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Trump stirs up Opp broadside at Modi

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NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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



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accords provide the basis for resolution of all issues bilaterally.

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

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

ation in a purely bilateral issue.

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

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

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

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

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

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HDK meets inevitable fate

PNS ■ BENGALURU

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Boris Johnson wins UK PM race, vows to redeem Brexit deal

PTI ■ LONDON

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

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

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



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

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

Johnson said, "No one person or party has the monopoly of wisdom. Time and again it is to us (Conservative Party) that people have turned. I will work flat out to repay your confidence. The work begins now."

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SC extends NRC list deadline to August 31

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday extended the deadline for publication of the final National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Assam by a month to August 31 while rejecting the pleas seeking permission for 20 per cent sample re-verification.

The Centre and the Assam Government had sought permission for sample re-verification to find out wrongful inclusions, especially in districts bordering Bangladesh, and exclusions of persons in the NRC which was to be published by July 31.

While dismissing the pleas of the Centre and the State, the apex court took note of the report of Assam NRC coordinator Prateek Hajela that in the course of consideration and adjudication of the claims, of those who have been left out in the draft NRC, re-verification of 27 per cent persons has already been done. The top court, which had been reiterating that it will not extend the deadline for publication of the final NRC, took note of the report and the reasons for seeking extension put forth by the Assam NRC coordinator and allowed him to finish the task by August 31.

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SC seizes Amrapali properties for homebuyers

Court cancels firm's registration, raps banks for connivance, asks NBCC to complete projects fast

PTI/AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI

Cracking its whip on errant builders for breaching the trust reposed by homebuyers, the Supreme Court on Tuesday cancelled the registration of Amrapali Group under the real estate law RERA, and ousted it from its prime properties in the NCR by nixing the land leases. "The registration of Amrapali Group of Companies under RERA shall stand cancelled... The homebuyers cannot be made to suffer when we are governed by law and have protective machinery. Question is of will power to extend the clutches of law to do the needful. We hope and trust that hope and expectation of homebuyers are not going to be belied," the SC said in its 270-page judgment.

The apex court also lashed at bankers for conniving with the Amrapali Group in siphoning money from projects, leaving thousands of homebuyers without flats despite paying for apartments. It pulled up Bank of Baroda, Syndicate Bank, Bank of India, and Corporation Bank for not monitoring the utilisation of funds advanced by them to the real estate compa-

GAMECHANGING JUDGMENT



ny. "The Authorities and bankers have violated the doctrine of public trust and their officials, unfortunately, acted in collusion with builders," the top court said.

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✎ "We hold that Noida and Greater Noida Authorities shall have no right to sell the flats of the homebuyers or the land leased out for the realisation of their dues," says the verdict

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from hassled homebuyers for not handing over possession of flats on time despite being paid the hard earned money of the homebuyers.

The apex court, which directed a probe by the Enforcement Directorate into alleged money laundering by realtors, provided relief to over 42,000 homebuyers of Amrapali group with the verdict. It directed the state-run

National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC) to complete the stalled projects of the realtor, whose directors Anil Kumar Sharma, Shiv Priya and Ajay Kumar are behind bars on the top court's order.

"As it (NBCC) is a Government undertaking, NBCC has to ensure that DPR (detailed project report) is prepared reasonably and the work

to be completed as expeditiously as possible," the apex court said.

Emphasising on the "public trust doctrine", a Bench of Justices Arun Mishra and UU Lalit said the public authorities are duty-bound to observe that the leased property is not "frittered away" along with the homebuyers' money. "Concerned ministry of Central Government, as well as the State Government and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, are directed to ensure that appropriate action is taken against leaseholders concerning such similar projects at Noida and Greater Noida and other places in various States, where projects have not been completed," the SC said.

Noting that homebuyers cannot be left in the lurch, the Bench directed the Centre and States to ensure that projects are completed in a time-bound manner as contemplated in RERA and homebuyers are not defrauded, and ordered the Noida and Greater Noida authorities to give completion certificate to the homebuyers of Amrapali Group who are already residing in various projects.

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Shiva's live ornaments on illegal display

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

With the onset of Shravan (Saawan), many snake charmers are displaying snakes outside temples, flouting the wildlife law. In a joint operation by Uttar Pradesh Wildlife SOS and the Forest Department, 16 snakes were seized from the illegal custody of snake charmers outside three different temples in Mathura and Vrindavan.

It is believed that due to Lord Shiva's frequent depiction with a serpent coiled around his neck, snake charmers often display their snakes at gatherings during Saawan. According to initial reports, the rescued snakes were in bad condition, especially the cobras as they were defanged and their venom glands extracted.

"During an anti-poaching

**16 snakes rescued from charmers
from near temples during Saawan**

raid by the forest department on Monday, we rescued 16 snakes, including 11 cobras, 3 red sand boas, one rat snake and a juvenile snake, from the illegal possession of snake charmers outside Galteshwar and Rangeshwar temples in Mathura and Gopeshwar Mahadev temple in Vrindavan. They have been transferred to the rescue facility," a Wildlife SoS official said.

The member of rescue team said the most horrifying sight was that of the rat snake. "One of the snake charmers had forcibly pierced a handful of mongoose hair through its head to make it look attractive," the official said. Divisional Forest Officer, Mathura,

Mukesh Kumar Sharma, said, "Using snakes for public demonstration is a punishable offence and is banned under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and the Government of India's notification in 2014. This is a cruel and inhumane practice which exploits the lives of innocent wildlife species that are protected under Indian laws."

Co-founder and CEO of Wildlife SOS Kartick Satyanarayan said, "No animal deserves such barbaric treatment. The truth about snake charming is nothing short of horrifying. Venomous snakes like cobras have their fangs extracted and their venom glands are painfully gouged

out or punctured, thus disabling the snake's only means of defence, feeding and digestion. "Non-venomous snakes are not spared either. Their mouths are stitched making it impossible for them to eat."

Director Conservation Projects, Wildlife SOS, Baiju Raj MV, said, "The snakes are starving for months, without food or water, and will drink milk or water in a desperate attempt to alleviate dehydration, leading to the common myth that snakes at festivals will drink milk presented to them as offerings from devotees. We saw maximum number of such cases during Saawan, every year."

Wildlife Conservation veterinarians are treating reptiles to determine whether releasing them back into natural habitat will be feasible.



Heavy rain in N India from July 25 to 27

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi, adjoining States and other northern States will witness heavy rainfall activities due to reduction in rainfall over Kerala and Coastal Karnataka from July 25 to 27. According to India Meteorological Department (IMD), rainfall activities will be increased over northern plains and Central India during this period.

Dr Rajendra Jenamani, Met scientist, said, "Rainfall activity is very likely to increase over central India, adjoining northern parts of peninsular India and also along the northern plains during 24-27th July with peak intensity on 25th and 26th July, 2019."

Jenamani added, "Hence fairly widespread to widespread



rainfall with isolated heavy falls are likely over Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Chandigarh and Delhi, Punjab, Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Goa during same period."

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**CHANDRAYAAN-2 MOVING
IN RIGHT DIRECTION: ISRO**
Bengaluru: A day after launching the country's second moon mission, the ISRO said the Chandrayaan-2 spacecraft is in "good health" and moving in the "right direction".

**BSF COs TO SPEND 25
NIGHTS/MONTH AT IB**
New Delhi: The BSF has directed its battalion commanders to spend at least 25 nights in a month at a forward post along the India-Pakistan International Border in Jammu as part of its renewed efforts to fortify the "anti-infiltration" grid in this region, sources said.

**BIHAR FLOODS: 2 MORE
DIE, TOLL RISES TO 106**
Patna: Two more people died in Bihar flood on Tuesday, with the death toll climbing to 106, officials said. Both the deaths have taken place in Madhubani.

2 Afghans held with 50kg heroin

THEY SMUGGLED BANNED DRUGS INTO INDIA

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Two Afghan nationals have been arrested for smuggling banned drugs into India and 50 kg heroin was seized from them. Their arrest came in the wake of the recovery of 150 kg of heroin and arrest of the members of a drug cartel.

The two identified as Mohammad Akbar (45) and Nedfa Mohammad (38) are from Kandahar and Helmand provinces in Afghanistan and smuggled the drugs into the country via the Attari-Wagah border between India and Pakistan. Last week, police arrested two Afghans identified as Shiniwari Rehmat Gul (30), Akhtar Mohammad Shinwari (31) and three others with 150 kg Afghani heroin worth ₹600 crore in market. According to Manishi Chandra, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Special cell, based



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upon the revelations of arrested accused Rehmat Gul, a raid was conducted at a cold storage plant in Kondli, Sonipat. "There, two more Afghan nationals were found and upon pointed interrogations, they led the police team to 102 cartons of raisins (kish-mish). These marked cartons were interspersed amongst a consignment of over 600 cartons which had arrived in India from the Attari-Wagah border check post in the month of March 2019. The point of loading was

Kandahar, a highly disturbed city of Southern Afghanistan," said the Deputy Commissioner of Police. "These cartons were carrying raisins, with the Exporter being Mohammad Akbar Afghani Limited, Kandahar and the importer being a firm based out of Delhi. When these cartons were carefully examined, a total of 204 poly-pouches were recovered, neatly concealed between two layers of carton casing cardboard," said the Deputy Commissioner of Police.

"Preliminary interrogation has revealed that the arrested accused Akbar is himself the proprietor of the exporter firm that is Mohammad Akbar Afghani Limited and has been in the trade for over three years. It is possible that once his consignment had landed at Delhi, he followed it by flight to secure the marked cartons for extracting the concealed Heroin which would have then been passed on the recently busted cartel operating out of Zakir Nagar for onward trade and consumption," said the Deputy Commissioner of Police.

"However, the accused Neda Mohammad arrived in Delhi separately and was assisting Akbar Afghani in handling the precious cargo. Both the operatives are hardened members of the narco-syndicate and assistance of Pashto-Dari translators is being taken to understand their narrative," said the DCP adding that both the arrested accused have been produced before the concerned Court and their Police Custody Remand has been obtained.

1K Yemeni soldiers, civilians hurt in war treated in India

KARNIKA NIJHAWAN ■ NEW DELHI

As a part of the UAE-India Medical Mission, nearly 1,000 soldiers and civilians of Yemen, injured in civil war have been successfully treated at a city hospital.

"The mission was initiated by Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE armed forces. We are extremely privileged that the UAE Government has kept the trust upon us to send the Yemeni patients to our hospital in India for treatment," said Dr Shamsheer Vayalil, Chairman and Managing Director of VPS Healthcare, adding that the hospital authority has formed a special team of specialist doctors and nurses to attend the batch of patients.

"The patients from Yemen were brought to New Delhi as part of the bilateral relationships between India and UAE. The Indian Government has issued a medical attendance visa for these patients which are

UAE-INDIA MEDICAL MISSION



valid for six months," according to the statement issued by the hospital.

The humanitarian initiative rolled out by the UAE Government in association with UAE Red Crescent to avail of medical care to the wounded soldiers and civilians have come as a great relief to disillusioned people of Yemen, it said.

"UAE has strongest bilateral tie-ups for cooperation and collaborations. UAE Government, as its international responsibility and humanitarian aid, selected VPS Healthcare-Medeor Hospital as its partner to provide healthcare facilities to war-injured Yemen people in India. Since

July 2016 till date we have provided medical help to over 1,000 Yemen people in India," said Dr Ahmed Albanna, UAE Ambassador to India.

Renowned Orthopaedician and Chairman of Department of Orthopedics, Medeor Hospital Dr PK Dave said, "Most of the patients had undergone multiple surgeries earlier and that made our tasks tough. 'Bullet and blast injuries severely affected their knees, elbows, and joints. We performed surgeries and did joint replacements to provide them relief and a normal-active life," he said.

Recently, 26 Yemen citizens who suffered blast, bullet, and other injuries were taken to the Medeor hospital for further treatment. They were attended by an expert team of doctors and staff from various departments such as Orthopedics, Neurosurgery and Ophthalmic surgery.

Civic body bans plastic water bottles in its meetings

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led South Delhi Municipal Corporation on Tuesday banned the use of plastic water bottles during its meetings.

The decision was taken in the meeting of the Standing Committee of the SDMC at the Civic Center on Tuesday, with paper glasses used by members replacing the earlier practice of using plastic bottles to drink water as part of promoting an eco-friendly move.

SDMC panel chairperson Bhopender Gupta said the step has been taken on Tuesday. He said henceforth the use of plastic water bottles during any meetings of the civic body has been stopped. "This will help in saving the expenditure of the SDMC. It is expected that the SDMC will save ₹22,000 per month," he said.

Gupta made it clear that dispensers and paper glasses would also be available in SDMC House meetings, departmental and committees meetings. Similar arrangements will also be made soon at all the zonal levels, the SDMC said.

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8.	(LC No. 00000051 of our Delhi Rajouri Branch) Manoj Bajpai (Borrower) Anuradha Bajpai (Co-Borrower)	23-04-2019 Rs. 37,61,842/-	All that part and parcel of the Property Bearing No Unit No 1805 18TH Floor Tower C V 7 Capetown Plot No Gh 01/A Sector 74, Noida, Gautambudh Nagar-201301	19-07-2019
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14.	(LC No. 00000422 of our Agra Branch) Pankaj Kulshrestha (Borrower) Shashi Kulshrestha (Co-Borrower)	20-07-2018 Rs. 2,57,054/-	All that part and parcel of the Property Bearing No H.No.6, Khasra No. 154, Manhar Green Near Gayatri Public School, Mauza Mohammadpur, Agra, Agra-282001, Uttar Pradesh.	19-07-2019
15.	(LC No. 00000552 of our Meerut Branch) Sunil Kumar (Borrower) Ragini (Co-Borrower)	23-04-2019 Rs. 14,61,285/-	All that part and parcel of the Property Bearing No H.No.6, Khasra No. 154, No.A-122 (West Part), Inderprasth Estate, Phase 1 Vill. Pilna Sofi Pur, Meerut, Meerut-250001	19-07-2019
16.	(LC No. 00001088 & 00001089 of our Netaji Subhash Place Branch) Naveen Jain (Borrower) Madhu Jain (Co-Borrower)	23-04-2019 Rs. 19,33,973/- Rs.7,55,155/-	All that part and parcel of the Property Bearing No Flat No. 98 (Part), Bearing Plot No. 34, 3rd Floor With Roof, Gali No-4, Kh No-157, Shankar Nagar, Krishna Ngr, Shahdara Delhi, New Delhi-110051	19-07-2019
17.	(LC No. 00000554 of our Karkarduma Noida Branch) Nakul Gupta (Borrower) Payal Gupta (Co-Borrower)	28-11-2018 Rs. 11,33,581/-	All that part and parcel of the Property Bearing No Flat No-3, 1st Floor, Rear Side, Plot No-30, Block-C, Khasra No-1542 Keshav Kunj, Village, Raispur, Ghaziabad, Gautambudh Nagar-201301, Uttar Pradesh.	23-07-2019
18.	(LC No. 00001042 of our Agra Branch) Ved Prakash (Borrower) Rashmi Sharma (Co-Borrower)	23-04-2019 Rs. 18,78,680/-	All that part and parcel of the Property Bearing No Plot B 5 Part Of Khasra No 48 A Shri Ganesh City Colony Kalwari Road Near Kothi Ramveer Upadhyay, Gram Kalwari Hathras, Hathras-204101	19-07-2019
If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to DHFL as aforesaid, DHFL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of DHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.				
Place: Delhi / NCR Date : 24/07/2019				
Sd/- Pulkit Baluja (Authorized Officer) For Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited				

Employees among 5 held for stealing goods from home appliances' factory

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police has arrested five men, including two employees of a home appliances company, from outer Delhi's Bawana area for allegedly stealing goods from the factory.

According to Gaurav Sharma, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Outer North district, police had received a complaint on Monday of the theft at the factory in Sector 2 in Bawana. "The complainant stated that his employees have stolen

goods from the factory in past few days. An First Information Report (FIR) under appropriate sections was registered at Bawana police station and investigation was taken up," said the DCP.

"On the basis of technical surveillances police arrested five persons – two employees, two former employees and a courier boy," said the DCP.

"Police have also recovered a total of 15 LED TVs, 55 ceiling fans, 24 geysers and other appliances worth around Rs six lakh were recovered from the possession of the accused," said the DCP adding that further investigation is going on.

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I, Rachita Garg, residing at B-132, Pushpanjali Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-110034, shareholder of Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited (HDFC) hereby give notice that the original share certificate no. 13287 bearing distinctive nos. 18340421 to 18341420 for 1000 equity shares of F.V. Rs.2/- under Folio No. R0056558 issued to me by HDFC, has been lost by me and I am giving an application to HDFC for issuance of duplicate share certificate in lieu thereof.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Form No. INC-25A
Conversion Of Megatech Overseas(India) Limited (Public Company) Into a Megatech Overseas (India) Private Limited (Private Company)
Before the Regional Director
Ministry Of Corporate Affairs
Northern Region
And

In the matter of the Companies Act, 2013, section 14 of Companies Act, 2013 and rule 41 of the companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014
In the matter of Mis Megatech Overseas (India) Limited Limited CIN: U51311DL1996PLC076196 having its registered office at 317 M J Shopping Centre 3 Veer Savarkar Block Shakurpur, New Delhi-110092

Applicant
Notice is hereby given to the general public that the company intending to make an application to the Central Government under section 14 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with aforesaid rules and is desirous of converting into a private limited company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on 11th June 2019 to enable the company to give effect for such conversion.
Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change/status of the company may deliver or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his interest and grounds of opposition to the concerned Regional Director, Dr. Raj Singh at: B-2 Wing, 2nd Floor Parvayaran Bhawan, CGO Complex New Delhi-110003 Ph: 011-24366038 within fourteen days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company at its registered office at the address mentioned below:

For and behalf of the Applicant Sd/-
MEGATECH OVERSEAS (INDIA) LIMITED
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Date: 24.07.2019
Palce: Delhi

2 contract killers among 5 arrested for murder bid



Five people arrested for trying to kill a lady in Dwarka in New Delhi on Tuesday

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi police has arrested five people, including two contract killers, in connection with the case of attempt to murder of a woman in Dwarka. The accused have been identified as Chandra Prakash (27) alias Chintu a resident of Dharampura, Gulab (27), a resident of Meerut (Uttar Pradesh), Abhishek (23) and Narender (33), a resident of Fatehpur Beri and Giriraj Singh Tomar (26) a resident of Delhi's Patparganj.

On July 11, Kiran Bala, in her late 30's was shot at by two biker-borne assailants. The incident had occurred near the Radisson Hotel in Dwarka. Bala, who was driving car around 8 am when the attackers rapidly fired on her. One of the bullets struck Bala in her neck and she lost consciousness after which her car hit the footpath. She was rushed to the Venkateshwara hospital. She is out of danger now.

According to Madhup Tewari, Joint Commissioner of Police, Western Range, there was only one eye witness who

informed about the direction in which two bike-borne miscreants had fled. The woman was not in a condition to give her statement.

"We had formed 8 teams to investigate the case. After analysing CDR details of several numbers, CCTV footages from all the available cameras on all possible routes for 40 kms taken by the shooters led to the identification of the vehicle used by them and clothes worn at the time of crime," said Tewari.

"The criminals were careful and in order to remain untraced not only they changed their motorcycles on the way but their clothes as well after few kilometres. The teams zeroed down on the residence of the accused in Fatehpur Beri village near Chattarpur but they were found to be absconding from their houses. Further analysis of the CDRs resulted in the arrest of main accused (conspirator) identified as Chander Prakash from Najafgarh on Tuesday," said the Joint CP.

During interrogation, the accused revealed that his uncle

Prem Chand was in a property business in Najafgarh who had become friends with the victim Kiran Bala.

"Last year, Chand had committed suicide in December 2018 and his aunt suspected the friendship with the victim lady responsible for the suicide. Prakash wanted to take the revenge for the death of his uncle for which he contacted Giriraj Singh whom he had met at the time when he was in jail. He asked him to eliminate Kiran and fixed the deal for rupees five lakh in January 2019. Two lakh rupees were paid in advance and all the information was provided to him about the woman," said Joint CP.

"Giriraj involved his accomplices to eliminate the lady. Accused Gulab arranged the weapons while Narender, another accused arranged the bike used in the crime. On July 1, Giriraj along with his associate Pinku came to Dwarka and fired at Kiran. After firing they fled from the spot in order to remain untraceable they changed their motorcycle and clothes on the way," said Joint CP.

"All the five accused have been arrested in the case. Prakash was previously involved in murder case while Gulab and Pinky have a history of being involved in robbery. Giriraj has two cases of rape and robbery against him and had also jumped parole in January this year. Narender has involvement in 27 theft and robbery cases," said Joint CP.

Police have recovered three pistols 0.32 bore used in the offence, two motorcycles, 15 live cartridges and 90,000

Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training," he said.

Chairperson of education committee Dr Nandini Sharma on Tuesday chaired a meeting of the principals of all SDMC schools to brief them about the objective of the PTM and apprise them on these issues to be taken up during interaction with the parents.

"The SDMC is keen to enrich the interest of students in learning on the basis of the feedback received from the parents apart from bringing improvement in the quality of education," Dr Sharma said, adding that the teacher will discuss with the parents about the behavioural changes taken place in their wards with an aim to inculcate better man-

ners in the students. Around three lakh students are being imparted education in the primary schools in SDMC. The PTM in first shift schools will be organised between 9 am to 12 pm in second shift schools from 2 pm to 5 pm.

SDMC Mayor Sunita Kangra, Chairman Standing Committee Bhopinder Gupta and others high officials of education department attended and expressed their views in the meeting.

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NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 33 and 47 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on **Friday, August 09, 2019** inter-alia, to consider and approve the Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter ended **30th June, 2019**.
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For Oswal Agro Mills Limited
Sd/-
Date : 23-07-2019
Place : New Delhi
Anil Bhalha
Director

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, Oris Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. is in the process of undertaking the development of a Residential Plotted Colony in Sector -89 -90 Gurugram over an area measuring 10,081 acres. Vide License No. 59 of 2013 dated 16-07-2013 granted by Director General, Town and Country Planning, Haryana, Chandigarh.
Whereas, Director General Town country Planning Haryana has granted a Letter of Intent for setting up Residential plotted colony on the additional Land area measuring 13.425 acres in the revenue estate Hayatpur in sector – 89 Gurugram – Oris Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. In collaboration with their associate companies & others. Vide Memo no. LC – 2638-F-(AK)/2019/17215 dated 18-07-2019.
And Whereas, several individuals have made bookings/entered into purchase agreement for allotment of property in the said Colony (hereinafter referred to as allottees).
And whereas, the company has not created any third party rights on the applied land measuring 13.425 acres and the applicant company intends to revise the approved the layout plan. The Layout plan earlier approved at the time of grant of License for the said colony is now proposed to be revised, and revised plan of the colony over an area measuring 114.49375 acres has been proposed.
And whereas, the office of Director General, Town and Country Planning, Haryana, Chandigarh has required seeking of objection against the revision of Layout Plan as pre-condition for allowing such revision in the Layout Plan.
Accordingly, vide this Public notice objections are hereby invited from any of the allottees in the said colony on the proposed Layout Plan. A copy of the earlier approved Layout Plan and proposed layout plan is available for perusal on our Website (www.Oris.in) The said Layout Plan can also be perused at the office of undersigned at J-10/5, DLF City Phase II, Gurugram – 122002, Haryana as well in the office of District Town Planner (Planning) at Huda Complex, Sector – 14, Gurugram, Haryana. Any allottee having any objection on revised Layout Plans, may file his objection in the company office as well as office of District Town Planner, at HUDA Complex, Sector- 14 Gurugram, Haryana within 15 days of publication of this notice, failing which it shall be assumed that there are no objections to the proposed revision in the Layout Plans.
Gurugram
24-7-2019
For, Oris Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd.
Authorized Signatory (Kapil Sharma)

Over 8K flats allotted in DDA housing plan 2019

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) on Tuesday held the draw of lots for its Housing Scheme 2019 for which only 10,294 flats were put on offer, out of the original kitty of nearly 18,000 units.

Notably, in the final draw of lots, out of 10,294, only 8,438 flats were allotted in various categories from 45,012 applicants. The draw of lots for the scheme was online through DDA website and the process live screening was held at conference room of Vikas Sadan (DDA headquarters) on Tuesday.

However, the authority did not clear the fact why the number of flats on offer and applicants was reduced. Out of the 45,012 final applicants, 36,409 are from General category, 5,021 Scheduled Caste (SC) and 2,025 Scheduled Tribe

(ST) and 97 war widows, among others. Persons with disability would be given first preference for allotment of ground floor flats, said an official.

The official further added that the computer-based draw of lots for the scheme is being held in the presence of retired high court judge S N Aggarwal, Professor Anshul Kumar of IIT-Delhi and deputy director general of National Informatics Centre Vishnu Chandra.

Earlier, the DDA had said that the scheme was for sale of nearly 18,000 newly-built flats in Delhi's Vasant Kunj and Narela areas and it had received around 50,000 applications.

Many applicants, came to Vikas Sadan, complained that the DDA website was not opening after the end of the draw of lots, which started at 12:30 pm and lasted for over an hour.

Saroj Yadav, an applicant in the disabled category, was the

first one to be picked up as an overall successful allottee, and got an MIG flat on ground floor in Vasant Kunj.

Ved Prakash Thakur was the first successful allottee in the general category, who got a flat on fifth floor in Vasant Kunj. Persons with disability are given first preference in the draw of lots to get the ground floor, the DDA official said.

Many interested applicants also visited the DDA headquarters at Vikas Sadan at INA to watch the proceedings at Nagarik Suvidha Kendra, on a screen.

The DDA Housing Scheme 2019 was launched on March 25, offering flats across four categories. The deadline for application was extended by a month till June 10, after getting a low response. The deadline for the same was May 10 earlier. The flats were on offer in four categories — HIG, MIG, LIG and EWS.

₹15 cr project to revive Shahdara Jheel

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Union Minister of Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Delhi Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president Manoj Tiwari on Tuesday laid the foundation stone of phase-II project of rejuvenation of Shahdara Jheel.

The project will cost about 15 crore rupees and the Central Government has sanctioned this amount under its Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) scheme. It will be completed within a year by East Delhi Municipal Corporation (EDMC).

Addressing the gathering, Shekhawat said the water crisis is deepening in the world and conservation and rejuvenation of water bodies is very essential. "The Government is making serious efforts for the revival of water bodies across the country and people should also be involved in the campaign of water conservation."

Shekhawat also said due to the negligence of previous Governments, many sources



of water have become endangered and Prime Minister Narendra Modi has pledged to rejuvenate them and also working in this direction.

Government has framed big schemes to save our water resources but we can rejuvenate our lakes, ponds and other sources of water by implementing these schemes but the cooperation of the people is needed to maintain them.

Lauding EDMC, Tiwari said despite limited resources, the civic body is doing a great job in areas such as education, health and water conservation. Tiwari said that after the completion of rejuvenation of Shahdara Lake, people of East Delhi will have a great place spend time.

Mayor of East Delhi Anju said water is life and the corporation is committed to work-

ing with the citizens of East Delhi for water Conservation.

Explaining about the facilities which will be added in the second phase of rejuvenation of the lake, she said that an administrative block, modern toilets, four main gates, 10,000 square meters of pavement, a fountain, and amphitheater will be constructed. Besides a parking and bicycle stand will also be constructed, she added.

Technical snag halts Metro's Magenta Line services for 1 hour

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Hundreds of Delhi Metro's commuters travelling to Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport and Janakpuri West have once again caught up in havoc situation in the peak office hours for more than an hour due to a technical issue occurred in the Magenta Line.

The Line provides connectivity from Botanical Garden in Noida to Janakpuri West in Delhi.

The technical snag occurred at around 7 am between Palam and Terminal I stations due to which the services on the Magenta Line got delayed for nearly one and half hours. "The services were affected a maintenance issue on a small stretch on Down line (going towards Botanical Garden) between Palam and Sadar Bazar stations of the Magenta Line. However, the Delhi metro has operated the train services on the stretch on a restricted time and loops," said a Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) official.

Last cassowary in Delhi zoo dies

PTI ■ NEW DELHI



The Delhi zoo's last cassowary — a native of Australia and New Guinea known as the "world's most dangerous" bird — died last month, an official said on Tuesday.

The flightless bird was the only cassowary in the Delhi zoo for the last 20 years, the official said. "There are only four-five such birds in zoos across the entire country." The death of the male cassowary occurred in June due to natural reasons, the official said.

It is the second heaviest bird in the world after the ostrich. On an average, the cassowary weighs around 60 kilograms

and is 1.5-1.8 metres tall.

The large bird, which is found in the humid rainforests of New Guinea and northeastern Australia, is considered very aggressive and reclusive.

The three-toed feet of a cassowary have sharp claws with which it sometimes kick humans and animals. In April, a male cassowary killed its owner using its long claws when the man fell on his farm in Florida, United States.

Delhi HC has no jurisdiction over water sharing: Haryana

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Haryana Government has claimed that the Delhi High Court does not have the jurisdiction to decide on its dispute with Delhi over sharing of the water from river Yamuna.

Haryana has contended that the Upper River Yamuna Board (URYB) is the appropriate body to decide the water sharing dispute between the two states and has urged the high court to decide the jurisdiction issue on "priority" basis.

It has also contended that the high court "has failed in its duty to decide the issue of jurisdiction before proceeding further in the matter".

The submissions by the state were made in an affidavit filed in a PIL by lawyer S B

Tripathi seeking sufficient water supply for Delhi.

In its reply filed before a bench of Chief Justice DN Patel and Justice C Hari Shankar, the state of Haryana has also objected to the findings of a court appointed committee which was set up to inspect whether 'bunds' have been put in the canals carrying water meant for Delhi.

The state government has urged the court to reject the committee's report which found that large scale mining was going on in the river bed of Yamuna and the Haryana government had not disclosed any information regarding the activity.

The committee had also said that the mining activity was not obstructing the flow of

water, but was also causing environmental pollution.

Haryana has contended that the report was filed after a single inspection and without consulting it.

The high court had set up the committee on DJB's application claiming that bunds had been built in canals supplying water to Delhi and this was affecting the water requirements of the national capital.

Apart from the committee's report, the neighbouring state has also opposed the Delhi Jal Board's (DJB) applications raising apprehensions of water shortage in the national capital during the lean season.

Haryana has claimed that the flow of water in Yamuna was excellent throughout the lean season which ended on

June 30. Moreover, Delhi was receiving double or more of its raw water requirement and bunds had not impacted the water flow to the national capital, it added.

Haryana also claimed that DJB was unnecessarily raising the apprehension of water shortage in the national capital and was using the PIL to get the water distribution issue decided by the high court when it does not have the jurisdiction to do so.

The state government has also objected to DJB monitoring the flow of water in the river Yamuna.

It has said that its Irrigation Department has "gauge systems" in place at various points in the river and accurate discharge data was being maintained.

Kashmiri Pandits team meets Madhav over return, tribunal for injustice

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Kashmiri Pandit delegation Kmet Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) general secretary Ram Madhav on return and tribunal for injustice.

In response, Madhav assured the delegation that the Government will not formulate and implement any Return and Rehabilitation policy for displaced community without consultations with a wider group of KP leadership. He further sought to assuage the apprehensions of a larger section of displaced community by assuring the delegation that the government is open to discussion on the final

module of return with the community leaders and there is no final decision on multiple resettlement locations.

Madhav told the delegation that government is committed to address the concerns of the displaced community and will discuss with them if they wanted to return to a three different clusters or one single concentrated area. BJP General Secretary also assured the delegation that the present Government is determined to make all separatists and their cronies irrelevant and redundant and is even willing to explore the possibility of setting up a tribunal to address the reasons of exodus and justice.

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FOR STRONG INDO-UK TIES

Britain's new PM to forge 'personal' Modi connect

PTI ■ LONDON

Boris Johnson, the new British Prime Minister, is expected to rely on his declared personal connect with Prime Minister Narendra Modi to deliver a "truly special" UK-India relationship and strike a "new and improved" trading relationship.

The 55-year-old senior Tory MP, who is seen as the face of Brexit for the ruling Conservative Party, had made a special effort to reach out to the Indian diaspora base of the party during the month-long leadership race and pledged not only closer trade ties but also easier access for Indian professionals and students.

Johnson, the former foreign secretary and London Mayor, on Tuesday beat foreign secretary Jeremy Hunt in the race to be crowned the new Conservative Party leader, amid the political uncertainty over the country's divorce deal with the European Union.

"Boris is committed to securing a new and improved trading relationship with our friends in India and ensuring that the values we share - the rule of law, democracy and dynam- ic entrepreneurial spirit should be at the heart of one of our most important partners on the glob- al stage," said Priti Patel, one of the senior-most Indian-origin Tory MPs who is expected to be a part of the new premier's min- isterial team as a key member of the 'Back Boris' campaign.

In a letter earlier this month, Johnson had played up his 'personal relationship with Prime Minister Modi' as he promised to deliver a "truly

special UK-India relationship".

"When I was with Prime Minister Modi, I stressed that the UK and India are two mod- ern democracies who should work closely together to promote trade and prosperity, improve global security and tackle the challenges our countries face," Johnson wrote in an open letter addressed to the Indian diaspo- ra Tory membership base.

"If I am elected Conservative Party Leader and Prime Minister, I will work closely with our friends in the Indian Government, business and society to deliver a truly special UK-India relationship," he said.

In keeping with his firm pro-Brexit stance and deter- mination to leave the European Union (EU) by the October 31 deadline, the senior Tory MP branded it a "travesty" that the 28-member economic bloc had failed to treat free trade agree- ment (FTA) talks with India as a priority for over a decade.

He said: "One of the most important reasons why we need to leave the European Union on October 31, 2019 is so that we can take back control over our trade policy. India is an eco- nomic powerhouse and set to become the third largest econ- omy by the middle of the cen- tury, with annual economic growth far outpacing the EU."

"The sooner we leave the EU and take back control of our trade policy, the sooner we can strike a new trade deal with India that will deliver new jobs, growth and prosperity for both our countries. Securing this new and improved trading relationship with our friends in India will be a priority for me."

The former Mayor of London, who has in the past described himself as a "son-in- law of India" by virtue of his now estranged wife Marina Wheeler's Indian mother - Dip Kaur, stressed that the UK's relationship with India must run deeper than just trade.

"We share so many values with India - the rule of law, democracy, and dynamic entre- preneurial spirit - and I believe that is why India should be one of our most important partners on the global stage," he said.

He also plugged his pro- posals for a so-called "Australian-style points-based system" of immigration, which would ensure "friends, family members and business contacts in India do not face undue dis- crimination or barriers when seeking to work, travel or study in the UK".

During the course of the leadership electoral hustings, Johnson expressed his disap- pointment at UK retailers like Sainsbury's and Waitrose not being able to set up base in India and said he would "like to see India opening up to more of our great brands".

He has in the past also made several interventions over the high duties imposed by India on Scotch whisky. These are likely to feature on his agenda in terms of any new trade talks with India.

"India is a massive static market for the UK, but I would also like to see India opening up to more of our great brands. 'In India Sainsbury's can't set up, they have no Waitrose in India. Just imagine that," he had said, in his characteristic style of mock incredulity.

NIA carries out searches at six locations in Kashmir

New Delhi: The NIA on Tuesday carried out searches at six locations in Pulwama and Srinagar against some busi- nessmen in connection with the cross-LoC trade, allegedly used by terror groups to send money for spreading trouble in Jammu and Kashmir.

Searches were conducted at Pulwama and also in Srinagar. In Pulwama the searches were conducted in Achgoza at the premises of Tanveer Ahmad Wani, who is the President of Cross LOC Traders Association. Searches were also conducted in the Safakadal, Baimina and Parimpora fruit markets in Srinagar.

NIA teams were accompa- nied and supported by the teams of CRPF and Jammu & Kashmir Police.

"During the searches, NIA teams recovered incriminating documents including pho- tographs and documents relat- ing to cross LOC trade. Besides, electronic devices and other material have also been seized. The connected persons in the case are being questioned," the NIA said in a statement.

The NIA had been on record saying that reliable infor- mation was received that a large scale transfer of funds from Pakistan to India has been tak- ing place through the import of California almonds via the cross-LoC trade mechanism.

"This is in gross violation of the state policy of prohibi- tion on trade in 'third-party origin goods' through this mechanism and information indicated that these funds are being used for fomenting ter- rorism and separatism in the state of Jammu and Kashmir," the agency had said. **PNS**

Trump stirs up Opp broadside...

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As soon as the Rajya Sabha resumed at 2 pm and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman moved the Appropriation Bill, 2019 and the Finance Bill, 2019, Anand Sharma request- ed the Deputy Chairman to consider notices given by him and other members of the Opposition seeking a reply of the Prime Minister in the House.

However, Harivansh did not accede to his plea and asked Ashok Bajpai (BJP) to initiate a discussion on Bills related to the Budget, Congress, CPI(M) and AAP members trooped into the well and started rais- ing slogans demanding that the Prime Minister come to the House to reply on the issue.

Harivansh then adjourned the House till 3 pm.

Congress-led Opposition later staged a walkout when the

House met again. Earlier, Bhupender Yadav (BJP) said the External Affairs Minister has already stated the Government's view on the mat- ter and the Lok Sabha was functioning.

Reacting to this, Leader of Opposition Ghulam Nabi Azad said the Government should not try to run Parliament as some "department" of a Ministry. He said it is the responsibility of the Upper House to discuss each and every aspect of a Bill in a thor- ough manner. He also alleged the Prime Minister never responds and no Minister in the Government has the guts to tell him that it is his duty to respond to queries of members in both the Houses.

In the Lok Sabha as soon as it met for the day, members from the Congress and some other Opposition parties were

on their feet shouting slogans over the issue. Later, when the Zero Hour began, Manish Tewari (Cong) said since Trump's statement is serious, the Prime Minister himself should clarify.

Saugata Roy (TMC) said it was in contravention to the position held by India. He also rejected any clarification by Jaishankar on the issue.

When Jaishankar rose to make a statement, it was drowned in protest by the entire Opposition. The Opposition then walked out of proceedings. Home Minister Amit Shah requested the Speaker to allow Jaishankar to repeat the statement as it was essential that people hear him clearly.

Amid the ruckus, Speaker Om Birla said it was a serious issue and there should not be any politics over the matter.

HDK meets inevitable fate

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The BJP did not take part in the debate except for inter- ventions and remained silent despite allegations thrown at it by the Congress and JD(S) members.

In his speech, Congress leader Siddaramaiah on Tuesday accused the BJP of try- ing come to power through backdoor using bribery and "wholesale" trade of MLAs. He said the 15 MLAs resigning was nothing but "wholesale trade." Siddaramaiah alleged that "Rs 20.25 and 30 crore" were offered to lure the MLAs and asked "Where did this money come from?"

Flashing the victory sign after the voting, Yeddyurappa described the outcome as a "victory for democracy" as peo- ple were fed up with the Kumaraswamy Government.

He assured the people of Karnataka that "an era of development" would start with BJP in power.

On the next step, Yeddyurappa said an appro- priate decision would be taken "as early as possible."

The Government had defied two deadlines set by Governor Vajubhai Lala, who had asked Kumaraswamy to prove his majority on Friday itself, saying he had 'prima facie satisfaction' that it has lost its majority con- fidence of the House.

The turmoil reached the climax after dramatic twists and turns that saw the MLAs of

rival camps being corralled in resorts and hotels, allegations of bribery, rebel lawmakers knock the doors of the Supreme Court to decide on the issues of whip, floor test and Governor's intervention.

Kumaraswamy and the Congress had moved the Supreme Court accusing the Governor of interfering with the Assembly proceedings when the debate on the trust vote was underway and sought clarification on its July 17 order causing hindrance in issuing whip to the legislators.

The court had held that the MLAs cannot be compelled to participate in the Assembly proceedings.

The ruling coalition made frenetic efforts to win back the rebels with chief minister mak- ing a desperate appeal to them on Sunday to attend the session to save his ministry but they refused to budge, sealing the fate of his Government.

The trial of strength took place a day after the Supreme Court ruled on July 17 that the 15 rebel Congress-JDS MLAs "ought not" to be compelled to participate in the proceedings of the ongoing session of the state Assembly.

The Karnataka drama unfolded with Anand Singh quitting on July 1 as an Assembly member, setting off a wave of resignations that swamped the ruling coalition, putting the government in jeopardy.

Govt to address demand for nationwide backward quota

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Responding to a BJP mem- ber's request that quota ben- efits should be applied nation- wide like GST to backward classes (BC), the Centre said on Tuesday that it would examine the issue of a section of BCs not getting equal benefits of reser- vation in jobs and other oppor- tunities despite remaining in the same schedule if they migrated to other states.

Union Minister for social justice and empowerment Rattan Lal Kataria said that under the existing scheme, an SC or OBC if migrated to another state is not entitled to reservation benefits of the migrated state but can get ben- efits in the state of origin and in the central government.

"We will examine the sug- gestion of the honourable member," he said during Question Hour.

The reply came when BJP MP Praveen Kumar Nishad, MP from Sant Kabir Nagar, said despite remaining in the same schedule, some backward classes are not getting equal benefits of reservation in certain cate- gories of jobs and other oppor- tunities and quota benefits should be made "GST-type." He said if they migrated from UP to Delhi, the benefits cease to apply.

The minister said instruc- tions have been given by the Department of Personnel and Training for issuance and ver- ification of castes certificates to SCs and OBCs throughout the country from time to time. The lists of SCs under the pro- vision of Articles 341 of the Constitution and the central lists of the OBCs are state and union territory specific, he said.

Govt considering to extend Monsoon session

DEEPAK K UPRETI ■ NEW DELHI

Extending Parliament ses- sion beyond July 26 by 10 days is under active consid- eration of the Government with around 10 Bills pending in the Lok Sabha and about 15 in the Rajya Sabha even as Opposition parties have reser- vations over the move saying MPs would want to go back to their constituencies. A final decision on the issue will be taken this week.

The issue came up in the parliamentary party meeting which, among others, was

attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP President and union home minister Amit Shah with the latter informing party MPs that they should be ready for an extended Parliament. Shah is understood to have told that more days were needed to complete the legislative busi- ness which also includes pass- ing of the controversial triple talaq bill which has been intro- duced afresh in the Lok Sabha.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi told reporters after the meeting, "There is a possibility of this.

You will be officially conveyed when a decision is taken."

Opposition parties have conveyed their disapproval of the idea to the government. Congress' chief whip in Lok Sabha K Suresh said his party is "strongly against" any exten- sion.

The session, which started on June 17, is scheduled to end on July 26.

In the meeting, the theme of 'Har ghar jal' figured promi- nently with 'Jal Shakti' Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat giving a detailed presentation on the matter,

Joshi said. MPs were asked to spread awareness about water conservation and a healthy competition among states would be welcomed, the min- ister said.

Prime Minister also stressed on the water conser- vation and sought MPs to work on it in their respective con- stituencies.

Shah spoke on the matter and also briefed MPs about the 150-km foot march Prime Minister Narendra Modi has asked them to undertake to mark 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

SC extends NRC...

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"We take the view that having regard to the grounds on which the coordinator in his report of July 10 has sought for extension of time up to August 31 for publishing the final NRC, extension prayed for should be allowed. We accord- ingly grant the aforesaid exten- sion of time," a bench of Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justice RF Nariman said.

Attorney General KK Venugopal and Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, repre- senting Centre and the State respectively, vehemently con- tended that re-verification of 20 per cent people was needed as

the infiltration had been the key issue with locals and it was one of the aspects in the Assam-Centre pact.

The court however went by the report of state coordinator and said, "We have taken note of our previous order..., where- by we had kept the issue alive. We have also read and consid- ered the response of Hajela, the coordinator on this aspect of the matter and specifically, the stand taken by him..., which is to the effect that in the course of consideration/adjudication of the claims, re-verification to the extent of 27 per cent has already been done."

In fact, in the report of the

coordinator has mentioned district wise figures of such re- verification which has become an integral part of the process of consideration of the claims and objections on account of the procedure adopted, it said.

"In that view of the matter, we do not consider it necessary to accede to the prayers for a further sample verification as prayed for on behalf of the Union of India and the State of Assam," the Bench said in its order.

Both the Governments had on July 19 told the top court that "India cannot be the refugee capital of the world" and sought extension of its deadline of July 31 to complete the Assam NRC.

They had sought direc- tions to conduct sample rever-

ification to quell a growing per- ception that many illegal immi- grants may have infiltrated the NRC especially in districts bordering Bangladesh.

Both the Governments told the apex court that several lakh people have been wrong- fully included in the NRC, specially in districts bordering Bangladesh due to the involve- ment of local officers in the massive exercise.

They moved the apex court on July 17 seeking a direction for 20 per cent sample re-ver- ification of names included in the final NRC draft in the dis- tricts of Assam bordering Bangladesh and 10 percent sample re-verification of names included in the final draft in the remaining districts.

The Centre's plea also

and hand over the possession to the buyers."

It, however, reduced the percentage of commission of NBCC from ten to eight per cent for the work done in com- pleting the project.

To enable the NBCC to get requisite funds for completing the stalled projects, the top court directed the home buyers to deposit the outstanding amount under the agreement entered with the promoters of the Amrapali Group within three months from July 23. It said the amount deposited by them shall be invested in the fixed deposit to be disbursed under the court order on phase- wise completion of the pro- jects/work by the NBCC.

The apex court accepted the forensic audit reports of two auditors --- Ravi Bhatia and Pawan Kumar Aggarwal --- and said their findings indicate prima facie violation of Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) and anti-money laun- dering laws.

"In view of the findings recorded by the forensic auditors and fraud unearthed, indicating

prima facie violation of the FEMA and other fraudulent activities, we direct Enforcement Directorate and concerned authorities to investigate and fix liability on persons responsible for such violation, and submit the progress report in the court and let the police also submit the report of the investigation made by them so far," the bench said.

Giving last opportunity to the directors of Amrapali Group to deposit the homebuyers money they have in their pos- session, the Bench said if its direction is not adhered to, appropriate action will be ini- tiated against them.

It said the court receiver shall execute through authorised person on his behalf, the tri- partite agreement and do all other acts as may be necessary and also to ensure that title is passed on to homebuyers and possession is handed over to them. The SC also directed the authorities to execute the tri- partite agreement within one month concerning the projects where homebuyers are residing and issue completion certificate, notwithstanding the dues.

included in the draft NRC. The top court had termed the issue as "human problem with great magnitude" and asked the state NRC coordinator to submit a report in a sealed cover on the ramification of allowing the claimants to file new sets of legacy documents.

The first draft of the NRC for Assam was published on the intervening night of December 31, 2017 and January 1, 2018 in accordance with the top court's direction. Names of 1.9 crore people out of the 3.29 crore applicants were incorporated then.

Assam, which had faced influx of people from Bangladesh since the early 20th century, is the only state hav- ing an NRC which was first prepared in 1951. **PTI**

Heavy rain in N India from...

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Explaining overall monsoon status, the MeT scientist said that a low pressure area is likely to form over coastal areas of West Bengal around July 26. "The ongoing heavy to very heavy along with extremely heavy rainfall activity over Assam and Meghalaya and Sub- Himalayan West Bengal and Sikkim is very likely to reduce after 24 hours." "Widespread rainfall with isolated heavy to very heavy and extremely heavy rainfall less than 20 mm is very likely over Konkan and Goa and over Coastal Karnataka during next 24 hours and decrease thereafter," MeT official said. Meanwhile in Delhi, overnight showers in some areas of the national Capital contributed to high humidity levels on Tuesday morning even as the minimum temperature settled at a notch above the normal. "The minimum temperature was recorded at 28.2 degrees Celsius at 8.30 am, a notch above normal while the humidity level was 83 per cent," a MeT department official said.

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Ministry Of Corporate Affairs
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In the matter of the Companies Act, 2013, section 14 of Companies Act, 2013 and rule 41 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014
And
In the matter of M/s Power And Energy Consultants India Limited CIN: U02990DL1992PLC048237 having its registered office at U-136 Vikas Chamber Vikas Marg Shakarpur, New Delhi-110092 Applicant
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Home Ministry overhauls VIP security cover of 130 bigwigs

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

RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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



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

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



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

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

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



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

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



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

Others whose security has been withdrawn include Uttar

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

BJP Rajya Sabha MP O P Mathur, Acharya Pramod Krishnam, who unsuccessfully contested from the Lucknow Parliamentary constituency on a Congress ticket, RSS leader Indresh Kumar, former BJP MP Udit Raj; and sitting BJP MP from Etawah Ram Shankar Katheria have also been taken off from the protection list of central security forces.

The cover of Congress MP from Punjab, Pratap Singh Bajwa, space scientist T K Alex and few others have also been taken off the Central list.

The protection category of Abhijeet Mukherjee, MP son of former President Pranab Mukherjee, Congress leaders Anand Sharma, Raj Babbar,

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

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

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

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

DELHI METRO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kejriwal can't appoint non-Govt official: HUA

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

US PRESIDENT KASHMIR MEDIATION CLAIM

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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

party involvement" stand on the Kashmir issue but asked why Modi was "mum" over Trump's claim. Ministry of External Affairs has rejected Trump's remarks, claim that the Indian leader asked him to mediate in resolving the Kashmir issue with Pakistan.

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

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

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

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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

This attitude is inappropriate and irresponsible, he said.

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

Def Ministry approves more awards given to NCC cadets

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

Rajnath also approved substantial increase in DG's commendations

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

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

INSHORT

GOVT APPOINTS DOSHI, JOSHI AS OSDs IN PMO

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

SC AGREES TO HEAR MAHA'S PLEA

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

SC TO DECIDE ON FADNAVIS' 'OMISSION'

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

SC GRANTS BAIL TO 33 IN 1984 SIKH RIOTS

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

INDIA'S TIES WITH CHINA STRENGTHENED: RS CHAIR

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

Govt initiates debate on Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Bill

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

LS PASSES MOTOR VEHICLES AMENDMENT BILL

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

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

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

reduced by 70% from 71 to 21 and the number of terrorist incidents in Jammu & Kashmir has reduced by 86% i.e. 23,290 to 3187.

Under the Act, an investi-

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

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

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

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

and not strict laws.

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

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

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

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

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

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

HUMAN TOLL ON MARINE ECOLOGY

Sea mining threatens scaly foot snail

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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



surface area of the UK.

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

The scaly-foot snail is known from three locations

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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SONBHADRA KILLINGS

1955 revenue records of disputed land missing

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

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

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

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

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



stored, the ADM said.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Martyred Aurangzeb's 2 brothers join Army

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

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

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

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

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

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

said.

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

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

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

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

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

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

TMC worker killed in Bengal, 6 held

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

PTI

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

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

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

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

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

minorities.

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

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

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

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

DAUSA BOMB BLAST CASE

Rajasthan HC frees 6 lifers, upholds death penalty to 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Prevention of Damage to Public Property (PDPP).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"India got the RTI Act in



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

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

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

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

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

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

Form No. INC-25A
Before the Regional Director,
Ministry of Corporate Affairs
Northern Region

In the matter of the Companies Act, 2013, section 14 of the Companies Act, 2013 and rules 41 of the Companies (Incorporation) rules, 2014

AND
In the matter of M/s Indeen Bio Power Limited having its registered office at 8C/6 WEA Abdul Aziz Road, 2nd Floor, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005, Applicant

Notice is hereby given to the general public that the company intending to make an application to the Central Government (Regional Director, Northern Region, MCA) under section 14 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with aforesaid rules and is desirous of converting into a private limited company in its terms of special resolution passed at the Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on 15th July, 2019 to enable the company to give effect for such conversion. Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change/status of the company may deliver or cause to be delivered or send by registered post with his objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his interest and grounds of opposition to the Hon'ble Regional Director (Northern Regional Director, B-2 Wing, 2nd Floor Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex New Delhi-110003), within fourteen days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company at its registered office at the address mentioned below.

For and on behalf of the Directors

Indeen Bio Power Limited

Sd/-

Archana Ajay Padia

Director

DIN- 00054634

Registered address:

8C/6 WEA ABUL AZIZ ROAD,

2ND FLOOR, KAROL BAGH, NEW DELHI-110005

Date: 24/07/2019

Place: New Delhi

Pak Army continues shelling along LoC for 2nd consecutive day

PNS ■ JAMMU

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

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

According to ground reports, "several forward villages, falling in the direct line of fire, were targeted by the Pakistan army using mortars".

Official sources said, over one dozen posts were directly targeted by the Pakistan army in Poonch, Krishna Ghati, Mendhar and Mankote areas of Poonch.

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



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

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

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

7 Maoists, including three women, surrender

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Maha Govt OK's 3 new Metro corridors

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

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

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

While one route will serve parts of eastern and south

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

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

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

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

Slated to be developed at an estimated cost of Rs. 5000-crore, the Gaimukh-Shivaji Chowk Metro 10 corridor will be 11 km long and it will have five stations en route. The five stations are: Gaimukh, Gaimukh Retibunder, Versova Chaarphata, Kashi-Mira and Shivaji Chowk in adjoining Thane district.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Chandrayaan-2 moving in right direction: ISRO

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

If successful, it will make India the fourth country after

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kumar, who was the commissioner of Bidhannagar



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The minister's statements invited sharp reaction on

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

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

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

The minister criticised

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

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

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

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

UP Bill to tackle 'anti-national' activity on campus, regularise admissions

Lucknow: The Uttar Pradesh Government on Tuesday tabled in the Assembly a Bill seeking an undertaking from private universities that they will not allow their campuses to be used for "anti-national activities".

The Uttar Pradesh Private Universities Bill, 2019 lists several conditions for setting up such institutions, including following a transparent admission process and a common academic calendar prescribed by the state government.

If the Bill becomes law, private universities will award honorary degrees to people in public life only with the state government's approval.

The Bill demands an undertaking from the sponsors of private universities that their institution will not be involved in or permit anyone to "cause or promote anti-national activities".

If any such activity takes place on the campus, it shall be considered a major violation of

the conditions for setting up the university, the draft legislation warns.

The government may then take action according to the provisions under the Act or any other law in force, it says.

The Bill is meant to enact umbrella legislation to govern all private universities, it adds.

A statement on the objectives of the Bill said 27 private universities have been established and incorporated under different state Acts in Uttar Pradesh. This means there is no uniform law to monitor such private universities, it added. It has become difficult to collect information and ensure quality standards in higher education, the government said.

The draft Bill was approved by the state cabinet recently.

An official had then said the universities will have to ensure that patriotism, national integration, communal amity, social harmony,

secularism, ethics and international goodwill are included in the curriculum.

The Bill proposes that at least 75 per cent of teachers in each department will have to be the university's regular employees. The proposed legislation demands that the private universities will also conform to the standards specified by central regulatory bodies like the University Grants Commission. **PTI**

Mamata writes to Modi to reverse corporatisation of ordnance factories

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

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

The OFB with its 41 factories, nine training institutes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PAYAL TADVI SUICIDE CASE

Police file chargesheet naming 3 woman doctors

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

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

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

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

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

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

A second-year PG student of Gynaecology and Obstetrics at the Topiwala National Medical College, attached to the BYL Nair Hospital, Payal (26) was found hanging in her hostel room that she shared with three other students on May 22.

Payal who was from the Adivasi Tadvai Bhil community, which is a Scheduled Tribe, hailed from Jalgaon in north Maharashtra.

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

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

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

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY

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

NORTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

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

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

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

S. No. 1. : Name of work : Improvement and Development of lanes by pdg. by RMC from Barat Ghar to PWD Road, behind Barat Ghar, in front of Barat Ghar and Behind workshop in Mangolpur Khurd Village in Ward no. 54-N, Mangolpuri, M-I/RZ. **Head of account :** XL-VIII-S(d) **Tender Amount :** Rs. 78,40,423/- **Earnest Money :** Rs. 1,69,550/- **Time of Completion :** 6 Months **Rates hold goods for :** 6 Months **Cost of Tender :** Rs. 1000/- **Tender No. :** 13/01

Tender document can be download online on website **http://www.tenderwizard.com/NORTHDMCETENDER** and also available on the website **http://www.tenderwizard.com/NORTHDMCETENDER** For bidding by approved and eligible contractors, details of NIT can be seen on website. **RO No. 42/DPI/North/2018-19 Executive Engineer / (M-I)RZ**

WESTERN RAILWAY

CONSTRUCTION OF 6TH LINE BETWEEN MUMBAI CENTRAL TO BORIVALI STATIONS

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Form No. INC-25A

Conversion Compressors Technique India Limited (Public Company) Into A Compressors Technique India Private Limited (Private Company)

Before the Regional Director Ministry Of Corporate Affairs Northern Region

In the matter of the Companies Act, 2013, section 14 of Companies Act, 2013 and rule 41 of the companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014 And

In the matter of M/s Compressors Technique India Limited CIN: U74899DL1995PLC065700 having its registered office at 211 MJ Shopping Centre 3 Veer Savarkar Block Shakarpur, New Delhi-110092

Applicant

Notice is hereby given to the general public that the company intending to make an application to the Central Government under section 14 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with aforesaid rules and is desirous of converting into a private limited company in the Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on 11th June 2019 to enable the company to give effect for such conversion.

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change/status of the company may deliver or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his interest and grounds of opposition to the concerned Regional Director, Dr. Raj Singh at B-2 Wing, 2nd Floor Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex New Delhi-110003 Ph: 011-24366038 within fourteen days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company at its registered office at the address mentioned below:

For and behalf of the Applicant **Sd/-**
Compressors Technique India Limited
211 MJ Shopping Centre 3 Veer Savarkar Block, Shakarpur,
Date: 24.07.2019 New Delhi-110092
Palce: Delhi

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-II DEBT'S RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, DELHI

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

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE Dated : 10-07-2019 **R. C. No. 242/2018 Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd.**

M/s Arth Real Developers (MP) Pvt. Ltd. ORDER

As per my order dated 10-07-2019 the under mentioned properties will be sold by public e-auction sale on **23-08-2019** in the said Recovery Certificate:-

The auction sale will be "online e-Auctioning" through website **https://drt.auctiontiger.net**

Date and Time of Auction: 23.08.2019 between 11.00 am and 12.00 noon (With extensions of 5 minutes duration after 12 noon, If required)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

(i) Property bearing Survey no. 384, Paiki & 383/1, Paiki situated at Village Asarvad Khurd, Tehsil & District Indore (MP) admeasuring 0.320 hectares.

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Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (In Rs.) : 6,80,000/-

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. The auction sale will be "online through e-auction" through website portal : **https://drt.auctiontiger.net**

2. The EMD shall be paid through Demand Draft/Pay order in favour of the "Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi, A/c R.C. No. 242/2018" or through NEFT/RTGS to the following account : Account No. 005010110000008, IFSC Code JAKA0CIRCUS. The said Demand Draft/Pay Order or original proof of payment through NEFT/RTGS qua EMD, alongwith self-attested copy of identity (voter I-card/driving license/ passport), which should contain the address for future communication, and self-attested copy of PAN card, and in the case of company, copy of resolution passed by the board members of the company or any other document confirming representation/attorney of the company also, must reach the Office of the Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi latest by 21-08-2019 before 4.00 PM. The EMD or original proof of EMD received thereafter shall not be considered.

3. The envelope containing EMD or original proof of payment of EMD through NEFT/RTGS, along with details of the sender, i.e. address, e-mail ID and mobile number etc. should be superimposed (R.C. No. 242/2018) on the envelope and the envelope should be marked "as where is basis".

4. The bidders are advised to go through the portal **https://drt.auctiontiger.net** for detailed terms and conditions for e-auction sale before submitting their bids and taking place in the e-auction sale proceedings and/or contact Mrs. Rossy Tickoo, Branch Head, Mobile No. 981842121.

5. Prospective bidders are required to register themselves with the portal and obtain login ID and Password well in advance, after deposit of EMD, which is mandatory for bidding above e-auction (M/s E-procurement Technologies Limited, Opp. Orient Club, Near Gujarat College, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad-380006, Gujarat Contact No. 6351896834).

6. The interested bidders may avail online training on e-auction, after deposit of EMD, from M/s E-procurement Technologies Limited, Opp. Orient Club, Near Gujarat College, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad-380006, Gujarat Contact No. 6351896834.

8. Only those bidders holding valid user ID & Password and confirmed payment of EMD through demand draft / pay order or NEFT/RTGS shall be eligible to participate in online e-auction.

9. The Prospective buyer may inspect the site on 16-08-2019 and 17-08-2019 from 10.30AM to 04.00 PM.

10. The interested bidders, who have submitted their bids not below the reserve price by 21-08-2019 in the office of the Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi, shall be eligible to participate in the e-auction to be held from 11.00 AM to 12.00 Noon on 23-08-2019. In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the auction the closing time will be automatically get extended for 5 minutes.

11. The bidder shall improve offer in multiple of 1,00,000/- (Rs. One Lakh only).

12. The unsuccessful bidder shall take the EMD directly from the Office of Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi/ CH Bank i.e. J & K Bank, Connaught Place Branch immediately after the closing time of the auction.

13. The Successful / highest bidder shall have to prepare Demand Draft/Pay order for 25% of the bid/ sale amount, after adjusting the EMD, favouring Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi, and the balance 75% of the bid/ sale amount, after adjusting the EMD, favouring Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi, shall be paid by the bidder on or before 15th day from the date of auction of the property, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office day after the 15th day alongwith the poundage fee @ 2% upto Rs. 1,000 and @ 1% on the excess of such gross amount over Rs. 1000/- in favour of Registrar, DRT-II, Delhi. (In case of deposit of balance amount of 75% through post the same should reach the Recovery Officer as above). In case of default of payment within the prescribed period, the property shall be re-sold, after the issue of fresh proclamation of sale. The deposit, after defraying the expenses of the sale, may, if the undersigned thinks fit, be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold.

14. The Successful / highest bidder shall deposit, through Demand Draft/Pay order favouring Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi, A/c R.C. No. 242/2018, the balance 75% of the bid/ sale amount, after adjusting the EMD, favouring Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi, and the balance 75% of the bid/ sale amount, after adjusting the EMD, favouring Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi, shall be paid by the bidder on or before 15th day from the date of auction of the property, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office day after the 15th day alongwith the poundage fee @ 2% upto Rs. 1,000 and @ 1% on the excess of such gross amount over Rs. 1000/- in favour of Registrar, DRT-II, Delhi. (In case of deposit of balance amount of 75% through post the same should reach the Recovery Officer as above). In case of default of payment within the prescribed period, the property shall be re-sold, after the issue of fresh proclamation of sale. The deposit, after defraying the expenses of the sale, may, if the undersigned thinks fit, be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold.

15. CH/ICH Bank is directed to serve the Sale proclamation on CDs through Dastl, speed post, courier and by affixation at the conspicuous part of the property and by beat of drum in its vicinity and a copy of the same be placed on the notice board of the Tribunal.

16. Sale proclamation be also published in the Newspapers in English as well as in vernacular language, having adequately wide circulation in the area.

17. CH/ICH Bank is directed to confirm the publication of advertisement in the Newspaper and original proofs of the publication be filed before the next date of hearing.

18. The undersigned reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, if not found acceptable or to postpone the auction at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final.

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Revenue assessed upon the property or any part, after the issue of fresh proclamation of sale. Details of any encumbrance to which property is liable : Not known

Claims, if any, which have been put forward to the property, and any other known particulars bearing on its nature and value.

Matter be listed on 14.08.2019 for filing affidavit of service of E-auction sale notice with proofs of service (including track results qua speed post and courier) and dastl, original proofs of publication in newspapers and wider publicity including website for the purpose of e-auction.

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

POLICE HEADQUARTERS J&K, SRINAGAR

Phone/Fax No.-: 0194-2443031/2443032(Sgr), 0191-2459029/2459255(Jmu)

Website :- www.jkpolice.gov.in, E-mail :- phj@jknic.in

Amendment Notice

Pursuant to queries/observations raised by various intending bidders, the clarifications/amendments to **e-NIT 33 of 2019 dated 29.05.2019** (installation of CCTV Surveillance System at Police Stations and Police Posts of J&K State) are hereby ordered as detailed out in Annexure "I" of this notice.

All the intending bidders may login to J&K State e-procurement portal **www.jktenders.gov.in** on tender id **2019_DGPJK_77628_1** for details.

The other terms and conditions of the NIT shall remain the same. **Sd/-**
Mubassir Latifi (JKPS), AIG (Provisional/ Transport), For Director General of Police, J&K Srinagar

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

अखिल भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान संस्थान, रायपुर (इ.ग.)

All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Raipur (C.G.)
Tatibandh, G.E. Road, Raipur- 492 099 (CG) (**www.aiimsraipur.edu.in**)

No. AIIMS-RPR/Rect. & Advt. Cell/2019/1573, Date: 22-07-2019

E-TENDER CALL NOTICE

Director, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Raipur Chhattisgarh, Gol, invites e-tender for following:

Tender Title	EMD Cost	Published on CPPP/ Website	Pre-bid Meeting date	Closing date
Annual Rate Contract for Supply of Suture Material at AIIMS Raipur	₹ 10,74,000.00	20-07-2019	07-08-2019 at 3:30 PM	19-08-2019 at 03:00 PM
Two Year Rate Contract of Dual connector Injector Syringe 190 ml with QFT for Radiodiagnosis Department at AIIMS Raipur	₹ 91,000.00	20-07-2019	30-07-2019 at 3:30 PM	20-08-2019 at 06:00 PM

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

Stores Officer, AIIMS Raipur

Civil Engineering Department

NEW DELHI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
Executive Engineer (BM-II)
Palika Parking, New Delhi-110001

e-procurement Tender Notice

ID No. : 2019. NDMC. 176725.1
Name of Work : Improvement to Vidut Bhawan.
SH : Renovation/Modification of Block A,B,C Vidut Bhawan office Complex at Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Road (Composite Work)

Estimated Cost : Rs. 24,22,19,423/- (Civil Rs. 15,27,63,227/- + Electrical Rs. 7,83,42,701/- + Fire Rs. 1,11,13,495/-)

Date of release of tender through e-procurement solution : 20.07.2019
Date of Pre-Bid Meeting on 26.07.2019 at 3.00PM in the Chamber of CE(C-II) 16th Floor Room No. 1601, Palika Kendra, New Delhi.

Last date/time for receipt of tenders through e-procurement solution : 05.08.2019 at 4.00 PM
Further details can be seen at **www.govtprocurementdelhi.gov.in**

Note :- To participate in e-tender in NDMC registration with e-tendering system. **Sd/-**
Government of NCT of Delhi is mandatory. **Executive Engineer (BM-II)**

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Trumping policy

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



Going over the US President Donald Trump's latest missive against India that he wouldn't mind mediating or arbitrating the Kashmir issue, one cannot help but be reminded of author Lewis Carroll's famous observation. "Who in the world am I? Ah, that's the great puzzle," his protagonist asks this question of herself in *Alice in Wonderland*, just after she had grown to a giant size and frightened the White Rabbit away. Yes, Trump has been upending prevalent diplomatic norms across the world and assigning himself the role of a global peace-maker but in the process now runs the real danger of upsetting allies and emergent powers and ignoring the layered complexities of Southeast Asia. And India, now, quite frankly is being too easily tossed about as a thorn in the flesh despite its strategic value to US interests. So India was literally taken aback by Trump's claim that he had had a talk with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Kashmir, who, the US President implied, was quite amenable to the idea of his intervention. Of course, India was quick to clarify its position that the subject was never a part of the discussion at the G-20 talks where the two leaders met, that it continued to be a bilateral issue and that talks were only possible in the event of a cessation of cross-border terrorism by Pakistan. Understandably the US administration spent much of the day calming anxieties, worried by Trump's impromptu observation that only served to highlight his ignorance and misplaced proactiveness. Everybody on Capitol Hill was expectedly worried about burning bridges with India considering they know it has rejected mediation by other governments for decades, insisted Kashmir was a bilateral issue and has never ever budged on reversing that stand even by a whisker. Lobbyists are worried that the gains in Indo-US relations made over the years by staying out could come under a cloud considering this time Trump went a bit too far in attributing statements to none other than Prime Minister Modi himself.

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

India's golden girl

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



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

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

Mired in controversy

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



FASIHUR RAHMAN

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SOUNDBITE

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



Congress leader
—DK Shivakumar

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



Actor
—Vidya Balan

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



Pakistan Prime Minister
—Imran Khan

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



PDP chief
—Mehbooba Mufti

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Job well done

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

VS Jayaraman
Chennai

Architect of Delhi

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

Further, she also transformed the public transport system. The many expressways, flyovers, roads and elegant roundabouts that were built during the time when she served as three-time Chief Minister of Delhi have led to hassle-free access to public transport.

Although, the staging of the Commonwealth Games in Delhi during her tenure was marked by

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

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

Devendra Khurana
Bhopal

Sonbhadra's story of neglect

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

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



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

Haridasan Rajan
Kozhikode

The real transformer

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

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

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

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

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FIRST COLUMN

The last PM of a ‘united’ kingdom?



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

POINTCOUNTERPOINT

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

—CONGRESS PRESIDENT RAHUL GANDHI



NO SUCH REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE BY PM MODI. SIMLA AND LAHORE ACCORDS PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR RESOLUTION OF ALL ISSUES BILATERALLY.

—EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER S JAISHANKAR



The right route to funding

With a vast range of options for funding available today, the selection of a suitable source is quite tricky for founders. With a detailed, compelling pitch, they can ride the tide



HIMA KOTA

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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


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

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

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Post debacle, rumour mill has it...

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



KALYANI SHANKAR

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

Senior Congress leader Digvijaya Singh compared her visit to Indira

Gandhi’s Belchi visit and tweeted, “Aap ka ye kadam Indiraji ki Belchi yatra ki yaad dilata hai. Priyankaji aap sankarsh kare ham sab aap ke saath hai.” He was referring to Indira Gandhi’s big political moment after her defeat in 1977 when she visited Belchi village in Bihar where there was a Dalit massacre. She even rode an elephant to reach the village. Priyanka made similar efforts by refusing to return without meeting the affected families and remained in the front-page news for at least two days.

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

Priyanka’s visit was part of her



PRIYANKA GANDHI

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

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

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

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

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

Elections to States like Maharashtra, Jharkhand and

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

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

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FOREIGN EYE



THE VISION THING

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

(The Guardian editorial)

RCom pay default: Contempt plea against Ambani nixed



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

A two-member bench headed by NCLAT Chairman Justice S J Mukhopadhaya, dismissed any contempt plea against Ambani and his officials. "We have found that no case has been made out for contempt," said NCLAT.

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

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

Reliance Infratel, is a subsidiary of RCom, and is presently under corporate insolvency resolution process. HSBC Daisy had moved the appellate tribunal over alleged default of payment of ₹230 crore by Reliance Infratel.

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

following six months.

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

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

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

Jet headquarters' owner Luckystar moves NCLT to get possession

PTI ■ MUMBAI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The security deposit amount, he said, according to

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

The building is worth ₹150 crore, he added.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

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

Business Corner



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



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

LS nod to Bill for amending Motor Vehicle law

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

transportation of goods and passengers.

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

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

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

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

This facility will help people living in villages and tehsils.

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

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

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

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

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

record.

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

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

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

Outspoken Dy Governor Viral Acharya ends his RBI stint

PTI ■ MUMBAI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

have had delayed the growth-propping rate cuts.

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

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

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

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

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



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

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

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

DP/6461/CD/19

Appeal for Identification



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

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

DP/9182/NW/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL



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

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

SHO
E-mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in PS: Shalimar Bagh
Tel: 011-24368638, 24368641 Delhi
Fax: 011-24368639 Ph.: 27495198, 27495527

DP/9169/NW/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL



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

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

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

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

E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in SHO
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> PS. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi
Fax: 011-24368639 Ph. 011-27495198, 8750870227
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 DP/9167/NW/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL



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

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

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in SHO : P.S. Anand Parbat, Delhi
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> Ph. : 011-28762468, 28764807
Fax: 24368639
Tel.: 24368638/24368641

DP/6457/CD/19

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Sunita @ Sonia W/o Ram Babu R/o Village-Kediya, Pachhor, Distt- Rajgarh, M.P** has Committed (or is suspected to has committed) the offence under **FIR No. 159/12 u/s 380/411/34 IPC** has been registered at **P.S. Bharat Nagar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Sunita @ Sonia** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Sunita @ Sonia** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Sumit Sunita @ Sonia** of **FIR No. 159/12 u/s 380/411/34 IPC** has been registered at **P.S. Bharat Nagar, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on **04.09.2019**

By order
Ms. Ekta Gauba,
Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate
(North- West) Court No.101, 1st Floor,
Rohini Court, Delhi
DP/9153/NW/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON



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

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

Any person is having any information or clue about this missing person may inform SHO, Khyala, New Delhi at

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in or Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>,
Tele No.: 24368638/24368641, Fax: 24368639,
SHO : P.S. Khyala, New Delhi
Ph. : 011-28335696, 28335686

DP/8337/WD/19

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

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

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

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

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Boris Johnson elected UK PM

PTI ■ LONDON

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A number of Brexiteers, including Indian-origin MPs

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

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

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

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

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

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

NEWLY-ELECTED UK PM JOHNSON'S BIGGEST CONTROVERSIES

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

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

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

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

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



WORLD REACTS

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

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

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

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

Iran warns new PM it will ‘protect’ Gulf waters

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

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

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

Carrie Symonds: Britain’s new ‘first girlfriend’

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

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

Iran to meet nuke deal partners amid tanker crisis

AFP ■ TEHRAN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

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

Sr. No.	NIT No.	Name of Work	Head of Account	Estimate Cost (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Time Allowed	Tender ID No.	Last date & time for submission of Price Bid
1.	EE/CD-VIII/2019-20/23	Plantation of trees on the bank of Mungeshpur drain from RD 31204M to RD 29900M and RD 23413M to RD 22000M	2711 Non Plan	13,13,681	26,274	5 Years	2019_IFC_176577_1	25.07.2019 upto 15.00 Hrs.

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

Sd/-
(J. NARENDER SAGAR)
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER: CD-VIII

DIP/Shabdarth/0421/19-20

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Sr. No	NIT No.	Name of Work	Head of Account	Estimate Cost (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Time Allowed	Tender ID No.	Last date & time for submission of Price Bid.
1.	EE/CD-VII/NIT/2019-20/27	Plantation of Sappling within 15 days on Sub-Minor No. 5 CTP Network Near Ibrahimpur village of Civil Divisio-VII and its maintenance period is 05 years after completion of work.	2711 Revenue	95,64,051/-	1,91,281/-	15 days for plantation work + 05 years maintenance work	2019_IFC_176590_1	27.07.2019 upto 15.00 Hrs
2.	EE/CD-VII/NIT/2019-20/28	Rejuvenation and providing and fixing rain water harvesting system in Alipur Store at village Alipur in Distt. North.	2711 Revenue	11,06,957/-	22,139/-	02 Months	2019_IFC_176591_1	27.07.2019 upto 15.00 Hrs
3.	EE/CD-VII/NIT/2019-20/29	Plantation of sappling within 15 days on Nangloi Drain, Bawana Escape Drain & Main Channel near (Nirananki Ground) of Civil Division-VII and its maintenance period is (05) five years after completion of work	2711 Revenue	95,64,051/-	1,91,281/-	15 days for plantation work + 05 years maintenance work	2019_IFC_176590_1	27.07.2019 upto 15.00 Hrs
4.	EE/CD-VII/NIT/2019-20/30	Improvement of road and side drains behind Nagar Nigam Primary School and near Drain at Shahbad Daultapur in Bawana A.C	MLALAD Works	57,09,553/-	1,14,191/-	04 Months	2019_IFC_176608_1	30.07.2019 upto 15.00 Hrs

- The enlistment of the contractors should be valid on the last date of opening of tenders. In case, the last date of opening of tender is extended, the enlistment of contractor should be valid on the original date of opening of tenders.
- Earnest money in physical form and self attested copy of Registration of enlistment & other documents (eg. ESI & EPF registration, copy of PAN card, Copy of VAT documents) should be submitted in the Office of Executive Engineer, Civil Division-VII, I&FC Deptt., Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Sector-15, Rohini, Delhi-110085 upto 3.00 PM on the last date of submission of technical bids for obtaining the deposition slip for uploading.
- The details of above mentioned work(s) can be seen and downloaded from the website <http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>
- The agencies who do not fulfill eligibility criteria/ do not submit required documents upto the stipulated time, their tenders shall be rejected summarily at technical bid stage.
- Tenders submitted through e-procurement portal shall only be considered and no manual tender shall be accepted.
- Intending tenders participating in tendering process in EE CD-VII, I&FC shall furnish ESI & EPF registration along with other required documents and the same shall be uploaded while bidding. Moreover the ESI & EPF registration documents of all contractors shall be kept on records and ESI & EPF registration documents of lowest tenderer to whom the work awarded shall form the part of the agreement.(I&FC department office order No.1417-48 dated 29.01.2016).

Sd/-
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (CD-VII)

DIP/Shabdarth/0420/19-20

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
Publication in Newspapers of e-Tender Notices for procurement of goods has been stopped by the office of Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway and all Stores Offices of Northern Railway. Firms desirous to participate in tenders of Northern Railway are requested to visit the website www.ireps.gov.in regularly after registering themselves on this portal and submit their e-bids on this portal only. 2372/19
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Gist of e-NIT No. 11 of 2019

Dated :- 22-07-2019

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

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

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

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

Sd/- (S.I.M Gillani) IPS
Addl. Director General of Police,
Armed, J&K Srinagar

No:DIPK-NB-1840/19
Dated: 22.07.2019

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

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

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

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

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

sd/-
Bimal Kumar Sharma
Liquidator
Vivid IT Solutions Private Limited
IBBI Registration No.
IBBI/ IPA-001/ IP – P00542/ 2017-18/ 10967

Date: 22-07-2019
Place: New Delhi

SEARCH FOR MISSING FEMALE

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

Her physical description is as under: **Complexion:** Fair, **Height:** 5'5", **Face:** Round, **Build:** Normal, **Clothing-** orange colour suit-salwar & sleeper in feet.

Disha : Wearing yellow top and white nicker and sleeper in feet.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing female & her daughter may inform to SHO khyala, New Delhi.

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

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
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DP/8336/WD/19

GLOBE TROTTER

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

KIM INSPECTS NEW SUBMARINE

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

EX-CHINESE PREMIER LI PENG NO MORE

Beijing: Former Chinese premier Li Peng — known as the “Butcher of Beijing” for his role in the Tiananmen Square crackdown — has died aged 90, state broadcaster Xinhua said Tuesday. The former chairman of the National People's Congress Standing Committee died of an unspecified illness in Beijing on Monday, Xinhua said. The ex-premier had previously battled bladder cancer.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

SUPPLYING, FABRICATION AND ERECTION OF STRUCTURAL STEEL OF BRIDGE

Open tender through e-Tendering system is invited for the following works:
Tender No.: CE/CONING/MB/2019/08/RT1. **Name of work:** Supplying, fabrication and erection of structural steel of bridge no. 59 (Jaldhaka) 7 x 45.7m OWG at km 52/9-10 in between station Belgara -Allagar in connection with New Maynaguri - Gumanihat doubling project. Approx. Value: ₹14,31,41,532.09, Earnest money: ₹8,65,800.00, Completion period: 12 Months. Tender submission: from 02-08-2019 to upto 14:30 hrs. of 16-08-2019. Opening date & Time: 16-08-2019, 15:30 Hrs. For Details Please visit www.ireps.gov.in.

For Chief Engineer/Con-3, Maligaon
NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY
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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client SMT. SANTOSH PARASHAR W/O LATE SH. RAMESH CHANDER PARASHAR R/O H.NO. L-4, BUDH VIHAR, PHASE-II, DELHI-110086, has disowned her son MR. DEEPAK PARASHAR alongwith his wife Mrs. MANJU SHARMA alias NAVYA PARASHAR and revoke all relationship from them due to their bad behavior and bad intentions. My client has debarred them from all their rights, claims in any manner from her moveable and immovable properties and in near future they will have no concern with my client in any manner with immediate effect. Any Persons dealing with them shall be doing so at their own risk and responsibilities.
SANJEEV JAIN (Advocate) - Tel: 9873691274
Office-RU-17, DDA Mkt. Pitampura, Delhi-110088

Public Notice

M/s Bamboo Hotel & Global (Delhi) Private Limited is pleased to inform that the Expansion of “Hotel Complex & Convention Centre” at Asset No. 13, Hospitality District, DIAL IGI Aiport, Delhi had been accorded with Environmental Clearance vide **F. No. 21-35/2017-IA-III dated 05/03/2019** form Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi.

The copies of the clearance letters are available with Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate change, New Delhi and can also be seen on their website <http://environmentclearance.nic.in> and on our website (www.dbreality.co.in) M/s Bamboo Hotel & Global Centre (Delhi) Private Limited.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 33 and 47 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on **Friday, August 09, 2019** inter-alia, to consider and approve the Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter ended **30th June, 2019**.

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

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

Make learning fun

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

The author is Writer, educator and moderator

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

DIPLOMA COURSE
Cradle of Management Institute invites applications for admissions to its diploma programme in Operation Theater Technician.
The programme aims to provide efficient and balanced training in OTT. This course offers core clinical skills and a sound knowledge of specialist equipment and drugs provides the students with the ability to reassure and support patients emotionally through the stressful experience of surgery.
Duration: One year
Eligibility: Minimum qualification for securing admission to diploma programme is Class XII pass from any recognised board.
How to apply: Log on to www.cmi-hm.com.
Last date to apply: July 24, 2019.

Admissions OPEN
admissions to its bachelors, masters & diploma programmes in Fashion Design.
Eligibility: Class X pass for diploma, Class XII for bachelors & diploma and graduates for masters degree or diploma (any stream).
How to apply:
Log on to <http://www.insd.edu.in/apply-online.html>.
Last date to apply: July 31, 2019.

BANKING & FINANCE
TKW's Institute of Banking & Finance invites applications for admissions to its advanced diploma programme in Banking & Finance.
The programme aims at providing students, a strong academic foundation in accounting together with advanced qualifications and industry relevant skills to kick start their career in banking and finance industry. After completing Advanced Diploma in Banking and Finance a student can find employment in Banks, financial companies or in corporate finance across the industry.
Duration: Three years
Eligibility: Minimum qualification for securing admission to degree programme is Class XII pass in commerce stream with minimum 55 per cent marks from a recognised board.
How to apply: Log on to www.tkwsibf.edu.in
Last date to apply: July 29, 2019.

FASHION DESIGN
International School of Design invites application for
MASTERS PROGRAMMES
Luxury Connect Business School, Gurgaon invites applications for admissions to its masters programmes.
The courses include post graduate diploma in Luxury Management, executive masters: executive diploma in Luxury Management, Luxury Brand Management (Online), Luxury Retail Services Skills (Online).
How to apply: Log on to <https://lcb.edu.in/>, <https://lcb.nopaperforms.com>.
APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY
Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies invites applications for admission to its BA/BSc (Hons) — Applied Psychology programme.
Duration: Three years
Eligibility: Pass in Class XII examination/equivalent examination with at least 50 per cent marks in aggregate in five subjects including English as compulsory subject along with four subjects with the highest score out of the remaining subjects.
How to apply: Log on to apply.manavrachna.edu.in.
Last date to apply: April 17, 2019.

AI is the new flavour

With the emergence of technologies, there are speculations that it will eliminate human jobs. SUDESHNA DATTA tells you how one can work along with technology

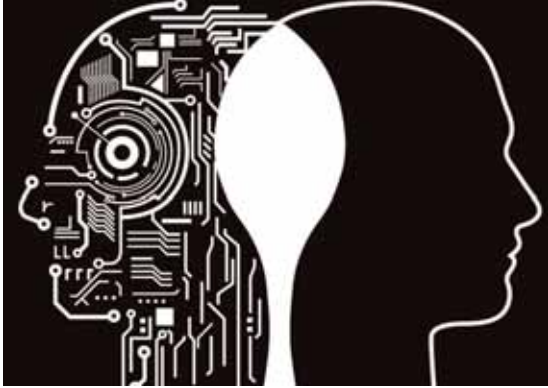
With the advent of emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), natural language processing (NLP) and big data, the jobs of today are going through major transformations, where machines are gaining greater prominence in daily business functions. This has also given rise to a large number of new career opportunities, both in terms of product innovation and optimising operations for a more effective output. As a result, the skills required by employees are changing, too, giving rise to the need for reskilling and up skilling the workforce in order to meet the new demands.

Given that emerging technologies are bringing about widespread changes within the job landscape, there has been some speculation about the extent to which automated tools will eliminate human jobs. The fact remains that the growing number of careers in AI and related fields will actually be a boon in terms of catering to the needs of an increasingly

digitised business ecosphere. The new roles are also bringing about the demand for new or realigned skill sets amongst the workforce, and there is a considerable shortage of talent in the tech industry with the necessary skills. However, due to the growing demand, several amongst the IT industry talent pool have begun considering it as a lucrative career choice. There are several existing options, and others to be created in the near future, for those looking to join the industry in an AI or ML role.

Before considering a job in AI, it is a good idea for aspirants to build a strong foundation in skills such as coding in various commonly-used languages, statistics, cognitive science theory, engineering, robotics and Bayesian networking. Here's a list of some of the most in-demand jobs in the industry at present:

■ Machine Learning Eng
In order to effectively carry out the role of a machine learning engineer, it is important to be well-versed



with AI programming and have a deep understanding of multiple coding languages. ML professionals should also be privy to the practical application of predictive models and natural language processing.
■ Data Scientists
In a world that is fuelled by all-things-data, these professionals are the ones who make sense of it all to put forth useful insights and information for a business. For this, data scientists must have a thorough understanding of statistical computing and programming

languages, as well as good communication skills in order to effectively present insights to various stakeholders. Using tools such as machine learning and predictive analysis, the role of a data scientist is to collect, analyse, and interpret complex and large pools of data.
■ Research Scientists
The role of research scientists are vital to gathering and interpreting data that is relevant to a particular business. They must also be highly experienced in AI disciplines across the board such as ML, applied mathematics

and computational statistics. Their expertise should lie in the key areas of graphical models, reinforcement learning, NLP and computer perception.

■ Robotic Scientist
Building a robot requires a professional with specific knowledge and skillsets. In order to become a robotic scientist, one will need a bachelor's degree in computer science, engineering or similar fields. A robotic scientist creates mechanical devices that can carry out a number of processes and functions as per the requirement. AI is optimising operations, thus helping businesses do better while cutting costs, and helping employees focus on tasks that create more value and aid to their growth. By focusing on revamping their skillsets for the future of jobs, aspirants can secure their dream jobs while effectively contributing to their personal growth and that of their organisation as well.

The writer is Co-founder & Executive VP, Absolutdata Analytics

Choose wisely

Students often confuse MBA with PGDM and end up making wrong choices. DR RAMAKRISHNAN RAMAN tells you ways to differentiate

Pursuing post-graduation in management remains one of the most preferred options for Indian students. Generally graduates from engineering, commerce & arts and economics stream aspire to pursue their post-graduation in the management discipline.

This is evident by the number of applications that the competitive exams like CAT (Common Aptitude Test), SNAP (Symbiosis National Aptitude Test) and XAT (Xavier Aptitude Test) receive year after year. Students often face dilemma to choose amongst the two most popular options, namely MBA (Master in Business Administration) and PGDM (Post Graduate Diploma in Management). Some aspirants are not sure about the difference between these programmes. In order to make the right decision, it is important to know how MBA and PGDM are different. According to the present Indian legal framework and rules, only a University can offer an MBA degree. Also, educational institutions which is affiliated to a university can also offer an MBA programme of the university. The legal framework allows a Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM), which is a diploma course to be offered by the institutes that are recognised by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).



These autonomous institutions are not affiliated to any university. However, accreditation by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) makes an institute's PGDM course equivalent to an MBA. This is the reason for institutions like SIMB Pune, FMS Delhi and NMIMS Mumbai to offer an MBA degree whereas institutes like XLRI, NITIE and MDI among many others offer the PGDM program. In 2017, Lok Sabha approved the IIM Bill 2017 that promises to grant autonomy to the elite B-schools and allow them to award full-fledged degrees to their graduates instead of post-graduate diplomas in management. IIMs will be able to grant MBA and doctoral degrees once the law is enacted. As on date, even the IIMs (Indian Institutes of Management)

offer only PGDM and not an MBA program. While both MBA and PGDM programmes essentially train you for managerial and leadership positions, the corporates largely give importance to the institution from which you graduate. Autonomous institutes which offer PGDM programme and private and deemed universities which offer MBA programme design the curriculum by taking the requirements from the corporate. The curriculum is also revamped very frequently. Hence from a corporate perspective and from the perspective of starting package that is offered to students, the institution's brand is what that matters. The writer is Director, Symbiosis Institute of Business Management (SIMB), Pune

New courses on offer

PNS ■ NEW DELHI
Building India's talent base to compete in the global economy, Amity launched Amity Future Academy. In order to provide better understanding of various technological trends for the ever-changing future, it will allow individuals to explore futuristic trends. The courses offer advanced training programs that are specially designed to create a pool of high-quality professionals and help young professionals gain in-demand skills.

At a time when India is looking to build a 21st century knowledge economy, Amity has designed the Academy of Tomorrow. From digital classrooms to collaborative learning, students and industry professionals will get an exposure to skill-based learning. The pro-

grammes offer industry-relevant skills certified by the world's most renowned academic institutions such as Wharton online, eCornell, Arizona State University, The Open University and more institutes of repute. Ajit Chauhan, Chairman, Amity Future Academy said: "India Skills Report 2018, reflected about 47 per cent of future jobs in India will be in the areas of analytics, artificial intelligence and robotics. We embrace Education 4.0 learning by being the first in India to rationalise the concept of knowledge for tomorrow." Amity Future Academy brings 10,000+ courses from across the domains blockchain technology, data science, machine learning, digital marketing, programming, cyber security and HR management & analytics.

Funding for open innovation challenge

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad-incubated Startup BeAble has won ₹25 lakh in funding at Open Innovation Challenge 2019 of India Innovation Growth Programme (IIGP) 2.0. The startup is a spinoff from the first batch of Fellowship in Healthcare Entrepreneurship at Center for Healthcare Entrepreneurship (CiHE) — IIT Hyderabad, and works in the convergence of good design and technology to rehabilitate stroke patients.

The IIGP 2.0 Open Innovation Challenge 2019 received more than 1,600 applications from across India. BeAble Health was selected as one of the winners and awarded seed grant of ₹25 lakh to support its market penetration and scale-up operations. The IIGP 2.0 is a tripartite initiative of Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, American global defense manufacturer Lockheed Martin and Tata Trusts. Supporting the Government's missions of Start-

Pay after placement

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A unique academic establishment, Sunstone Eduversity, continues to make headlines for offering India's only Pay after Placement management programme, which is in great demand among the management aspirants. The programme focuses on developing skilled yet job-ready managerial professionals who can bridge the skill set gap existing between the academia and industry. To meet the growing demand of the programme, Sunstone recently partnered

with Harlal Institute of Management and Technology (HIMT), approved by the All India Council for Technical Education, Ministry of HRD, Bar Council of India and affiliated to Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Technical University, Lucknow and Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut. Piyush Nangur, COO & Co-Founder, Sunstone Eduversity said: "Operating on the tech-led asset-light model, we partner with the top colleges to utilise their infrastructure for our management programmes with a focus on employability."

Content knowledge is key

It is difficult to keep students focused on what is being taught all the time. A concept-based curriculum will keep things interesting, says DR NEELIMA KAMRAH

To address the challenges in the field of education, concept-based learning is needed in curriculum. The world is changing so that knowledge is and content can change but concept stay the same. Concept-based learning emphasize on big ideas rather than focusing on subject-specific content. Information is useless until and unless we can do something with it.

Concept-based learning brings 'real world' meaning to content knowledge and skills by leading students to consider the context in which they will use their understanding. A concept-based education not only improves results but also promotes the learning capacities to enable students to succeed in the future. Its instruction must begin with content skills and knowledge established by local standards and curriculum guides.

It is an educational method that centers on big-picture ideas and learning how to organise and categorise information. Unlike more traditional learning models which concentrate on the ability to recall specific facts (like the dates of an event), conceptual learning focuses on understanding broader principles or ideas (what we call concepts). The traditional method of education is to connect students with information sources only without knowing that weather the student is able to understand the concept and remember it or not.

MAKE MEANINGFUL SCHOOLING

A concept-based education challenges learners to think more widely and deeply than a traditional, topic-based, two-dimensional one. It focuses only on knowledge and skills, whereas the former goes much further and deeper, developing conceptual understanding.

RELEVANCE OF EDUCATION

In order to be relevant, a curriculum must look at all aspects of a young person's development as a learner. Science specialists still need to develop their creativity; linguists still need to be fit; artists still need to be responsibly active citizens. Happy and successful school-leavers have both a bag of great academic results and a bag of learning capacities that enable them to use these grades to good effect. These are ingredients for success.

BENEFITS

We believe that a creative, concept-based education engages the intellect and emotions of a student to a higher degree



UNLIKE MORE TRADITIONAL LEARNING WHICH CONCENTRATE ON THE ABILITY TO RECALL SPECIFIC FACTS, CONCEPTUAL LEARNING FOCUSES ON UNDERSTANDING BROADER PRINCIPLES

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'Let's make coworking places more engaging'

India has become one of the youngest start-up countries. PRASHANT GARG tells you how one can move into a more inclusive and expanding space

With start-ups growing and companies trying to give their employees a more adaptable and friendly environment, the demand for a coworking space rather than a designated office has risen manifolds. People are changing and so are their habits, they now wish to socialise and have an environment that is interactive as networking these days has become an integral part of the professional system. This networking can also be helpful for stage one entrepreneurs.

Now that India has become one of the youngest start-up countries, people here are ready to give up on their dusty conventional offices and move to a more inclusive and expanding space that offers latest technological solutions and that too in all the prime locations. The conductive spaces that these coworking companies offer make it easier for professionals to adapt to the socialising trend. According to Deskmag's 2018 Global Coworking Survey, 84 per cent of people who work in coworking places are more engaged and motivated. They are able to complete tasks on time and are better able to focus while working.

Embrace Technology: People working in co-working spaces take advantage of the latest technologies to improve their routine day-to-day work. With technologies like access card, attendance system, booking system, coworking space management, etc have become so advanced that you don't need to worry about anything. All human intervention has been outgrown. Many co-working spaces are offering their customers a high technology-enabled environment without having to cover those fixed costs themselves.

Quality Design: Coworking spaces are known for their interiors. The design is so well-prepared that people love working here. Office design affects the performance of the employees. Modern interiors, trendy furniture like a colorful couch, sitting as well as a standing desk, etc. are incorporated to grab a larger share of the coworking tribe. Apart from this, coworking spaces also provide access to recreational activities within their office spaces.

Focus on Community Building: Working in a community rather than by yourself helps the individuals grow their point of views and give them a broader perspective. The industry has shown that most successful coworking businesses are differentiated by their ability to cater to a specific audience. So, rather than focusing on competition, building a community is a better focus on the growth of the business.

Go Green: Any person would prefer



Prashant Garg
Country Manager, Garage Society India

working on a beach or on top of the mountain, as it may not be possible for everyone to find a way to work, co-working spaces are incorporating many elements of nature to create a beautiful working environment. A space that has a well-maintained green walls and ample plants help workers to relax and enhance productivity. The coworking spaces have started placing artificial water fountain, stones, beach-like structure and other things which gives the feel of nature. They are also using solar panels, installing intelligent heating and cooling systems, taking advantage of natural light and promoting a culture of recycling.

Multiple Locations: As the demand for coworking increases, the number of locations of these coworking places has risen. You will find coworking space at different locations which are accessible for a common man. This also means that if you have an office in one of the co-working places in one city, when you move to another city you are entitled to access that facility.

Innovation is the key to unlock the doors of a new world and coworking spaces are creating these keys to give you easy access to this world. We witnessed a huge increase in the number of coworking spaces over the past years and as the industries grow and the start-ups emerge, the need of a supportive environment with all the required resources and an interactive circle will be on an increasing verge. The above trends will make co-working a better place to work.

The post-Brexit days are likely to bring a lot of relief to Indian students and professionals in terms of higher education programs and well-paid jobs in the UK. It is envisioned that Britain is set to bring an improved version of post-study visa regime to boost its International Education Strategy in 2021. The strategy aims at welcoming foreign students from around the world and raising the UK's total number of international students to 6,00,000 annually than the current 4,60,000. This will boost the country's education exports to 35 billion pounds by 2030.

What does this new strategy offers to Indian students?

The offerings will include a chance for the undergraduates and

Masters' students to stay in the UK for seeking job opportunities for at least six months post-graduation.

It is an attempt to remove the UK's existing complex visa regime and put an end to the preferential benefits that were offered to EU students. The government of Britain, therefore, will give three months to students before graduating to help them find jobs during that period, and accordingly transform their study visa into a work visa.

The opportunity is not only open to the graduates and those doing masters but also favours the PhD students to stay in the UK by giving them a year time to find jobs after graduating.

The best part of this opportunity is to give these students unrestricted access to

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work during their post-study leave period. Besides this, there lies another lucrative opportunity for international graduates. The students will get two years of time after graduating wherein they will have an option to switch their UK study visa to the UK work visa, even from outside the UK.

How Indian professionals will leverage the benefit?

With Brexit supposed to come into existence by 2021, the UK will start following a skills-based approach to pull in bright migrants rather than taking in individuals based on the countries they belong to. It will

also remove the cap of 20,700 on the number of skilled work visas, which will significantly benefit Indian doctors and IT experts, who otherwise were strangled by the dearth of visas.

The upcoming transition has already started seeing positive results. A report highlights that skilled workers from India to Britain moved at the fastest pace in 2018. Over 19,500 Indian students received study visas, which shows a straight 70-per cent surge in the issuing of visas in the last two years.

What is it that the UK is eyeing on and

what's the road ahead post-Brexit?

Britain is looking to increase their reach to global partners by providing educational offerings that international students can't refuse. The UK also plans to simplify its student application mechanism, which otherwise is very complex to run through and apply for.

It is clear that with new post-Brexit rules and policies, the diverse master programs in the UK, which are relatively of shorter durations will regain popularity and kill the hesitation among Indian students, who started to fly off to other newer shores like Australia, Canada and other EU countries, majority due to the UK's complex visa procedures enveloped by multiple restrictions.

These programmes will also give students an early entry into the job market, thus empowering them with a competitive edge as compared to other foreign universities. Moreover, there is no doubt that the UK houses some of the world's most reputed educational institutions offering world-class education to the domestic as well as international students. These programmes and courses not only provide high salaried jobs but also open several doors for them in terms of a variety of domains as per students' interest, where they can significantly nurture and upskill themselves.

The writer is Rohit Sethi, Director, ESS Global-Study Abroad Consultant



form is August 13, 2019.

The University of Sheffield, UK is pleased to offer a School of Law PhD Scholarship for 2019 entry. It consists of: £4,500 towards course fees per year, for up to 3 years, An annual tax free maintenance of £9,000 per year, for up to 3 years, A Research Training & Support Grant of £500 per year, for up to 3 years.

One must apply via the PG Online Application System and state that you wish to be considered for the School of Law PhD Scholarship.

Application deadline: August 12, 2019.

India Delhi Academy of Medical Science has announced scholarship for doctors who want to take admission in PG medical preparations. The scholarship test will be held on September 3, 2019 at 95 centers.

Selected students will be rewarded according to their all India Rank. Free for all courses (classroom courses, online test series & postal courses) across India will be provided to the students who will grab top 10 ranks across the country, 50% discount on all courses (classroom courses, online test series & postal courses) across India will be given to those who will score 11-20 ranks across the country.

Application deadline: It is August 22, 2019.

STUDY CENTRES

Surgical Technology is a specific technical profession in the field of health Science. Their primary duty is to take care of all the work and management of the operation theatre. The curriculum comprises of training in Anatomy and Physiology, Biomedical Science, Pharmacology, Pathology, Microbiology, Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Besides basic educational qualification, excellent clinical, communication and behavioural skills are necessary. There are several paramedical institutes as well as hospitals across the country that offer courses in Surgical Technology. A few more are:

- PG Institute of Medical Education and Research: College of Nursing, Chandigarh. Course: Certificate Course in Operation Theatre Technician
- SIT College, Ramanathapuram. Course: Diploma in Operation Theatre Technician
- Shri Dhanwantri PG Ayurvedic Medical College, Mathura. Course: Diploma in Operation Theatre Technician
- Glocal University: School of Paramedical Sciences, Saharanpur. Course: Diploma in Operation Theatre Technician
- IMT College of Paramedical Education, Agra. Course: Diploma in Operation Theatre Technician
- Florence College Of Nursing, Ranchi. Course: Diploma in Operation Theatre Technician
- Kerala Institute of Medical Sciences, Thiruvananthapuram. Course: Diploma in Operation Theatre Technician



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Stipend: ₹2,000 per month
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Application deadline: July 27, 2019

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Stipend: ₹8,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/1160372
Application deadline: July 31, 2019

IN BRIEF

SBI PO MAIN EXAM ANALYSIS

The State Bank of India Probationary Officer is one of the most coveted banking exams of India. It is a national level exam and this year is being conducted for 2000 vacancies of Probationary Officers (POs) posts. The selection for this post is held in three stages: Prelims, Main, and Interview. Out

of 9.5 lakh students who appeared for the Prelims exam on June 8-9 about 20,000 students qualified for the main exam which was held on July 21.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR PG COURSES

Strengthening its commitment towards students' success, Pearl Academy has rolled out a new initiative assuring 100 per cent placements for all its students after their course. The academy will offer 100% scholarship on tuition fees for PG at any of its academic partner institutions like London College of Contemporary Arts, London College of Creative Media, Berlin Institute of Business & Innovation; London School of

The overall level of the exam was difficult. The sequence of sections was — Reasoning & Computer Aptitude, Data Analysis & Interpretation, General Awareness, and English Language. In the Reasoning & Computer Aptitude section, many new questions were asked. In Data Analysis & Interpretation, majority of the questions were asked from the new type of Data Interpretation. In the English, maximum questions were from Reading Comprehension. In General/Economy/ Banking Awareness, more than 35 questions were asked from current affairs. The toughest section was Reasoning & Computer Aptitude while English was the easiest.

Business & Finance, Singapore; University of Applied Sciences Europe amongst others.

Professor Nandita Abraham, President, Pearl Academy said: "We have a rich legacy of preparing professionals. The students' success and growth is at the heart of whatever we do. Our expert faculty and an industry driven curriculum ensures a holistic professional experience for our students."

MOUS WITH MALDIVES GOVT

In a bid to gain an in-depth exposure of Skill Development Ecosystem of India, and drive greater cooperation between the two countries, representatives of the Government met senior officials from the Government of Maldives and signed MoUs.

The countries agreed to extend cooperation in training and skilling in a number of sectors including agriculture, IT, tourism and fisheries. Other areas of support include entrepreneurship, apprenticeship and training of trainers.

BECOME A PLANT DOCTOR

The Centre for Rural Technology (CRT) of Indian Institute of Guwahati (IIT-G) in collaboration with MS Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) and Centre for Agriculture and Bioscience International (CABI) New Delhi organised a week-long capacity building programme on *Becoming a Plant Doctor*. The workshop was attended by subject-matter specialists from various Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) of Assam and Odisha, researchers from MSSRF, Assam Agricultural University (AAU), National Rice Research Institute (NRRI) and IIT Guwahati.

The inaugural address was delivered by Professor TG Sitharam, Director, IIT-G. He talked about the need for farmer friendly, science and technology based advisory systems in building the resilience among small and marginal farmers.

FRUGAL INNOVATIONS

Bringing the focus on Frugal Innovation, FORE School of Management, New Delhi (FSM) organised Roundtable 2.0 on — *Frugal Approach to Innovation: So Far and Way Forward*. The event was organised by FSM's Centre for Research and Innovation in Frugal Technology Management. This centre is unique since it is dedicated to furthering Frugal Innovation. It works closely with industry and technology institutes in India and abroad to contribute to the body of knowledge in this important area and facilitates market access and commercial feasibility for frugal innovations.

The inaugural roundtable was held in January 2019 and comprised of theme-oriented presentations.

Narine, Pollard recalled for T20s

Mystery spinner, Kieron & Russell included in Windies squad for first 2 games

PTI ■ ST JOHN'S

The veteran duo of Sunil Narine and Kieron Pollard were on Tuesday recalled to a 14-member West Indies squad for the first two games of the three-match T20 International series against India, beginning August 3 at Florida in the United States.

Wicketkeeper-batsman Anthony Bramble is the only uncapped player in the squad selected for the first two T20Is to be played on August 3 and 4 at the Broward County Stadium, Lauderdale, Florida.

The selection panel could make changes to the squad for the third T20I on August 6 at the Guyana National Stadium, the West Indies Cricket Board said.

The squad, to be led by captain Carlos Brathwaite, also includes all-rounder Andre Russell subject to passing a fitness assessment prior to the series. Russell had made an early exit from the World Cup to undergo an operation on his troublesome left knee.

Interim chairman of the selection panel Robert Haynes said veteran opener Chris Gayle had notified that he was unavailable for the series due to playing commitments at the GT20 in Canada. This has given the opportunity for left-handed compatriot John Campbell to fill the slot.

Left-handed opener John Campbell and left-arm spinner Khary Pierre have also been included alongside a number of regulars, as the interim selection panel seeks to explore options with the ICC T20 World Cup looming next year in Australia.

"This squad is an excellent balance of experience and youth. It is not just about the present — the India Tour of the West Indies — but we are also looking at the T20 World Cup coming up next year and it is important that we find the right combination of players



Sunil Narine plays a shot during Indian Premier League clash against Rajasthan Royal

IPL/Twitter

and the right formula for defending our title," said Haynes.

"We have to make sure that we put certain things in place now, so that when it comes to picking the squad for the T20 World Cup, it becomes easier, so we are giving more players the opportunity to play and get the exposure."

Haynes said he expects

the T20I series to be a keenly contested one.

"Most of the players that we have selected have played in the IPL and they know all of the Indian players well. We will have the edge for sure because we are playing at home. At the end of the day however, it is important that the players go out there and play to win, not just to compete, and I think we

have the right balance to do so."

Mystery spinner Narine last played in a T20I for West Indies against England almost two years ago at Chester-le-Street and batting all-rounder

MYSTERY SPINNER NARINE LAST PLAYED IN A T20I FOR WEST INDIES AGAINST ENGLAND ALMOST TWO YEARS AGO AT DURHAM AND BATTING ALL-ROUNDER POLLARD APPEARED LAST NOVEMBER ON THE TOUR OF INDIA



Pollard appeared last November on the Tour of India.

"We felt that players like Narine and Pollard, who have played well in T20 leagues around the world, once they are fit and mentally ready to play, we must give them the opportunity to represent the West Indies again," said Haynes.

The 28-year-old Bramble will provide wicket keeping back-up to Nicholas Pooran despite not having played an official T20 in close to three years. He did, however, captain West Indies 'B' at last year's Canada GLT20 and was picked up by Guyana Amazon Warriors in the CPL draft in May.

"Though Nicholas Pooran will be the first-choice wicket-keeper, we needed to have someone to deputise in case something unexpected happens and he (Bramble) is the perfect choice," said Haynes.

India play three ODIs and two Tests against the West Indies after the T20Is.

West Indies Squad for first two T20 Internationals: Carlos Brathwaite (capt), Sunil Narine, Keemo Paul, Khary Pierre, Kieron Pollard, Nicholas Pooran (wk), Rovman Powell, Andre Russell, Oshane Thomas, Anthony Bramble (wk), John Campbell, Sheldon Cottrell, Shimron Hetmyer, Evin Lewis.

Anderson out of Ireland Test with Roy to make debut

AFP ■ LONDON

James Anderson has been ruled out of England's four-day Test against Ireland at Lord's starting on Wednesday but World Cup star Jason Roy will make his debut.

Opening bowler Anderson has failed to recover from the right calf injury he sustained when playing for his county Lancashire against Durham on July 2.

"Jimmy will continue to be assessed" ahead of the first Ashes Test at Edgbaston on August 1, an England and Wales Cricket Board statement said on Tuesday. Chief selector Ed Smith stated when naming the squad last week that England's record wicket-taker would not be risked ahead of the Ashes series if there were any lingering doubts over his injury.

Bowling resources have already been stretched by side strains sustained by Mark Wood and Jofra Archer in the recent World Cup victory over New Zealand.

Warwickshire paceman Olly Stone will make his Test debut in Anderson's absence, with World Cup-winning batsman Roy also playing his first Test after featuring in 84 one-day internationals.

England will play two spinners in Jack Leach and Moeen Ali in an attack led by Stuart Broad, with uncapped all-rounder Lewis Gregory missing out from the original 13-man squad.

Test skipper Root, speaking at Lord's on Tuesday, said Anderson could have played against Ireland but stressed that England did not want to take any chances with their prize asset ahead of a five-Test Ashes series.

"Jimmy probably would have been able to get through this Test match but (it's) just making sure that he's absolutely

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ready," Root explained.

"We thought the last thing we want is him carrying a niggle going into a series so we tried to be sensible about it and give him as much time to be 100 percent going into that series — a five-match series. So we're very confident that he'll be fit (for the Ashes)."

The powerful Roy will open the innings, as he did during the World Cup, even though he is a middle-order batsman in first-class cricket.

"With Jason, we want him to be himself, express himself and trust his instincts as much as possible," Root said.

"He brings something different to our Test batting side, he's a proven performer in international cricket and fully capable of making big contributions. I hope he doesn't try to play differently, I hope he'll go and be himself.

"There were occasions in the World Cup when he had to trust his defence and he might have to draw that out a bit longer in Test cricket — but he can go and put the pressure back on the opposition. He's one of the best in the world at that."

Anderson, 36, no longer plays ODI cricket so did not play in the World Cup.

The Lancashire swing bowler, with 575 scalps, trails only the spin trio of Sri Lanka's Muttiah Muralitharan (800 wickets), Australia's Shane Warne (708) and India's Anil Kumble (619) in the all-time list of Test wicket-takers.

England team to play Ireland: Jason Roy, Rory Burns, Joe Denly, Joe Root (capt), Jonny Bairstow (wkt), Moeen Ali, Chris Woakes, Sam Curran, Stuart Broad, Olly Stone, Jack Leach.

Away Ashes triumph the pinnacle: Lyon

AFP ■ EDGBASTON

Australia off-spinner Nathan Lyon says it would be a dream come true to win the Ashes in England and he has even thought about how he would celebrate if it happened.

The 2019 campaign will be Lyon's third Ashes tour to the UK, where Australia have not won a Test series since the 4-1 triumph of Steve Waugh's men in 2001.

In the 18 years since, four touring parties have returned home empty handed, twice under captain Ricky Ponting (2005 and 2009) and twice (2013 and 2015) with Michael Clarke at the helm.

Clarke was Lyon's captain on his previous visits to England where the off-spinner has played eight Tests with a record of two wins, four losses and two draws, a stats sheet he is desperate to



Nathan Lyon bowls during Australian team practice session ahead of Ashes

ICC/Twitter

improve.

Lyon has been part of Australian Test teams that have won the Ashes at home, including a 5-0 whitewash in 2013-14. He has won away in South Africa and Asia, and been part of the Test side crowned No1 in the world.

But the 31-year-old says winning an Ashes series in England is the ultimate.

"It's like a dream," Lyon said on the latest episode of *The Unplayable Podcast*.

"As a kid you always dream of firstly playing cricket for Australia but then winning the Ashes.

"Winning the Ashes is always (up) there but winning it away makes it more special."

Driving Lyon as much as anything is the vision of Test legend Shane Warne jubilantly celebrating winning the 1997 Ashes series at Trent Bridge with a Test to play.

With the stumps in both hands above his head, Warne danced victoriously after Australia won the fifth Test by 264 runs to take an unassailable 3-1 lead in the six-match series.

The memory of Warne grooving on the away dressing room balcony in front of thousands of fans is a fantasy he hopes to live in less than two months.

And he's been practicing just in case it comes to fruition. "The big memory for me is seeing Shane Warne with the stump," Lyon said.

"That's the biggest thing. I'm desperate to replicate that. I reckon it would be brilliant.

"If we win the Ashes I'll do it. I've been practicing, don't worry about that.

"Like Steve Smith batting in his room, I've got a stump up there."

Pick your best for Ashes: AB

IAN S ■ SYDNEY

Former captain Allan Border feels Australia should pick their best six batsmen for the upcoming Ashes series against England beginning August 1 in Birmingham.

Border revealed his first choice team to *foxsports.com.au*, naming southpaws David Warner, Marcus Harris and Usman Khawaja as his preferred top three.

"The top three batsmen are left-handers, which is not necessarily the wrong thing," Border said.

"A lot of people jump up and down about picking too many left-handers but if they are your best players then go with them. If they were right-handers, no one would say anything," he added.

The former Australia skipper also stated that wicketkeeper-batsman Matthew Wade should come into the side considering his good domestic form.

"I'd be very tempted to go with Wade. You talk about picking the guys in form, and he's in great form. (Marnus) Labuschagne might get that guernseys in that he can bowl some pretty handy leg-spin and he's good in the field too," Border said. "Wade can bowl some medium pace. He can get it through alright, you could sling



Marcus Harris bats during nets

AFP

him half a dozen overs if you had to here and there."

The 63-year-old also advised the Australian team to resist from temptation of playing an all-rounder at the number six spot and instead play a proper batsman.

"I wouldn't go the all-rounder at No 6. I'd pick a straight out-and-out batsman. England's conditions are a bit softer underfoot and temperature wise. There's not as much physicality and stress on the bowlers," he said.

Allan Border's XI: David Warner, Marcus Harris, Usman Khawaja, Steve Smith, Travis Head, Matthew Wade/Marnus Labuschagne, Tim Paine (c,wk), Pat Cummins, Mitchell Starc, Nathan Lyon, Josh Hazlewood.

Barca lose in Griezmann's debut

AGENCIES ■ SAITAMA

Antoine Griezmann made his Barcelona debut on Tuesday but was unable to prevent the LaLiga champions slipping to a 2-1 friendly defeat to Chelsea in Saitama.

World Cup winner Griezmann — who joined the club in a €120million move earlier this month — made little impact during his 45-minute appearance against Frank Lampard's side, who went in front through Tammy Abraham's 34th-minute goal.

Barcelona looked bright at the start of the second period before Ross Barkley's fine finish nine minutes from time sealed the win, despite Ivan Rakitic's late strike.

Chelsea continue their preparations for the 2019-20 season with a game against Championship side Reading on Sunday, while Barca take on Vissel Kobe — and their former player Andres Iniesta — a day earlier.

Barcelona could — and perhaps should — have gone ahead inside the opening minute but Oriol Busquets' header from eight yards sailed over Kepa Arrizabalaga's goal.

Abraham was equally wasteful in the 23rd minute, blazing a



Antoine Griezmann and David Luiz battle for ball possession

AP

half-volley over from six yards after Marc-Andre ter Stegen had failed to hold Christian Pulisic's powerful strike.

The striker made up for that miss soon after, though, coolly rounding Ter Stegen and slotting into an empty net after Jorginho had cut out Sergio Busquets' sloppy pass on the edge of the penalty area. Pulisic could have doubled their advantage five minutes before the interval but crashed a left-footed effort into the side netting, while a subdued Ousmane Dembele saw his low strike kept out by Kepa at the other end.

Barca were a team reborn

after making 11 changes at the break, Rafinha, Carles Perez and Carles Alena all testing Kepa with low strikes in the opening stages of the second half.

Chelsea substitute Kenedy inexplicably headed well wide after latching onto Barkley's lofted pass but the England international made no mistake in the 81st minute, squeezing an effort inside Neto's right-hand post from 18 yards.

The Spanish side at least ended the game on a positive note, Rakitic thundering into the top corner from distance in stoppage time.



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China's H1 GDP grows 6.3%

Economic transformation and upgradation show effects

China National Bureau of Statistics announced on July 15th that the country achieved an estimated GDP of 45093.3 billion yuan in the first half of 2019, up 6.3 percent year on year at constant prices. "China's national economy continued to operate in a reasonable range in the first two quarters. Overall, the country achieved stable performance while securing progress in its economic development," said Mao Shengyong, spokesperson for China National Bureau of Statistics.

Such an economic growth rate is one of the highest among the world's major economies. The interviewed economists believe that China maintained overall stability in employment, a moderate

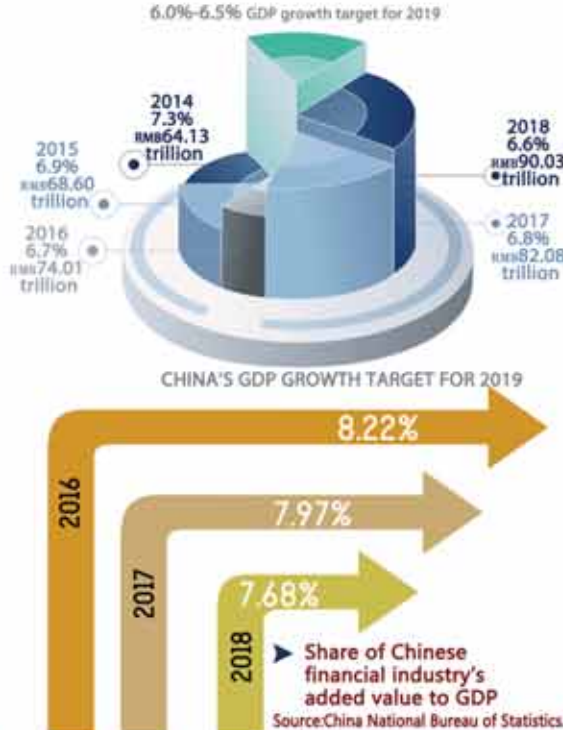
increase in prices and a relatively fast income increase of urban residents. The energy consumption per 10,000 yuan of GDP decreased by 2.7 percent than previous year, and the ecological environment improved across the board, indicating that the 6.3 percent growth is of high quality and sustainable.

According to Cheng Shi, chief economist of ICBC International, China's economy went through trade frictions and other challenges in the second quarter, but still achieved the target growth rate of 6.0 to 6.5 percent as set forth in the government work report and continued to advance its industrial structural upgrade. In the past six months, both the value added of industrial enterprises

above the designated size and the rate of year-on-year increase in consumption were significantly higher than market expectations, proving that China's economic growth is still resilient.

"China's economy has withstood a test," said Wang Jun, member of the Academic Committee of the China Centre for International Economic Exchange. In his view, the economic growth is within the expected range. As highlights of China's economy in the first half of 2019, no obvious risk of inflation or austerity occurred, and no systematic risks are likely.

China's target economic growth for this year is 6.0 to 6.5 percent. The 6.3 percent growth rate has laid a good foundation for fulfilling the annual target.



9 DATA HIGHLIGHTS OF CHINA'S ECONOMY IN H1

6.3%

GDP growth

China's economy grew 6.3 percent year-on-year in the first six months of this year, in line with the government's annual target of 6.0 to 6.5 percent. The economic performance was generally stable, NBS spokesman Mao Shengyong said, adding that China was still one of the world's fastest-growing major economies.

5.8%

Fixed-asset investment growth

Fixed-asset investment grew by 5.8 percent year-on-year in H1. Investment in high-tech manufacturing surged 10.4 percent, 4.6 percentage points faster than total investment growth, while investment in high-tech services also registered faster-than-average growth

of 13.5 percent.

\$ 2.8 trillion

Retail sales of consumer goods

Retail sales of consumer goods rose by 8.4 percent year-on-year in the first half to 19.52 trillion yuan (about \$2.8 trillion). Service consumption accounted for 49.4 percent of total national consumption expenditures, 0.6 percentage points higher from a year earlier.

3.9%

Foreign trade growth

Foreign trade increased by 3.9 percent year-on-year, totaling 14.67 trillion yuan, with exports growing by 6.1 percent to 7.95 trillion yuan and imports rising 1.4 percent to 6.72 trillion yuan, data from the General Administration of Customs showed.

20,131

New Foreign funded enterprises

enterprises

The actually utilized foreign investment in China rose 7.2 percent from a year ago to reach 478.33 billion yuan (\$68 billion) during the first half of this year, with a total of 20,131 new foreign-funded enterprises established, data from the Ministry of Commerce showed. The determination of the Chinese government to support the development of foreign enterprises in China will not change, said Gao Feng, a spokesperson for the ministry.

8.8%

Per capita disposable income

China's per capita disposable income stood at 15,294 yuan in the first half of 2019, up 8.8 percent year-on-year in nominal terms, according to the National Bureau of Statistics. The inflation-

adjusted growth was 6.5 percent, 0.2 percentage points higher than the 6.3 percent growth rate for the Chinese economy from January to June. During the period, the per capita disposable income in rural areas continued to grow faster than that in urban regions, indicating the closing of the urban-rural income gap.

7.37 million

New urban jobs

The country created 7.37 million new urban jobs in the first half of 2019, finishing 67 percent of the target for the whole year. China's job market remained stable in June, with the surveyed unemployment rate in urban areas standing at 5.1 percent. The booming service industry has played a vital role in promoting employment.

2.2%

Consumer price index

Prices remained stable,

with the consumer price index rising moderately by 2.2 percent year-on-year for the first half of this year. Except for pork prices, other factors that drive up CPI have a relatively weak effect, said Liu Xuezi, a senior researcher with the Bank of Communications' Financial Research Center, adding that there will be no obvious inflationary pressures during the second half of this year.

9.0%

High-tech manufacturing industry expansion

High-tech industries maintained fast expansion, with the output for high-tech manufacturing up 9 percent year-on-year in the first half, 3 percentage points faster than overall growth. The output of new energy vehicles and solar cells grew 34.6 percent and 20.1 percent, respectively. It shows that middle- and high-end manufacturing, together with consumer goods manufacturing, are promoting economic growth, said Zhao Qinghe, a senior official of the National Bureau of Statistics.

REMARKABLE 70 YEARS

China attaches importance to water conservancy



Picture shows the Wunonlong water conservancy in Langcang River

Photo by YDPG

Editor's note: The year 2019 marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. Over the past seven decades, China has developed from a poor, weak country to the second largest economy in the world. This issue, we continue the column called "Remarkable 70 Years" to help you understand the great changes that have taken place in New China.

After the founding of the People's Republic of China, the Chinese government attached great importance to the development of water conservancy projects

and achieved a series of achievements in infrastructure construction such as flood control projects and water supply projects.

According to statistics, in 2018, the investment in China's major water conservancy projects was 687.27 billion yuan (around \$98 billion), and the investment in water conservancy construction in poverty-stricken areas was 110 billion yuan (around \$15.7 billion).

BELT AND ROAD

South and Southeast Asian Medical Education and Health Alliance established in Kunming

On July 12th, the inaugural ceremony of South and Southeast Asian Medical Education and Health Alliance was held in Kunming.

Kunming Medical University and Shanghai Jiaotong University School of Medicine jointly initiated the alliance. The founding members were 20 medical education and health institutions in China and 19

medical education and health institutions in South and Southeast Asia, including China Medical University and Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences. The permanent secretariat of the alliance is at Kunming Medical University.

The alliance will engage its member institutions in cultivating medical talents and promoting cross-country and cross-institutional exchanges. The cooperation among

member institutions will cover joint training, exchanges of students, mutual recognition of credits, mutual conferring of degrees and joint teaching programmes.

The members will jointly carry out teacher training and jointly hire world-class experts in the field of medical and health to carry out teaching, research and clinical guidance.

They will jointly carry out cooperation in scientific

research. They will actively share literature, information and resources, and hold various high-end academic seminars on medical education and health.

The institutions will jointly establish international health service, exchange and cooperation platforms. They will explore and propose solutions regarding major public medical and health issues in the region and the

world, and build a regional disease prevention and control system as well as public health exchange and cooperation platforms.

They will also jointly organise clinical internships, knowledge contests, academic seminars and other exchanges, which will focus on medical courses and cultural experience and aim to improve skills of participants.

By Chen Xinlong

XI'S VIEW

China follows the principle of achieving shared growth through discussion and collaboration in engaging in global governance. China stands for democracy in international relations and the equality of all countries, big or small, strong or weak, rich or poor. China supports the United Nations

in playing an active role in international affairs, and supports the efforts of other developing countries to increase their representation and strengthen their voice in international affairs. China will continue to play its part as a major and responsible country, take an active part in reforming and developing the

global governance system, and keep contributing Chinese wisdom and strength to global governance.

—From Report of Chinese President Xi Jinping at the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China on October 18, 2017

POVERTY ALLEVIATION

Ethnic villages benefit from poverty alleviation projects in Xichou

Xichou is a county under the jurisdiction of Wenshan Zhuang and Miao Autonomous Prefecture, southeast Yunnan province.

As a multi-ethnic region, it has five different ethnic minority groups dwelling on its soil, including Zhuang, Miao, Yi, Yao and Mongol. Ethnic villages can be found across the county.

However, Xichou for a long time has been labeled as one of the most underdeveloped places in China, mostly because of its highly desertified landforms which

hamper the local agricultural practices to a great extent.

Bearing in mind a belief that no single farmer can be left behind, the county has put enormous effort to help local residents get rid of poverty.

As a result, over 5,000 rural households have already benefited from a series of poverty alleviation projects initiated by the county government.

Infrastructure is seen as a linchpin to foster the development of Xichou. Now, ethnic villages in the county are interconnected not merely by newly-paved

roads, but broadband and even 4G networks. And with increasing investments, the local water supply and sewage disposal systems have been largely upgraded.

The conservation of traditional ethnic cultures is another key indicator to Xichou's development. While an increasing number of folklore museums have been turned into tourist attractions, ethnic dances, rituals and embroidery arts gain further fames for the county.

(By Wang Jingzhong)



Workers are moving stones to build roads which will greatly change the life of Xichou people

Photo by YDPG

PEOPLE IN YUNNAN

Xu Zuokun: A master kite-maker



Xu Zuokun with his kite masterpiece Photo by Zhang Mi

The mention of Yunnan kites often reminds people of Xu Zuokun, a master kite-maker and a city-level successor of intangible cultural heritage in Kunming. Xu, 73, has been making kites in his spare time since the 1980s. In 2003, he won the first prize in an international kite festival and became a member of the International Kite Federation, making Yunnan Bee kites famous all over the world.

Xu's home is simply a

fairyland of kites: an eagle kite on the ceiling, a dragon kite by the TV set, and hand-painted mini kites on the antique-and-curio shelves. He keeps hundreds of kites in his apartment. You name any of them, and he can readily locate it.

According to Xu, the bamboo-framed kites were brought to Kunming from the Central Plains when Kublai Khan attacked the Kingdom of Dali (937-1253). Based on these kites, which could

only fly on fine, windless days, people developed the current Yunnan bee kites. Unlike the kites of other styles, Yunnan-style kites have downward wings and can cope with stronger winds. In Kunming, spring days are particularly windy and ideal for flying such kites.

The biggest kite that Xu has ever made is the dragon kite he brought to the Shanghai World Expo. It was 256 meters long and weighed about 8 kilograms. The dragon head alone was made up of more than 170 bamboo sticks. To fly this kite, he spent more than 10,000 yuan (\$1428) buying a thumb-thick mountaineering rope. "It was so big that the smallest mistake would have prevented it from rising in the air," he said.

Xu put all his heart in every kite that he makes. "Life is short. I'm contented to be able to make good kites," he said.

(Comprehensive report)

TRAVEL

Mushroom season begins in Shangri-La



The matsutake Photo by YDPG

In July, Shangri-La in northwest Yunnan's Diding Tibetan Autonomous prefecture has a mild climate with a temperature of around 18°C,

making it a good place to avoid summer heat.

Beside snow-capped peaks, forests and lakes for sight seeing, the delicious wild mushrooms

like matsutake also stir the taste buds of the tourists in Shangri-La.

Shangri-La is located in the Hengduan Mountains in the southeast of the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, where several large rivers in Asia rush through. And the wild mushrooms of matsutake are nourished by pristine natural environment here.

When matsutake begin to mushroom in late June every year, the Tibetan folks in Shangri-La also kick off their daily activity: picking wild mushrooms in the mountains.

In Shangri-La families, matsutake is often cut into slices and grilled with butter. The pine mushroom can also be stewed with chicken. Both cooking methods are favored by locals.