up during the DG-level talks between the two countries.

During the 48th bi-annual Director General-level talks between the BSF and the BGB

in Dhaka last month, it was mutually decided to enhance cooperation to better check crime and smuggling of cattle and narcotics across the 4,096-km frontier.

In the meeting, the BSF and the BGB decided to undertake joint efforts to reduce incidents of border killing.

Smuggling of cattle, drugs and narcotics, leather, arms and ammunition has been a major challenge for the BSF and the BGB — the border guarding forces of the two countries.

According to the BSF, under

the non-lethal strategy, it has 12-bore pump action gun and three types of hand grenades — stun, chilli and dye.

These weapons scare away the smugglers and criminals trying to sneak into the Indian territory as well as those attempting to cross over to Bangladesh, Deputy Commandant of the BSF Kunwar Singh Mahto said.

"The pump action gun is a very effective weapon in tackling the smugglers as it hardly misses the target. The pellets hit the target up to 24 metres," Mahto said.

The three hand grenades come handy when it comes to scaring away the smugglers in a large number. Stun grenade has the ability to suddenly frighten the person while chilli grenade, as the name suggests, produces chilli smoke which deters the person from moving ahead.

"Dye grenade paints black colour on the clothes and body of the smugglers in close range. It leads to the arrest of the smuggler as the colour cannot be washed away for 48 hours," the officer said.

IMD red alert in 3 districts of Kerala

Thiruvananthapuram: With the southwest monsoon set to intensify in Kerala over the next few days, the India Meteorological Department has sounded a red alert in Idukki, Pathanamthitta and Kottayam districts of the State.

The alarm has been sounded for Idukki district from July 18 to 20, Pathanamthitta and Kottayam districts for July 19.

The red alert has been given from July 19 as heavy to very heavy rainfall would occur in Ernakulam district.

The red alert is a call to immediately take preventive steps to evacuate people from vulnerable areas to shelter camps and provide others with emergency kits.

The districts are likely to receive extremely heavy rainfall upwards of 20 cm, an IMD official told PTI.

The officials said, Alappuzha district received heavy rainfall on July 17 with 6 cm of rain.

Other districts are predicted to get isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall on these days, though a red alert has not been issued for them.

Dawood's nephew, 2 others arrested in Mumbai: Police

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Karachi-based underworld don Dawood Ibrahim Kaskar's nephew Mohammed Rizwan Iqbal Hasan Shaikh Ibrahim (Kaskar) and two of his accomplices have been arrested by the Mumbai police in connection with extortion-cum-organised crime.

Rizwan Ibrahim alias Kaskar (30) was arrested at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport here on Wednesday night, while he was trying to flee to Dubai in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) with his wife.

Based on the information provided by Rizwan Kaskar, the police arrested two of his aides Ahmedraja Afroz Wadharia (24) and Ashfaq Rafique Towelwala (34) in connection with the same extortion-cum-organised crime case.

All the three arrested gangsters were allegedly involved in organised crime. Initial investigations have revealed that the three gangsters had handed extortion threats to several businessmen in the city.

The three arrested gangsters



Dawood Ibrahim's nephew Rizwan Kaskar, face covered with black cloth, being produced at Villa court in Mumbai on Thursday

were on Thursday produced before a city court, which remanded them in police custody till July 22.

Rizwan Kaskar's arrest is a fallout of arrest and interrogation of Dawood's gang member Fahim Machmach, in an extortion case.

Machmach was arrested at the city international airport when he returned from Dubai on July 15. "During the interrogation, Machmach told us that it was he who introduced Ahmedraja Wadharia to Rizwan Kaskar and also to the members of the Chhota Shakeel gang," a

senior police official said.

Machmach's arrest came in connection with a dispute between traders dealing with import goods. In one of the taped telephonic concerned, Machmach handed out a threat to the complainant in June 2019 in an earlier case and told the latter not to seek money from Ashfaq Towelwala.

On Wednesday, the police went to search Rizwan Kaskar's residence on Wednesday afternoon. In an effort to avoid his arrest, Rizwan Kaskar and his wife attempted to fly to Dubai, only to be arrested at the airport.

SEDITION CASE

HC suspends one-year sentence imposed on Vaiko by lower court

Chennai: In a major relief to MDMK chief Vaiko, the Madras High Court on Thursday suspended the one-year sentence awarded to him by a lower court in a 2009 sedition case.

Justice PD Audikesavalu, before whom the appeal filed by Vaiko came up, suspended the sentence imposed by a special court on July 5.

Counsel for Vaiko argued that there was no audio or video evidence produced by the prosecution to prove the charge of sedition under Indian Penal Code section 124 A and even

the witnesses produced were only police personnel and no public witnesses were produced.

Public prosecutor A Natarajan submitted that Vaiko himself has admitted to making such speech.

Refusing to restrain Vaiko from giving such speeches against the sovereignty of the State, as sought by the public prosecutor, the court instead asked the counsel for Vaiko to advise his client to be responsible while making public speeches pending disposal of the appeal.

In his petition, Vaiko said the special court for trial of MPs and MLAs had erred in its interpretation of 124 A (sedition) with regard to the words he had spoken in support of the banned LTTE.

What he had spoken "must be judged objectively and from standards reasonable to strong minded, firm and courageous men and not those of weak and vacillating minds," he said.

Vaiko, a Rajya Sabha member, submitted that the trial court erroneously rested its conclusion based on inadmissible evidence.



Villagers sit beside a patch of eroded land following heavy monsoon rain in Muzaffarpur on Monday

Abused for attending Hanuman Chalisa recital in hijab: Ishrat Jahan

Kolkata: Ishrat Jahan, a petitioner in the triple talaq case in the Supreme Court, has filed a police complaint alleging she was threatened and verbally abused by relatives and community members for attending a Hanuman Chalisa recital in a hijab.

In her complaint at Golabari police station in Howrah, she accused her brother-in-law and her landlord of hurling abuses and intimidating her for taking part in the religious function in her residential area on Tuesday last.

Jahan claimed she was returning home from her son's school on Wednesday when hundreds of local residents in Golabari area surrounded and intimidated her for attending the recital.



"We have started an inquiry into the complaint and necessary action will be taken," an officer at the Golabari police station said.

Jahan has said her life was in danger and sought protection from the police, the officer said.

"I wish to say that we are

living in a secular country and it is our democratic right to take part in any holy festival," she wrote in her complaint to the police, a copy of which is with PTI.

"I did my duty as a good citizen of my country. I am a secular person. However, I am facing life threats from my

family members due to the same," she wrote.

Jahan also claimed her brother-in-law and landlord have threatened to throw her out of her residence.

"My brother-in-law and landlord started threatening me to leave my home and said get her out of the house. They

also abused me severely and threatened to kill me," the complaint said.

Talking about the sordid episode on TV channels Thursday, Jahan defended her participation in a community programme of another faith in her area, who she said also share pleasantries on religious occasions of the Muslim community.

"It (Hanuman Chalisa recital) was not a party event but a programme of a community... I do not see anything wrong in participating in it as people of other faiths also join us in our religious occasions," she said.

She alleged the purpose behind her harassment was to drive her away from home and the locality as she challenged the misuse of instant

triple talaq in the apex court.

She challenged the "dharum ke thekedar" (self-styled custodian of religion), saying "why do not they come to the help of thousands of victims of the triple talaq, fighting for justice in Howrah court?"

Mother to a 14-year-old daughter and eight-year-old son, Jahan is one of the five petitioners in the case against instant triple talaq. The practice of instant triple talaq was struck down by the Supreme Court on August 22, 2017.

She moved the apex court after her husband divorced her over the phone from Dubai by uttering the word 'talaq' thrice consecutively in 2014.

Jahan received support from the Bharatiya Janata Party, which she joined last year.

No students in 45 schools, yet none will be shut: TN Govt

Chennai: Tamil Nadu School Education Minister KA Sengottayan on Thursday told the Assembly that there were no students in 45 schools in the state and asserted that the Government, however, has no intention to shut any of them.

Replying to DMK legislator Thangam Thennarasu, who wanted the State to continue to run 1,248 schools since these were intended to be converted into libraries by the Government (in view of reported poor enrolments), the Minister said it was not the case.

Thennarasu, a former Minister also said libraries set up in over 12,000 village panchayats (during the DMK regime), under Anna Marumalarchi Thittam were allegedly dysfunctional and wanted them to be revamped and put into effective use.

The Minister said since there were no students in 45 schools, it is being planned to use them as libraries — as a temporary measure — and efforts will continue to be made to enhance enrolments in State-run schools.

Political migration: 12 Bengali actors join BJP



PNS ■ NEW DELHI/KOLKATA

In another 'mass migration' to the BJP, 12 Bengali actors, including Parno Mitra, joined the party here on Thursday in presence of the party's West Bengal unit head Dilip Ghosh. Rishi Kaushik, Kanchana

Maitra, Rupanjana Mitra and Biswajit Ganguly are among the film and TV stars who joined the BJP at its headquarters here.

Political leaders and known personalities have flocked the BJP before and after its Lok Sabha victory including sitting

MPs from Trinamool, Samajwadi Party and Telugu Desam party.

Improving from two Lok Sabha seats, the BJP had won 18 of 42 LS seats in West Bengal.

Leaders from the CPI (M) and the Congress too have

recently moved to the BJP.

BJP has wrested number two status in West Bengal from the CPI (M). Leaders from CPI (M) and the Congress too have recently moved to the BJP.

"It is high time something was done to correct the socio-political degeneration that Bengal has suffered over the past few years," one of the actors said, adding he would do whatever his party wanted him to do.

Another popular actor said she was "inspired by Prime

Minister Narendra Modi's work" while a third actor quite meaningfully said, "after the decline of the Left Front and decimation of Leftist culture in Bengal it seems things can be turned around by the BJP only though they stand diametrically opposite pole ideologically."

Welcoming the actors, Ghosh said "the people from various walks of life are joining the BJP because they are inspired by the work and leadership of the Prime Minister."

CHOPPER SCAM

SC OK's Rajeev Saxena to appear before AIIMS medical board

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Thursday allowed Rajeev Saxena, an approver in a money laundering case related to the ₹3,600-crore AgustaWestland chopper scam, to appear before a medical board of AIIMS to get examined for blood cancer and other ailments.

A bench of justices Ashok Bhushan and Navin Sinha sought the report of the medical board, to be constituted by the director of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), within a week after examining Saxena.

"Counsel for the respondent (Rajeev Saxena) undertakes that the respondent will appear before the Board of Doctors to be constituted by the Director, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) on August 2, 2019. Let the report be sent to this Court within a week thereafter," the bench said.

It listed the matter for further hearing on August 26, 2019.

On June 26, the apex court had stayed a Delhi High Court order permitting Saxena to go abroad for treatment of blood



cancer and other ailments.

It had sought response from Saxena on an appeal filed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) challenging the June 10 Delhi High Court order permitting him to visit the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom and Europe from June 25 to July 24.

Saxena, a director of Dubai-based firms UHY Saxena and Matrix Holdings, was one of the accused named in the charge sheet filed by the ED in the AgustaWestland scam. Later, he turned approver in the case.

AYODHYA LAND DISPUTE

SC allows mediation process to continue, seeks outcome report by August 1

New Delhi: The mediation process to amicably resolve the politically sensitive Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid land dispute at Ayodhya will continue as the Supreme Court Thursday sought from the panel concerned its "outcome" report by August 1.

The outcome of the mediation process undertaken by the three-member panel, headed by former apex court judge F M I Kalifulla following the March 8 order, would be considered by a five judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi on August 2 to decide the future course of action.

"We request the mediation panel to inform the court the outcome of the mediation proceedings as on July 31 by August 1 to enable us to proceed further in the matter in terms of the present directions," said the bench, also comprising Justices S A Bobde, D Y Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and S A Nazeer.

The bench, which perused a report about the progress of mediation process till July 18, said that its contents will remain confidential as per its earlier order.

Sabyasachi resigns as Salt Lake Mayor

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Popular leader, Salt Lake-New Town Mayor and Trinamool MLA Sabyasachi on Thursday resigned from his mayoral post roundly criticising Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for shunning the path of popular struggle.

Dutta, one of the many Mukul Roy loyalists in the TMC also joined the anti-Government State primary teachers' movement addressing a mass meeting in Kolkata where he said "I have always been inspired by Mamata Banerjee's fighting ways" reminding "she always used to stand by the farmers and work-



ers when she was the opposition leader." However he rued "today things have changed and we do not see her in that combative role."

Dutta who for all practical purposes resigned from his post in the wake of an alienation he suffered in the Board with most councillors siding

with the party leadership, told the media after his resignation that he "could not continue in the wake of corruption and large-scale land grab which I tried to stop but couldn't."

On whether he would now join the BJP he said, "time will only tell," but still he was a member of the TMC.

Provide 'minimum security cover' during UP visits: Priyanka to Yogi

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Thursday wrote to Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to curtail the State police deployment during her and UPA Chairperson Sonia Gandhi's visit to the State and urged the Government to focus more on providing security to the common man.

She said in the letter that large number of cavalcade provided to them causes a lot of inconvenience to the citizens. She, however, appreciated the CM for his concerns in providing the security. Priyanka mentioned a couple of instances when traffic had to be stopped in the areas she and her mother Sonia visited and requested the State administration to ignore such heavy security. She stated that such things are wastages of state resources. Both Priyanka and Sonia are SPG protectees.

Congress on Thursday also demanded that a judicial inquiry be conducted by a Supreme Court judge into the killing of 10 people, including three women, from the Gond tribe over a land dispute in Sonbhadra district of Uttar Pradesh. CLP leader Ajay Singh 'Lallu' and other party leaders visited the crime scene, and said Priyanka will soon visit the Ghorawal area to meet the victims' families.

In a different tweet, calling Nelson Mandela her inspiration and guide, Priyanka said the anti-apartheid icon told her that she ought to be in politics long before anyone else did. His life was a testament to truth, love and freedom, Priyanka Gandhi said.

"To me, he was Uncle Nelson (who told me I ought to be in politics long before anyone else did). He will always be my inspiration and my guide," she tweeted.

MUZAFFARPUR SHELTER HOME ASSAULT

SC allows TISS action project to interact with victims, kin

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Thursday allowed 'Koshish', a field action project of Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), to interact with the victims of the Muzaffarpur shelter home sexual assault case and their families to prepare a rehabilitation plan for them.

Several girls were sexually assaulted at an NGO-run shelter home in Muzaffarpur, Bihar, and the issue had come to light following a report by the TISS which had conducted a social audit.

The apex court was told by the Centre that they would finalise within 4-6 months the child protection policy aimed at curbing the incidents of sexual abuse of children.

MANIPUR EXTRA-JUDICIAL KILLINGS

SC agrees to reconstitute bench for hearing cases

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Thursday agreed to reconstitute a bench for hearing cases on alleged extra-judicial killings by the Army, the Assam Rifles and the Manipur Police in the insurgency-hit State.

A bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi said it will try to reconstitute the bench as Justice M B Lokur who was hearing the matter has retired in December last year.

Senior advocate Collin Gonsalves, appearing for some of the petitioners, said since the retirement of Justice Lokur the matter has not been heard.

He said he had mentioned the matter before a bench of Justice U U Lalit who used to hear the case along with Justice Lokur but he was asked to mention it before the bench of Chief Justice.

"We will try to reconstitute the bench," the CJI-led bench said.

The apex court had in 2017 ordered CBI probe into the alleged 1,528 extra-judicial killings in Manipur from 2000 to 2012 by security forces and police.

INSHORT

NATIONAL STATUS: EC SHOWCAUSES TENDERS

New Delhi: The EC has issued showcase notices to the NCP, the Trinamool Congress and the CPI asking them to explain why their national party status should not be revoked, following their performance in the Lok Sabha elections. They have been asked to respond to the notice by August 5.

HEALTH MIN SEEKS SYNERGY FOR TB-FREE INDIA

New Delhi: Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on Thursday joined hands with its counterparts in AYUSH, Defence and Railways to strengthen inter-ministerial coordination and efforts towards Tuberculosis-free India by 2025.

'NO PLAN TO RESTORE SPECIAL STATUS TO STATES'

New Delhi: There is no plan to restore special category status — which has been scrapped by think-tank Niti Aayog — to any State in the country, the Government informed the Rajya Sabha on Thursday.

Appeal for Identification

General public is hereby informed that one male Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/O: Unknown, Age: 60 Years, Height: 5'2", Built: Medium, Sex: Male, Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Wearing: White Colour Kurta & Payjama. Place of Recovery: Found dead on 16-07-2019 at Buttakh Park in front of gate no. 8 & 9 of Jama Masjid, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 22A, dated 17.07.2019 u/s 174 CrPC has been lodged at PS Jama Masjid, Delhi. Any clue come to notice please inform undersign. SHO PS. Jama Masjid, Delhi DP/6448/CD/19 Ph.: 011-23261625, 23269777

New Okhla Industrial Development Authority

Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida, G.B. Nagar (U.P.) Website: www.noidaauthorityonline.com

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited from firms/contractors registered with UPLC Lucknow for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority's official website: www.noidaauthorityonline.com & https://etender.up.nic.in. Please ensure to see these websites for any changes/ amendments & corrigendum etc.

| S.No | Job no/Work name | Amount |
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| 1. | 01/D(H)/DD(H)-I/2019-20, M/o Park, (Sh. P/F Open Gym) Sector-27 Block-E & F with Five Year Maintenance. | Cost Rs. 28.52 Lacs |
| 2. | 02/D(H)/DD(H)-I/2019-20, M/o Park, (Sh. P/F Open Gym) Sector-19 with Five Year Maintenance. | Cost Rs. 28.52 Lacs |
| 3. | 10/D(H)/DD(H)-I/2019-20, Two year Maintenance of Smriti Park, Sector-72 | Cost Rs. 26.17 Lacs |
| 4. | 22/D(H)/DD(H)-I/2019-20, Two year Maintenance of Park, Sector-63, Park No.- A-115, A-172, B-71, C-97, D-90, E & G Block Park. | Cost Rs. 69.71 Lacs |
| 5. | 27/D(H)/DD(H)-I/2019-20, M/o Park, (Sh. P/F Open Gym) Sector-23 Block-C with Five Year Maintenance. | Cost Rs. 28.52 Lacs |
| 6. | 09/D(H)/DD(H)-III/19-20, D/o Village, D/o Master Green Belt in Naya Gaon Village (Under High Tension Line) with two year maintenance. | Cost Rs. 57.78 Lacs |
| 7. | 10/D(H)/DD(H)-III/19-20, M/o Park in Sector-82 (Sh. Open Gym) with Five year maintenance in Sector-82 Pocket-7 | Cost Rs. 28.59 Lacs |
| 8. | 11/D(H)/DD(H)-III/19-20, D/o Village, (Sh. Open Gym in Village Jhata Park) with five year maintenance. | Cost Rs. 28.59 Lacs |
| 9. | 12/D(H)/DD(H)-III/19-20, D/o Village, Village Badoli Bangar (Sh. Open Gym with five year maintenance.) | Cost Rs. 28.59 Lacs |
| 10. | 13/D(H)/DD(H)-III/19-20, D/o Village, Village Gulawali (Sh. Open Gym with five year maintenance) | Cost Rs. 28.59 Lacs |
| 11. | 14/D(H)/DD(H)-III/19-20, M/o Park Sector-82, Noida (P/F Open Gym) in Swarnim Vihar Sector-82 with 05 year maintenance. | Cost Rs. 28.59 Lacs |
| 12. | 15/D(H)/DD(H)-III/19-20, D/o Village, (Sh. Open Gym in Village - Nangla Charandas Barat Ghar Park) with five year maintenance | Cost Rs. 28.59 Lacs |
| 13. | 16/D(H)/DD(H)-III/19-20, D/o Village, (Sh. Open Gym in Village-Mangrauli Park) | Cost Rs. 28.59 Lacs |
| 14. | 17/D(H)/DD(H)-III/19-20, D/o Village, (Sh. Open Gym in Village-Bhooda, Barat Ghar Park) with five year maintenance | Cost Rs. 28.59 Lacs |
| 15. | 21/D(H)/DD(H)-I/18-19, M/o Park Block-A, B & E block with two year maintenance | Cost Rs. 48.13 Lacs |
| 16. | 135/D(H)/DD(H)-III/17-18, M/o Green Belt along with Express High Way (RHS) 10.50 Km to 13.20 Km | Cost Rs. 40.31 Lacs |

Which can be uploaded by date 27.07.2019 upto 5:00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date 29.07.2019 at 11:00 AM.

| S.No | Job no/Work name | Amount |
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| 1. | 233/D(H)/DD(H)-I/18-19, M/o Park, (C/o boundary wall, main gate and Z gate of J block Park, Sector-63) | Cost Rs. 53.48 Lacs |

Which can be uploaded by date 02.08.2019 upto 5:00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date 05.08.2019 at 11:00 AM.

Office:- Sector 39, Noida Director (Hort.) Noida

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| NIT No. | Brief Item Description | Estimated Cost (₹) | Cost of EMD (₹) | Due Date & Time of Submission | Date & Time of Opening |
| NIT No. CM/28/19-20/RT/025 | SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING & COMMISSIONING OF HT CABLE FAULT LOCATING EQUIPMENT ALONG WITH VAN | 3.00 Crores | 6.00 Lacs | 5.08.2019 15:30 HRS | 5.08.2019 16:00 HRS |

Cost of each Tender Document: ₹ 1180/- For details in respect of Equipment/BOM/Services, Qualifying requirements, Terms & conditions, purchase/submission of tender documents etc. please visit our website www.bsesdelhi.com Head (Contracts & Materials)

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DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI

| OFFICE OF THE EX. ENGINEER (SOUTH) III A BLOCK GREATER KAILASH I NEW DELHI-48 | | | |
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| N.I.T. No. 17/S-III/2019-2020 | | | |
| S. No. | Name of work | Estimated cost/Earnest Money | Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution |
| 1. | Improvement of sewerage system by replacement of left out sewer line in Kailash Colony under South-III (AC-50). Sub Head: Restoration of road by providing laying cement concrete (Re-invited). | 2927232 58600/- | 2019_DJB_176417_1 16.07.2019 |

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PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall Patiala-147001
Corporate Identity Number U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website: www.pspcl.in

e-Tender Enquiry No.221/P-3/EMP-W-11621 dt.16.07.19 & ID: 45646

Scope of Work: Appointment of Consultant to assess the saleable value for unit no.1 and 2 (2x210 MW each BHEL make) of stage-1 as detailed below on account of their De-commissioning at Guru Gobind Singh Super Thermal Power Plant (GGSTP), Rupnagar (Punjab):
- To assess the saleable value of stage-1 unit as a whole (exclusions i.e. equipments/ material identified for use for other PSPCL Units).
- To assess the saleable value of individual major equipments installed.
- To assess the saleable value of spares available in GGSTP Stores exclusively purchased for Stage-1. (As per scope of work Annexure-D).

EMD: As specified in NIT

Date & time up to which tender shall be received 27.08.2019 & 11.00 AM

Date & time of opening of tender 27.08.2019 & 11:30 AM

Tender specification can only be downloaded from PSPCL website https://pspcil.abprocure.com/ & no hard copy of the same will be issued by this office.

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2. It is informed that in case tender process is not completed due to any reason, no corrigendum will be published in newspapers. Details regarding corrigendum may be seen on official, PSPCL website www.pspcl.in

RTP -53/19 Dy. C.E./ Monitoring, GGSTP, Roopnagar

DPR/18JUL19/C6315 Dt. 18-07-2019

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, DELHI

4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001

O.A. No. 110/19 Date: 27.06.2019

CANARA BANK Vs. SH. RAMESH KUMAR TIWARI & ORS.

Applicant Respondent

To, Defendant

1. Sh. Ramesh Kumar Tiwari S/o Sh. Ram Udar Tiwari, R/o F-1055, Bettina Mahagan Mascot GH-05, Crossing Republic Ghaziabad Also At: M/s. Jai Prakash Associates Addl General Manager Civil Sect.-128 Noida Also At: 7/916 Gaytri Niwas Vir Bhadra Road

2. Smt. Renu Tiwari W/o Ramesh Kumar Tiwari, R/o F-1055, Bettina Mahagan Mascot GH-05, Crossing Republic Ghaziabad Also At: B-81, Sect. 55, Noida

3. M/s Amrapali Leisure Valley Pvt. Ltd., 307, 3rd Floor, Nipun Towers, Karkardooma Community Centre Delhi-82 Also At: Corporate Office: C-56/40 Sect. 6, Noida

Also At: Site Office: GH02, Sect.-Technzone-IV, Greater Noida

Whereas the above named applicant(s) has/have instituted a case for recovery of Rs. 12,85,692/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Six Hundred And Ninety Two Only) against you and where as it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in the Tribunal on 28.08.2019 at 10.30 A.M.

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the case will be heard and determined in your absence.

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Due to unavoidable reasons the Tender No. 01/EE(M&G)/DKN/2019-20: (Servicing/Overhauling of various breaker at Dhakrani Power Station) shall now be received upto 15:00 hrs. dated 25/07/2019 & opened on dated 26/07/2019 at 15:30 hrs. Other terms & conditions shall remain the same. For eligibility criteria and full & further details please visit our website www.ujvnl.com 370/UJVNL/Adv1 Dated 18-07-2019 "Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

SOUTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Office of The Executive Engineer (Project) NGZ

Room No. 207, 2nd Floor, Zonal Office Building, Dhansa Stand, Najafgarh, Delhi-110043, project_ngz@yahoo.in

NIT No. EE_Pr_NGZ/Plan/TC/2019-20/6 Dated : 16.07.2019

PRESS NOTICE FOR TENDER

On line percentage/item rate tenders are invited by EE(Pr.) NGZ on behalf of Commissioner, SDMC from the registered contractors of MCD of appropriate class. Tender will be received as per time table and will be opened on 11.01 am on 07.08.2019 in the office of EE(Pr.) NGZ. Validity of rates will be 5 months from date of opening of NIT and in case of negotiation from the date of negotiation. All details of Revision, Clarification, Corrigendum, Addendum, Time Extension etc. if any in respect of these tenders will be uploaded on SDMC website only and will not be published in newspaper(s). It is responsibility of the firms/bidders to update themselves about the tender through the website. SDMC is not responsible for any information not available on website.

Request of tender document from : 26.07.2019 10:00 AM; Request of tender document to : 05.08.2019 18:00 PM; Bid clarification date : 06.08.2019 10:01 AM; Issue of tender document from : 26.07.2019 10:01 AM; Issue of tender document to : 06.08.2019 10:00 AM; Tender closing date & time : 07.08.2019 11:00 AM; Cost open date & time : 07.08.2019 11:01 AM

The detail of tenders of NIT/Item No. can be seen from website of SDMC i.e. www.tenderwizard.com/SOUTHDMCETENDER

R.O. No. 31/DP/2019-20 Executive Engineer (Project) NGZ

PAPER WITH PASSION

Breather for Jadhav

The ICJ ruling favours India but much depends on what Pakistan intends to do, hit back or negotiate a release



Now that the euphoria over the International Court of Justice (ICJ) ruling on Kulbhushan Jadhav, the man condemned by Pakistan to death for being a spy, granting him a breather has died down, it is time to smell the coffee. Diplomatically, there is a lot of work ahead and unfortunately, much of it will depend on the Indo-Pakistan bilateral dynamic. The ICJ has merely defended India's cogent arguments on points of law, basically on Pakistan violating the Vienna convention by denying consular access to Jadhav after a closed trial and not facilitating a legal counsel. As a corollary, it stayed Jadhav's execution on the ground that since due processes were not followed, that would be null and void, including Jadhav's forced confession on which the whole case was pivoted. It, therefore, urged for a fresh review and reconsideration of processes to arrive at a sentence and did not annul the old one. Which means that if all rules were complied with and the sentencing was still to be the same, it would not change the endgame. Nor has it issued any directive on shifting proceedings from a military to a civil court in Pakistan. In short, the ICJ has kept to human rights and stayed avidly clear of commenting on the validity of the internal legal processes of a free country. The court took special note of Pakistan's three-week delay in informing India about Jadhav's arrest, emphasising the fairness of established global practice. Truth be told, the ICJ has not overstepped its brief or got swayed by all of India's pleas for releasing Jadhav and worked out the best case scenario, staying within its ambit and upholding international protocols set by a common consent of nations. So India can now only appeal if the criteria set by this ruling are not met. Neither is there any timeline on how long the stay would last, the court asking Pakistan to resort to "means of its own choosing."

Having said that, the verdict does put a lot of pressure on Pakistan. The ruling was 15 to one in favour of India; the lone dissenter being the judge from Pakistan. Even the judge from China supported India's claim, which has further put Islamabad in a spot. For all its strategic interests, China has now carefully sifted its dealings with Pakistan on a nation to nation basis and delinked them from larger international concerns where it does not want to be seen in a poor light for defending the indefensible. Pakistan would now not only have to follow due processes but begin afresh, overturning the narrative that its Army has crafted for so long and one which the ICJ has all but rejected. Besides, at the moment Pakistan is under a global scanner and has to be seen as doing the right thing. For example, it "arrested" terror fountainhead Hafiz Saeed so as not to be blacklisted by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), which can disqualify a nation from World Bank and IMF grants over continued terror funding. But then US President Donald Trump ran down Pakistan's "good intention" by openly admitting to pressuring it to crack down on Saeed. With the Damocles' sword hanging over its head, courtesy India getting a lion's share of the global opinion, it is unlikely that Pakistan would give up its intransigence on Jadhav so easily. But once India gets consular access, it can get a first-hand view from Jadhav himself on the circumstances of his arrest, his detention and grilling operations, abuses if any. In that case, it can build a larger case of rights infringement and torture to further dent Pakistan's image. By providing legal assistance as mandated, India can even track proceedings in the Jadhav case. In view of these, a cornered Pakistan, particularly the military, may just be reactive and cleverly find ways and means to frame Jadhav all over again. Given its past stance and India's new position post-Balakot on "zero tolerance" to cross-border terrorism, Pakistan might just use the same argument to hold Jadhav. Particularly, the military establishment is in a cleft stick. At one end, its endorsement of terrorist networks to build strategic relevance is starting to thin out in the West, which once acknowledged its necessity but is now clearly also a victim of it. At the other end is India, which has the diplomatic edge. Given its ascension as a key player after China in a multi-polar world, it is blunting the old argument of threatening Pakistan's security. Jadhav may still be a victim of Pakistan's obsessive blowback and have a long haul ahead.

Twenty years on

Many lessons have been learnt from Kargil but the deep distrust of Pakistan remains



The news that Pakistani Army regulars had infiltrated into India across the Line of Control (LoC) didn't just take our civilians by shock, it took the political and military establishment by complete surprise as well. It was extremely fortuitous how the information of the infiltration had reached the government and the senior military brass at Army Headquarters. But once both the military and political leadership became aware of the seriousness of the crisis, they began to take matters up extremely seriously. Yet, despite the

Army's assurances, Kargil was not a short war. Although Pakistan disowned its own troops, they held on to the higher ground fairly determinedly as we lost many brave, young men from across the country trying to recapture snow-capped heights. As far as serious high-altitude warfare goes, Kargil took it to a new level. But reclaim the heights we did and forced the Pakistani position. What was shocking to the then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee was the fact that he believed that India and Pakistan were close to an agreement. The Delhi-Lahore bus service had recently started and Vajpayee himself had led what he believed was a successful trip across the border. One thing the Indian establishment realised immediately was that the Pakistani Army did not like losing control and was fiercely opposed to peace with India. That said, just a few years later, Pakistani military dictator Pervez Musharraf, who had orchestrated the attacks, travelled to Agra to discuss improving ties with India. The talks failed and despite some attempts, both official and unofficial, our relations with Pakistan are at new lows, particularly after the Balakot airstrikes.

Several things have changed from 1999. First and foremost, the role of the US. Back then, former US President Bill Clinton was beginning the process to improving ties with India in the post-Cold War scenario. But today, China, Pakistan's "all-weather" friend, is a global force and if a Kargil scenario repeats, things could be different. The fact that the intrusions took place at all was due to failures in intelligence gathering in the military establishment. The reasons the war took longer than expected was due to an initial shortfall of military hardware. Both these issues have been addressed to some extent but huge gaps remain in capital expenditure. The lessons of 1999 have been learnt to a degree, one of which is to not trust the Pakistani establishment that negotiates with a gun to its head. But other lessons partially learnt and changed realities of geopolitics will make any revision test much harder. We should hope it does not come to that.

Rising maritime tension

Amid the Chinese calculus of geo-strategic manoeuvres, the most vulnerable 'choke point' lurks near Indian waters — the ultra narrow and practically unavoidable Malacca Straits



BHOPINDER SINGH

The US-China vitriol has shifted back from the trade tables to its more familiar turf of the South China Sea, where China has provocatively tested anti-ship missiles from the man-made structures around the intensely contested Spratly Islands. This area has been hotly counter-claimed in parts by Vietnam, Philippines and Taiwan; whereas the Chinese have brazenly appropriated sovereignty over the entire 1.3 million square miles of the South China Sea.

The restive waters of the region have seen shadow-boxing of global powers with the US attempting a "balance" with platforms like the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue or Quad — potentially pooling strategic concerns and resources of major regional powers (US, Japan, India and Australia) that cannot be coerced like some others, who are directly affected by the Chinese belligerence and assertions. This latest escalation has all the hallmarks of a typical Chinese incitement with Beijing renegeing on its earlier pledge made by President Xi Jinping in 2015 that it would not militarise these outposts.

To rub its symbolism, the Chinese publicly announced the military exercises and missile-testing as an intrinsic part of the agenda, knowing fully well the reaction that it would elicit in the wary neighbourhood.

The primary stake for the Chinese in the ongoing war of attrition is to fructify its hegemonic ambitions, which, therefore, manifest in its trade wars with the US; unleashing of the gargantuan infrastructural inter-linkages via the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI); carrot and stick policy of dominating its neighbours and indeed, keeping the kettle boiling for India with "Doklam" or its more ambitious "String of Pearls" approach. It either bullies or buys subservience with impunity. For example, the Philippines succumbed to its willful subservience despite having won the case of maritime claims against the Chinese in the International Court of Justice, Hague. In the melee, the chessboard of international diplomacy is rife with moves and counter-moves to checkmate each other, with the brutal play of realpolitik overruling any sense of statesmanship or morality. To cite an example, the deliberate veto-roadblocks that Beijing created in favour of Pakistan while delaying the designation of Jaish-e-Mohammad chief Masood Azhar as an "international terrorist" in the United Nations.

At the heart of this patented Chinese defiance is its famed economic juggernaut that is fuelling its ambitions, power and stratagem to continuously push ahead. The Chinese "economic miracle" is predicated on the free flow of materials to-and-fro from the mainland, including the survival-linked energy resources that



sustain its hyper factories. This explains the Chinese restlessness and military build-up to keep their seaways free from any potential blockade. Beyond flexing its military muscle, China has also invested in a mammoth base of approximately 500 million barrels of Strategic Petroleum Reserves (SPR) as an emergency contingency, should the seaways ever get disrupted, deliberately or otherwise. While the Chinese Navy does not possess a "Blue Water Navy" as yet, it has worked on the idea of "Pearl Ports" in places beyond its arc-of-dominance in the South China Seas like Sri Lanka, the Maldives to even Bangladesh and Myanmar. The doomsday scenario of a seaway "blockade" (even temporary) can be fatal for the regime and it has led the Chinese to punt another \$60 billion in the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) as a possible alternative.

However, amid this calculus of geo-strategic manoeuvres lies the most vulnerable "choke point" from a Chinese perspective, ie, the ultra-narrow and practically-unavoidable Malacca Straits that opens

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at the lower tip of the Indian sovereign waters, afforded by the outpost of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, 1,200 km away from the Indian mainland. Just 1.5 km wide at its narrowest point, this strait is among the busiest sea traffic in the world with over 1,00,000 vessels transiting a year, positioning an invaluable jugular grip for India. Unlike the tensions of disputes and the domineering reach of the Chinese military in South China Seas — the waters around Malacca Straits are undisputed and beyond the dominance zone of the Chinese. The Chinese are extremely vulnerable and they have tried "investing" in Malaysia, taken unwarranted interest in Coco Islands on the northern tip of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and even "leased" a port in Sri Lanka for 99 years. Yet, no major breakthrough has been achieved by the Chinese and the jugular of Malacca Straits exists.

This jugular, among the other scale strengths of India, underlies the strategic logic of the US "pivot" against the Chinese. In a symbolic ode to the Indian dimension and inevitability, the US renamed

its unified command for the region to "United States Indo-Pacific Command (USIN-DOPACOM)" to recognise the specificity of the Indian theatre. It is this command which is at the forefront of countering the Chinese machinations and shadow-boxing with its own counter moves.

So far the military moves of the South China Sea have not been extended to areas proximate to the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, though India, too, holds a defensive Tri-Service command of its own here. The Government is looking into adding "firepower" by way of infrastructure and wherewithal, given the strategic stakes and potential levers in its vicinity. So while the US-Chinese tensions may not be resonating in our backyard just as yet, the stakeholders, military commands and concerns of the South China Sea tensions have their conceptual epicentre and jugular in an area that is looming in the shadows of Indian territorial waters.

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SOUNDBITE

Where our policy on China is concerned, honestly I see more consistency than difference. I think it is India's endeavour to engage China.



External Affairs Minister —S Jaishankar

One should not let go of an opportunity that helps you prove yourself as an actor. Every performance that you have, you have to do better.



Actor —Purab Kohli

President Trump has walked the talk. He has ensured that financing for Pakistan has been withdrawn because of its association with terrorism.



India's Ambassador to the US —Harsh Vardhan Shringla

The ICJ has given Pakistan an opportunity to comply with the rule of law and reform its processes. Will it use this opportunity or squander it?



BJP leader —Arun Jaitley

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Conserve water

Sir — The Indian Railways sending water wagons to Chennai residents is commendable. The Government should now extensively involve citizens in the effort to conserve water. Meticulous planning, including initiating steps for rainwater harvesting, will help satisfy every citizen's need for water.

Efforts to conserve water at the micro-level and public awareness programmes should increase manifold. Rainwater harvesting and building dams are some options that can help conserve water. Also, charges on water should be increased to deter people from wasting it. Chennai's acute water crisis is a wake-up call to all citizens to use water judiciously. The Government could also involve multiple agencies to bring efficiency and innovation in water conservation. An effort should be made to reach out to international water agencies to understand and adopt smarter ways to conserve water and help citizens consume water in a judicious manner.

Varun Dambal
Bengaluru

Caste inequality is still all-pervasive

The visuals of the teary-eyed Brahmin girl, Sakshi Mishra, who married a young Dalit man against the wishes of her legislator-father, a horrified Tabrez Ansari, who was lynched in Jharkhand after he was forced to chant the new political slogan *Jai Sri Ram* and a terrified Qutubuddin Ansari, who escaped from the jaws of death in Gujarat years ago — all begging for life with folded hands — are not cherished advertisements for this ancient land and its great legacy. Further, the vitriolic attack on the Sakshi-Ajitesh couple in the precincts of the Allahabad High Court and the vicious attempt to block even the filing of a charge-sheet in a Jammu court in the case of the rape and killing of a little girl in Kathua months ago — all by lawyers — puncture the confidence about the country's propensity to deliver justice as well.

Sakshi Mishra's sorry episode once again confirms the pervasiveness of caste barriers in our country. But for the boldness of the young girl and the firm intervention of the Allahabad High Court, another inter-caste couple would have faced elimination, commonly known as "honour killing." Perhaps, the Kerala Inter-Caste



Marriage Scheme, where the State provides financial assistance to inter-caste married couples, could be extended across the country to send a strong message of support. All the khaps, caste crimes and honour killings, the damned curses of our land, need to be dealt with sternly.

Haridasan Rajan
Kozhikode

Costly mistake

Sir — It's shocking that the closing doors of a Metro trapped a man's hand as he was trying to get in, dragging him almost 60 metres along Kolkata's Park Street station to his death. One is forced to ask how could the train start

if the gap between the doors was more than the standard tolerance limit of 15 millimetres — which must have been the case if a person's hand was stuck between them.

A month ago, an inherent fault in one of the new rakes delivered by the Integral Coach Factory in Perambur — the very

kind which the deceased, Sajal Kumar Kanjilal, tried to board — developed a snag, throwing the city's lifeline out of gear for over four hours.

It is intriguing that Integral Coach Factory (ICF) rakes are operated only in Kolkata. The Metro authorities must ensure that the rakes that are piled are

of the highest quality. A life has been lost and responsibility for it needs to be appropriated. Was the motorman at fault or was it a technical glitch? Either way, Metro Railways must get to the bottom of this and make sure such an incident does not occur again.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee
Faridabad

The great deluge

Sir — The return of the great deluge in Assam due to floods yet again proves the fact that the Government has not learnt any lessons from past devastation and losses. It is known that Assam is susceptible to damage by flood waters every year. The topography of the State is such that it is extremely difficult to tackle the floods. While immediate measures should focus on rescue, relief and rehabilitation, the Government should devote extra focus, given its scale and recurrence.

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FIRST COLUMN

Ukraine: The third revolution

Volodymyr Zelensky will once again stand the test of Parliament. Right or wrong, most Ukrainians believe that he is the real thing



GWYNNE DYER

No promises, so no disappointments," said Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelensky during the election campaign that made him the President last May. It was a daring, even cynical thing for a politician to say, but then he's not a politician. Zelensky is a television comedian, who really doesn't have much in the way of policies yet — but he does represent a fresh start for Ukraine and that's what voters wanted. After two non-violent popular revolutions in 2004 and 2014 that promised change, twice the country ended up back in the hands of the same old corrupt post-Soviet oligarchs. Zelensky didn't need to make promises. He just needed to be different. He hasn't actually done much since he got elected but that's because he doesn't have a majority in the Rada (Parliament). In fact, he doesn't have anybody in the Rada because his party, Servant of the People, was only formed last year. So his first priority had to be a fresh election for a new Parliament. It's happening next Sunday.

Nobody expects Zelensky to get the astounding 73 per cent victory that he got in the presidential election but the public has become a good deal more positive about the future since his election. An opinion poll last week showed that optimism was up from 39 per cent late last year to 71 per cent now. If Zelensky's party doesn't win an absolute majority in the Rada, it will at least get 45-48 per cent of the vote. Then he just has to pick a coalition partner from among four smaller parties that will get 10 per cent or less. The likeliest would be Holos, the new party founded by rock-star Svyatoslav Vakarchuk. Yes, I know. Two showbiz figures, complete novices in politics, trying to run a country of 44 million people (which, by the way, is in a proxy war with Russia). What could possibly go wrong? But if you are ready for generational turn-over, as Ukrainian voters obviously are, then by definition the politicians you back will be younger people — Zelensky is 41 and Vakarchuk is 44 — with little experience in politics.

They do have experience in other walks of life, though. Zelensky grew up in the mostly Russian-speaking steel town of Krivoi Rog in the Ukrainian rustbelt and managed to get a law degree before becoming a comedian and then building a successful TV production company. Vakarchuk is not just a singer. He also has a doctorate in theoretical physics — after the Orange Revolution of 2004-05, he actually sat as a deputy in the Rada for a short time before quitting in disgust at the corruption and infighting. Most of the members of the new Rada will also be tyros. Vakarchuk's party is so dedicated to changing the way things are done that it is not letting any member of the current Parliament run on its list. Zelensky's parliamentary list is more varied: About one-third reformers, one-third people with personal or business ties to Zelensky and one-third people with ties to Ihor Kolomoisky.

This is when the red lights start flashing because Kolomoisky is a major oligarch, who owns the TV channel that has been broadcasting Zelensky's show, 'Servant of the People', for the past three years. 'Servant of the People' has a heart-warming plot in which Zelensky plays a high school teacher, who is suddenly elevated to the presidency by the voters after his rant about the appalling state of Ukrainian politics, secretly taped by a student, goes viral. Now Zelensky leads a real political party with that name and he is living out the same miracle. Or is he just following a cunning strategy that he and Kolomoisky settled on around four years ago? What did Kolomoisky stand to get out of it? Well, he was self-exiled in Israel because of a huge business and legal dispute with Petro Poroshenko, another oligarch who was President at the time and might send him to jail. Kolomoisky could only go home if Poroshenko lost the next election.

But why would Zelensky play along with that? He was already very successful and he could probably have sold that TV series to some other outlet. Did he just want to be President? And if so, did he really plan to do Kolomoisky's bidding once he got the job? Thinking too hard about this can drive you crazy. For example, Zelensky has just appointed Andriy Bohdan, once Kolomoisky's lawyer, to the key job of head of administration in the President's office. That's pretty suspicious. However, Bohdan has also served as lawyer to almost every other oligarch in the country and he probably knows where all the bodies are buried. That would be very useful if Zelensky really plans to go after them all, which he must do if he intends to change the way the country is run. You can argue it both ways with equal plausibility.

Right or wrong, however, most Ukrainians currently believe that Zelensky is the real thing — and actually, so do I. Of course, I have been wrong a couple of times in the past.

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

POINT COUNTERPOINT

THE TRUST VOTE SHOULD BE CONDUCTED WITHIN A SINGLE DAY. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEIR PARTY (CONGRESS AND JD-S) IS GOING TO DO BUT WE ARE 105.
 —KARNATAKA BJP CHIEF
 BS YEDDYURAPPA



REBEL MLAs HAD CAST DOUBTS ABOUT THE COALITION GOVERNMENT ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND WE HAVE TO TELL THE TRUTH.
 —KARNATAKA CHIEF MINISTER
 HD KUMARASWAMY

A new era of McCarthyism?

The far-right going mainstream can hardly be challenged by the liberal-left, which is spiralling into acts of demonisation and reckless accusations as well



NADEEM PARACHA

It's being called the "new McCarthyism." This spike in media censorship and relentless demonisation of those considered to be enemies because they hold different points of view. It's gone global. But first, a bit about McCarthyism. The old one.

At the end of World War II, the then US President Harry Truman signed an executive order, which required all civil service employees to be screened for loyalty. The order required that federal Government employees be investigated whether they had had any past links with "un-American" organisations and which could undermine the loyalty of a Government employee towards the US' interests. Between 1949 and 1955, various committees were formed to root out "the enemy within."

In a 2014 essay, "Creating the Idealised Nemesis," author and literary critic Alexander Chirila writes that, between 1920 and the beginning of World War II, the US had largely followed an isolationist path by refusing to play any major role in international politics. However, after it decided to join the war in 1941, the isolationist policy was abandoned. By the end of the war in 1945, the US had become a major international power. But so did its erstwhile war ally, the Soviet Union.

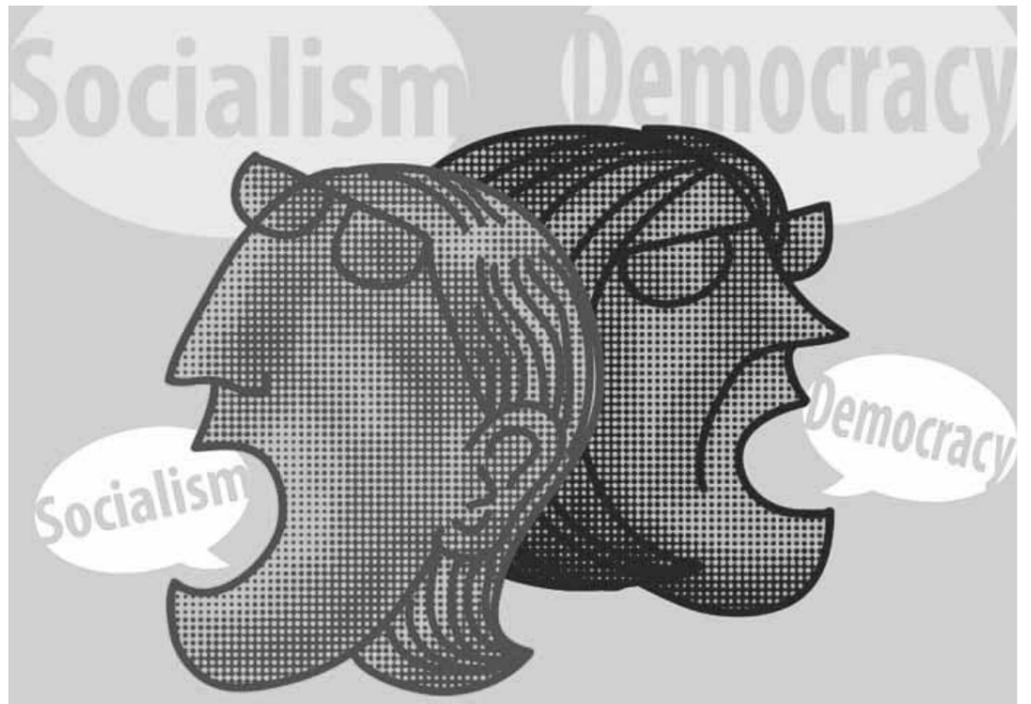
Chirila wrote that the shift from voluntary isolationism to active international interventionism triggered a suspicious mindset within America's body-politic. This resulted in certain policies and narratives that were constructed by segregating what was "patriotic Americanism" from what wasn't. So anything that allegedly wasn't "patriotic" became "communist" and, thus, "dangerous."

Interestingly, though Truman's executive order was signed in this environment, it was also lobbied for by those, who believed that during the unprecedented four terms of former President FD Roosevelt (1933-45), "communists" within the US had already "infiltrated" the American state and Government.

Most large businesses had explained Roosevelt's economic policies as being "socialist." When Truman became President in 1945, a firebrand senator from Wisconsin, Joseph McCarthy, claimed that the federal Government was crawling with socialists and communists, who were working against domestic and international US interests. In 1950, McCarthy brandished a list in which he claimed were names of 205 state employees who were or had been members of communist organisations.

Committees sprang up within Government agencies and in various private companies to identify possible communists "working to weaken America." The hysteria spilled over and even Hollywood script-writers, actors and directors suspected of having communist links and sympathies were reined in. E Schrecker, in his 1998 book, *Many Are the Crimes*, writes that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) doubled the number of its agents to help the Government investigate possible "communist saboteurs" in various fields.

Dozens of state workers, artists and others were investigated and demonised. Many lost their jobs and could not find any other means of income. The hysteria was also used by lobbies, who were against public health services. According to an essay in the 1994 anthology, *Psychiatry in Transition*, these lobbies claimed that forced vaccination, mental care



services and the fluoridation of water were "plans of communist world Government."

The hysteria began to subside after McCarthy looked more and more like a demented, egotistical demagogue and when the Government of Dwight Eisenhower (1952-61) realised that the commotion was doing more damage than good to the American image. McCarthy was increasingly discredited by certain journalists and he died in 1957 due to alcoholism. But his name became associated with a tendency that makes unabashed and reckless accusations of treason and unpatriotic acts without offering any convincing evidence. This tendency became known as McCarthyism.

Till the end of the Cold War in 1989, McCarthyism was often seen as a demagogic, right-wing tendency, even though deadlier purges of this nature took place in the Soviet Union, China and in Cambodia against so-called "counter-revolutionaries." Recently, the social psychologist Lee Jussim and controversial clinical psychologist Professor Jordan Peterson have been turning the idea of McCarthyism on its head by explaining "new McCarthyism" as the liberal-left version of old McCarthyism.

In an essay for *Psychology Today*, Jussim cites the findings of an elaborate 2014 research, which say that there has been "a rising tide of leftist intolerance" on American campuses. It has resulted in harassment, even violence, directed at speakers from non-left backgrounds. Speakers who present perspectives challenging "leftist sacred cows" such as affirmative action, diversity programmes and feminism have been subject to aggressive, intolerant, "proto-authoritarian" tactics, according to him.

The report concluded that "students and teachers who refuse to hear opposing viewpoints will be less likely to learn critical thinking skills and less able to defend their own beliefs once off-campus." Professor Peterson blames post-modernism for the intolerance exhibited by the liberals and new leftists. He describes post-modernists as "cultural

PROFESSOR PETERSON BLAMES POST-MODERNISM FOR THE INTOLERANCE EXHIBITED BY THE LIBERALS AND NEW LEFTISTS. HE DESCRIBES POST-MODERNISTS AS CULTURAL MARXIST CONSPIRACY THEORISTS, WHO EMERGED IN THE 1970S AFTER MARXISM FAILED TO WIN THE CLASS WAR

Marxist conspiracy theorists", who emerged in the 1970s after Marxism failed to win the class war. He adds that post-modernists readjusted Marxism's core axiom of class struggle to other frameworks of perceived group power struggles: Race, sex and ethnicity among other things.

Whereas post-modernism had already disintegrated by the 1990s into meaning nothing more than empty intellectual kitsch, Peterson says it went on to create subjects such as sociology, anthropology, gender and ethnic studies, which he believes use "unscientific methods" to reach conclusions that have more to do with peddling ideologies than intelligence. He says these create "cult-like behaviour", which can explain the manner in which the so-called neo-leftists have been reacting to opposing points of view. Peterson's own views have often been criticised as conspiracy theories.

But in an environment where the far-right is going mainstream in various countries, it can't be effectively challenged by the kind of liberal-left Peterson is critiquing. Simply because, it seems, more than anything else causes being championed by the new liberal-left are a way to just appease individual existential crises — that old post-modernist trap. Thus, the reactionary behaviour and thin-skinned responses, which are coming from a disposition of misplaced arrogance, self-righteousness, and an assortment of intellectual and emotional insecurities.

The response (to the far-right) would require a more informed (and less reactive) retort which should involve making pragmatic alliances. But such alliances cannot be made when the new liberal-left too spirals into acts of demonisation and reckless accusations. In fact, Peterson believes that it is this which has given birth to dangerous reactions in the shape of the rise of the far-right and the discrediting of once-powerful ideas such as democracy and socialism.

(Courtesy: The Dawn)

Hidden crisis of an ageing population

Challenges of an ageing population are now real. Figures reveal it may be difficult to alter India's demographic trend. While policy efforts to ensure income security must continue, the Government must create mechanisms that can help seniors improve their quality of life



KEWAL KAPOOR

So much has been said and written about India's "demographic dividend" that we have collectively failed to take note of a looming ageing crisis and its potential consequences. As our largely "under 35" population ages, the strength of what has been touted as India's "demographic dividend" would gradually turn into a disadvantage over the next two decades. According to a 2017 report by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), around 12.5 per cent of India's population will be 60 years and older by 2030; by 2050 this will increase to one-fifth of the population. With declining fertility, reduction in mortality and increasing survival at older ages, the shift in the age

structure from young to old is expected to be enormous over the next few decades.

Unfortunately, there is a huge denial of the fact that we are witnessing a shift towards an ageing population. The lack of focus on this shift implies that we are completely unprepared to meet the situation with little emphasis on improving our elderly care structure, health structure or building a social support system to address this shift.

An inverted pyramid
 In many parts of the world, declining fertility, coupled with an ageing crisis, has turned the population structure into an inverted pyramid. In Norway, Finland and Iceland, birth rates dropped to historic lows in 2017. "Norway needs more children! I don't think I need to tell anyone how this is done", Norway's Prime Minister was quoted as saying earlier this year in a cheeky yet desperate appeal that highlights the ageing problem in that country. In Japan, the population is expected to shrink 16 per cent by 2045 compared to 2015. China, which controlled its birth rates by imposing a



one-child norm for decades, is also facing a similar crisis.

With one of the fastest-growing above 60 populations in the world, India will be sailing in the same boat in a few years from now. A top-heavy population structure implies that a large elderly population has to depend upon incomes generated by a dwindling younger workforce. With a huge paucity of caregivers expected to arise, it also implies the need for creating avenues of social and Government support for the elderly.

Planning for the demographic transition

At the policy level, India has shown recognition of the looming crisis. India's National Policy on Older Persons (NPOP) was drafted way back in 1999, which envisaged state support to ensure financial and food security, health care, shelter and other needs of older persons. The landmark Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Bill, 2007, sought to make it a legal obligation for children and heirs to provide maintenance to senior citizens. Unfortunately, there is little prepa-

ration visible on the ground. Our healthcare system is grossly unprepared. With an increasingly ageing population, there will not just be a rise in physical ailments but also an increase in the incidence of mental and neurological conditions such as depression, dementia and Alzheimer among other things. This will require a significant institutional as well as societal preparedness. Most hospitals our country do not even have dedicated geriatric wards while preparedness in terms of nursing staff to care for the elderly is also highly inadequate.

In terms of preventive healthcare, as a society are not even focusing on measures to start educating the people to prepare for older age by adopting healthy lifestyles and good dietary habits that will keep them healthier and fitter for a longer period of time.

Ensuring dignity and comfort for the elderly

According to estimates by the UNFPA report, only about one-third of the older men and women in India receive income from employers or

social pensions. A study published in BMC Geriatrics journal found that about 17.93 per cent of the elderly men and 26.21 per cent of elderly women experience some form of disability in three activities of daily living needed for a better quality of life. In India, it is normative for families to take care of the needs of older people. However, we are increasingly witnessing the phenomenon of elderly parents living alone as children have to move out, sometimes abroad to pursue their own lives.

Institutional preparedness is needed to address these issues if we want our young citizens of today to lead dignified and comfortable lives tomorrow. Apart from developing schemes to ensure income security for the elderly and building an ecosystem of caregivers, we also need to create mechanisms that can improve quality of life. The Government must not only launch its own preparatory mechanisms but also encourage start ups to create technologically-powered solutions for the elderly.

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SPEAK OUT, OR BE COMPLICIT

Though the US has at times spoken forcefully about Xinjiang, its erratic interest in China's human rights records is cynically and shamefully tied to other political ends. Meanwhile the UN secretary general, António Guterres, may have raised the issue with Jinping but has otherwise said little. At a minimum, he should publicly press the call of his rights chief, Michelle Bachelet, for unhindered access. (The Guardian editorial)

Shah to head panel on AI sale

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Home Minister Amit Shah will head a reconstituted group of Ministers (GoM) on Air India disinvestment and Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari has been dropped from the panel, sources said.



The panel, which is to work out modalities for sale of Air India, will now have four ministers — Shah, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Commerce and Railway Minister Piyush Goyal and Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri. When the panel, named Air India Specific Alternative Mechanism (AISAM), was first constituted in June 2017, it had five members and was headed by the then Finance Minister Arun Jaitley. The other four were the then Civil Aviation Minister Ashok Gajapathi Raju, Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu, Power and Coal Minister Piyush Goyal and Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari.

According to the sources, the GoM was reconstituted after the Modi-2.0 government

came to power and Gadkari is no longer part of the panel. "The AISAM has been reconstituted. It is now a four-member panel, against five members earlier," a source told PTI.

In its first term, the Modi government invited bids from investors in 2018 to buy out the Government's 76 per cent stake in Air India, along with management control. However, the process failed as investors did not put in their bids. Following that, transaction advisor EY prepared a report citing probable reasons that led to failure of the sale process.

The reasons cited include the government retaining 24 per cent stake and corresponding rights, high debt, volatile crude oil prices, fluctuations in exchange rate, changes in macro environment and restriction on bidding by individuals.

The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) has already prepared a fresh proposal for Air India sale, incorporating issues like crude oil prices and exchange rate volatility, and other issues flagged by EY last year.

The government, the sources said, could this time around sell its entire 100 per cent stake in Air India as it aims to conclude the sale process by December 2019.

However, a final call on the quantum of stake to be offered to investors and the right time for floating the expression of interest would be decided by the newly constituted AISAM, a source said. The AISAM would be meeting soon, most probably after the conclusion of the ongoing Parliament session on July 26.

Ghosn sues Nissan, Mitsubishi for breach of contract: Report

AFP ■ PARIS

Former auto titan Carlos Ghosn, currently under house arrest in Tokyo, is suing Nissan and Mitsubishi in a Dutch court for "improper termination" of his contract, French newspaper Le Figaro reported Wednesday.



Ghosn is accusing the Japanese manufacturers of breaching his contract as an employee of NMBV, their joint subsidiary based in the Netherlands, and seeking up to 15 million euros (\$16.8 million) in damages, it said.

The big-spending former chief of both Renault and its Japanese partner Nissan is awaiting trial in Japan on charges of financial misconduct. He was kept behind bars for over 100 days before being granted bail and sacked from all his management roles.

Ghosn is accused of under-reporting millions of dollars in income at Nissan and of using company funds for personal expenses — charges he denies.

His lawyers argue that while Ghosn resigned from Renault-Nissan BV (RNBV), he had not done so from NMBV and "the breach of contract" was unwarranted, Le Figaro said.

Nissan and Mitsubishi argue that Ghosn's contract was invalid as it would not have been submitted to NMBV's board, according to the daily.

NMBV had thanked Ghosn after a meeting of his board of directors on March 12, the same day as the announcement of its dissolution. Ghosn's spokesperson and his lawyer both declined to comment when contacted by AFP.

Le Figaro said the manufacturers were seeking to recover some 7.82 million euros paid to Ghosn by NMBV between April and November 2018. Renault announced in early June it was considering taking action against its former boss after it identified 11 million euros of "questionable expenses" linked to Ghosn at RNBV.

The 65-year-old Ghosn was arrested in Japan in November as he stepped off his private jet at Tokyo airport.

His dramatic downfall stunned the business world and laid bare tensions in the alliance between Renault, Nissan and their smaller Japanese partner Mitsubishi.

Ghosn has not been charged in connection with his activities at NMBV.

Govt merges CTDTP with Board of Trade

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government has merged the Council of Trade Development and Promotion with the Board of Trade to bring greater coherence in consultation process with all stakeholders for promoting exports and imports.

According to a notification of the directorate general of foreign trade (DGFT), the new forum will remain as Board of Trade and will work with ten terms of references. The new board would provide a platform to states and union territories for articulating their perspectives on trade policy and help states to develop and pursue export strategies in line with the national foreign trade policy.

It would also review export performances of various sectors, identify constraints and suggest industry specific measures to optimise export earnings and to examine existing institutional framework for imports and exports.

"To bring greater coherence in consultation process, it has been decided to merge Council of Trade Development and Promotion (CTDP) with the Board of Trade and the new forum will remain as Board of Trade," DGFT said.

The board will be chaired by commerce and industry minister. Its members will include minister of state for commerce and industry and state ministers who are in charge of trade.

Business Corner



Member of Parliament from Ladakh region, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal and Konchok Stanzin, Ladakh Constituency's Executive Councilor (LAHDC) along with other senior officials visited BIS on 16th July for a consultative meeting with DG, BIS for discussing various issues for the holistic development of Pashmina supply chain, to preserve the culture and heritage of Pashmina and to safeguard the interest of local artisan and nomads



Vivek Anand Chourey has taken over as Executive Director (operations) at Corporate Headquarters of Airports Authority of India (AAI). Prior to this appointment, he was serving as General Manager (Operations) in AAI



Hamard Laboratories, over a 100 year old iconic FMCG company, and India's leading Health & Wellness business house further its expansion into retail with the launch of their next Wellness Centre 'Hamard Wellness' at Ground Floor, East Model Town, Adjacent Hotel West View, GT Road, Ghaziabad on Thursday



National Fertilizers Limited (NFL) has spread its wings in North-Eastern states after making successful foray in Southern India. The company has tied up with Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Limited (BVFL), an Assam based PSU for marketing 40,000 MT Kisan Urea in North-Eastern States of the country



IndianOil's two new high performance grades of engine oils — SERVO SuperMile Plus and SERVO SuperMile were launched by Gurmeet Singh, Director (Marketing), IndianOil, during a SERVO Stockists Meet held recently



IndianOil's Refineries Headquarters, Finance team, led by Debasish Roy, Executive Director (Finance), organised an awareness campaign on Swachhita for students of Govt. Senior Secondary School, Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi. A team of young IOCIans presented an informative play on water conservation, while sharing tips to prevent wastage during daily lives. The officers made an impassioned plea with the poem Paani hoon main to highlight the importance of water

GoAir expands network, Dubai fares starting at ₹6,200

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Expanding its operations throughout the world, GoAir has announced that it will commence its maiden flights to and from Delhi — Abu Dhabi with fares starting at ₹7,098; Mumbai — Abu Dhabi fares starting at ₹6,599 and Mumbai — Muscat fares starting at ₹7,100.

On July 25, 2019 GoAir will commence maiden flights to and from Delhi — Bangkok with fares starting at ₹8,197 and Kannur — Dubai fares starting at ₹6,200. On 1st August 2019 GoAir will commence its maiden flights to and from Mumbai — Bangkok with fares starting at ₹8,498.

Govt seeks explanation from IndiGo on Gangwal's complaint

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government has sought explanations from InterGlobe Aviation on allegations of corporate governance lapses raised by co-founder and promoter Rakesh Gangwal.

In a filing to the stock exchanges, the company on Thursday said it received a communication on Wednesday from the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) regarding the complaint.

The Registrar of Companies (RoC), National Capital Territory of Delhi & Haryana has sought "certain information/explanations" in relation to Gangwal's complaint.

"The company will respond to MCA within the prescribed period" the filing said. Explanations have been sought under Section 206(4) of the Companies Act, 2013.

Section 26 provides powers for the Ministry to call for information, inspect books and conduct inquiries.

The Ministry's communication comes less than 10 days after Gangwal flagged concerns about corporate governance lapses at InterGlobe Aviation, especially certain related party transactions entered into by co-founder Rahul Bhatia's InterGlobe Enterprises (IGE) Group.

Padmini Singla takes over as CMD of Delhi Transco

New Delhi: Padmini Singla, an IAS officer of AGMU cadre (2002 batch) has taken over as Chairperson and Managing Director of Delhi Transco Limited.

Singla is Post Graduate in Commerce from Delhi School of Economics. Besides, she has done Executive Masters in Urban Governance from EPFL Switzerland.

Singla has worked in various capacities in Delhi, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh and Arunachal Pradesh. In Delhi, her prominent postings include as Director of Education, Additional Secretary to Lieutenant Governor and Deputy Commissioner (Civil Lines) in MCD.

FMC Corp bags Corporate Leadership Award 2019



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

FMC Corporation was presented the Corporate Leadership Award 2019 by the Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar at a ceremony held in New Delhi.

The annual award, conferred by the Agriculture Today group, was presented over by a high-level committee headed by the Governor of Kerala, Palanisamy Sathasivam. Raju Kapoor, Director of Public and Industry Affairs, received the award on behalf of FMC India.

The Corporate Leadership Award recognizes FMC for its substantial contribution towards a sustainable future for Indian agriculture, and for delivering a market-leading portfolio of innovative crop protection technologies to Indian farmers, supported by its global R&D capabilities and manufacturing presence in India.

Chief Ministers' panel on agriculture favours linking Finance Commission grants with reforms

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The central Government should link grants and allocations made by the Finance Commission to states with reforms in the agriculture sector, said Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis.

A proposal to this effect was discussed at the first meeting of a 'High-Powered Committee of Chief Ministers for Transformation of Indian Agriculture' on Thursday.

Briefing the reporters about the meeting, Fadnavis, who is also the convener of the high-powered committee, said there should be greater coordination between the ministries of agriculture and commerce, as the former deals with production, while the latter with marketing.

"Grants of the central government and fund allocation of the Finance Commission should be linked with the agriculture reforms undertaken in states," he said while adding that it is essential to ensure simultaneous reforms in states.

Fadnavis further said unless all states come on board, the country will not witness major transformation in the agriculture sector.

Among other things, some committee members also questioned the utility of the

Essential Commodity Act (ECA), 1955, in the food sector.

"Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Kamal Nath was in favour of scrapping the Essential Commodity Act (ECA), 1955," he said.

Fadnavis said that though the credit disbursal for the farm sector may exceed Rs 13 lakh crore in 2019-20, the agricultural investment credit is still too low. The Maharashtra chief minister further added that the terms of reference (ToR) of the committee also includes making sure that more farmers in the states get institutional loans.

"Targeting of subsidies for maximising benefits is also ToR of the committee," he said. The committee also pitched for promoting contract farming in states.

It also discussed ways to promote the food processing industry.

"There is a need for boosting private investment in the agriculture sector and promoting contract farming," he said. Fadnavis said the committee has finalised ToR, and states have been asked to give their feedback by August 7.

The next meeting of the committee will be on August 16.

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Further, pursuant to Regulation 47(2) of aforesaid Regulations, this information is also available on the website of BSE Limited (www.bseindia.com) where the Company's securities are listed and shall also be available on the website of the Company at (http://www.bbinvestments.in).

For Bharat Bhushan Finance & Commodity Brokers Limited
 Sd/-
 (Nisha Ahuja)
 Director
 Place: New Delhi
 Date: 19-07-2019
 DIN: 00001875

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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that a male namely **Shiv Chib S/o Sh. Ashwani R/o D-52A, Vijay Nagar, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped since 14.06.2019. In this regard a **DD No. 82-A dated 23.06.2019** has been lodged at PS: Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi. The description of missing/kidnapped male is as under:

Name: Shiv Chib, Father's Name : Ashwani, Age : 16 year, Height : 4'2", Face : Long, Build : Medium Complexion : Shallow, Wearing : Blue T-Shirt and Blue Jeans. If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned at following phone numbers.

Website : <http://cbi.nic.in>
 e-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
 Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641
 Extn.-210
 Fax: 011-24368639

SHO P.S., Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi
 Ph. : 011-27654674, 27654675

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a female namely **Nida W/o Shahdab, R/o G-388, Jahangir Puri, Delhi**, Age : 26 yrs., Height : 5 ft., Complexion : Wheatish, Face : Oval, Built : Strong, Wearing : Yellow Colour Saree and Chappal in Feet, has been missing / kidnapped since 20.06.2019. In this regard a case **DD No. 52-A dated 21.06.2019** has been lodged at PS. Jahangir Puri, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local Police to trace out the missing / kidnapped female but no clue has come to light so far. if anyone have any information about this missing / kidnapped female please inform undersigned Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in, Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641, Fax : 011-24368639

SHO DP/9121/NW/19.
PS. Jahangir Puri, Delhi
 Ph. No. 011-27636000, 27631600

Appeal for Identification

General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body Name: Unknown, S/o Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: 50 years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: wheatish, Sex: Male, Face : Round Place of recovery: Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi from the area of PS. S.J.Enclave New Delhi. on 29.06.2019. at 10.05 PM. In this regard, a **DD No. 52-B, Dated 29.06.2019** has been lodged at PS S.J.Enclave, New Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

SHO DP/6985/SW/19
PS., Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi
 Ph. : 011-24106346, 8750870834

DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS JAMMU
 Phone No. 0191-2561578 / Fax No. :- 0191-2547807 E-mails :- sspjammu@jkpolice.gov.in

Hue and Cry Notice
Rule No. 712/191

SDPO R.S. Pura, Jammu vide his office communication No. 9588-90/SDR dated 11.07.2019 has intimated that accused Suraj Kumar S/O Ajeet Raj R/O W. No. 04, R.S. Pura, Jammu is evading his arrest in case FIR No. 83/2019 u/s 363 RPC, 3/25 Arms Act of P/S R.S. Pura, since the commission of crime. As such photograph of above mentioned accused is being published for the information of Police establishments / Public in general having any clue related to the whereabouts / present location of above named accused, kindly communicate the same on the below mentioned contact / Telephone numbers.

Description Roll:-

Name :- Suraj Kumar
 Son of :- Ajeet Raj
 Permanent Address :- W. No. 04, R.S. Pura
 Age : 22 years
 Build : Medium
 Height : 5 feet 7 inch
 Complexion : Whitish
 Eyes : Black
 Hairs : Black

Contacts/Telephone Numbers:-

1. DPO, Jammu :- 0191-2547807, 0191-2561578
 2. SSP Jammu Mail I.D. :- sspjammu@jkpolice.gov.in
 3. PCR Jammu :- 0191-2542000
 4. SP Hqrs., Jammu :- 0191-2439919
 5. SDPO R.S. Pura :- 01923-250240
 6. Land-Line PS R.S. Pura :- 01923-250221
 7. SHO PS R.S. Pura :- 94191-49081

No: D/P/J-3853/19
 Dated: 17.07.2019

Sd/- Sr. Superintendent of Police,
 Jammu

Sensex skids 318 points as weak earnings weigh

Yes Bank plunges 13%

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Snapping its three-day rising streak, equity benchmark BSE Sensex slumped 318 points on Thursday as sluggish corporate earnings muted expectations of a swift pick-up in economic recovery.

Lacklustre global markets and a depreciating rupee further sapped investor appetite, traders said.

The 30-share Sensex, which opened on the back foot, remained subdued throughout the session and finally closed at 38,897.46, down by 318.18 points or 0.81 per cent.

Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty cracked below the 11,600 mark, ending 90.60 points or 0.78 per cent lower at 11,596.90.

Yes Bank was the biggest loser in the Sensex pack, tumbling 12.85 per cent, after the company reported a massive 92.44 per cent slump in consolidated net profit for the June quarter.

ONGC, Tata Motors, M&M, Maruti, Vedanta, Bajaj Auto, TCS, SBI and HCL Tech lost up to 4.24 per cent.

On the other hand, HDFC was the top gainer, rallying 2.26 per cent, followed by Kotak Bank, HDFC Bank and ITC

that rose up to 0.31 per cent.

"Indian equities sold off on disappointing earnings and concerns over the US-China trade war. Notably, South Korea and Indonesia cut rates and more rate cuts are likely coming in India and emerging markets."

"Indian markets lost almost a percent dragged by weak macros globally and poor earnings performance on the ground. All sector indices ended in the red with PSUs, Metals and Autos being the worst performers."

"However, foreign investors have been heavily investing in Indian debt markets as the yields remain at a steep premium to those offered in developed markets. Yield hungry foreign investors have bought Indian debt worth almost ₹6,000 crore since Budget presented earlier this month," said Sunil Sharma, chief investment officer, Sanctum Wealth Management.

All sector indices ended in the red, with BSE auto, metal, energy, oil and gas, industrials, power, consumer durables and realty indices cracking up to 2.65 per cent.

The broader BSE midcap and smallcap indices plunged up to 1.23 per cent.

Colgate-Palmolive Q1 net falls 10.76% to ₹169 cr

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

FMCG major Colgate-Palmolive India Ltd (CPIL) Thursday reported a 10.76 per cent decline in net profit at ₹169.11 crore for the June quarter owing to lower growth in rural markets.

In a report, data analytics firm Nielsen said the FMCG sector in India will face a slowdown in 2019, impacted by a dip in demand, particularly in rural markets.

IT firm Mindtree had posted a 41.4 per cent drop in Q1 net profit on Wednesday, while Wipro's profit rose 12.5 per cent, though revenue growth remained subdued.

On the global front, stock markets struggled as the protracted US-China trade conflict showed no signs of easing, while investors digested a slew of corporate results.

Elsewhere in Asia, Shanghai Composite Index ended 1.04 per cent lower, Hang Seng fell 0.46 per cent, Kospi 0.31 per cent and Nikkei dropped 1.97 per cent.

Bourses in Europe were also trading in the red in their respective early sessions.

Meanwhile, the Indian rupee depreciated 12 paise to 68.95 against the US dollar (intra-day).

The global oil benchmark Brent crude futures rose 0.33 per cent to USD 63.87 per barrel.

up over the coming quarters," Colgate-Palmolive (India) Ltd Managing Director Issam Bachaalani said. He said despite the moderation, the company continues to "remain focussed on strengthening the core of our business and investing in our advertising and brand building activities".

In a separate filing, Colgate-Palmolive said its board of directors has appointed Ram Raghavan as Managing Director of the company with effect from August 1, 2019.

Most recently, Raghavan has served as Vice-President Marketing of Asia Pacific Division of Colgate-Palmolive.

Shares of Colgate-Palmolive were trading 3.04% higher at ₹1203.20 apiece on BSE.

Reliance Brands completes acquisition of Hamleys

New Delhi (PTI): Reliance Brands, a subsidiary of Reliance Industries, has completed acquisition of British toy retailer Hamleys for GBP 67.96 million (about ₹260 crore) in an all-cash deal. In May this year, Reliance Brands had signed an agreement to acquire 100% stake in Hamleys Global Holdings from Hong Kong-based C.banner International. Reliance Brands has completed acquisition of 100 per cent stake of Hamleys Global Holdings (HGHL) through a special purpose vehicle company set up in United Kingdom for cash consideration of GBP 67.96 million, Reliance Industries said in a BSE filing on Thursday. Hamleys, founded in London in 1760, is one of the world's oldest retailers of toys and has changed hands several times.

ADB cuts India GDP growth forecast to 7% for FY20

Fastest growing major economy tag remains

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Asian Development Bank (ADB) Thursday lowered the growth forecast for India from 7.2 to 7 per cent for the current fiscal, due to moderation in growth prospects for the advanced economies which could adversely affect tradable services. ADB, however, maintained that India would continue to remain the fastest growing major economy ahead of China.

Releasing its update on the Asian Development Outlook (ADO) 2019, it said China will grow at 6.3 per cent in 2019, and slip further to 6.1 per cent in 2020, mainly on account of continuing trade war with the US.

India's economic growth, it said, is expected to inch up again to 7.2 per cent in FY2020 (2020-21), helped by recent reforms to improve the business climate, strengthen banks, and relieve agrarian distress, ADB said in the supplement.

Notably, the 7.2 per cent economic growth projection in April this year was also curtailed from ADB's earlier projection of 7.6 per cent for the current fiscal ending March 2020.

Giving reasons for reducing the growth projection, the update

"India's economic growth is expected to inch up again to 7.2 per cent in FY2020 helped by recent reforms to improve the business climate, strengthen banks, and relieve agrarian distress"

said it could be owing to moderation in growth in advanced economies and due to the impact of slowdown in growth in 2018-19.

"The GDP growth forecast for FY2019 (fiscal to be ending in March 2020) is revised down from the ADO 2019 forecast of 7.2 per cent to 7 per cent, mainly reflecting the unexpectedly weak FY2018 (2018-19) output," said the ADO supplement to the ADO 2019.

Also, it added, "moderation in growth prospects for the advanced economies could adversely affect tradable services, this drag on growth mitigated by a more competitive currency and benign oil prices."

Referring to the slowdown in economic growth in the last quarter of financial year 2018-19, ADB said, the slowdown was broad-based with private con-

sumption and investment growth slowing down. On the supply side, agriculture and manufacturing grew more slowly as services picked up a bit.

ADB said the US decision to end the preferential trade treatment will have minimal effect as it benefited only 1.8 per cent of all Indian exports.

"Agriculture is expected to grow at a healthy rate in 2019-20, as current weather trends indicate a normal monsoon."

The funding agency further said the economic outlook for South Asia remains robust.

"Growth is projected at 6.6 per cent in 2019 and 6.7 per cent in 2020, albeit a tad lower than forecast in ADO 2019, in line with downgrades for India," ADB said. For the developing Asia, ADB has maintained a strong but moderating growth in line with April forecasts, even as trade conflict continues between the US and China.

The regional (developing Asia) gross domestic product (GDP) is forecast to expand by 5.7 per cent in 2019, as unexpectedly strong growth in Central Asia offsets small downgrades for East, South, and Southeast Asia in 2019, said the ADO 2019 Supplement.

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| HDFC | 2,287.95 | 2,357.85 | 2,285.55 | 2,338.00 | 51.5 |
| ZEELE | 353.4 | 364.95 | 349.2 | 360.75 | 7.5 |
| BRITANNIA | 2,800.00 | 2,844.00 | 2,787.55 | 2,820.00 | 22.2 |
| HDFCBANK | 2,403.00 | 2,429.00 | 2,401.90 | 2,414.75 | 17.3 |
| IOC | 146.85 | 148.85 | 145.92 | 147.45 | 0.6 |
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| KOTAKBANK | 1,531.35 | 1,543.25 | 1,526.20 | 1,537.50 | 29.2 |
| ITC | 272.95 | 275.1 | 272.3 | 272.95 | 0.05 |
| BAJFINANCE | 3,460.00 | 3,520.00 | 3,440.00 | 3,460.00 | -3.3 |
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| DRREDDY | 2,665.25 | 2,679.85 | 2,630.00 | 2,647.00 | -19.3 |
| UPL | 658 | 670.95 | 647.4 | 655 | -4.75 |
| ASIANPAINT | 1,395.00 | 1,395.35 | 1,377.20 | 1,384.50 | -11.4 |
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| BPCL | 354 | 355.35 | 347.85 | 349.7 | -3.1 |
| BHARTIARTL | 348 | 351.2 | 338.6 | 343 | -3.25 |
| SUNPHARMA | 430.05 | 432.9 | 424.65 | 425.46 | -4.6 |
| GAIL | 144 | 144.2 | 141 | 141.75 | -1.65 |
| POWERGRID | 208.9 | 208.9 | 205 | 205.5 | -2.5 |
| AXISBANK | 754 | 755 | 734.6 | 743 | -9.6 |
| HINDUNILVR | 1,766.00 | 1,766.00 | 1,709.00 | 1,737.50 | -23.2 |
| RELIANCE | 1,281.90 | 1,286.20 | 1,258.00 | 1,264.90 | -16.95 |
| IBULHSGFIN | 664 | 678.2 | 651 | 658.9 | -9.3 |
| ICICIBANK | 425 | 425.5 | 417.5 | 418.65 | -6.9 |
| NTPC | 130.1 | 130.9 | 126.4 | 127.2 | -1.05 |
| IT | 1,444.80 | 1,455.90 | 1,432.00 | 1,433.00 | -22.45 |
| HEROMOTOCO | 2,519.00 | 2,550.00 | 2,466.65 | 2,483.90 | -39.05 |
| TATASTEEL | 473 | 475.35 | 463.85 | 468 | -7.45 |
| HINDALCO | 201.9 | 202.9 | 199.35 | 200 | -3.3 |
| M&M | 613.9 | 614.85 | 595 | 598.5 | -10.95 |
| INDUSINDBK | 1,496.05 | 1,503.00 | 1,468.35 | 1,473.00 | -28.25 |
| HCLTECH | 1,033.40 | 1,037.00 | 1,016.00 | 1,020.40 | -20.35 |
| TITAN | 1,105.00 | 1,106.50 | 1,056.20 | 1,088.00 | -21.9 |
| TCS | 2,116.20 | 2,116.20 | 2,060.00 | 2,075.55 | -41.7 |
| JSWSTEEL | 270 | 270.75 | 264.9 | 265.55 | -5.4 |
| CIPLA | 588.55 | 595 | 545.5 | 546.15 | -11.45 |
| GRASIM | 924.95 | 924.95 | 905.45 | 906.5 | -20.2 |
| SBIN | 371.95 | 373.8 | 362.55 | 364.3 | -8.1 |
| BAJAJ-AUTO | 2,700.00 | 2,711.85 | 2,621.10 | 2,625.90 | -71 |
| VEDL | 167.55 | 167.7 | 162.1 | 163.6 | -5.05 |
| MARUTI | 6,054.40 | 6,055.70 | 5,857.50 | 5,875.00 | -200.7 |
| TATAMOTORS | 167.25 | 167.25 | 160 | 161 | -6.9 |
| COALINDIA | 230 | 230.9 | 219.5 | 219.95 | -10.05 |
| ONGC | 149.95 | 150.8 | 143.05 | 143.3 | -6.6 |
| YESBANK | 88.6 | 92.25 | 79.15 | 85.9 | -12.5 |

BSE 500

| Script | Open | High | Low | LTP |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| HDFCBANK | 2,400.00 | 2,429.35 | 2,400.00 | 2,403.90 |
| YESBANK | 88.65 | 90.3 | 83.7 | 85.8 |
| CROMPTON | 230.05 | 236.25 | 228.4 | 232.85 |
| SPIECHEIT | 141.5 | 149 | 139.2 | 143.5 |
| MINDTREE | 695 | 725.2 | 675.05 | 691.3 |
| MARUTI | 6,087.90 | 6,087.90 | 5,859.00 | 5,883.80 |
| IT | 1,450.00 | 1,454.95 | 1,431.90 | 1,433.60 |
| TORNTPHARM | 1,559.90 | 1,559.90 | 1,487.45 | 1,545.05 |
| IBULHSGFIN | 664 | 678.2 | 652 | 658.75 |
| UPL | 653.45 | 670.35 | 647.85 | 645.25 |
| GODREJCP | 644.35 | 651.6 | 639 | 640.05 |
| SBIN | 371.2 | 373.7 | 362.6 | 363.65 |
| INFRAEEL | 272.5 | 272.1 | 265.65 | 267.05 |
| BAJFINANCE | 3,460.00 | 3,518.00 | 3,445.00 | 3,466.35 |
| ICICIBANK | 425.8 | 425.9 | 417.7 | 418.7 |
| SIS | 834.7 | 879.8 | 830 | 861.2 |
| AXISBANK | 754.95 | 754.95 | 734.75 | 740.85 |
| WIPRO | 258 | 274 | 258 | 269.15 |
| RELIANCE | 1,281.90 | 1,286.20 | 1,258.00 | 1,261.80 |
| INDIGO | 1,460.00 | 1,481.45 | 1,446.55 | 1,458.65 |
| DHFL | 55.2 | 58.5 | 53 | 56.25 |
| TCS | 2,115.00 | 2,115.00 | 2,060.00 | 2,065.60 |
| INFY | 792.4 | 798.6 | 780.95 | 791.5 |
| COPAL | 1,170.00 | 1,220.90 | 1,153.45 | 1,202.95 |
| DCBBANK | 201.9 | 205.45 | 189.15 | 201.05 |
| TATAMOTORS | 167.7 | 167.7 | 160.1 | 160.8 |
| BPCL | 354.05 | 355.3 | 347.85 | 348.8 |
| HDFC | 2,288.00 | 2,357.00 | 2,285.00 | 2,343.85 |
| HDFCAMEC | 670.80 | 2,191.00 | 2,068.00 | 2,170.15 |
| BANKBARODA | 127.65 | 127.65 | 121.1 | 121.4 |
| ZEELE | 353.55 | 365.1 | 349.25 | 359.75 |
| SHREECEM | 21,550.00 | 21,565.00 | 21,350.40 | 21,430.50 |
| HINDALCO | 203.2 | 203.2 | 199.4 | 200.65 |
| HDFCLIFE | 499 | 510.25 | 497.9 | 503.3 |
| TITAN | 1,107.00 | 1,107.00 | 1,056.70 | 1,080.90 |
| ADANIPOWER | 64.1 | 65.95 | 61.45 | 62.65 |
| JUSTDIAL | 748 | 768 | 746.85 | 759.55 |
| INDUSINDBK | 1,493.00 | 1,503.20 | 1,477.55 | 1,471.55 |
| TATASTEEL | 475 | 475 | 464 | 466.55 |
| TATAELXSI | 740 | 749 | 722.90 | 731.65 |
| SUNPHARMA | 430 | 432.75 | 424.75 | 426.15 |
| ASHOKLEY | 85.3 | 85.4 | 81.05 | 81.45 |
| FEDERALBNK | 103.5 | 103.5 | 98.8 | 99.15 |
| M&M | 615 | 616.15 | 595 | 597.4 |
| RBLBANK | 599 | 599 | 575.5 | 579.85 |
| L&T | 122.5 | 122.5 | 116.8 | 117.2 |
| TORNTPHARM | 1,559.90 | 1,559.90 | 1,487.45 | 1,545.05 |
| ASIANPAINT | 1,400.00 | 1,400.00 | 1,377.20 | 1,383.70 |
| MANAPPURAM | 134 | 134 | 128.6 | 129.2 |
| AMBUJACEM | 216.1 | 221.15 | 215 | 216.95 |
| GAIL | 144.1 | 144.2 | 141.1 | 141.95 |
| M&MFIN | 383.75 | 386.05 | 375.7 | 377.5 |
| IRREALEST | 115.2 | 115.7 | 111.65 | 112.25 |
| SCHWELLER | 37.4 | 37.4 | 35.35 | 36.15 |
| SBILIFE | 764.35 | 775 | 737 | 741.25 |
| HAVELLS | 727 | 727 | 713.55 | 717.4 |
| OIL | 172.1 | 172.1 | 162.85 | 163.25 |
| GRASIM | 919 | 926.7 | 906 | 908 |
| CGPOWER | 20.6 | 21.5 | 20.3 | 21.1 |
| CHOLAFIN | 281.7 | 281.7 | 265 | 270.1 |
| UJIVAN | 292.4 | 294 | 282.45 | 285.8 |
| HBVENTURES | 290.5 | 294.9 | 286 | 290.2 |
| NESTEINDL | 11,705.70 | 11,740.00 | 11,547.45 | 11,582.75 |
| NATIONALNUM | 47.6 | 47.6 | 46.35 | 46.45 |
| SOUTHBANK | 13.3 | 13.35 | 12.95 | 13.01 |
| CENTURYTEX | 952.85 | 960 | 930 | 935.45 |
| ORIENTBANK | 84.05 | 84.85 | 81.4 | 81.85 |
| ADANIPOWER | 414.2 | 419.25 | 410.7 | 412.45 |
| APOLOTYRE | 185.15 | 186.25 | 178.6 | 179.1 |
| ROOM | 1.6 | 1.71 | 1.57 | 1.71 |
| EIHOTEL | 169.3 | 169.3 | 167 | |

Iran seizes UAE tanker for oil smuggling



AP ■ TEHRAN

Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard forces seized a foreign oil tanker accused of smuggling oil, Iran's state TV reported on Thursday. The vessel appears to be a United Arab Emirates-based tanker that had disappeared off trackers in Iranian territorial waters over the weekend. The seizure was the latest in a series of dramatic developments as tensions mount between the United States and Iran over the unravelling nuclear deal between Tehran and world powers. The Panamanian-flagged oil tanker MT Riah stopped transmitting its location early Sunday near Qeshm Island, which has a Revolutionary Guard base on it, according to data listed on tracking site Maritime Traffic. Iran's state television did not identify the seized vessel or nationalities of the crew, but said it was intercepted on Sunday. It said the oil tanker had 12 foreign crew members

on board and was involved in smuggling some 1 million liters (264,000 gallons) of fuel from Iranian smugglers to foreign customers. The report said the oil tanker was intercepted south of Iran's Larak Island in the Strait of Hormuz. Larak is a smaller island just southeast of the larger Qeshm Island. Crude prices, which had been falling since last week, ticked higher almost immediately after reports of the incident. The seizure of the ship does not immediately appear to directly target any one particular country and shows the Revolutionary Guard cracking down on illegal smuggling of Iranian oil. If the MT Riah was indeed the ship seized, the move directly singles out UAE-bound and based vessels. The 58-meter (190-foot) Riah typically made trips from Dubai and Sharjah on the UAE's west coast before going through the strait and heading to Fujairah on the UAE's east coast.

Trump slams 4 Congresswomen

Crowd chants, 'Send her back!'
AP ■ GREENVILLE, NC

Going after four Democratic Congresswomen one by one, a combative President Donald Trump turned his campaign rally into an extended dissection of the liberal views of the women of color, deriding them for what he painted as extreme positions and suggesting they just get out. "Tonight I have a suggestion for the hate-filled extremists who are constantly trying to tear our country down," Trump told the crowd in North Carolina, a swing state he won in 2016 and wants to claim again in 2020. "They never have anything good to say. That's why I say, 'Hey if you don't like it, let 'em leave, let 'em leave.'" Eager to rile up his base

with the some of the same kind of rhetoric he targeted at minorities and women in 2016, Trump declared Wednesday night, "I think in some cases they hate our country." Trump's jabs were aimed at the self-described "squad" of four freshman Democrats who have garnered attention since their arrival in January for their outspoken liberal views and distaste for Trump: Reps. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York, Ilhan Omar of Minnesota, Ayanna Pressley of Massachusetts and Rashida Tlaib of Michigan. All were born in the U.S. except for Omar, who came to the U.S. as a child after fleeing Somalia with her family. Taking the legislators on one at a time, Trump ticked them through a laundry list of what he deemed offensive comments by each woman, mangling and misconstruing many facts

along the way. Omar came under the harshest criticism as Trump played to voters' grievances, drawing a chant from the crowd of "Send her back! Send her back!" She responded Wednesday night with a series of tweets, including one quoting Maya Angelou's defiant poem, "Still I Rise," with the words "You may shoot me with your words... But still, like air, I'll rise." "I am where I belong, at the people's house and you're just gonna have to deal!" she wrote in another. Trump set off a firestorm Sunday when he tweeted that the four should "go back" to their home countries — though three were born in the United States. Trump has accused them of "spewing some of the most vile, hateful and disgusting things ever said by a politician."

He expanded on his criticisms in Greenville. Among his complaints against Tlaib, Trump correctly reported that she had referred to the president by the "F-word," adding, "That's not nice, even for me." Trump himself had unloaded a vulgar tirade earlier in his speech, denouncing the Russia probe of his campaign and administration as "bullshit." As for Ocasio-Cortez, Trump fumbled over her name and declared, "I don't have time to go with three different names." He then referred to her as just "Cortez" as he challenged her complaints about dire conditions at migrant detention centers at the border. In a lighter moment, Trump wondered if Pressley was related to Elvis Presley, then pivoted to more serious points, claiming she thought people of color should "think the same."

UK's Johnson suggests EU would bear some blame for no-deal Brexit

London: Boris Johnson, the frontrunner to be Britain's next Prime Minister, suggested the EU would bear some responsibility if he took his country out of the bloc without a divorce deal. The former London mayor has based his campaign to replace Theresa May on a promise to deliver Brexit as planned on October 31, with or without an agreement with Brussels. In a final campaign event in London ahead of the announcement of the winner next week, Johnson said that he would seek to negotiate new exit terms with the European Union after the summer. But he said that if the EU refused to be flexible or compromise on the existing with-

drawal agreement, "if they won't change a dot or a comma... Then obviously we have no choice but to get ready to come out on different terms." EU leaders have repeatedly said they will not renegotiate the divorce text they struck with May last year, even though it has been rejected by British lawmakers three times. But Johnson and his rival, Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt, insist they will try, notably by removing the controversial "backstop" plan to keep open the border with Ireland. They have threatened to walk away if they fail — tough talk that caused the pound to fall Wednesday to its lowest level against the US dollar in more than two years. AFP

In rebuke to Trump, US Congress blocks Saudi arms sales

Washington: The US House voted to block USD 8.1 billion in arms sales to Saudi Arabia and other allies, a rebuke of Donald Trump that will likely lead to a veto by the president. Lawmakers, many of whom are outraged with the kingdom over Riyadh's role in the murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi last year, approved three resolutions that would prevent the controversial sales announced under emergency measures earlier this year by Trump. The resolutions blocking the sales have already cleared the US Senate, and now go to the White House, where Trump is expected to

issue a veto, the third of his presidency. While the House blocked the sales with a comfortable majority, it was about 50 votes shy of the two-thirds needed to override Trump's veto. Trump is seeking 22 separate sales of aircraft support maintenance, precision-guided munitions and other weapons and equipment to Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Jordan at a moment of heightened tensions in the Middle East. Critics say the arms sales would aggravate the devastating war in Yemen, where Saudi Arabia is leading a US-backed coalition in a battle against the Iranian-supported Huthi rebels, and which the UN said has triggered the world's worst humanitarian crisis. AFP

Man shouting 'You die' kills 33 at Japan anime studio

AP ■ TOKYO

A man screaming "You die!" burst into an animation studio in Kyoto, doused it with a flammable liquid and set it on fire Thursday, killing 33 people in an attack that shocked anime fans across Japan and beyond. Thirty-six others were injured, some of them critically. The suspect was hurt and taken to a hospital. Police identified him only a 41-year-old man who was not a company employee. They gave no immediate details on the motive. Most of the victims were employees at Kyoto Animation, which does work on feature films and TV productions but is best known for its mega-hit stories featuring high school girls. The stories are so popular that some of the places depicted have become pilgrimage sites for fans. The blaze started in the three-story building in Japan's ancient capital after the attack-



Smoke billows from a three-story building of Kyoto Animation in a fire in Kyoto, western Japan, on Thursday

er sprayed an unidentified liquid accelerant, police and fire officials said. Japanese media reported the fire might have been set near the front door, forcing people to find other ways out. Firefighters found 33 bod-

ies, 20 of them on the third floor and some on the stairs to the roof, where they apparently collapsed while trying to get out, Kyoto fire official Kazuhiro Hayashi said. Two were found dead on the first floor, 11 others on the second floor, he said.

A witness who saw the attacker being approached by police told Japanese networks that the man admitted spreading gasoline and setting the fire with a lighter. She told NHK public television that the man had burns on his arms and legs and that he was angrily complaining that something of his had been "stolen," possibly by the company. NHK footage also showed sharp knives police had collected from the scene, though it was not clear if they belonged to the attacker. Survivors said he was screaming "You die!" as he dumped the liquid, according to Japanese media. They said some of the survivors got splashed with the liquid. Kyoto Animation, better known as KyoAni, was founded in 1981 as an animation and comic book production studio, and its hits include "Lucky Star" of 2008, "K-On!" in 2011 and "Haruhi Suzumiya" in 2009.

| WESTERN RAILWAY BULK ADVERTISING RIGHTS | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|----------|
| Sr. No. | Tender Notice No. & Date | WORK AND LOCATION | Approx. Tender Value for 5 years | EMD ₹ |
| 1 | CA11 BulkSTN_MRU_2018 dtd 16.07.2019 | Bulk Advertising Rights of Matunga Road Station for a period of 5 years. | 95,93,396 | 1,91,900 |
| 2 | CA11 BulkSTN_VLP_2018 dtd 16.07.2019 | Bulk Advertising Rights of Vile Parle Station for a period of 5 years. | 2,48,80,413 | 4,97,700 |
| 3 | CA11 BulkSTN_MIRA_2018 dtd 16.07.2019 | Bulk Advertising Rights of Mira Road Station for a period of 5 years. | 3,10,74,041 | 6,21,500 |

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Registered Office: ICICI Bank Tower, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara-390007, Gujarat.
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A notice is hereby given that the following borrower has defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non Performing Assets (NPA). The notice dated were issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses as provided to the bank by them, that in addition thereto for the purposes of information of the said borrowers enumerated below, the said borrowers are being informed by way of this public notice.

| Sr. No. | Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor (Loan Account Number) & Address | Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced | Date of Notice/Outstanding as on Date of Notice | NPA Date |
|---------|---|--|---|------------|
| 1. | Ajay Grover, Charu Grover, Kamla Grover, A-9 Sector-19, Dwarka, Delhi A/c No- LBNOD0002978273 | Kamla Grover, A-9 Sector-19 Dwarka | 18-June-2019, Rs. 18464406/- | 31/01/2019 |
| 2. | Jagdish Chandra Gururani, Anshu Gururani, House No-165 2nd Floor, Bal Mukund Khand, Giri Nagar Kalkaji, Delhi A/c No- LBGUR00003137155 | House No-165 2nd Floor, Bal Mukund Khand Giri Nagar Kalkaji, | 18-June-2019, Rs. 11231102/- | 31/01/2019 |
| 3. | Unnati Fortune Technologies Pvt Ltd, Anil Mithas, Madhu Mithas, Khadar Road, Sarita Vihar, Delhi A/c No- LBDEL00003240672 | Flat No-4 GF 2 ATS One Hemlet Tower-4 Sector-04 Uttar Pradesh Noida 201306 | 18-June-2019, Rs. 18789992/- | 30/04/2019 |
| 4. | Rajvinder Singh Bedi, Anu Sharma, Flat No 7B, Tower No 11, Central Park Resorts, Sector 48 Near Shobas Chowk, Gurgaon A/c No- LBGUR00002359955 & LBDEL00002372261 | 7B Belgravia II, 7th Floor, Tower No. 11, Plot no.11 Sector 48 Gurgaon 122001 | 18-June-2019, Rs. 1577495/- & Rs. 11790598/- | 30/04/2019 |
| 5. | Nitendra Singh, Robin Gaur, Max Life Care Pvt Ltd, Nikhil Yadav, Inder Pal Singh, C- 1, Kalkaji, Delhi A/c No- LBDEL00002361609 | Plot No. E 108 3rd Floor With Roof Rights Kalkaji Delhi | 20-June-2019, Rs. 21573518/- | 31/03/2019 |
| 6. | Prakash Chandra, House No-88, Tulsi Vihar 24 Puta Road Police Station Dadr Noida Uttar Pradesh A/c No- LBNOD00002872740 | Flat No. 2332 Mandola Vihar Vojna Gulmohar Enclave Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh | 25-June-2019, Rs. 540715/- | 31/01/2019 |
| 7. | Hiba Hussain,yousuf Hamid Hussain, A320 IIInd Floor, Sec-31, Noida Uttar Pradesh, Noida A/c No- LBDEL00002417908 & LBDEL00004364547 | Unit No. D5-2007, 20th Floor Tower No. D5 Nirala Aspire GH-03, Sector-16 Greater Noida (West) Uttar Pradesh | 25-June-2019, Rs. 2451775/- & Rs. 369042/- | 31/01/2019 |
| 8. | Chanchal Kumar Garg, Krishna Garg, Deepika Garg, House No-108-109, 3rd Floor, Pkt-3, Sector-24 Rohini New Delhi, A/c No- LBDEL00002127950 | Plot No. 108, 109, 3rd Floor, Pocket- 3, Sector-24, Rohini, Delhi- 110085 | 08-May-2019, Rs.- 2006207/- | 31/12/2018 |
| 9. | Kunal Maratha, Vandhana Koul, O-103 Green Valley Apts, Plot No-18 Sector-22 Dwarka Delhi A/c No- LBNOD00002223556 | Flat No B 1501, 15th Floor Tower T2, Shubhkamma City, Plot No GH 02A, Sector 01, Noida, 201307 | 08-May-2019, Rs. 3903030/- | 31/08/2017 |
| 10. | Manul Agarwal, Samta Gupta, 16153 15th Floor Block 16, Prestige Shantimiketan ITPB Road Bangalore A/c No- LBDEL00002391703 | Flat No. T1/304, 3rd Floor, Tower-1, Sunworld Arista, GH-1C, Sec-168, Noida Expressway, Noida | 05-April-2019, Rs. 10914079/- | 31/03/2018 |
| 11. | Jai Prakash Kothari, Sangita Jai Prakash Kothari, St Jeor Chowk, Hanuman Nagar, Bhandup West Mumbai, A/c No- LBDEL00002899559 | B-1402, VVIP Homes, Meridian Towers Block A & B, Plot No GC-03/GH-03, Sec 16C, Greater Noida West, District Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, 203207 | 06-May-2019, Rs. 1787794/- | 31/08/2018 |

The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (where ever applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of issuance of notice U/s. 13 (2), failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of issuance of notice U/s. 13 (2) dated mentioned above as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

Date : July 19, 2019
Place: Delhi/NCR

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

N.I.T. No. 12 (A,B,C,D,E)/19-20 dated 17.07.2019

1 Name of work A) Repair to vacant Bungalows Type-V, Type-VI, Type-VII and other miscellaneous works at S.P. Marg & Repair to worn out MS sectional windows with Aluminium windows and doors and covering of back Verandah with Aluminium windows and doors at S.P. Marg in the s/o SSE/W/S.P. Marg under ADEN/E-II
B) Repair to Kitchen, Bath, Toilet & One room flooring in Block No. 310 to 317, 321, 322 block in Shakurbasti Railway colony & Repair to damage approach road from 294 block to 323 block and inside colony roads along with footpath & improvement of drainage system in Shakurbasti Rly Colony & Repair to SCI Stack of toilet Bath and Kitchen in Block no 338,324, 325, 302 to 305, 328 & 329 in Shakurbasti railway colony in the section of SSE/W/SSB under ADEN/E-VI
C) Repair to sanitary fitting of latrine, bathroom and kitchen and repair to broken windows and damaged doors in type-I blocks no. 178, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 189 quarters at basant lane railway colony & repair to vacant quarter at basant lane railway colony in the section of SSE/W/PP/GANJ UNDER ADEN/E-III
D) Repair to vacant qtr. flooring with ceramic tiles, roof repair, floor repair, water supply and sanitary fitting replacement and other misc. repairs in M.K. Road, Center Place, Thomson Road, Minto Bridge, M.S. Place, Shanker Market and Darya Gunj quarters (Approx 40 qtrs). Repair to qtrs of block 105 to 110, 117, 161 to 165 at Thomson Road Rly colony, Block 116 to 122, 167 to 166 at MNTB by repairing the staircase, balcony and entrance of Rly qtrs and Toilet renovation and water supply and sewerage system, improvement of Sabordante rest house at Shivaji Bridge in the section of SSE/W/MNTB under ADEN/E-I
E) Provision of separate toilet block, Mess, Dining Hall, Gymnasium for RPF staff at Delhi Sadar RPF barrack in the section of SSE/W/TH under ADEN/E-III

2 Approx. Cost of work A) ₹775517.82 B) 17487059.46 C) 11000164.91 D) 12500307.08 E) 5316114.43

3 Earnest Money (It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only. Note :- FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no 2015/CE-II/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016.) A) 195530.00 B) 237400.00 C) 205000.00 D) 212500.00 E) 106300.00

4 Completion period of work A) 10 Months B) 12 Months C) 11 Months D) 12 Months E) 4 Months

5 Cost of tender on cash/ by post (It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only. Note :- FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no 2015/CE-II/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016.) A) 5900 B) 5900 C) 5900 D) 5900 E) 5900

6 Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender A) Upto 15.00 hrs on 09.08.2019 Opening of tender at 15:00 hrs. on 09.08.2019

7 Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc. Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in.

No. 128-W/269/OET/19-20/WENIT 12 (A,B,C,D,E) Dated : 17.07.2019 2315/2019

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4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001

O.A.No. 111/19 Date: 27.06.2019

CANARA BANK Vs DR. RASHMINDRA KUMAR & ORS.

Applicant Respondent

To, Defendant
1. Dr. Rashmindra Kumar Asthana S/o Late Sh. A. S. Asthana
2. Smt. Madhu Asthana W/o Dr. Rashmindra Kumar Asthana
Both At: R/o Indu Nikunj Flat No. 7, 55 S.P. Marg, Civil Lines Allahabad
3. Smt. Arti Srivastava, WZ-207, Ground Floor back side Gali No. 4, Virender Nagar Jai Road, New Delhi-58
4. Mis Amrapali Centurion Park Pvt. Ltd., 307, 3rd Floor, Nipun Tower Karkardooma Community Centre, Delhi-92 Also At: C-56/40, Sect-62, Noida Also At: GH-05, Sect-16, Greater Noida

Whereas the above named applicant (s) has/have instituted a case for recovery of Rs. 14,33,932/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Thirty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Two Only) against you and where as it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in the Tribunal in 28.08.2019 AT 10.30 A.M. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before the mentioned, the case will be heard and determined in your absence.

By Order of the Tribunal,
Section Officer, DRT-II, New Delhi

Don't Panic: Britain, EU trade sitcom jibes

Brussels: Britain is due to leave the EU in 15 weeks with or without an agreement on future ties and officials from both sides are trading insults inspired by a 1970s WWII sitcom. In a BBC documentary to be screened on Thursday, EU Commission vice president Frans Timmermans recalls British negotiators behaving like characters in "Dad's Army". The beloved British series features a World War II Home Guard unit of mainly elderly volunteers and their madcap adventures as they await a German invasion that never came. Timmermans, recalling Brexit talks with British ministers, said, "It's like Lance Corporal Jones, you know? 'Don't panic, don't panic', running around like idiots." On Thursday, Britain's junior Brexit minister Martin Callanan was asked about the comments as he arrived in Brussels for talks with other EU Governments. AFP

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UN: US BAN ON MYANMAR ARMY CHIEF NOT ENOUGH
Kuala Lumpur: A US travel ban on Myanmar's army chief and three other top officers for their role in orchestrating a crackdown against Rohingya Muslims does not go far enough, a UN rights investigator said on Thursday.

15 KILLED IN TURKEY BUS ACCIDENT
Ankara: A minibus carrying illegal immigrants overturned in Turkey's Van province on Thursday, killing at least 15 and injuring over 20 others, officials said. The accident occurred at 12 pm local time (0900 GMT) on the highway from the provincial capital of Van to Ozalp district when the driver lost control of the steering wheel and plunged the vehicle into a roadside ditch, state-run Anadolu Agency reported.

MILITANTS ATTACK POLICE HQ IN KANDAHAR
Kabul: A group of heavily armed Taliban militants attacked the police headquarters in the Afghan city of Kandahar on Thursday with a car bomb explosion at its gate and then started firing at security forces, officials said.

ISIS ATTACKS KILL 6 IN EGYPT'S NORTH SINAI
Cairo: A suicide bombing claimed by the Islamic State group in North Sinai killed two people including a civilian on Thursday, a day after the extremists beheaded four people there, medical and security sources said. The bombing hit security forces stationed near a parking lot in the city of Sheikh Zuweid, the sources told AFP.

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Tiger, Hrithik fight on air for War

As actors **TIGER SHROFF** and **HRITHIK ROSHAN** have been pitted against each other in YRF's mega-action entertainer *War*, there are a series of massive showdowns, all huge action spectacles, which have been choreographed by four action directors from across the globe.

"When we have Hrithik taking on Tiger, the promise of the film to the audience becomes huge. We worked with four top action directors like Paul Jennings, Franz Spilhaus, SeaYoung Oh and Parvez Shaikh," said director Siddharth Anand.

He added, "Hrithik and Tiger will be seen fighting each other on land, ocean, ice and even air."



'There is some spice to my character every time. I like doing things which are unexpected. In Hurdang, my character is gritty and to-the-face. She is a rebel of sorts. What I like about her is that she is as real as it can get and she has the guts to be who she is in a world where people won't let her stay that way. That's what I like about her.'

—Nushrat Bharucha

Actors **TAAPSEE PANNU**, **VIDYA BALAN**, **SONAKSHI SINHA**, **NITHYA MENEN** and **KIRTI KULHARI** will recreate the team of women which executed Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM) of November 2013, in *Mission Mangal*.



"It's based on true events but the characters are not specific to particular scientists. There are different posts for each character. I haven't met the people who were part of the mission, but due to my science background, I am familiar with the terms and theories used in the film," said Taapsee.

Kevin's assault case dropped

A criminal case against Hollywood star **KEVIN SPACEY**, who was accused of groping an 18-year-old man at a Massachusetts bar in 2016, has been dropped by the prosecutors in the state.

The charges were dropped after the accuser refused to testify about a missing phone, which the defence said could prove the actor's innocence. Several sexual misconduct accusations have been made against the 59-year-old actor but this was the only one to result in a criminal case.

The accuser had said Spacey bought him alcohol and groped him at a bar on the island of Nantucket, Massachusetts.



We meet actor **KANGANA RANAUT** when the season's first showers hit the city. 'Look, I got the storm to Delhi,' she says amid peals of laughter. This is just days after her now-famous spat with a newscaster at the Mumbai launch of her new film, *Judgmentall Hai Kya*, and shows how she is just as spirited, even if misunderstood. The ugly episode turned sordid with the Entertainment Journalists' Guild banning her for her behaviour and overreach but the actor, who has made bold choices both on and off the screen, says she just vented what had been simmering inside as a recipient of a sustained personal campaign by vested interests. Truth be told, the media has always been on her side for questioning status quo, challenging stereotypes and opening up fresh conversations. Which is why when everybody wondered if she had indeed gone too far this time, she has turned to the media to set the record straight. She promptly tells us that except a handful of lobbyists posing as journalists, she had no problems with the fourth estate. She doesn't mind the criticism, has enough gumption to take it and can even have a cup of coffee with journalists but surely she would not tolerate personal attacks. In a conversation with **RINKU GHOSH**, she presents...

HER SIDE OF THE STORY

□ **What happened precisely to set you on a confrontationist path with the media?**

Let me clarify that I have never been at war with them; even now I have no problems. In fact, I have had a very healthy relationship with journalists. I have had differences of opinion with scribes, critics and even had a laugh over a cup of tea despite them. I respect their area of work, don't think they are unfair and accept their right to comment. But that dynamic has changed over the last couple of years as I sense a deliberate attempt to humiliate me as an artist. This consistent slander has indeed affected me. I can even analyse the changing interest in me as a subject. I was struggling since 2006-7 and till 2013, I was irrelevant. Then came *Queen* and the media was on my side. It's just that when I stood up against Hrithik Roshan, Karan Johar and some other biggies that I noticed that they began taking sides. Of course, I must admit that most of them even stood by me for taking a stand and daring to speak up about what needed to be spoken for a long time. But post that, things began to change. Some of it was voluntary and some of it was non-voluntary. That's when I realised that the movie mafia had got to the media. In Mumbai, that is how it is. The parties, press invites, gifts, travel vouchers, everything is controlled by allied networks of the star, studios and producers. I don't really mind it so long as it doesn't involve me or target me without context. Besides, I also know that only 60 to 70 people working in the entertainment media and as film journalists are movie mafia-friendly and may have their compulsions, the rest are totally fair.

But over the last two years, there has been nothing but negative Press about me. Every morning I wake up with new nonsense like either I have broken somebody's head or a set has come to a standstill because I have showed up late or I am doing this and that. It was just nasty PR. And then there was the row over my directing, literally taking over *Manikarnika: The Queen of Jhansi*. All these seemed vindictive and pre-meditated rather than going into the facts. Why don't people realise that film business is serious and has rules? How can I take money from the studio as an actor and start directing the project on my own unless I am asked to? It just isn't allowed. But they made it look like I am this control freak who's bending everything to suit herself. Everything I did, be it a brand endorsement or attending a party, was panned through the same prism.

With nasty trolling day in and day out, the confrontation was actually building up; it's like being abused and not being able to share it with anyone. You may not like me but don't humiliate an artiste for the sake of it. And that day what was welling inside me came out because I don't meet those people who write about me every day. Honestly, I am so happy that I brought this tension out.

□ **How badly has all this affected your work?**

It has undoubtedly affected a fair assessment of my work. When I see my

work and when I see somebody else's mediocre work pitched against mine, and they being made to feel a super-brand despite being so basic in their craft, I wonder "what's going on here?" In the past, too, many in the media have been slapped and abused and somebody I just confronted became headline news? How do you explain this except that there's a lobby ganging up against me. What have I done to offend you in such a way? You can criticise a performance... that is entirely different and your prerogative but you cannot be personal. But I am happy that the masks have come off the movie mafia operatives and they stand exposed. Their numbers are so few that they are actually nothing but a drop in the ocean.

□ **You have changed the contours of the industry by challenging established practice and questioning status quo. Does it ever feel that it is a lonely fight at the top? Yes you have stardom, you have recognition of your work, you have people that will not desert you, will you even survive. But do you get tired?**

It's anything but lonely because there are so many people that support me. Even in conflict, there are so many people around me. I don't think it's lonely at all but, yes, all this has made my life very hectic. It's just so draining to be entangled in all this mess and then 10 days down the line, laughing with the same person. You'll be like, "God those 20 days were so bad."

You know what upset me? That the confrontation story came as an afterthought. The Press conference was fine and if any mediaperson felt offended or didn't like me, he/she could have just left. But then to go back and escalate a tiff into an issue that necessitated banning an artiste in her own country was just too much. Haven't stars had run-ins with the media before? Then when videos began circulating on social media, I, too, retaliated with the holistic video clips. It wasn't my intention to begin with. But the ban meant that the movie mafia was working overtime.

□ **Are you saying the film industry is still subject to lobbyists, groupism and set opinions? At one level there is creative democracy, with so much happening at the content level. Yet, on the other side, you believe that women are still soft targets of chauvinistic structures?**

I would say the grip is loosening and now women make sense even commercially.



See the spectrum of leading ladies — from Neena Gupta to Tabu to Kangana Ranaut and Alia Bhatt. The arc is so different. The flesh and blood women disappeared between the 50s and 60s where we had Nargisji and Waheedaji.

The objectification of women began from the 1970s and continued for such a long time that we forgot what we once were and became just a pretty face with flowing hair. I remember when I did *Gangster*, everyone told me, "You know too much acting for your own good." Some of them even cited examples of magnificent failures of capable actors.

I don't want to take names of respectful actors but they were certainly not commercially successful ones. I was told I would be like them if I acted too much. To be a newcomer in the industry at that time and seeing things change radically in the course of 10-13 years, has been a revelation.

There is not just a change in the spectrum of leading ladies but also leading men, be it Rajkumar Rao, Irrfan Khan and Ranveer Singh. And it is because this bandwidth is ever expansive now that the coterie is losing its grip. That is exactly why I am able to survive.

□ **Film families continue to have a kind of aura like royals.**

□ **Do you believe that the industry has truly been democratised?**

Other than film families, even the studio system has you hostage. If you work out a contract with a big studio, they take 30-40 per cent of your earnings. They promote you in a way that you become a milking machine. They milk you and when they are done with you, they throw you. It happened with me post *Queen*. To be honest I would have preferred a situation like that to begin with. In 2006, had a studio groomed and promoted me, put me on all platforms, got me brands and then taken 30 per cent, even milked me for five-10 years, I would not have minded. That works for a struggler. Then at least I could be on my own in my mature years. For whatever reason, it didn't happen. The big production houses came to me only when I was a legitimate star and the highest paid actress. They still wanted to take 30-40 per cent of my earnings. Then I had to pay 30 per cent to the government in taxes. And eventually I found that I was not left with anything. So I didn't sign up with any studio. I became my own entity. And then I started to do well... A lot of people now want to follow this system.

□ **How are they paying women actors now after you and your peers raised the issue of parity?**

It depends on the individual, the kind of film you do and your contribution to the project. For example, *Manikarnika* and *Dhaakad* are very women-driven. Then there is the issue of scale and budgets. There are big action sequences in some, demanding a greater outlay than something like *Judgmentall Hai Kya* or *Panga*. It cannot be seen from the same lens. But I can speak for myself. Earlier, I would begrudge working 365 days in a year and wonder why my blood and sweat don't have any value compared to male actors. It hurt me. It doesn't anymore because I have realised that there is a reason why male stars have lasted 25 to 30 years. They must have done something right. They have built their brand in such a way that mathematics favours them. They have had a far better business plan and blueprint than women actors ever had. They became so self-absorbed in creating an economy around themselves that they actually started pairing themselves opposite

fresh faces. So the model was very clear, always latch on to a new face to revive your youthful appeal. That has worked for them. It's clever of them. And that sustainability has given them their price. I now understand that.

□ **Tell us about Judgmentall Hai Kya, does its punchline 'trust no one' seem apt for you at the time?**

It's a mad world of Bobby Grewal Battliwala, a Punjabi Parsi, who is very different. She is "mental", which is not a politically correct term these days, so let's say she is eccentric. But she is not a psycho for sure. She is struggling with a dissociative identity disorder. She identifies with a situation to an extent that she really cannot decipher whether it's her own situation or that of others. For instance, if you are getting married, she would start involving herself so deep that she forgets it's your marriage or that you would have a say. So she revels in her world and the film is how that unfolds many things in her life. It actually gets quite exciting to a point when a murder takes place and where that takes her. The good thing about it is the dichotomy of the "normal" and "mental" people. So Raj is playing somebody who's normal. She's mad and has no benefit of doubt. Normal people can get away with so much because they are presumed to behave in a certain way but these other ones can have so much insight. We judge people without knowing them at all.

□ **You have trained as a filmmaker in New York and have filled up some gaps in Manikarnika. What is your next move?**

Actually, my heart lies in film-making. I want to be a filmmaker.

□ **Was that always the case?**

I think so, yes. Just that I wasn't aware of it. When I became an actress, I wasn't really crazy about dancing with heroes. I was like "yeah sure, get lost." I was not even the kind that would go ecstatic with "aaahh, I am living my dream of becoming an actress." This is not me, has never been. I was 23 when I directed a short film and I knew this is it. I was so comfortable in the room, panning frames. That comes naturally to me, which is actually very strange. A lot of people say, "You are such a good performer, we wouldn't want to lose you as an actor." But I am so comfortable in the role of a filmmaker. An actor is always taking instructions... always. Always feeling unsure... You are just a drop in the ocean. A filmmaker has a natural quality of leadership. I can set my film under water, in the sky, in the fire. I have the very freedom of waking up and writing a scene. I actually prefer to get stories from others and then develop my own perspective on them. I just want to take a story and depict it. Maybe I'll not be making money, doing three films a year. Maybe people won't remember my face. Maybe the grey strand will show in my hair. But I don't mind all of that. The very freedom of doing your own thing is unparalleled.

Photo: Pankaj Kumar



Over the past few months, there have been quite a few major vehicle launches by the Indian automotive industry despite the dramatic decline in sales. Some of these new car models have established themselves in the market but just look at them. Mahindra's rather nice XUV300, then Hyundai's new Venue, followed by the first major

Chinese manufacturer to enter the Indian market with the MG Hector and in the coming days, the launch of the Kia Seltos. See a common thread? These cars are all Sports Utility Vehicles, and as I said a few months ago, the copywriter who came up with the term must be laughing all the way to the bank, because SUVs are (usually, with some expensive exceptions)

The rise of SUVs

Most of the major car launches in 2019 have been Sports Utility Vehicles. What explains the love for them?



not sporty, definitely not in the sub-20 lakh price segment. And they are not really utilitarian. Sure, the two-box body style is useful when you want to transport some big items. But you could conversely ask why estate-cars never did well if that was such an important buying criterion.

SUVs are popular for possibly the sole reason that people sit high up and that makes us feel a bit safer, particularly with the chaos on the roads around us. The love for SUVs, therefore, is psychological rather than practical. The argument that the higher ground clearance will help in navigating rough roads is a bit facile since some sedans and hatchbacks have reasonably high ground clearances as well. One reason the fas-

ination with SUVs looks odd to me is that they're not half as much fun to drive as lower-set sedans and hatchbacks as they take up more space, are heavier and consequently burn more fuel. One reason for the SUV rush of the last decade in India, in particular, has been because of the ultra-economical diesel engines. But even in the United States and China, the two largest automotive markets in the world, where petrol-powered cars dominate, SUVs have been extremely popular as well. This is not just an Indian thing after all. And manufacturers are shifting more and more resources to SUVs and it is telling that the first long-range electric car launched in India was, you guess it, a SUV.

What is wrong with SUVs? Frankly, nothing much. But I am not a fan of "soft road" cars. Most SUVs, particularly smaller ones, are nothing more than hatchbacks or vans on stilts. And despite

excellent engineering work, SUVs still do tend to roll a bit and do not have what you would call excellent handling. Take the Honda Civic and CR-V for example; why one would want to buy the SUV over the excellent sedan is mind-boggling, unless you really, really needed that third row. And it is the same case across manufacturers but they themselves have realised they're onto a good thing. Minimal modifications to the platform and suspension set-up of a sedan and a different body means you can price the same essential car for 20-30 per cent more — case in point the Hyundai Verna and Hyundai Creta. The Verna is much nicer to drive, looks better and as it's both a long-distance highway cruiser and an urban commuter, it makes more sense than the Creta even before you compare the prices. Same engines, same transmissions, same everything. But the Creta is Hyundai's money-maker.

But then again, who am I to question what people like to buy? In times as rough as these for the automotive industry, whatever sells is a good thing. But maybe it is time that people who buy cars begin to realise that SUVs are not really all that they're hyped up to be.



Expect the unexpected

Lord of the Drinks at Gardens Galleria might make you laugh at its little glitches but the place ensures that you go back satisfied, says AYUSHI SHARMA

Picture this. A wave of Edison bulbs and golden lights, layered across the ceiling, form an arch, which creates a vibe of a jazzy pub. The amalgamation of a legion of shades of blue on the walls, paired with black and white-striped wallpapers, the place does look like a fun one to hop into. As I entered The Lord of The Drinks, Noida, the aura was relaxed and the crowd was still filtering in slowly.

The place offers a menu of contemporary Indian, European and Oriental cuisine. The manager suggested that I should start with some Cheese *pao bhaji* and at the mere mention of the dairy product, my expectations spiralled to level 100. Yes, I wanted to go for it because I absolutely love it. But then disappointment was in store. The dish was served with a small *ricotta vada*, plated with fried chillies and masala onions. But no matter how hard I looked (or in this case, tasted) there was no 'cheese' to be found in the so-called 'cheese *pao bhaji*'. Upon inquiry, they claimed that it was there. Maybe it was but if that was so the quantity was meagre, almost akin to a drop of water in the ocean.

While ordering the next dish, the graph of my expectations was already on the brink of a precipice. So I stuck to the safe option of *Bruschetta bars*, but decided to stir things up with the category by ordering Parmesan and Rocket. The basic *bruschetta* mainly involves rubbing raw garlic on grilled bread and a topping of chopped tomatoes with basil. But the one that I had was imaginative — a *bruschetta* topped with some rocket walnuts. 'Expect the unexpected' was description that crossed my mind. The bar, served with *ricotta*, parmesan cheese, rocket walnuts and a few drops of olive oil, left a strong, creamy texture in my mouth.

After munching on the bars, the graph undoubtedly surged. It was the turn for a pizza. I ordered their special one — *Lord of Verdure*. It was a combination of a number of toppings with a super crunchy base. Do you have an answer to this one — how many toppings on a pizza would



be too many even if you like all of them individually? Clueless, right? It surely left me feeling the same. The toppings included grilled mix of aubergines and zucchini, roasted bell peppers, caramelised onions and tomatoes. It was like a celebration of different flavours which burst together in my mouth and created one organic whole that was scrumptious.

To accompany the dishes, I ordered a cocktail — *Orange Cosmo*. With a base of vodka and orange juice, it was blended with the triple sec, an orange-flavoured liqueur made from the dried peels of bitter and sweet oranges. Even though the drink's base and flavour could have perfectly accompanied the pizza, it was too diluted because there was an excess of ice which made it indistinguishable from chilled water. The manager took not more than a minute to replace the drink with an untitled cocktail, however, 'specially curated' by the mixologist for me. With the Bowen whisky and lime juice as its base, it tasted of strawberry and *kaffir* lime. The well-blend-

ed ingredients in the drink did compensate for the earlier disappointment.

Hopping on to the next dish, I ordered nachos, which actually turned out to be cheese ones. The anomaly made me dissolve into a fit of giggles. Not writing and specifying cheese in the menu before nachos while doing so with the *pao bhaji*, which did not even have a hint was the trigger. Of course, the drink too had started taking its effect and made me a bit light-headed. The tortilla chips came in a blue and white-striped plate, overloaded with creamy melted cheese and topped with sour cream and olives. It was the best combination that one could have asked for. The initial cheese craving was finally fulfilled.

The manager then asked me to pick some desserts to end the meal. However, I was so satisfied that I decided to give them a miss. Even though desserts, I believe, are the best of a meal, I did not fear missing out on anything as I was satisfied with most if not all the delicacies served.

CHEF TALK

'Consistency is the key'

Michelin star chef SRIJITH GOPINATHAN blends Californian produce with Indian aromatics and traditional spices to create a melange that reminds you of home and childhood. By SAKSHI SHARMA

Often, when you are abroad, you thank for flavours from home. So it is not surprising that as one walks the streets of Stockton at Union Square in San Francisco, the smell of Indian-inspired food at Campton Place Restaurant triggers memories and nostalgia, which is bound to exercise an almost magnetic pull towards itself. It offers a refined version of contemporary Cal-Indian cuisine, which has earned the restaurant its second Michelin star, establishing it as the only Indian-influenced restaurant in the United States and Europe to have got this honour.

The restaurant has changed the architecture of Californian cuisine as chef Srijith Gopinathan blends fresh ingredients with India's multi-faceted regional dishes, aromatics and traditional spices. Most Westerners often confuse Punjabi cuisine or the variants that have sprouted all over Europe, especially UK, to be the sum total of the Indian cuisine. The introduction of dishes from other parts of the country, which are numerous, varied and different, is a gradual and ongoing process, of which Srijith too is a part. It is dishes from peninsular India with a Californian twist that he serves at his restaurant.

Talking about his Cal-Indian fusion and experiments, he says, "I love artfully integrating Californian produce and Indian cooking techniques. The intricacies that I blend in include replacing yogurt with yogurt foam, mint chutney with mint ice, tamarind with tamarind gel and *crunchy puri* with a combination of grains and dehydrated olives, which are used for extra texture and flavouring."

The chef believes that consistency is the key to success. "This is the reason I have earned a Michelin star for eight years in a row for the San Francisco dining establishment, including two stars in 2016 and 2017," he says.

Giving an insight about his signature dish *Spice pot* he apprises us, "It is one of the dishes that is loved by Indian guests. It was invented as a result of an experiment. I went to a garden shop and bought lots of pots but then you are not supposed to serve food in them. I just wanted to create the visual. I was so pleased with the result that I picked up some food-friendly pots for the restaurant to serve my Californian interpretation of



dahi puri in which vividly-coloured vegetables sit on top. The saucer below the pot is filled with pebbles, moss and some bits of dry ice to replicate the stunning San Francisco fog. (When hot water touches the ice, it fumes.)"

The chef, born and brought up in India, talks about his roots, "I have always believed in my homeland and the kind of cuisines that the country can offer to the world. The authentic flavours and spices have helped me in creating and innovating some of the finest dishes at the restaurant. It is very important for a chef to always stick to his roots and involve those skills and techniques in food preparations."

Indian cuisine is spreading its wings and gaining recognition at an international level. Talking about the same, Srijith tells us, "The regional cuisines of India have been recognised and admired all over the world. There are several speciality restaurants in the world that are known for their authentic taste and flavours. Every cuisine of India is stellar. The north Indian one has travelled outside the country before the one from south. So the latter is still new and fresh to the larger Western world. People appreciate change and new things and that is exactly what is happening right now with south Indian cuisine."

He is witnessing the new food

movements and revolution at a broader level. Srijith says, "There has been a significant shift in consumers' food choices and preferences. Vegetarianism and organic cooking have stood as powerful food tools for chefs and restaurateurs to evolve, innovate and provide more bespoke cuisine experiences to the guests."

As the digital era is the new reality, people capture the food and flavours on phone and spread the word about the dishes, which has turned social media into a vehicle to popularise them. To this, he says, "This is one more reason that chefs spend a lot of time to enhance the aesthetics of the dish and make it more appealing for their patrons. I believe it's one of the best ways to connect, showcase and communicate what you are eating and spreading the word about different cuisines that one can experience."

Sharing his source of inspiration, the chef says, "Everything around me is inspiring. From my grandmother's cooking to my wife's to farmers' markets to a guy with his *chaat* cart on the streets and of course fellow chefs."

He elaborates on how it all began, "I grew up being influenced by the exotic spices of southern India that filled the air of my home. My backyard blossomed with ginger and turmeric and my grandmother always tasked me to collect these culinary treasures and bring them into the family kitchen, where I observed lessons on utilising every part of an ingredient and spice. Since then, I have always been passionate about cooking. I strive to do better than yesterday and keep learning and innovating at work. Learning while cooking is an ongoing process in every chef's journey. I have come a long way since I started."

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Foodhall brings a range of assortments, from Croissant bars to hot beverages such as Kashmiri *Kahwa*, mulled apple cider, soup, pull-apart breads like herbed mozzarella, garlic and cheddar, sun-dried tomato and pesto, and *kadak chai* with buns for all the tea lovers, who love it with *pakora* when it rains. Experience monsoon like never before.
Venue: Foodhall.

Through new recipes and classic favourites, Olive Outub's new menu embraces 15 glorious years of its culinary excellence and puts on offer a wide variety of delicacies and fine drinks, creating a Mediterranean vibe. **Price:** (for two) ₹3,500 plus taxes **Time:** 3.30 pm to 7.30 pm; Sunday: 12 pm to 4 pm **Venue:** Olive Outub, Mehrauli.

Zambar has introduced a new menu, where Zone can take on the coastal food safari with chickpeas and millet salad, sprouted lentil, *Koshimbir* salad and country-style chicken soup. There is a special curated menu for kids, offering dishes like Bruce Lee, Tom & Jerry, Chota Bheem and Superman. **Date:** Till September 20 **Price:** ₹1,800 plus taxes, ₹400 plus taxes (kids) **Venue:** Zambar, Ambience Mall.

Café Knosh at The Leela presents 'Make Room For Mushroom' food festival, which offers soups, main course dishes made of mushrooms and includes delicacies like *Porcini* mushroom risotto, Wild mushroom *khurchan* and Herb *pilaf*. **Time:** 12 noon to 11:30 pm **Date:** Till July 30 **Price:** (for two) ₹2,000 **Venue:** Café Knosh, The Leela Ambience Convention Hotel.

High Spirits presents monsoon special concoctions and offers drinks like Beach on the rocks, Hot and cool, Black and white, After dark and Flamingo to make the most of this season with specially-curated beverages. **Time:** 8 pm **Date:** Till August 15 **Venue:** High Spirits and India Grill, Hilton Garden.

RECIPES

CRUNCH CORN AND CHILLI FRITTERS

WHAT YOU NEED

For corn and chilli pakoda:

- Corn kernels: 200 gm
- Roasted gram flour: 150 gm
- Rice flour: 25 gm
- Chilli powder: 3 gm
- Green chillies: 10 gm
- Ginger chop: 5 gm
- Spring onion: 5 gm
- Garam masala powder: 2 gm
- Refined oil: 100 ml
- Sliced onion: 50 gm

For mint chutney:

- Mint leaves: 25 gm
- Coriander leaves: 75 gm
- Green chillies: 5 gm
- Ginger: 2 gm
- Roasted jeera powder: 2 gm
- Chaat masala: 2 gm
- Black salt to taste

METHOD

- Boil the corn in salted water, drain and let it dry.
- Grind all the ingredients of mint chutney to make a smooth paste. Add roasted cumin powder and garam masala.
- Make a thick batter of gram flour, rice flour, green chilli, ginger, *ajwain*, chilli powder, turmeric, coriander leaves and salt.
- Mix corn in the batter

PUMPKIN AND CHICKPEA TAGINE WITH TRIO LEMON MINT QUINOA

WHAT YOU NEED

- Pumpkin, peeled and cut into chunks: 250 gm
- Quatre epices: 2 tsp
- Olive oil: 3 tbsp
- Garlic, minced: 2 tsp
- Onion, diced: 1
- Chickpeas, soaked overnight or canned chickpeas, drained: 1 cup
- Tomato, crushed: 1 can
- Vegetable stock: 2 cups
- Cumin powder: 1 tsp
- Cinnamon powder: 1/4 tsp
- Parsley, chopped: 2 tbsp
- Tri-coloured quinoa, cooked: 1 cup
- Fresh mint, chopped
- Lemon juice
- Pine nuts and dried cranberries to garnish
- Salt and black pepper to taste

METHOD

- Preheat oven to 180 degrees.

Marinate pumpkin chunks with quatre epices, salt and one tablespoon minced garlic. Roast for 15 to 20 minutes. Keep aside to cool.

In a tagine, heat olive oil and sauté rest of the minced garlic and onions until soft.

Add chickpeas, crushed tomatoes and vegetable stock. Boil it and lower the heat.

Stir in salt, cumin powder, cinnamon powder. Simmer with the lid on, stirring occasionally until the chickpeas are cooked.

Tip in the roasted pumpkin and one teaspoon chopped parsley.

Meanwhile, in a bowl, mix cooked tri-coloured quinoa, olive oil, lemon juice, chopped mint, salt and black pepper.

Once the tagine is cooked, garnish with pine nuts, dried cranberries, rest of the chopped parsley and serve with lemon mint quinoa.

Courtesy: Swasti Aggarwal, Food Strategist, Foodhall

COTE DE PORK

WHAT YOU NEED

- Pork chops: 280 gm

For marinade:

- Rosemary fresh: 5 gm
- Garlic: 5-7 cloves
- Black pepper
- Refined oil
- Sea salt
- Red wine: 20 ml

For sauce:

- Tomato ketchup: 500 gm
- Worcester sauce: 80 ml
- HP barbeque sauce
- Sugar for caramel: 30 ml
- Dry red chilli: 4-5
- Star anise: 7
- Garlic: 7-10 cloves
- Cinnamon sticks: 2-3

METHOD

- Marinate the baby pork chops with sea salt, red wine, thyme and rosemary. Refrigerate for about 45 minutes.
- Prepare the sauce.
- Heat some oil and toss in cinnamon sticks, star anise, dry red chillies.
- Toss in crushed ginger, spring onion and garlic, sauté for a few minutes over medium heat.
- Add barbeque sauce, worchester sauce, tomato puree, dark soya sauce and stir well.

- After about a minute or two, add water which is three times the quantity of the sauce.
- Let the mix boil over medium heat till it reduces to a coating consistency.
- In a separate pan, make caramel by gently cooking sugar over medium heat.
- Add caramel to the boiling sauce mix and let it boil for a few more minutes.
- Once the sauce is ready, heat a griddle plate and sear the pork chops over it.
- You can also cook the chops in an oven once it is seared or cook it over a charcoal grill.
- Baste the chops with butter and turn them every now and then.
- Cook the chops to desired doneness.
- Strain and heat sauce in a pan and toss the chops.
- Turn the chops a few times till they are evenly coated and the sauce is reduced to a glaze.
- Serve with some herbs, garlic and chilli flakes, marinated root veggies and potato.

Courtesy: Saints N Sinners

Mahrez & Mane duel for ACN glory



AFP ■ CAIRO
Riyad Mahrez and Sadio Mane will renew their Premier League rivalry for a second time in Egypt, with Africa Cup of Nations immortality awaiting the victor of Friday's final between Algeria and Senegal.

Algerian star Mahrez was part of the Manchester City team that edged out Mane's Liverpool for the English title last season, grabbing a pivotal goal on the final day of the campaign.

Liverpool standout Mane, however, is attempting to fulfil his "wildest dream" as one of just a handful of Africans to win both the UEFA Champions League and Cup of Nations.

For the marquee name in a Senegalese side ranked top of the continent, and a surprising 46 places above Algeria, the ride to the final for Mane and the Teranga Lions has encountered its share of roadblocks.



France Football ahead of the competition.

Standing in the way, however, is an Algerian outfit that has undergone a remarkable transformation since the arrival of Djamel Belmadi as coach a year ago.

The Desert Foxes failed miserably in World Cup qualifying, but the steely Belmadi has healed divisions in the squad to lead them to the brink of a first Cup of Nations triumph since 1990.

'NOT A MIRACLE WORKER'
"To the Algerian people, I want to say I'm not a politician, not a miracle worker or a wizard, but that we will fight like we have fought to this point," Belmadi said after the semi-final win over Nigeria.

Algeria are the leading scorers in Egypt with 12 goals, including Mahrez's spectacular last-gasp free-kick against Nigeria, and haven't trailed at all in the tournament.

"Algeria are so well organised, so compact, so 'Guardiolaesque' in the way they recover the ball," opined experienced international coach Claude Le Roy.

"Perhaps it is the influence of Mahrez."
The Algeria captain has been in fine form for his country here, brimming with confidence after helping City to the domestic treble.

"We are very happy to be in the final of the Africa Cup of Nations because it is something very special," said Mahrez.
"It was our goal to do it for the people and for our families. We know they are behind us all the way. It's my dream to win the Cup of Nations."
"It's going to be another battle against Senegal," he added.
"We've been very good in this competition. The (Nigeria) match has given us more confidence for the final and we're capable of winning it."

Next 3 months critical for hockey: Manpreet

PTI ■ BENGALURU
Men's captain Manpreet Singh on Thursday said the next three months will be crucial for Indian hockey ahead of the final round of Tokyo Olympic Qualifiers in November.

"The next three months are critical for us and whatever we are doing is with focus on sealing our Olympic Qualification in November," Manpreet said on the sidelines of the on-going national camp.

The team will first travel to Japan for the Olympic test event starting August 17 where India will play against New Zealand, Malaysia and hosts Japan followed by the tour of world champion Belgium in September.
"Our main priority right now is to qualify for the Olympics but at the same time we don't want to come under pressure and be worried about who our opponent is going to be. Our focus right now is to work on our shortcomings and improve collectively as a team."
Manpreet also said new

coach Graham Reid has a good understanding of Indian hockey and continues to encourage India's counter-attacking play.

"The good thing working under Graham Reid is that he has closely followed India's performance over the years and he understands our game well so in that sense he isn't changing our style."

"He continues to reinforce that our attack and counter-attacks are our biggest strengths but the focus of our training is to ensure we are defending and finishing well with continued emphasis on speed and fitness," Manpreet said.

Though the team has been marred with injuries including experienced midfielder Chinglensana Singh's ankle fracture, forward Lalit Upadhyay's back strain, Manpreet believes there are enough options in the core group who can soak up the pressure of international hockey.

"These players are missed in the team and we are hopeful they will be fully fit by the Olympic qualifiers."

WC final was crazy game to be part of: Boulton

PTI ■ AUCKLAND

New Zealand pacer Trent Boult's plans of getting over the gut-wrenching World Cup loss to England include walking his dog along the beach but he concedes that losing the trophy on boundary-count will be hard to swallow for at least a couple of years.

Boult, who claimed 17 wickets in the showpiece and was among the star performers for the runner-ups, landed back in the country amid questions on how the Black Caps are coping after losing their second successive World Cup final.

"Well, I'm gonna go home for the first time in about four months. Probably gonna walk my dog along the beach and try and put it aside. I'm sure he won't be too angry at me," Boult told reporters.

"...It's not gonna be something that disappears in the next couple of days. It's probably something that's gonna be hard to swallow for the next couple of years," he said.

In the pulsating match on Sunday, being called the greatest World Cup final by many, the Kiwis tied the regulation 50 overs and the super over but went down on inferior boundary count.

Boult said he has been struggling to forget the 49th over in which he took a catch of Ben Stokes off Jimmy Neesham but ended up stepping on the boundary to let the advantage slip.

"I suppose it's just natural to nitpick and pull apart a game like that," he said.

"...You just wonder those little kind of things that went

your way, or didn't go your way or whatever, it could've been a totally different game. Yeah, of course, I'm living the last over throughout my mind a lot.

"Somehow we were hit for six along the ground which has never been happened before. And then, yeah, couple of run outs, to bowl them out and to see the scores level and to lose was a pretty unique situation," he recalled.

Does he feel cheated? The answer is a firm "no."

Asked if he would do anything differently, Boult said he doesn't envision another team coming as close to winning or losing the Cup like his side did.

"It was an amazing stage to be on. Obviously saw what it meant for the Englishmen to get across the line. It could have been us. Unfortunately it wasn't. No one is probably going to get closer to winning the World Cup or losing the World Cup as us," said the 29-year-old.

Exuding humility like his captain Kane Williamson, Boult said he felt apologetic towards fans who were rooting for the quintessential "nice guys" of the game.

"You see a lot of disappointment in cricketing fans around the world, not just Kiwis but a lot of supporters that wanted us to win. It's a shame to let everyone down really."

"It's hard to know that after playing 15 hours... A lot of Kiwis out there were saying 'we felt for you' kind of thing. Yeah don't really know too much more to say really. Obviously we're all hurting and yeah sorry for letting everyone down," he said.



Gunners edge past Bayern

AFP ■ LOS ANGELES

Young striker Edward Nketiah scored the winner just two minutes from time as a youthful Arsenal side beat Bayern Munich 2-1 in a pre-season friendly in California on Wednesday.

The Gunners finished off a rapid passing sequence in the 88th minute that culminated with teenager Tyrone John-Jules slipping the ball to the 20-year-old Nketiah who scored via his knee.

Arsenal won their second straight game on their US tour, but the Bundesliga champions gave them a stiffer test than the Major Soccer League's Colorado Rapids who they routed 3-0 on Monday.

The fifth-placed finishers in the English Premier League last year opened the scoring courtesy of a 49th minute own goal in front of a crowd of 26,700 in Carson. Louis Pozanski failed to deal with a ball on the far side of the box and in trying to clear

ended up kicking into his own net. Robert Lewandowski equalised with a superb header in the 71st minute for Bayern, who completed the German double last season.

Former Arsenal midfielder Serge Gnabry sent a high ball into the box and Lewandowski leapt highest to redirect into the top corner to make it 1-1.

Unai Emery's side came through their second fixture in America in good form, despite the saga surrounding unsettled captain Laurent Koscielny who decided to boycott their US tour to try to force a transfer.

Thomas Mueller had the best chance for a wasteful Bayern but his first-half effort was kept out in spectacular style by Arsenal goalkeeper Bernd Leno.

David Alaba crossed the ball to the centre of the box where the charging Mueller split the defence to shoot but Leno kicked out his right leg to make a stunning save.

You can't chop down a whole Olympic sport from CWG: Heena

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Pistol ace Heena Sidhu on Thursday said India is a "big" enough nation to put up a "united front" against the 2022 Commonwealth Games organisers' move to exclude shooting from its roster.

The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) last month threatened to boycott the 2022 CWG in Birmingham if shooting is not included, something the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) also talked about last year.

Heena though added that nothing should be done at the cost of athletes' participation.

Asked if pulling out is an option, she said, "I think it has happened before. We have backed out in the past. India is a big nation and we can throw our weight behind this," she said.

"Other sportspeople should not suffer. They need to participate, but at the same time, I think we should put up an united front," Heena said.

She disagreed with the organising committee's decision and expressed concerns over the sport's future due to lack of interest among people.

Heena, the first pistol shooter from India to win a gold medal in World Cup Finals, though called shooting a "flourishing sport" in the country.

Birmingham, in the United Kingdom, will be hosting the 2022 edition of the Commonwealth Games.

"It's not right. The reasons they gave, of not having legacy in shooting



and problems with range, are not convincing," Heena said.

"They (local organising committee) could have build a makeshift range."

"Shooting has not been considered and women's T20 cricket is there. This, they said, was done keeping in mind gender equality. Then why not men's cricket also," she asked.

She is relieved that the sport is part of the Olympic programme at least till the 2028 Games in Los Angeles.

"The ISSF (International Shooting

Sport Federation) and NRAI (National Rifle Association of India) is making a lot of effort for the sport's sustenance.

"The ISSF, NRAI, IOA (Indian Olympic Association) and the ministry also tried hard (to ensure shooting's presence at 2022 CWG), but I don't think the decision will be changed now," Heena said.

Asked what makes her worry, the 29-year-old said, "One, there is not enough spectators in a lot of countries. And in the time, people probably prefer to avoid dealing with guns and ammunition because of the formalities and protocols involved."

She meant that the world is not the most safest place at the moment, and a person flying with guns and ammunition is not a great sight for fellow passengers at airports.

Winner of multiple Gold medalists at various international tournaments, Heena is glad to be nominated for the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award.

"This is a very good news. I have proved myself in all these years. I am thankful to the NRAI for nominating me," she said.

Currently enjoying a break after a rigorous training and tournament schedule, Heena said she will come back fresh, as she renews her quest to secure a quota place for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.

I am ready for a bout, Vijender challenges Amir

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Top fighting children, I am ready for a bout," Indian boxing ace Vijender Singh, fresh from his 11th straight pro win, challenged British star Amir Khan here on Thursday.

Khan, the British boxer of Pakistani origin, has expressed a desire to lock horns with Olympic Bronze-medallist Vijender a number of times but the bout has not materialised yet.

During the announcement of his last bout, Khan had also claimed that Vijender was scared of him. Replying to his challenge, the Haryana-boxer said it was Khan who picked juniors to fight against.

"I am ready to fight with Amir. He picked a junior boxer to fight. Neeraj Goyat is way junior to me. I had said before and I am saying it again I am ready to fight whenever he tells me to. He should stop fighting kids," Vijender said on the sidelines of a felicitation event organised by Platinum Heavy Duty Cement.

A bout between the two prolific boxers may, however, be a long shot as Khan competes in the welterweight category (63.5kg-66.7kg) while Vijender contests in the super mid-



dleweight division (73kg-76kg) but the Indian was quick to come up with a solution for the problem.

"I can reduce my weight a little and he can increase it and we can agree on a mid point. He has done it before."

Vijender, who is still unbeaten in the professional arena, prevailed in his

US debut against Mike Snider with a Technical Knockout to notch his 11th consecutive victory in the circuit.

Talking about his US debut and the bout, Vijender said America is the Mecca of boxing.

"America is so big, every opponent has some strength. They say everything starts and ends from the US. One of the best boxers work there."

"I had no idea about Mike before the bout. On the last day, my coach showed a video of him and how he fights. Earlier, I felt he is not such a good boxer but when his first punch connected me, I was shaken I felt yes now I am in the league."

Talking about his future plans, Vijender said his team is working on scheduling two bouts in the next 6-7 months where he might get a shot at prestigious titles.

"We plan to have two more fights. One around October-September and next in January-February. We are trying to work around the venue and opponent. The top boxers in US have a busy schedule," he said.

"America is a very mature market in boxing. Now the fights are going to get tougher and bigger. International or intercontinental titles might be

coming up in 2020," Vijender's promoter Neerav Tomar said.

Asked if he regrets his tryst with politics owing to the loss from Delhi's South Delhi constituency in the Lok Sabha elections earlier this year, the multi-faceted boxer said he is open to accepting all opportunities life provides him.

"Galat faisale ko bhi jo sahi karde usko Vijender Singh kehte hain," he said.

"I never say no to anything. Life teaches you something everyday. I saw it as an opportunity to work for the people. I am thinking I will go to the moon, I never say no to anything. But I will never leave boxing because this is my identity."

The boxer also spoke about starting his own Boxing Club.

"I want boxing to become popular in the entire country so I am going to start a 'Boxing Club by Vijender Singh'. The youth gets easily distracted by drugs, crime etc so I think this is the right way to keep them on track."

"We will be starting from Delhi where there will be 150 young boxers and we will teach them the sport and provide all the equipment. I will visit the club once a month," Vijender said.

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MS' future highlight WI selection

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The national selection panel's meeting to pick squads for the West Indies tour has been pushed to Sunday amid intense focus on skipper Virat Kohli's availability and veteran Mahendra Singh Dhoni's future.

The meeting was scheduled for Friday but was postponed following Committee of Administrators (CoA) directive that the chairman of the panel, instead of BCCI secretary, will convene it.

"There are some legal modalities that need to be followed due to the rule change and it took some time. Also the BCCI's cricket operations team needs to apprise the chairman of the availability of the captain for the meeting. The fitness reports of the players will be available on Saturday evening," a senior BCCI functionary said.

The 38-year old Dhoni, whose finishing abilities with the bat has been on the wane, would be the centre of discussion amid speculation that the Jharkhand player is contemplating retirement even though he hasn't spoken about it till now.

Dhoni's selection or omission would be an indicator of things to come in the future. India are set to play T20s, as many ODIs and two Tests in a full-fledged tour to the Caribbean islands, starting August 3.

Considering next year's T20 World Cup to be held in Australia, the selectors might opt for the young Rishabh Pant, who is seen as their apparent Dhoni.

Dhoni was dropped from the T20 series against West Indies and Australia last October and there is a strong chance that he won't be included this time around too.

Pant was recently called up as replacement for an injured opener Shikhar Dhawan in the World Cup, from where India were ousted in the semifinal

stage.

Another issue that would surely be debated is the availability of Kohli, who has been on the road for a while.

There is a school of thought that the skipper could be rested considering the long domestic season ahead, which begins in September, and in this scenario Rohit Sharma could be handed captaincy for the shorter formats.

However, with the two Tests being part of the ICC Test Championship, Kohli could be included in the Test squad. A similar

approach could be taken for pacer Jasprit Bumrah.

The MSK Prasad-led panel would also work on restructuring the middle-order as it was one of the primary reasons for India's exit from the World Cup semi-final. Stabilising the number four spot is the need of the hour going ahead.

It is expected that picking the middle-order could lead to the biggest debate as the panel has a few choices among Karnataka's Mayank Agarwal and Manish Pandey and Mumbai's Shreyas Iyer, who has been knocking the doors after scoring heavily in domestic cricket.

Pandey scored a match-winning 100 for India A against the West Indies A in an unofficial third ODI and after Ambati Rayudu's sudden retirement and Vijay Shankar's failure to nail the number four spot, the focus will be on the trio.

Also, the selectors may consider the talented young Punjab batsman Shubman Gill and Mumbai's Prithvi Shaw. But Shaw's hip injury could come in the way of him being considered.

A determined Gill has been among the runs in the West Indies tour for India A.



MS Dhoni bats during nets session ahead of India's World Cup semi-final match against New Zealand

Gill and Shreyas could make the cut.

It could also be end of the road for the experienced Dinesh Karthik and Maharashtra all-rounder Kedar Jadhav, who failed to perform in the World Cup.

If Dhawan, who was ruled out of the World Cup owing to a thumb fracture, is deemed fit, he would, in all probability, open with Rohit.

Other regulars, including K L Rahul, Hardik Pandya, Kuldeep Yadav and Yuzvendra Chahal, could retain their places in the limited-overs squads.

Teenage leg-spinner Rahul Chahar could be among the rookies who are at least discussed given the good run he is having with the A team in the West Indies right now. The 19-year-old is a cousin of Deepak Chahar, a fairly established first-class name who has played an ODI and a T20 for India.

Among the new faces, Delhi speedster Navdeep Saini could make the team as he has impressed in the ongoing India A tour of West Indies and even picked a wicket.

The selectors could also look at the likes of Khaleel Ahmed, Deepak Chahar, and Avesh Khan apart from regular pacers Mohammed Shami and Bhuvneshwar Kumar, who could be retained.

Khaleel being a left-arm pacer adds variety to the attack.

The choice of wicket-keepers for the Tests would be watched with interest as Pant did the job in the last series India played in Australia.

With a fit-again Wriddiman Saha, who is considered the best in the country, it remains to be seen if the selectors bring him back or look to the future in Pant.

The T20 Internationals are scheduled from August 3 to 6, while the ODIs will take place from August 8 to 14. The two-Test series will be played from August 22 to September 3.



Sam Curran receives Test captain's cap from James Anderson

WC win will inspire Ashes team: Sam

AFP ■ LONDON

Sam Curran believes England's historic World Cup triumph will inspire the Ashes team as attention turns towards their attempt to regain the urn.

Sunday's dramatic end to the 50-over tournament has overshadowed the build-up to the five-Test showdown against Australia, which gets under way on August 1 at Edgbaston.

Curran feels the Ashes remains the pinnacle of the cricketing calendar but said the Test team would be galvanised by the World Cup, irrespective of whether they featured or not in the one-day triumph.

"I don't think I'm alone in saying that it's probably the greatest cricket match ever and for that to be the World Cup final was incredible," said the 21-year-old all-rounder.

"That will provide a buzz for everyone across English cricket going into the Ashes."

"Days like Sunday get everyone, whether they were involved or not, more excited and desperate to do well so I'm sure it will rub off as we head into the Test part of the summer."

"The Ashes are the biggest thing you can play in as an England cricketer, that's what I've always felt. Hopefully we can

CURRAN FEELS THE ASHES REMAINS THE PINNACLE OF THE CRICKETING CALENDAR BUT SAID THE TEST TEAM WOULD BE GALVANISED BY THE WC, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER THEY FEATURED OR NOT IN THE ONE-DAY TRIUMPH

be lifting the urn at the Oval in September."

Curran, whose older brother Tom was an unused squad member during the World Cup, has been drafted into England's groups for the one-off Test against Ireland next week and a pre-Ashes training camp.

The left arm was England Lions' standout performer against an Australian XI earlier this week, taking six for 95 and contributing a pair of half-centuries in a drawn first-class match at Canterbury.

Curran enjoyed a breakthrough summer last year, being named England player of the Test series against India after star contributions with both bat and ball, leading to a bumper pay day in the Indian Premier League.



PV Sindhu in a file picture

Sindhu enters Indonesia quarters, Srikanth exits

PTI ■ JAKARTA

Top Indian shuttler PV Sindhu fought hard to progress to the women's singles quarter-finals but it was curtains for Kidambi Srikanth in the men's singles event of the Indonesia Open, here on Thursday.

Sindhu, seeded fifth, had to dig deep into her reservoir of experience as she slugged it out for 62 minutes to beat unseeded Mia Blichfeldt of Denmark 21-14, 17-21, 21-11 in a second-round encounter.

But later in the day, eight seed Srikanth was stunned by NG Ka Long Angus of Hong Kong 17-21, 19-21 in a 39-minute second round contest.

Sindhu recorded her third win over the world No 13 Dane this year. The Indian had earlier defeated Blichfeldt in straight games in the Indian Open and the Singapore Open.

Sindhu will next face third seeded Japanese Nozomi Okuhara in the last-eight round of the BWF World Tour Super 1000 tournament.

The start was far from impressive for Sindhu as Blichfeldt took a 6-3 lead before the Indian got her act together to draw level.

From that point, Sindhu raised her game gradually and relied on her long reach and



smashes to pocket the first game 21-14.

The second game witnessed a tough fight between the two shuttlers but Blichfeldt made a strong comeback to take a 9-5 and then a 10-7 lead.

Sindhu then pocketed three straight points to level the scores at 10-10.

But the Dane meant business as she took full advantage of the Indian's unforced errors to clinch the second game and draw parity in the match.

The decider, however, turned out to be a one-sided affair as Sindhu got her composure back and ran away with the game after some initial resistance from Blichfeldt.

However, it was curtains for India in the men's doubles event after the pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty lost 15-21, 14-21 to top-seeded local hopes Marcus Fernaldi Gideon and Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo in the second round.

It was disappointment for India in the mixed doubles as well after the pair of Pranaav Jerry Chopra and N Sikki Reddy lost 14-21, 11-21 to top seeds Zheng Si Wei and Huang Ya Qiong of China.

Old Lady's De Ligt

Dutch teenager pens Bianconeri deal to become world's most expensive defender

AFP ■ TURIN

Dutch central defender Matthijs de Ligt, one of the most coveted young players in world football, signed on Thursday for Juventus from Ajax for a fee of 75 million euros (\$84.2 million) plus add-ons.

The 19-year-old agreed a five-year contract with the Italian champions.

Juventus said in a statement the fee would be paid over five financial years, with "additional costs" of 10.5 million euros.

The combined fee makes De Ligt the world's most expensive defender, surpassing the 84 million euros Liverpool paid to sign his Netherlands teammate Virgil Van Dijk from Southampton in 2018.

De Ligt is Juventus' third most expensive signing after the 105 million euros they paid to buy

Cristiano Ronaldo from Real Madrid in 2018 and the 90-million-euro transfer of Gonzalo Higuain from Napoli in 2016.

De Ligt had also been linked with Manchester United, Barcelona and Paris Saint-Germain after his impressive performances for a young Ajax side that reached the Champions League semi-finals last season.

His Ajax teammate, 22-year-old midfielder Frenkie de Jong, has already joined Barcelona.

In a deal hammered out by his powerful Italian-born Dutch agent Mino Raiola, De Ligt will earn a basic annual salary of 7.5 million euros that could reach 12 million euros with bonuses, according to reports in Italy.

"The sporting project proved decisive" in De Ligt's decision to choose Juventus. "For a defender, Italy is always an ideal place." The Turin-based club, now

coached by former Chelsea mentor Maurizio Sarri, were keen to bring new blood into an ageing defence that features 34-year-old Giorgio Chiellini and Leonardo Bonucci, 32.

De Ligt played 117 games for Ajax in all competitions, scoring 13 goals. He scored the winner in Turin as Ajax eliminated Juventus in the Champions League quarter-finals.

De Ligt has played 17 times for the Netherlands, forming a formidable central defensive partnership with Van Dijk.

He took over the captain's armband at Ajax in March 2018, making him the club's youngest ever captain.

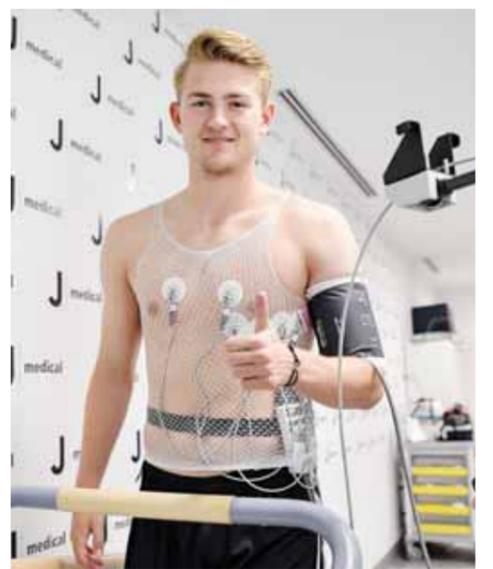
De Ligt said Ronaldo had urged him to join Juventus after the two faced each other for their countries in the Nations League final in June won by Portugal.

Netherlands coach Ronald Koeman says De Ligt "will become one of the best defenders in the world in a short time".

De Ligt is the latest big-money summer transfer following the 120-million-euro deal that took France striker Antoine Griezmann from Atletico Madrid to Barcelona and the 126 million euros that Atletico splashed out on 19-year-old forward Joao Felix from Benfica.

After a disappointing 2018-2019 season, Real Madrid have strengthened with the acquisition of Belgian playmaker Eden Hazard from Chelsea for an initial 100 million euros, with another 34 million euros in potential add-ons.

Premier League champions Manchester City bought Spain international Rodri for a club record 70 million euros (£63 million).



Matthijs de Ligt poses during his Juventus medical

Juventus/Twitter

Marin unsure about WC, focusing on Olympics



Carolina Marin in a file picture

IANS ■ MADRID

Olympic Gold medallist Carolina Marin has said that she does not know if she will participate in the upcoming badminton World Cup in Switzerland in August.

"The Spaniard said that her goal, after recovering from a knee injury, is to win the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, reports Efe news."

"I still cannot say whether I'm going to the World Cup or not, as long as we do not get close to the date, I cannot say anything," she added on Wednesday at the National Sports Council in Madrid.

"Our goal is the Tokyo Olympics, so we do not want to take any risks going to the World Cup or not."

"If we go, we will be there giving everything and if not, then we will start the tournaments circuit in September."

Marin had ruptured the anterior cruciate ligament in her right knee while competing in the Indonesian Masters final on January 26 and has since been sidelined from competition.

She is optimistic about her recovery, and said: "I find myself with very good sensations, I am going through this period very quickly because the knee is responding very well, the requirement in training day by day is increasing so I am very happy."

COMMONWEALTH TT

PTI ■ CUTTACK

The Indian men's and women's teams sailed into the semifinals of the 21st Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships after convincing victories over their respective opponents, here on Thursday.

The Indian women's team defeated Wales, Malaysia and Nigeria by identical 3-0 margin to enter the last-four from Group F of the Super Eight round.

The Indian men too have entered the semifinals after defeating Sri Lanka and Malaysia by 3-0 margin. The Indian male paddlers, however, have a formality to complete as they play their last Group F match against Wales.

Anthony Amalraj had an easy outing against Sri Lankan Krishan Wickramaratha, cleaning him up with a 3-0 verdict in the opener. He struggled a bit against Malaysian Feng Chee Leong but the Indian overcame the initial hiccups to beat him 3-1.

G Sathiyam and Manav Thakkar competed against Sri Lanka while Achantha Sharath Kamal and Harmeet Desai were pitted against Malaysia.

India's coaches Australian Brett Clarke and Soumyadeep Roy gave ample opportunities to all the players before Friday's semifinal and finals. In the women's team, Archana

Indian paddlers enter semis



Manika Batra in action during her match

PTI

was the common factor in all the three matches while the two coaches rotated other players, including Manika Batra, Madhurika Patkar, Sutirtha Mukherjee and Ahyika Mukherjee.

Besides India, England men and women, too, made it to the semifinals by notching up two wins each.

England men beat Singapore 3-2 and Australia 3-1. The women, on the other hand, beat Australia 3-1 and then trounced Sri Lanka 3-0.

Meanwhile, Sathiyam, Manika are rated as top seeds in the individual events.

But only one of the two Indians in men's singles fray, Sathiyam and Manav Thakkar, would progress to the medal round as they were drawn in the same quarter.

The other three Indians were lucky to find themselves evenly distributed into the other quarters.

All the Indian male players were among the top eight seeds (based on their ITTF July ranking), while only three women — Manika, Archana and Patkar — were seeded and got first-round byes in the main draw.

The remaining two — Sutirtha and Ahyika — will have to make it to the main draw through qualifiers.