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Fans sad at Chandrayaan delay

Moon mission put off 1 hour before launch due to snag, experts hail ISRO's timely decision

PTI ■ SRIRAHIKOTA

India's second mission to the Moon — Chandrayaan-2 — was called off due to a "technical snag" in its most powerful rocket a little less than an hour before launch from a spaceport here in the early hours of Monday. Scientists of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) were assessing the seriousness of the problem with the heavy-lift rocket GSLV Mk-III rocket carrying the satellite that put a halt to the ambitious ₹76 crore lunar mission amid uncertainty over a future launch date.

The ISRO was tightlipped as to what may have caused the glitch that occurred when liquid propellant was being loaded into the rocket's indigenous cryogenic upper stage engine. But several space scientists said the space agency must be appreciated for calling off the launch of rather than hurrying into a major disaster.

Despite the odd hour, enthusiasts of all ages reached the island, some of them travelling long distances on two wheelers, to witness the proud moment. The men, women and children waiting at a special gallery, set up recently by ISRO, led the venue disappointed as expected. ISRO had set up the gallery — inaugurated by Chairman K Sivan a few months ago — on the sprawling Sriharikota premises as the number of spectators turning up to witness launches has been increasing over time. "We do not know what happened but we are disappointed. I



A view of the Chandrayaan-2 on board GSLV Mk-III at Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Nellore district

hope they rectify whatever the issue is. We will come back again to witness the launch," said a young boy, holding aloft the tricolour, who had come with his family. A man standing nearby said it was good scientists had called off the launch when the rocket was still on the ground. "If it had gone into space and something had happened there, the huge amount of money

spent on the mission would have gone to waste," he said. Watched by President Ram Nath Kovind, the countdown to the launch of Chandrayaan-2 on board Geosynchronous Launch Vehicle GSLV-Mk-III, dubbed as "Baahubali", was scheduled for 2.51 am on Monday. The mission was stopped 56 minutes and 24 seconds before lift-off at 1.55 am following an announcement

from the Mission Control Centre. Confusion prevailed for several minutes before the ISRO came out with an official confirmation about the launch being cancelled. "A technical snag was observed in the launch vehicle system at 1 minute 56 minutes. As a measure of abundant precaution Chandrayaan 2 launch has been called off for today," ISRO Associate Director (Public Relations) BR Guruprasad said. He did not specify the nature of the snag. A revised launch date will be announced later, he added. "Launch is called off due to technical snag. It is not possible to make the launch within the (launch) window. (A new) launch schedule will be announced later," another ISRO official said.

The satellite was supposed to explore the uncharted lunar south pole, 11 years after ISRO's successful first lunar mission — Chandrayaan-1, which made more than 3,400 orbits around the moon and was operational for 312 days till August 29, 2009. It would have taken 54 days to accomplish the task of landing on the Moon through meticulously planned orbital phases.

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House to seal HDK Govt's fate on July 18

SC to take call on resignation of 16 rebel MLAs today

PNS ■ NEW DELHI/BENGALURU

Battling for survival after the resignation of 16 MLAs, the Congress-Janata Dal (Secular) coalition Government in Karnataka will face the floor test in the Assembly on Thursday. Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy had announced he would seek a trust vote to end the "confusion" caused by the resignations of rebel MLAs, while asserting he was "ready for everything".

The fate of all the 16 rebel legislators who have approached the Supreme Court is expected to be decided on Tuesday. Leaders of the ruling coalition led by Congress expressed confidence to win the trust vote, while Opposition BJP maintained the Government has been reduced to "a minority" after 16 MLAs resigned from the Assembly.

As the political turmoil lingered on with the ruling coalition making frantic efforts to win back rebels who have pushed the Government to the brink of collapse, Assembly Speaker KR Ramesh Kumar on Monday announced that the confidence motion sought to be moved by Kumaraswamy would be taken up at 11 am on July 18.

With the support of two independents, the BJP has 107 MLAs in the 224-member House, where the half-way mark is 113. If the resignations of the 16 MLAs are accepted, the coalition's tally will be reduced to 100. The date has been fixed after consulting both the Opposition and ruling coalition leaders at the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) meeting. The disgruntled MLAs are in Mumbai and have not turned up for the Assembly proceedings, which began on Friday last.



Karnataka Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy and his deputy G Parameshwara with other members during the Assembly session at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Monday

Rebel MLAs have also written to the Mumbai Police chief saying they don't want to meet senior Congress leaders Mallikarjun Kharge, Ghulam Nabi Azad or any other Congress leaders. Their move

came amid speculation that Kharge, some other senior Congress leaders and Kumaraswamy may visit Hotel Renaissance in Powal where the rebel MLAs are sequestered, to win them back. The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to hear a plea of five more rebel Congress MLAs along with the pending petition of 10 legislators, seeking a direction to the Karnataka Assembly Speaker to accept their resignation. A Bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi took note of the submission of senior advocate Mukul Rohtagi, appearing for the rebel MLAs, that they also made parties to the pending petition, which is to be heard on Tuesday.

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World Cup final mired in ICC rule controversies

Former umpires, cricketers rap 6 runs in overthrow, boundary-count rule

PTI ■ NEW DELHI/LONDON/MELBOURNE

After cricketers, current and former, shared New Zealand's pain on losing the World Cup title on boundary countback with tournament top-scorer Rohit Sharma asking for a "serious look" into the rule, which was slammed as "absurd" by several former players, England skipper Eoin Morgan said players "do not have control over the rules" set by the ICC.

Earlier, when New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson was asked if the rule was a fair way to decide a World Cup final winner, he admitted it was hard to swallow. "I suppose you never thought you would have to ask that question and I



England's Ben Stokes holds up his hands apologetically after getting 6 runs from an overthrow during the Cricket World Cup final match on Sunday

never thought I would have to answer it (smiling)," was Williamson's reaction. Meanwhile, former international umpires Simon Taufel and K Hariharan on Monday said officials standing in the World Cup final erred in awarding six runs, instead of five, to England for an overthrow, an observation that the ICC refused to comment on. "It's a clear mistake. It's an error of judgment. They (England)

should have been awarded five runs, not six," Taufel, a five-time ICC Umpire of the Year, told foxsports.Com.Au. In a pulsating encounter in the final, England were adjudged the winners of the world Cup on the basis of their superior boundary count — 22 fours and two sixes — to New Zealand's 16 after the ICC refused to comment on. "It's a clear mistake. It's an error of judgment. They (England)

Kalraj Mishra appointed HP Governor

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Senior BJP leader Kalraj Mishra was on Monday appointed the Governor of Himachal Pradesh, replacing Acharya Devvrat, who has been transferred and appointed the Governor of Gujarat. A Rashtrapati Bhavan press communique said the appointment of Mishra and Devvrat will come into effect from the dates they assume charge of their respective offices.

Mishra, 78, had resigned from the Narendra Modi-led Government as Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in 2017 after he crossed the age of 75, the BJP's unofficial age limit for holding an elected post.

The Uttar Pradesh leader did not contest the last Lok Sabha election. Devvrat, 60, was appointed the Governor of Himachal Pradesh in 2015. He will replace Governor of Gujarat OP Kohli, who retires on Monday.

Lko, Gzb MCs allowed to raise funds through bonds

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

With the aim to mobilise resources to improve infrastructure in municipal areas of Lucknow and Ghaziabad, the Uttar Pradesh government has allowed these two municipal corporations to float Municipal Bonds.

Besides, the government has also encouraged people to open small shops in residential areas by reducing house tax. These decisions were taken in the UP Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath here on Monday.

Briefing media persons, state government spokesperson and Energy Minister Shrikant Sharma said for the first time, municipal corporations had been allowed to borrow from people to improve their infrastructures. He said the Lucknow Municipal Corporation would float bonds to raise Rs 200 crore and Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation, Rs 150 crore.

The LMC will use the funds generated through bonds for sewerage and drinking water projects while the GMC would use it for treating

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sewage water for industrial use.

"The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has approved the proposal. Two credit rating agencies have been engaged to complete the process within a month's time," Sharma said, adding that the bonds would be listed in the Bombay Stock Exchange and National Stock Exchange very soon.

Maintaining that the bonds would be an attraction for the institutions to invest in, the minister said that the municipal corporations would have to pay around 9 per cent interest. A separate cell would be set up in both the municipal corporations to monitor the performance.

Principal Secretary (Urban Development) Manoj Kumar Singh told reporters that this was for the first time that municipal bonds were being floated in the state.

The money raised by the Ghaziabad MC will be used for the tertiary treatment of water for industrial usage. Singh said this was a mar-

ket-oriented experiment and an attempt to make the working of the MCs more professional.

In another important decision, the UP government has given a big sop to small traders by approving a proposal of municipal corporations to reduce house tax on small shops in the residential areas.

"If a shop measuring 120 sq feet is operational in a residential area, it would have to pay 1.5 times the property tax," he said, adding that earlier the shopkeeper had to shell five times the property tax prevailing in that area.

UP officials said the decision would benefit small shopkeepers selling tea, milk, egg and vegetables etc. However, the government clarified that it was up to the development authorities to reduce house tax on small shops in the state.

In another decision, the government has made misuse of government official logo a punishable offence. The gov-

ernment has proposed a jail term of two years and a fine of Rs 5,000 for this offence.

The government has also reduced the qualifying marks in written exams for sub-inspectors and inspectors in the civil police by amending the service rule. Now, against the mandatory 50 per cent marks in all the four subjects for qualifying the examination, the aspirants will qualify the exam with 35 per cent marks in individual subjects provided the aggregate is 50 per cent.

Defence industrial corridor: In order to speed up the acquisition of land for the ambitious Defence Industrial Corridor project, the Cabinet has approved a proposal to transfer 45,498 acres of land of the Agriculture department to the Industry department in Aligarh.

The government has already acquired around 2,500 acres of land in Aligarh, Jhansi and other places for the defence industrial corridor in the state. Besides, the government has also approved to amend the service rule for promotion of deputy director in the Backward Welfare department to the post of joint director.

LS OK's Bill to give more teeth to NIA

Agency powered to probe terror attacks on Indians abroad

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

After a heated debate, the Lok Sabha on Monday passed the National Investigation Agency (Amendment) Bill, 2019, which allows the NIA to probe terror attacks on Indians and Indian interests abroad.

Refuting Opposition's claims of "misuse" of the NIA law, Home Minister Amit Shah asserted that the Modi Government will never abuse it to target anyone but will ensure that terrorism is finished off irrespective of the religion of the accused.

Opposition MPs on Pakistan's reluctance to sign the SAARC agreement to co-operate in cases on terrorism and relevance of amendment to the NIA law, Shah told the Lok Sabha that India has several means, including surgical and airstrikes, to deal with Pakistan.

"I am sure that Pakistan would also have to sign that agreement under international pressure," he said. Defending the Bill, the Government refuted Opposition's allegations of "misuse" of the NIA law to target members of a community, and stressed that people have given the mandate to the Modi Government to protect the country from terrorism. Opposition MPs accused the anti-terror law is misused at times to target members of a particular community.

Ashvamedha bestows fame on this village

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

Excavated by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) way back in 1950s, Jagatgram village, the 2,000-year-old site in Dehradun associated with the ancient practice of horse sacrifice or the ritual of Ashvamedha, has been finally declared a monument of national importance.

Ashvamedha rituals find mention in epics like the Ramayana and Mahabharata as well as many other ancient texts. Ashvamedha was conducted by kings to prove their imperial sovereignty. An official in the ASI said the site known as Jagatgram has remains of three fire altars where the horse sacrifices were presumably conducted. "As it will be now under the ASI fold, the efforts will now be on its conservation and protection," said the official. The excavated remains of



the three fire altars here reveal that they were built in the eagle-shaped Syena Chit form, where the bird is depicted with its wings spread. According to experts, such altars are like Haripur and Lakhamandal under the rule of the Verman clan. An inscription on the first altar says King Silavaraman, alias Pona of

Yugasaila, who belonged to the Vrisghava gotra, and is believed to have ruled during the 3rd century AD, performed four sacrifices here. (During that period, the western part of the Himalayas was known as Yugasaila).

The excavated remains clearly indicate that after defeat of the Kushans, the Kunindas might have strong ruling power in the region, extending their rule over adjoining region and enjoyed supremacy till the 3rd to the 4th AD.

The excavations at the second site have revealed a number of inscribed bricks — in a standard two by two feet size — with inscriptions written in the Brahmi script. In the third site, known as Garud Kund, the formation of bricks is in the form of an eagle. All the sites have now been covered with cement and the bricks put out of the cemented ground.

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CAPSULE

2 AMARNATH PILGRIMS DIE, TOLL REACHES 16 Srinagar: Two Amarnath pilgrims died in the past 24 hours en route to the holy 3,880 metres high shrine in south Kashmir's Himalayas, taking the death toll in this year's pilgrimage to 16 on Monday.

NO HELMET NO ENTRY ON LUCKNOW-AGRA E-WAY Lucknow: In a bid to ensure the security of motorists, no two-wheeler rider will be allowed entry on the Lucknow-Agra expressway without helmets, the Uttar Pradesh Expressway Industrial Development Authority (UIPEIDA) decided on Monday.

EX-PM'S SON NEERAJ QUITTS RS MEMBERSHIP New Delhi: Upset over having been allegedly sidelined, SP leader Neeraj Shekhar on Monday quit his Rajya Sabha membership, said sources. RS Chairman Venkaiah Naidu has accepted his resignation, the parliamentary sources added.

Govt approves stringent law against bootlegging

Liquor adulteration to attract NSA, Gangster Act

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Beware bootleggers and those overcharging for the liquor they sell, the Uttar Pradesh government has approved several stringent steps to punish the guilty, including booting them under National Security Act (NSA) and Gangster Act for adulteration of liquor.

The government has proposed hefty fine, even cancellation of licence, if a liquor trader is found realising more than the MRP from the retail customers.

These steps were approved under the Excise Policy 2019-20 by the state government at a Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday.

Briefing media persons, Principal Secretary (Excise) Sanjay Bhosredy said the government had made stringent law for punishing the guilty, including retailers and wholesalers, in the liquor adulteration case.

Earlier, for adulteration of liquor, there was a nominal fine of ₹40,000 for the first offence, ₹50,000 for the second offence and cancellation of licence of the vendor of the third offence.

Under the new law, licence will be cancelled in the first instance and a case will be registered under sections 272, 273 and 304 of the Indian Penal Code against the guilty person. The Excise department will even register cases under NSA and Gangster Act,

Helmet must on Agra-Lko expressway

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

The Uttar Pradesh government has made wearing of helmet mandatory for two-wheeler riders on Agra-Lucknow Expressway.

A directive in this regard was issued by the Chief Executive Officer of UP Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UIEDA) Awanish Awasthi on Monday.

No two-wheeler rider will be allowed to enter Agra-Lucknow Expressway without wearing a helmet. The order would be implemented strictly, Awasthi said in a written statement here.

The UIEDA was committed to ensuring a safe and pleasant journey to commuters on the Agra-Lucknow Expressway. "The order for using helmets is a step in this direction," the CEO said.

The directive was issued after two youths riding a motorcycle died when their two-wheeler rammed into the rear of a parked bus on 273 and 304 of the Indian Penal Code against the guilty person. The Excise department will even register cases under NSA and Gangster Act,

Bhosredy said. The government has taken a serious note of retail shops charging more from the consumer than the MRP printed on the liquor bottle.

"We have increased the fine for the first time offence from ₹10,000 to ₹75,000, for second time offence from ₹20,000 to ₹1,50,000 and for the third time offence from ₹30,000 to cancellation of the licence," Bhosredy said, adding that both the retail and whole dealers would be covered under this clause. He also announced that very soon a toll-free number would be published on which a customer could complain about overcharging by the shops.

In another decision, the government has allowed mono-carton of foreign made liquor brands of more than ₹4,000 per bottle. Earlier, the retail shops and bars were facing difficulty in making purchase of a carton of such big brand liquor.

The government has also reduced the limitation of keeping a 500-litre cask for draught beer in a bar. Now they can keep casks of 20, 30 and 50 litres. Besides, the government has allowed security money to be deposited in FDR or through e-payment when earlier it only NSCs had to be submitted.

The government has also amended the rules for penalty for the supply of liquor by the distilleries as per the demand of the wholesalers.

CM asks NITI Aayog to prepare plan for all districts of UP

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said the state government would implement the suggestion for development given by the NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transformation of India).

He said the NITI Aayog should prepare a plan for all districts of the state, the way it came up with a plan for eight aspirational districts of the state.

"The state government will provide all possible help for the same. Once the plan is made, it will be implemented effectively in a time bound manner," Yogi said.

The Chief Minister asked the state officials to ensure effective coordination with the NITI Aayog for the development of aspirational districts.

In a meeting with the officials of the NITI Aayog here on Monday, the Chief Minister said that from the very beginning, his government's intention has been to make UP an 'Uttam Pradesh' and it welcomes every suggestion from all the NITI Aayog.

Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog, Amitabh Kant, and his colleagues presented the details of the progress of eight aspirational districts before the Chief Minister.

Praising the progress of the state, the NITI Aayog members said that they wanted the aspirational districts of UP to come at the top among the 115 districts in all the major parameters.

The NITI Aayog members said the way the Chief Minister himself was taking interest in this matter since the beginning of this scheme and considering the progress by far, they hoped that in the next 3-4 months, all the aspirational districts of UP would be on the top of every parameter.

The officials of the NITI Aayog suggested that the good



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works done in the aspirational districts should be shared with them through the district magistrates concerned and they would share it to the world through social media.

The entire transformation work of the districts should be done in team spirit and there should be proper coordination between the representatives of the Centre and the state, they added.

In order to represent the ranking of the work on the dashboard, the data entry should be done correctly and timely, the officials added.

Out of the 115 districts selected from the country as aspirational districts, eight districts (Chitrakoot, Fatehpur, Bahraich, Shravasti, Balrampur, Siddhartha Nagar, Chandauli, and Sonbhadra) are from UP.

They have been selected on 49 parameters, namely human development index, medical and nutrition, agriculture, water resources, financial inclusion, skill development and infrastructure.

Chief Secretary Anup Chandra Pandey, Principal Secretary (Information) Awanish Awasthi, Additional Chief Secretary and Principal Secretaries of the departments concerned, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Mrityunjay Narayan and senior officials of the NITI Aayog were present participated in the meeting.

VHP leader shot in Pratapgarh

Lucknow (PNS): In a sensational broad daylight murder in Pratapgarh, a local Vishwa Hindu Parishad leader was shot dead in Jethwara area by some unidentified assailants on Monday. Local police officers rushed to the spot soon after getting information about the killing and faced a huge protest by the local residents and colleagues of the victim.

Reports said that a lawyer by profession, Om Mishra Pranas, who was also the VHP president of Kunda tehsil, was gunned down when he was going somewhere on a motorcycle on Monday morning.

Following Pranas's murder, the local law enforcement blocked traffic near the crime scene and demanded immediate arrest of the murderers.

Meanwhile, in another incident, two men have been arrested in Muzaffarnagar for allegedly murdering a 12-year-old boy after he resisted their attempt to sodomise him, police said on Monday. The accused, aged 19 and 20 years, were the victim's friends. They were arrested on Sunday in Charhatal town and have confessed their crime.

50 students injured as high-tension wire falls into school

Lucknow (PNS): Tragedy hit Balrampur when about 50 students were injured after a high-tension wire fell into a primary school in Naya Nagar Vishnupur area of the district on Monday morning. The students were admitted to a hospital where the condition of three of them was to be serious.

Taking a serious note of the mishap, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath directed the officials to extend the best medical assistance to the injured. He also ordered the managing director of Madhyanchal Vidut Vitram Nigamam to conduct a high level probe into the incident and submit his findings in the next 24 hours along with report of action taken against those responsible for the incident.

Yogi Adityanath also asked the MD to start a state-wide drive immediately to repair all faulty high tension wires. He warned of stern action if similar incident was reported from anywhere in the state.

According to District Magistrate Karun Karanesh, when the high tension wire fell into the school, the students were at a distance but water had collected on the compound after rainfall due to which they came in contact with electricity. He said 50 students sustained injuries and they were sent to nearby hospitals.

Two employees of the Power department were suspended and a departmental inquiry ordered against the junior engineer concerned. The District Magistrate said the basic education officer and Power department's executive engineer were issued directions to conduct a survey of schools and remove any such wire passing over them.

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QUICK TAKES

YOGI ADITYANATH OFFERS GOLDEN CROWN WEIGHING 2.5 KG TO LORD HANUMAN

Muzaffarnagar (PTI): Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has offered a golden crown weighing 2.5 kg to Lord Hanuman during his visit to Shukralal in the district. He was visiting the holy site on Sunday to attend an event to mark the death anniversary of Swami Kalyan Dev. A 75-foot-tall statue of Lord Hanuman is located in Shukralal, which is on the banks of river Ganga.

OVER 65 LAKH PILGRIMS HAVE UNDERTAKEN GOVERDHAN PARIKRAMA SINCE JUL 10

Mathura (PTI): Over 65 lakh pilgrims have undertaken parikrama of the Govardhan hillock here since July 10, with an increase in devotees since the Madia Poono Mela began on Friday, an official said. The fair, which is dubbed as Mathura's Mini Kumbh, began on July 12 and will end on Tuesday. Though 65 lakh pilgrims have performed the parikrama of the Govardhan hillock by this afternoon, the unprecedented rush is continues, District Magistrate Sarvagya Ram Mishra said on Monday. Schools in Mathura district's Govardhan block have been closed till Tuesday as a precautionary measure as there has been a surge in traffic due to the Mudiya Poono Mela, he said. No untoward incident has been reported, the district magistrate said. Mishra attributed the sudden spurt in the number of pilgrims performing the circuit to the lunar eclipse that falls on Tuesday night. Major temples of Brijbhumi, except the ancient Dwarkadhish temple, will remain closed during the lunar eclipse. "Only Dwarkadhish temple will remain open during the lunar eclipse period between 1:30 am and 4:30 am on July 16," public relation officer of Dwarkadhish temple, Rakesh Tewari, said.

ISLAMIC SCHOLARS, ACTIVISTS PROTEST AGAINST ASSAULT OF MUSLIM CLERIC

Muzaffarnagar: A group of Islamic scholars, activists and locals of the district demanded strict action against those who allegedly attacked a Muslim cleric and forced him to chant 'Jai Shri Ram'. The local activists of Jamiat Ulama-e-Hind, an organisation of Islamic scholars, protested near Jaula village here on Sunday against the incident, a release by the organisation said. They also threatened to launch a widespread agitation if the police failed to arrest the culprits. PTI

UPCC may get new chief soon

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Uttar Pradesh Congress may soon get a new president as the party's national general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra has blamed present state president Raj Babbar for the poor show of the party in recent Lok Sabha elections.

She also hinted at revamping the entire UP Congress unit, giving a chance also to those who complained of being sidelined by the party leaders.

Sources said that while interacting with some party leaders in New Delhi on Monday, Priyanka blamed Raj Babbar for the poor show in UP, saying that he took little interest in the organisational work in Uttar Pradesh.

Priyanka also claimed that she had full knowledge of the

UP set-up and pointed that very soon, she would revamp the entire UPCC.

On grievances aired by some leaders that despite giving their lives for the party they had not got their due, Priyanka assured them that all such leaders who had similar complaints would be given some important 'task' in the organisation and they all must gear up to give a new lease of life to the Congress in the biggest state of the country.

It may be mentioned that All-India Congress Committee which is in search of a new face to lead the party, on Saturday gave Priyanka the full charge of the party affairs in Uttar Pradesh.

The decision was taken in the aftermath of the drubbing Congress received at the hands of the Bharatiya Janata Party in

the recently concluded Lok Sabha election.

Priyanka, had, ahead of the Lok Sabha election, made a formal entry in politics after she was appointed Congress general secretary in charge eastern Uttar Pradesh.

Jyotiraditya Scindia was appointed general secretary in charge west Uttar Pradesh. Her appointment, however, did not prove to be much of a success as Congress could only win one seat in UP — Rae Bareilly from where her mother and United Progressive Alliance chairperson Sonia Gandhi contested.

After the dismal show in the general election, the Congress dissolved all its district committees in the state and set up a three-member panel to look into complaints of gross indiscipline during the election.

Mayaati's concern over 'dangerous religious trend'

Lucknow (PNS): Bahujan Samaj Party chief Mayaati said that forcing people to chant religious slogans was fast becoming a "wrong practice" and a "dangerous religious trend" in Uttar Pradesh and several other states in the country.

Mayaati's remarks came after a cleric claimed that he was forced to chant 'Jai Shri Ram' in Muzaffarnagar while in Uttar, some children were allegedly assaulted for refusing to chant the religious slogan.

The state government has already clarified that the Unnao incident was a dispute over a cricket match. It also said concerted efforts were being made to disturb communal harmony by spreading rumours that people were being forced to chant religious slogans.

Mayaati said the Centre and the Uttar Pradesh government should strictly deal with such incidents.

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Dy. Chief Engineer/Conl., Northern Railway, Moradabad for and on behalf of the President of India invites open e-tender under Two Packet System for the road work noted: 1. Name of work and location: Construction of 08 Nos Road under bridge/limited height subway in lieu of LG No 13, 17, 24, 25, 26, 32, 48-B and 49 or any other thing by the existing method using RH grade on Raza-Sitapur section in low Raza-Sitapur doubling under DyCE/C&MB. 2. Completion period: 10 months. 3. Approx. cost of the work: Rs. 1627.80 Lakhs. 4. Earnest Money to be deposited on line: Rs. 9,50,000. 5. Date & Time for uploading of tender and Opening of tender: Tenders may be uploaded upto 11.30 hrs. on 07.08.19 date on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. The bidders can participate in the e-tender. Technical and commercial bid will be opened immediately after close of uploading of tenders on 07.08.19 at 11.30 hrs. Financial bids of the eligible tenders will be opened separately on the date and time to be notified later on. 6. Detailed tender notice & Tender Documents: The detailed tender notice is available on Northern Railway website i.e. www.nrcps.gov.in. Above tender document will be available for submission of offer on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 07.07.2019 to 07.08.2019 upto 11.30 hrs. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender documents. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office. No. 1-W/Tender-241/Dy.CE/C&MB
Date: 15.07.2019 2269/2019

PSPC Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall Patiala-147001)
Corporate Identity Number: U40920PB2010CG033813
Website: www.pspcl.in

► Tender Enquiry No. 210P-1/CH&EM/PM-11617 of 11.07.19 & ID-45584
► SCOPE OF WORK: COLLECTION & PREPARATION OF COAL, COLLECTION OF ASH, GAS, OIL, POLLUTION MONITORING SAMPLES AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS WORKS OF D.M. PLANT AT GSSPT, POCPI/AGAR.

EMD: For contractors/ firms Rs. 1,15,000/- and for Co-operative Societies registered with Registrar Co-operative societies, Punjab Rs. 57,500/- as the nature of job being more of Skilled as well as Unskilled work.

Date & time upto which tender shall be received: 20.08.19 at 11:00 AM
Date & time of opening of tender: 20.08.19 at 11:30 AM
Tender specification can only be downloaded from PSCPCL website: www.pspclprocure.com & no hard copy of the same will be issued by the office.

Note: 1. In case any difficulty regarding uploading of the tender the prospective bidders are requested to get clarification from the office and/or M/s e-procurement Technologies Ltd. Contact No +91-(79)-40016666/405018/21. It is also requested to get their digital signature valid in time so as to submit tenders through e-tendering only.

2. The prospective bidders are requested to visit the PSCPCL website periodically even after downloading the specifications to check for corrigendum issue, if any. No corrigendum shall be published in newspaper.

RTP-5119 Dy. C.E./Monitoring, GGSPT, Roopnagar
DPR/15/JUL/19/C250 Dt. 15-07-2019

SUMMER SPECIAL TRAIN BETWEEN MUMBAI CSMT - GORAKHPUR - MUMBAI CSMT

For the convenience of passengers, Railways have decided to run a summer super fast weekly special train No. 02009/02010 between Mumbai CSMT - Gorakhpur - Mumbai CSMT as per following details:

02009/02010 Mumbai CSMT - Gorakhpur - Mumbai CSMT
Super Fast Weekly Express Special Train (2 Trips)

Train No. 02009	STATIONS	Train No. 02010
ARR. DEP.		ARR. DEP.
— 05.10	Mumbai CSMT	20.25 —
12.10 —	Gorakhpur	— 14.40

DAYS OF RUN : 02009 Ex. Mumbai CSMT : On Friday 09.08.2019 & 02010 Ex. Gorakhpur : On Saturday 10.08.2019
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STATIONS: Dadar, Kalyan, Jhansi, Orai, Manmad, Bhauruck, Burhanpur, Itarsi, Bhopal, Ghatpur, Orai, Panpur, Lucknow, Barabanki, Gonda & Basti stations.

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DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL

BEFORE THE DEBT'S RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, UTTAR PRADESH AT LUCKNOW 600/1, (Area of Jurisdiction-Part of Uttar Pradesh)

SUMMONS FOR FILING REPLY & APPEARANCE BY DATE 03.07.2019
[Summons to Defendants Under Section 19(3), of The Recovery of Debts due to Bank & Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993.]

ORIGINAL APPLICATION No. 1678/2016

Canara Bank Applicant
Versus

Pareeh (Proprietor)
Nils Aditya Industrial Gases & Other Defendants
1. Pareeh Shri Ram Extension aged about 42 years R/o 7/638, Sector-6, Jankipuram Eastzone, Lucknow-226021
Also At: Pareeh (Proprietor, M/s Aditya Industrial Gases) Shop No. 2 & 3, Tankhana, Opposite Joseph Public School, Sitapur Road, Lucknow-226020. Defendants

In the above noted application, you are required to file in paper book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 27.08.2019 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal
Lucknow

United Bank of India

Head Office : 11, Hemant Bazar Saram, Kolkata-700 001
Lucknow Regional Office : 4A, Bahuballih Estate, Hazratganj, Lucknow-226001

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of United Bank of India, Lucknow Region, 4A, Bahuballih Estate, Hazratganj, Lucknow (U.P.) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(1) borrower calling upon them to repay the amount mentioned in the notice (S) within 60 days from the date of said notice(S).

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, he/she is hereby given to the Borrower(S) in particular and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule (8) of the said rules on the date mentioned below against their names. The borrower(S) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the United Bank of India for the amount(S) plus interest thereon.

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

Sl. No.	Name of Borrowers, Co-borrowers & Guarantors	Amount Outstanding	Description of Property	Date of Demand Notice Passed/herein
1.	Borrower: Sri Manoj Kumar Gupta Prop. M/s Bajrang, 74/51, Vijay Nagar, Naka Hindola, Lucknow 226004.	Rs.20,68,388.50 + Interest & Other Expenses	Equipable Mortgage of Residential Flat situated at Flat No. FT-3 on 3rd Floor, Bhukhand No 28 & 29 Bahadur Wali Gali, Daliganj Ward- Daliganj, Tehsil & District-Lucknow, Deed Serial No 14779 registered on 05.10.2015 at the office of Sub Registrar 4th in Book No 1, Vol no 13263 page no 319/362, Area: 89.405 sq. mt., Owned by Mr. Manoj Kumar Gupta, S/o Sri Krishna Chandra Gupta, Boarding, East, Flat No. ST-3, West: House of Noor Mohamud, North: House of Nand Kumar Verma, South: Open to Sky.	01.05.2019 09.07.2019

Date: 16.07.2019 Place: Lucknow Authorised Officer, United Bank of India

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3 school students injured in van-bus collision

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

Three students of a private school sustained injuries while another escaped unhurt when the van driver took a wrong turn at Samta Mulak crossing in Gomti Nagar and the vehicle collided with a roadways bus on Monday morning.

Police lodged a case against the school van driver (who also suffered injuries), van owner and school manager for negligence. The injured students were admitted to Civil Hospital.

As per reports, four students of Maharaja Agrasen Public School — Shahana Khan (class XI), Anurag Khan (class VIII), Shivani Yadav (class V) and Ankur Yadav (class VIII) — were in the van driven by Shahrukh Khan, a resident of Gomti Nagar.

When the van reached Samta Mulak crossing, Shahrukh took a wrong turn, instead of circling the roundabout, to enter the lane leading to Gomti Nagar. All of a sudden, the roadways bus (Ghaziपुर depot) coming from Gomti Nagar flyover came in front of the school van. Shahrukh tried to swerve the vehicle but could not avoid the collision due to which the van overturned. The bus driver and passengers got down and jacked up the van. In the meantime, a police team led by Sanjay Kumar Shukla, who is the incharge of Fun Republic police outpost, reached the scene.



(Top) People lifting the ill-fated school van. (Above) Injured children admitted in Civil Hospital on Monday

"Shahana, Anurag and Shivani suffered grievous injuries while Ankur escaped unhurt. The van driver also suffered minor injuries. The children were admitted to Civil Hospital," Shukla said. An FIR was lodged in this connection.

Shukla said Shahrukh did not have commercial licence. "Shahrukh was driving the van recklessly which led to the accident. He endangered the lives of students. Van owner Hari Prasad and school manager allowed Shahrukh to ferry students even when he had no commercial licence and they are also responsible for the mishap," Shukla said, giving a clean chit to the bus driver.

"The incident has come as an eye-opener as the district administration and police hardly check licence of school van drivers in the city," residents said. "Every year in July, the Traffic department launches drive to ensure school bus/van driver do not overspeed. They should also check if the drivers have commercial licences. The school authorities should also ensure the same," they said.

Meanwhile, parents were a worried lot at the emergency ward of Civil Hospital where they were admitted. The parents seemed concerned about the risks involved even in sending their kids to schools by authorised vehicle. The uniforms of two girls injured in the mishap were blood-stained. Anurag Yadav (15)

said the mishap occurred at around 6.30 am. "I have sustained injuries on my arm and have terrible pain on the left side of my," he said.

His sister Shivani Yadav, who is on another bed, had over 12 stitches on the forehead. Their father Raj Kumar Yadav, who works in a private company, said he was not going to take the risk of sending his children by school van again.

Anisha Khan, whose sister Shaheen Khan also suffered injuries in the mishap, said they were shocked. "We are sending the child through the best possible mode of transport but if even that is not safe, what more can we do," said Anisha exclaimed.

Driver Shahrukh Khan, admitted to have taken the wrong turn. "I thought that the traffic had slowed down and I could take a quick turn, but I was wrong in my judgement," he said.

The medical officer on duty said the injuries were minor and the children had been kept under observation. ARTO Sanjeev Kumar Gupta said they would cancel the licence of the driver while the Traffic department said they would deploy a traffic constable at the point where the mishap occurred.

District Magistrate Kaushal Raj Sharma also met the children at the hospital and talked to them. He said the licences of drivers and school vans would be checked.

DM orders schools to form transport safety committees



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

District Magistrate Kaushal Raj Sharma said on Monday that every school should have school transport safety committees formed by July 31. The DM called the meeting of District School Vehicle Security Committee at Collectorate and it was attended by RTO officials involved in enforcement, Traffic department and Education department officials. It was said that for the safety of schoolchildren, some amendments had been made in the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.

The DM said according to new rules, every school should have school transport safety committee to be presided over by respective principals.

He directed the DIOS and basic shiksha अधिकारी to hold

a meeting with all the principals, thana incharges and teshildars. The committees, he said, would carry out physical verification of the vehicles at schools and check licences of the drivers. A district-level committee consisting of SP (Traffic), RTO (Enforcement), DIOS, basic shiksha अधिकारी and two members nominated by the DM was also constituted. Sharma said stern action would be taken against overloading of school vehicles and the onus would rest on drivers, owners of the vehicles and even parents.

He said it was mandatory for publishing the addresses and telephone numbers of the schools on school vehicles. The fitness of vehicle had to be checked every week and stern action taken against those found unfit, he added.

Search on for mobile of BJP worker found dead

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

Police on Monday expedited the search for the mobile phone of national-level wrestler Resham Singh, who was found hanging at BJP media incharge (Awadh region) Rukhsana Naay's house in Thakurganj on Sunday morning. The hunt for his friend Waris Ghazi is also on. "A couple of days before he was found hanging, Resham (26) had lodged an FIR informing police that he had lost his mobile phone. Though it may not be related to his suicide in any way, we are searching for the mobile which is yet to be tracked," Thakurganj SHO Neeraj Ojha said.

He denied reports about the mysterious disappearance of Resham's friend Waris Ghazi,

who along with Resham, had visited Rukhsana's house. Resham was in the team led by Rukhsana carrying out membership drive for Bharatiya Janata Party these days. A native of Balamau in Hardoi, Resham and Waris Ghazi visited Rukhsana's house in Sarfarazganj around 10 pm on Saturday.

Sources privy to the investigation disclosed that Resham's mobile could have some clues which might unravel as to why Resham ended his life, if at all he did. "It is beyond comprehension that Resham committed suicide on the night he reached the BJP leader's house. Police are clueless about what made Resham hang himself," the sources said contesting police claim.

However, the SHO said no foul play was mentioned in the autopsy report and it was a case of suicide.

The BJP leader, who had informed the police about the incident, had said on Sunday that Resham was found hanging from the ceiling with a bedsheet and dupatta tied around his neck in the room around 10 am. "He did not wake up this morning following which Waris went to the room but found it locked from inside. We broke open the door and found Resham hanging," Rukhsana had said.

Resham Singh was unmarried and he had taken part in a national-level wrestling championship. He had been working with the BJP leader for the last two months.

PWD JEs protest 'arbitrary' transfers



Members of UP Diploma Engineers Sangh (PWD) staging a sit-in in the office of Principal Engineer (Gramin Sadak) RC Barnaul at PWD headquarters

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

Aggrieved over transfer of junior engineers of Public Works Department (PWD) in "violation" of the transfer policy, hundreds of members of UP Diploma Engineers Sangh (PWD) laid siege to the office of Principal Engineer (Gramin Sadak) RC Barnaul at PWD headquarters here on Monday morning.

The protest was continuing at the time of filing the report. The junior engineers association's president Hari Kishore Tewari threatened boycott of all development work if their genuine demands were not met by Tuesday. Tewari, who is sitting on dharna despite doctor's advice to take rest, claimed that from Tuesday, engineers from all over Uttar Pradesh would reach Lucknow to join their protest. Tewari alleged that the state government was not following the laid transfer policy

and was instead shifting junior engineers just on the complaints of peoples' representatives, local mafia and others.

He alleged that due to nexus of local leaders, senior officials and contractors, poor quality construction work was being done all over UP and it was the junior engineers who first brought it to the knowledge of seniors or complained about corruption to the authorities concerned.

Tewari said that once the JE start raising objection, the MLAs, local leaders, big contractors send complaints against the said officer and the government, without making any verification of the charges, transfers the JE to another town. "We demand that the government first constitute an enquiry into all the complaints and if found true, first suspend that JE and then complete the transfer formality," Tewari said.

UPSRTC app to seek passengers' feedback

Lucknow (PNS): Managing director of Uttar Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation (UPSRTC) Raj Shekhar said on Monday that they would launch a mobile application to seek real-time feedback from passengers in a bid to improve services and ensure safety and security.

He was addressing media-persons at the UPSRTC headquarters where he assumed charge. Shekhar told mediapersons that he met all the senior officials of UPSRTC on all the projects being carried out sector-wise. He pointed out that information technology and e-governance would be taken up in a major way to make improvements in the UPSRTC services. He said that GPS system would be used to track the buses and they will work on the findings of the high-level committee following the mishap near Agra.

He said UPSRTC had 9,400 buses of its own and 3,000 on contract, and they would also try to cover the routes which had not been tapped. "In the last two years, we have covered over 2,000 villages and we hope to cover more in the coming years," he said.

Shekhar said UPSRTC had been making profits in the last 4-5 years and in the next three months, they would chart out a plan to earn more profits. "We will also take into consideration the best services of corporations of the other states and incorporate them in our own," he added.

सबका साथ-सबका विकास-सबका विश्वास

भूजल सप्ताह

16 से 22 जुलाई, 2019

आओ संवारे अपना कल मिलकर सुरक्षित करें भूजल

अपील

अल्पना प्रसन्नता का विषय है कि प्रदेश में भूजल संसाधनों के संरक्षण एवं प्रबन्धन हेतु 'भूजल सप्ताह' का आयोजन किया जा रहा है, जिसमें बड़ी संख्या में छात्र-छात्राओं, गैर सरकारी संगठनों व आम जनता को जोड़ते हुए भूजल संरक्षण के महत्व के प्रति जागरूकता अभियान चलाया जाएगा।

विगत वर्षों में प्रदेश के कृषि, औद्योगिक व शहरी क्षेत्रों की जल की मांग को पूरा करने के लिए भूजल स्रोतों पर अत्यधिक निर्भरता बढ़ी है। परिणामस्वरूप, अनेक शहरी व ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में भूजल संसाधनों के अतिदोहन को स्थिति उत्पन्न हो गयी है और यह प्राकृतिक संसाधन संकटग्रस्त स्थिति में पहुँचता जा रहा है। हमारी सरकार ने प्रदेश के इन संकटग्रस्त क्षेत्रों में वर्षों जल संचयन एवं भूजल संचयन की आवश्यकता पर विशेष बल दिया है और इसी सन्दर्भ में भूजल रिचार्ज की विभिन्न योजनाओं को समर्थित एवं समन्वित ढंग से लागू किये जाने के उद्देश्य से 'राज्य भूजल संरक्षण मिशन' की एक नवीन योजना पर मत दो वर्षों से मिशन मोड में कार्य किया जा रहा है।

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मैं 'भूजल सप्ताह' के आयोजन की सफलता की कामना करता हूँ।

(योगी आदिन्याय)
मुख्यमंत्री, उत्तर प्रदेश

भूजल संरक्षण हेतु प्रदेश के 271 संकटग्रस्त विकासखण्डों में 'राज्य भूजल संरक्षण मिशन' के रूप में मालाकार्कणी योजना लागू की गयी है। मिशन के अन्तर्गत सम्बन्धित जनपदों के जिलाधिकारियों के नेतृत्व में जल संचयन की विभिन्न गतिविधियाँ संचालित की जा रही हैं। मैं चाहूँगा कि 'भूजल सप्ताह' जैसे जन जागरूकता कार्यक्रमों के माध्यम से हम सभी संकल्प लें कि पानी का सतुपयोग करने तथा भावी जल विधि के सुरक्षा, संरक्षण के पानी को संचित कर भूजल स्रोतों को बचायेंगे।

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(धर्मेन्द्र सिंह)
मंत्री, जल संचयन एवं पानी का विधान, उत्तर प्रदेश

जल संरक्षण के उपाय

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- स्रोतों की मेड़ बंधी।
- नदियों और धाराओं में शेक डैम का निर्माण और लतबंधी।
- कूप व तालाबों का निर्माण एवं सफाई।
- कूपों के पास सोखा गड्ढा खोदकर जल का पुनर्भरण।
- टांका और जलाशय का निर्माण।
- वृक्षारोपण।
- सिंचाई टैंकों का निर्माण एवं पुनर्वास।
- नगर नेटवर्क में सुधार।
- पानी का रिसाव और पाइपलाइन नेटवर्क में गड्ढाबंदी को दूर करना।
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- भूमिगत जल का पुनर्भरण।
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सबका एक विकास के विश्वास, उत्तर प्रदेश

Lucknow (PNS): Lucknow Development Authority (LDA) on Monday identified 13 properties, including hotels, restaurants, guest houses and dharmshalas, in Charbagh and Naka areas for violation of safety norms and land misuse.

LDA identifying buildings violating safety norms

ing the patronage of musclemen tried to impede the proceedings but police presence foiled their bid. A massive building on AP Sen Road meant for residential purpose is being used as a guest house without legal formalities. Its manager has been

directed to appear in the court room of LDA head office within a week with all the documents. The main auditorium of LDA head office is called the court room where disputes are settled. A portion of the temple located near the employment

exchange office tri-section is supposed to house a primary school but it is being used as a dharmshala on the pretext of giving shelter to the homeless. The LDA team took photographers to the site and also recorded the statements of locals to buttress their claim of

land abuse. The manager of a newly-constructed hotel told the LDA team that firefighting equipment would be installed soon as an order had been placed. However, the officials asked him how could a hotel run without obtaining NOC from the authorities.

Foul play in death of former coast guard official ruled out

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

death of former woman deputy commandant in Coast Guard Services Sneha Katyat (32), police claimed that she died of head injuries after she jumped off the top floor. The police ruled out any possibility of foul play.

"Sneha committed suicide and she sustained eight wounds on her body. There was no injury on her private parts. The viscera has been preserved and will be sent for forensic test," police spokesman AK Dwivedi said while giving details of the autopsy which was conducted on Monday.

Arvind and Sneha knew each other for the last two years and got married on May 30 last. Arvind was staying at his native home in Pratnagarh when the incident took place. It also surfaced that differences had cropped up between the couple after Sneha decided to enroll on martial arts classes in Goa. In a CCTV footage, Sneha was seen going to the top floor.

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Heavy rains lash city

Lucknow (PNS): Heavy rains lashed the city, albeit for a brief period on Monday evening, making the weather pleasant. The rains were preceded by a dust storm.

Earlier, the skies turned completely dark at 6 pm after which heavens opened up. The sudden burst of showers caught the commuters off-guard as they were seen taking refuge under the overbridges and Metro stations. The city recorded the maximum temperature at 35.7 degree Celsius, which was a couple of notches above normal, while the minimum temperature at 27.2 degree Celsius which was also two degrees above normal.

कार्यालय : अधिशासी अभियन्ता जलकल जलकल विभाग, नगर निगम, लखनऊ

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Pakistan pushes infiltrators under cross-border fire

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Pakistan continues to encourage terrorists to infiltrate into India under the cover of massive cross-Line of Control (LOC) and cross-border firing in Jammu and Kashmir and the Pulwama terror attack in February this year confirmed yet again that India remains a persistent target of Pakistan's state-sponsored cross-border terrorism policy.

Making this observation in its annual report for 2018-19, the Defence Ministry said on Monday India's position is that Pakistan takes credible and irreversible steps to stop supporting terrorists and terror groups operating from territories under its control and dismantle the infrastructure operated by terrorists outfits to launch attacks against India.

Assuring that India will continue to take robust and decisive steps to ensure its national security, the document said India's response amongst other measures, included a successful pre-emptive non-military anti-terror aerial strike on the largest training camp of Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) in Balakot in Pakistan. The aerial strike came on February 26 in retaliation to the Pulwama attack on February 14 by JeM in which 40 Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) were killed.

Touching upon internal security situation in the country, the report said state-sponsored terrorism by Pakistan in Jammu and Kashmir remains the foremost challenge. During the period from January 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019, security forces were able to neutralise 305 militants, the document informed.

On China, the report mentioned that relations with the eastern neighbour move towards greater stability in the overall context of closer developmental partnership. Following the ministerial summit between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Xi Jinping in Wuhan in China in April last year, there

was improved and sustained border areas in the India-China border areas.

This comes in the backdrop of India and China having a disputed border of more than 4,000 km and two countries fighting a war in 1962. The report said both sides recognized that peace and tranquility in the India-China border is an important pre-requisite to development of bilateral relations.

As regards political situation in Pakistan, the report said it continues to remain challenging with a severe deficit of inclusive and balanced economic development. The Pakistan Army consolidated its position as the institution driving Pakistan's foreign policy and defence policies after the elections there.

Pakistan also continues to relentlessly expand its military forces, especially nuclear and missile capabilities despite a financial crisis. The country has been torn by ethno-regional conflicts, with the zone of conflict expanding from tribal areas on Pakistan-Afghanistan border to hinterland. Religious extremism is also on the rise.

The military has avoided taking action against jihadi and internationally proscribed terror outfits that target Pakistan's neighbor. Support to such group persists, the 272-page report observed.

On global scenario, the report said terrorism and radicalization are the biggest threats to peace and security facing the world. India has reiterated at a number of bilateral and multi-lateral platforms its resolve in all its forms and manifestations.

The global concerns regarding proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and their delivery systems, continue to pose serious threats to international security. The WMD terrorism will remain a potent threat as long as there are terrorists seeking to gain access to relevant material and technologies for malicious purposes, the report said.

House needs to discuss powers & limitations of 3 pillars of democracy: V-P

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu on Monday said the House needs to discuss the powers and limitations of the three pillars of democracy — judiciary, legislature and executive — as an Elder made a strong case for an all-India examination for selection of judges in high courts and the Supreme Court. Cutting across party lines, the members backed Ashok Bajpai (BJP) who made this assertion, raising the issue during the Zero Hour, he said the Constitution does not mention the word 'collegium', though it is currently being used for appointments and transfers of judges in the higher judiciary.

He also referred to an Allahabad High Court judge recently writing to the Prime Minister that appointments are not being made on the basis of merit and nepotism prevailed in such appointments and deserving candidates missed the chance.

Bajpai suggested that there should be an all-India examination conducted to ensure that meritorious candidates get into

higher judiciary. Members cutting across party lines endorsed his suggestion.

Observing that overwhelming members are of the same opinion, the Chairman said 'we need to discuss' during one of the discussions, particularly the issue of the judiciary, legislature and executive and their powers and limitations.

Amongst other issues to figure in the Upper House, the AIADMK and DMK on Monday urged the central government to amend the postal department examination for postmen and other posts and hold it afresh with questions in Tamil language also.

Tiruchi Siva (DMK) said the recent crisis issued by the central government to the postal department has brought a sense of agitation in the minds of the youth in Tamil Nadu. He said earlier the practice was to conduct the examination in Hindi, English and regional languages. Asserting that not holding examination in regional language was 'totally unwarranted' and should be ended, he demanded the circular and maintaining status quo.

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Advertisement for the post of Lab Technician on or before 22nd July 2019 and walk-in-interview will be held on dated 22nd July, 2019 at 10 AM, in the Chamber of Professor & Head Department of Microbiology, C-Block, 2nd Floor, SGPIMS, Lucknow.

Name of Post: Lab Technician, No. of Post: 01(ONE) purely on contract basis, Salary: Rs. 15000/- Per month.

Funded by: Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme, National Centre for Disease Control, Government of India, New Delhi.

Eligibility: Essential Qualifications: 10+2 in Science subject with DMLT from recognized Institute/University.

OR

B.Sc. Life Sciences from recognized University with one year experience.

Desirable Qualifications: I. M.Sc. Microbiology/Life Sciences/Biotechnology, 2. Work Experience in Molecular Microbiology, 3. Knowledge of Computer applications.

Bring all the original and one attested copy of the supporting documents e.g. proof of age, all educational qualifications, mark sheets, degree certificate, experience letters, address proof, identity proof. No T.A.D.A will be provided for appearing in the walk-in-interview.

Prof. Ujjala Ghoshal
 Prof. & Head, Department of Microbiology
 Advt. No. R/11/2019-20

Govt introduces two important Bills in Lok Sabha

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Government on Monday introduced two important Bills in the Lok Sabha — one to amend Motor Vehicles Act that provides for higher penalties for violations and protection of good Samaritans, among other provisions and the Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill that provides for banning of commercial surrogacy with a provision that only close relatives will be permitted to act as surrogates to infertile couples for

'ethical altruistic' reasons. The Motor Vehicle bill was passed in the previous Lok Sabha but could not be approved from the Rajya Sabha. Several members of the opposition raised concern over certain provisions in the bill and also sought to say that it could that it may encroach the powers of the states to legislate on the road transport. Surrogacy bill was also passed in the Lok Sabha in 2018 but could not get passage in the upper house.

Speaking on the Motor Vehicle bill, Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari said the central government is not looking to take away the rights of states and urged the House to pass the legislation which would help in saving more lives. The Minister said around 30 per cent of driving licences in the country are bogus. About 1.5 lakh people die and 5 lakh people get injured in road accidents every year, he said. The bill seeks to increase penalties for violations, facilitate grant of online

learning licence, simplified provisions for insurance to provide expeditious help to accident victims and their families, and protection of good Samaritans. As per the Statement of Objects and Reasons of the bill, the period for renewal of transport licence would be increased to five years from three years and enabling licensing authority to grant licence to differently-abled persons. Another provision is to raise the

time limit for renewal of driving licence from one month to one year before and after the expiry date. Another important bill that seeks to ban Commercial surrogacy was introduced in the house. The bill was passed by Lok Sabha in December, 2018 but lapsed as it could not get nod from Parliament. According to the bill, only close relatives will be permitted to act as surrogates to infertile couples for 'ethical altruistic' reasons.

TEMPORARY CANCELLATION / DIVERSION / PARTIAL CANCELLATION / REGULATION AND RESCHEDULING OF TRAINS DUE TO NON-INTERLOCKING WORK AT TILAK BRIDGE STATION

In order to further strengthen the infrastructure, Northern Railway will undertake the Non-Interlocking work at Tilak Bridge station in connection with 5th & 6th line between New Delhi and Tilak Bridge stations. To execute this work, Railways will take appropriate traffic blocks upto 22.07.2019. Consequently, the following trains will temporarily be affected on the dates shown against each-

CANCELLATION OF TRAINS		
Train No. & Train Name	Date(s) of Cancellation (from originating station)	
12419/12420 Lucknow-New Delhi-Lucknow Gomati Express	18 to 21.07.2019	
12459/12460 New Delhi-Amritsar-New Delhi Express	19 to 21.07.2019	
14205 Faizabad-Delhi Jn. Express	18 & 19.07.2019	
14206 Delhi Jn.-Faizabad Express	19 & 20.07.2019	
14207 Paratappah-Delhi Jn. Padmavat Express	18 & 19.07.2019	
14208 Delhi Jn.-Paratappah Padmavat Express	19 & 20.07.2019	
14211/14212 Agra Cantt.-New Delhi-Agra Cantt. Intercity Exp.	19 to 21.07.2019	
14315/14316 Bareilly-New Delhi-Bareilly Intercity Express	19 to 21.07.2019	
14323/14324 New Delhi-Rohtak-New Delhi Express	19 to 21.07.2019	
14521/14522 Delhi Jn.-Ambala Cantt.-Delhi Jn. Express	19 to 21.07.2019	
14681/14682 New Delhi-Jalandhar City-New Delhi Express	19 to 21.07.2019	
15035/15036 Delhi Jn.-Ramnagar / Kathgodam-Delhi Jn. Uttaranchal Sampark Kranti Express	20 & 21.07.2019	
19565 Okha-Dehradun Uttaranchal Express	19.07.2019	
19566 Dehradun-Okha Uttaranchal Express	21.07.2019	
14085 Tilak Bridge-Sirsa Express	20 & 21.07.2019	
14086 Sirsa-Tilak Bridge Express	21 & 22.07.2019	
51911/51912 Delhi Jn.-Saharanpur-Delhi Jn. Passenger	19 & 20.07.2019	
54055/54056 Moradabad-Delhi Jn.-Moradabad Passenger	20.07.2019	
64012/64013/64014/64016 Shakur Basti-Palwal-Shakur Basti EMU	19 to 21.07.2019	
64018 Shakurbasti-New Delhi EMU	19 & 20.07.2019	
64031/64032/64034/64036 Ghaziabad-Shakur Basti-Ghaziabad EMU	19 to 21.07.2019	
64053 Palwal-Ghaziabad EMU	19 to 21.07.2019	
64071 Ballabgarh-Shakur Basti EMU	19 & 20.07.2019	
64075/64077/64078/64080 Palwal-New Delhi-Palwal EMU	19 to 21.07.2019	
64082 New Delhi-Palwal EMU	19 & 20.07.2019	
64087 H. Nizamuddin-New Delhi EMU	19 to 21.07.2019	
64089 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Hazrat Nizamuddin EMU	19.07.2019	
64091 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Hazrat Nizamuddin EMU	19 to 21.07.2019	
64092 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Hazrat Nizamuddin EMU	19.07.2019	
64093 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Shakurbasti EMU	19 to 21.07.2019	
64095 New Delhi-Shakurbasti EMU	19 & 20.07.2019	
64096 Shakurbasti-Hazrat Nizamuddin EMU	19.07.2019	
64097 New Delhi-Shakur Basti EMU	19 to 21.07.2019	
64401 Ghaziabad-Delhi Jn. EMU	20.07.2019	
64403 Ghaziabad-Delhi Jn. EMU	19 to 21.07.2019	
64408/64408 Delhi Jn.-Ghaziabad EMU	20.07.2019	
64411 Sahibabad-Delhi Jn. EMU	20.07.2019	
64412 Delhi Jn.-Ghaziabad EMU	19.07.2019	
64418 Delhi Jn.-Ghaziabad EMU	20.07.2019	
64423/64424/64425/64427/64430/64432 Ghaziabad-New Delhi-Ghaziabad EMU	19 to 21.07.2019	
64426 New Delhi-Ghaziabad EMU	20.07.2019	
64428 New Delhi-Ghaziabad EMU	19.07.2019	
64431 Ghaziabad-New Delhi EMU	19 & 20.07.2019	
64439 Ghaziabad-Delhi Jn. EMU	20.07.2019	
64445 Ghaziabad-Delhi Jn. EMU/64449/64450 Ghaziabad-New Delhi-Ghaziabad EMU/64489/64470 New Delhi-Panipat-New Delhi EMU	19.07.2019	
64491/64492 Palwal-New Delhi-Palwal EMU	19 & 20.07.2019	
64493/64494 Palwal-Hazrat Nizamuddin-Palwal EMU	20.07.2019	
64569/64570 Kosi Kalan-Hazrat Nizamuddin-Kosi Kalan EMU	20.07.2019	
64434 Delhi Jn.-Ghaziabad EMU	20.07.2019	
64470 Ghaziabad-Hazrat Nizamuddin EMU	19 to 21.07.2019	
64567/64568 Bulandshahr-Tilak Bridge-Bulandshahr EMU	20.07.2019	

DIVERSION OF TRAINS		
Train No. & Train Name	Diverted to	Date(s) (from originating station)
12055 New Delhi-Dehradun Janshatabdi	Delhi Jn.	19.07.19
12171 Lokmanya Tilak (T)-Haridwar AC Superfast	Agra Cantt.-Mitawali-Aligarh-Khurja-Meerut City	18.07.19
12172 Haridwar-Lokmanya Tilak (T) AC Superfast	Meerut City-Khurja-Aligarh-Mitawali-Agra Cantt.	19.07.19
12204 Amritsar-Saharsa Garib Rath	Ambala-Saharanpur-Moradabad-Sahibabad-Delhi Shahdara-Delhi Jn.-New Delhi	20 & 21.07.19
12259 Sealdah-New Delhi Duronto Exp.	Sahibabad-Delhi Shahdara-Delhi Jn.-New Delhi	18.07.19
12260 New Delhi-Sealdah Duronto Exp.	New Delhi-Delhi Jn.-Delhi Shahdara-Sahibabad	19.07.19
12274 New Delhi-Howrah Duronto Exp.	Delhi Jn.	20.07.19
12392 New Delhi-Rajgir Shramjeev Exp.	Delhi Jn.	19 to 21.07.19
12398 New Delhi-Gaya Mahabodhi Exp.	Delhi Jn.	19 to 21.07.19
12483 Kochuveli-Amritsar Express	Okhla-Delhi Safdarjung-Adarsh Nagar	17.07.19
12484 Amritsar-Kochuveli Express	Adarsh Nagar-Delhi Safdarjung-Okhla	21.07.19
12501 Guwahati-New Delhi Poorvotter Sampark Kranti Express	Sahibabad-Delhi Shahdara-Delhi Jn.-New Delhi	20.07.19
12561 Jaynagar-New Delhi Swatantra Sainani Express	Sahibabad-Delhi Shahdara-Delhi Jn.-New Delhi	19 & 20.07.19
12562 New Delhi-Jaynagar Swatantra Sainani Express	New Delhi-Delhi Jn.-Delhi Shahdara-Sahibabad	20.07.19
12566 New Delhi-Darbhanga Bihar Sampark Kranti Express	Delhi Jn.	19 to 21.07.19
12581 Manduadih-New Delhi Superfast	Sahibabad-Delhi Shahdara-Delhi Jn.-New Delhi	19 & 20.07.19
12582 New Delhi-Manduadih Superfast	New Delhi-Delhi Jn.-Delhi Shahdara-Sahibabad	20.07.2019
12715 H. Sahib Nanded-Amritsar Sachkhand Express	Okhla-Delhi Safdarjung-Adarsh Nagar	19 & 20.07.19
12903/12904 Mumbai Central-Amritsar-Mumbai Central Golden Temple Mail	Khutwad-Mathura Jn.-Alwar-Rewari-Delhi Jn.-Sahibabad-Sahibabad-Delhi Shahdara-Delhi Jn.-New Delhi	18.07.2019
14003 Malda Town-New Delhi Express	Sahibabad-Delhi Shahdara-Delhi Jn.-New Delhi	20.07.19

PARTIAL CANCELLATION OF TRAINS			
Train No. & Train Name	Short Terminate at/ Originate from	Partially Cancelled Between Stations	Date(s) from originating station
12523 New Jalpaiguri-New Delhi Exp.	at Moradabad	Moradabad-New Delhi	20.07.2019
12524 New Delhi-New Jalpaiguri Exp.	from Moradabad	New Delhi-Moradabad	21.07.2019
12625 Kerala Express	at H. Nizamuddin	H. Nizamuddin-New Delhi	19.07.2019
12626 Kerala Express	from H. Nizamuddin	New Delhi-H. Nizamuddin	21.07.2019
13413 Farakka Express	at Kanpur	Kanpur-Delhi Jn.	18.07.2019
13414 Farakka Express	from Kanpur	Delhi Jn.-Kanpur	20.07.2019
13483 Farakka Express	at Kanpur	Kanpur-Delhi Jn.	17 & 19.07.19
13484 Farakka Express	from Kanpur	Delhi Jn.-Kanpur	19 & 21.07.19
14211/14212 Agra Cantt.-New Delhi-Agra Cantt. Intercity	at / from H. Nizamuddin	H. Nizamuddin-New upto Delhi-H. Nizamuddin	21.07.19
14085 Tilak Bridge-Sirsa Exp.	at Shakur Basti	Shakur Basti-Tilak Bridge	19 to 21.07.19
64017 Palwal-Shakur Basti EMU	at H. Nizamuddin	H. Nizamuddin-Shakur Basti	19.07.2019
54767 Shri Ganganagar-Tilak Bridge Pass.	at Patel Nagar	Patel Nagar-Tilak Bridge	19 & 20.07.19
54768 Tilak Bridge-Shri Ganganagar Pass.	from Patel Nagar	Tilak Bridge-Patel Nagar	20 & 21.07.19
54769/54770 Tilak Bridge-Rohtak-Tilak Bridge Passenger	from / at Shakur Basti	Shakur Basti-Tilak Bridge-Shakur Basti	20 & 21.07.19
54474 Saharanpur-Delhi Jn. Pass.	at Sahibabad	Sahibabad-Delhi Jn.	19 to 21.07.19
54475 Delhi Jn.-Haridwar Passenger	from Noli	Noli-Delhi Jn.	19 to 21.07.19
54540 Ambala-H. Nizamuddin Pass.	at Meerut City	Meerut City-H. Nizamuddin	20.07.2019
54539 H. Nizamuddin-Ambala Pass.	from Meerut City	H. Nizamuddin-Meerut City	21.07.2019
64105 Aligarh-New Delhi EMU	at Sahibabad	Sahibabad-New Delhi	20.07.2019
64106 New Delhi-Aligarh EMU	from Ghaziabad	New Delhi-Ghaziabad	20.07.2019
64107 Dankaur-Delhi Jn. EMU	at Ghaziabad	Ghaziabad-Delhi Jn.	20.07.2019
64110 New Delhi-Aligarh EMU	from Sahibabad	New Delhi-Sahibabad	20.07.2019
64113 Khurja-Shakur Basti EMU	at Ghaziabad	Ghaziabad-Shakur Basti	19 to 21.07.19
64151 Aligarh-Delhi Jn. EMU	at Ghaziabad	Ghaziabad-Delhi Jn.	20.07.2019
64429 Ghaziabad-New Delhi EMU	at Sahibabad	Sahibabad-New Delhi	20.07.2019
64481/64482 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Kurukshetra-Hazrat Nizamuddin EMU	at / from New Delhi	New Delhi-H. Nizamuddin-New Delhi	20.07.2019
64905 Mathura Jn.-New Delhi EMU	at Palwal	Palwal-New Delhi	19 to 21.07.19

REGULATION / RESCHEDULING OF TRAINS

Train No. 12627 Bangalore City-New Delhi Karnataka Express will be regulated on Palwal section for 30 minutes on 17.07.2019 & rescheduled by 120 minutes on 18.07.2019 from Bangalore City.

Train No. 12716 Amritsar-H. Sahib Nanded Express will be rescheduled by 120 minutes on 20.07.2019 & 180 minutes on 21.07.2019 from Amritsar.

Train No. 12925 Bandra (T)-Amritsar Ashram Express will be regulated on North Central Railway 30 minutes on 18.07.2019 & will be rescheduled by 120 minutes on 19.07.2019 from Bandra (T).

Train No. 16032 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-Chennai Central Andaman Express will be regulated for 45 minutes on 19 & 20.07.2019 at Sonarpur Jn.

Train No. 20503 Dibrugarh-New Delhi Rajdhani Express will be rescheduled by 60 minutes from Dibrugarh on 18.07.2019.

Train No. 20505 Dibrugarh-New Delhi Rajdhani Express will be rescheduled by 60 minutes from Dibrugarh on 19.07.2019.

Train No. 12625 Trivendrum Central-New Delhi Kerala Express will be regulated for 60 minutes over North Central Railway on 18.07.2019.

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U.P. Rajya Vidut Upanam Nigam Ltd, Obra Thermal Power Station: OBRA Sonebhadra-231219 Notice Inviting e-Bid Tender No. SEIMMC-II/CPD-IV/O-1171/19-20 Online e-Bids are invited for the Manufacturing & supply of spares of Gravitational feeders for BTPS, Obra, Sonebhadra (U.P.). Last date of online e-bid submission is 05/08/2019 (18:00 Hrs) & Technical Bid (Part-I) will be opened on 07-08-2019 at 16:30 Hrs or later. Estimated Cost of supply is approximately Rs. 2.36 Lacs only. The E.M.D and Tender cost for e-bid submission is Rs. 4700/- and Rs. 236/- respectively. Detailed specification and terms & condition are as per tender document available on the e-procurement site. Bid shall be accepted online only on the e-procurement website. **Superintending Engineer (MCMC-II, BTPS, OBRA)**

Notice Inviting e-Bid Short Term Tender No. T-5/O&MC-III/EMD-III/BTPS/2019-20 Online e-Bids are invited for the work of "Overhauling of d.c. Battery system of 200 MW units no. 11, 'B'TPS, Obra, Sonebhadra (U.P.)". E-tender has been uploaded on 01/07/2019 at 1:05 Hrs on UP Govt. e-tender portal <http://etender.up.nic.in> Technical Bid (Part-I) will be opened on 31/07/2019 at 16:00 Hrs. Estimated Cost of work will be approximately Rs. 81,414.00 only. The E.M.D and Tender cost for e-bid submission is Rs. 1700/- and Rs. 296.00 respectively. Total Quantity of work, tender specification and other terms & condition is as per tender document available on the e-tender portal. It may please be noted that this is online bid and shall be accepted online only on website <http://etender.up.nic.in>, information related to extension in due dates and corrigendum if any shall be uploaded only on the above website. Bidders are advised to visit the website on regular basis in order to keep themselves updated. The last date of e-bid submission is 29.07.2019 up to 18:00 Hrs. **Superintending Engineer O&MC-III**

Notice Inviting e-Bid Short Term Tender No. T-6/O&MC-III/EMD-III/BTPS/2019-20 Online e-Bids are invited for the work of "Overhauling of light system of 200 MW unit no. 11, 'B'TPS, Obra, Sonebhadra (U.P.)". E-tender has been uploaded on 01/07/2019 at 1:06 Hrs on UP Govt. e-tender portal <http://etender.up.nic.in> Technical Bid (Part-I) will be opened on 31/07/2019 at 16:00 Hrs. Estimated Cost of work will be approximately Rs. 124821.00 only. The E.M.D and Tender cost for e-bid submission is Rs. 2500.00 and Rs. 296.00 respectively. Total Quantity of work, tender specification and other terms & condition is as per tender document available on the e-tender portal. It may please be noted that this is online bid and shall be accepted online only on website <http://etender.up.nic.in>, information related to extension in due dates and corrigendum if any shall be uploaded only on the above website. Bidders are advised to visit the website on regular basis in order to keep themselves updated. The last date of e-bid submission is 29.07.2019 up to 18:00 Hrs. **Superintending Engineer O&MC-III**

Notice Inviting e-Bid Short Term Tender No. T-7/O&MC-III/EMD-III/BTPS/2019-20 Online e-Bids are invited for the work of "Overhauling of 6.6 KV H.T. Motors of 200 MW unit no. 11, 'B'TPS, Obra, Sonebhadra (U.P.)". E-tender has been uploaded on 01/07/2019 at 1:07 Hrs on UP Govt. e-tender portal <http://etender.up.nic.in> Technical Bid (Part-I) will be opened on 31/07/2019 at 16:00 Hrs. Estimated Cost of work will be approximately Rs. 844,735.00 only. The E.M.D and Tender cost for e-bid submission is Rs. 19,900.00 and Rs. 1180.00 respectively. Total Quantity of work, tender specification and other terms & condition is as per tender document available on the e-tender portal. It may please be noted that this is online bid and shall be accepted online only on website <http://etender.up.nic.in>, information related to extension in due dates and corrigendum if any shall be uploaded only on the above website. Bidders are advised to visit the website on regular basis in order to keep themselves updated. The last date of e-bid submission is 29.07.2019 up to 18:00 Hrs. **Superintending Engineer O&MC-III**

Notice Inviting e-Bid Short Term Tender No. T-8/O&MC-III/EMD-III/BTPS/2019-20 Online e-Bids are invited for the work of "Overhauling of 6.6 KV H.T. Motors of 200 MW unit no. 11, 'B'TPS, Obra, Sonebhadra (U.P.)". E-tender has been uploaded on 01/07/2019 at 1:09 Hrs on UP Govt. e-tender portal <http://etender.up.nic.in> Technical Bid (Part-I) will be opened on 31/07/2019 at 16:00 Hrs. Estimated Cost of work will be approximately Rs. 4,48,682.00 only. The E.M.D and Tender cost for e-bid submission is Rs. 4,200.00 and Rs. 1180.00 respectively. Total Quantity of work, tender specification and other terms & condition is as per tender document available on the e-tender portal. It may please be noted that this is online bid and shall be accepted online only on website <http://etender.up.nic.in>, information related to extension in due dates and corrigendum if any shall be uploaded only on the above website. Bidders are advised to visit the website on regular basis in order to keep themselves updated. The last date of e-bid submission is 29.07.2019 up to 18:00 Hrs. **Superintending Engineer O&MC-III**

Notice Inviting e-Bid Short Term Tender No. T-9/O&MC-III/EMD-III/BTPS/2019-20 Online e-Bids are invited for the work of "Overhauling of 6.6 KV H.T. Motors of 200 MW unit no. 13, 'B'TPS, Obra, Sonebhadra (U.P.)". E-tender has been uploaded on 01/07/2019 at 1:09 Hrs on UP Govt. e-tender portal <http://etender.up.nic.in> Technical Bid (Part-I) will be opened on 31/07/2019 at 16:00 Hrs. Estimated Cost of work will be approximately Rs. 4,48,682.00 only. The E.M.D and Tender cost for e-bid submission is Rs. 4,200.00 and Rs. 1180.00 respectively. Total Quantity of work, tender specification and other terms & condition is as per tender document available on the e-tender portal. It may please be noted that this is online bid and shall be accepted online only on website <http://etender.up.nic.in>, information related to extension in due dates and corrigendum if any shall be uploaded only on the above website. Bidders are advised to visit the website on regular basis in order to keep themselves updated. The last date of e-bid submission is 29.07.2019 up to 18:00 Hrs. **Superintending Engineer O&MC-III**

Notice Inviting e-Bid Short Term Tender No. T-10/O&MC-III/EMD-III/BTPS/2019-20 Online e-Bids are invited for the work of "Overhauling of 6.6 KV H.T. Motors of 200 MW unit no. 13, 'B'TPS, Obra, Sonebhadra (U.P.)". E-tender has been uploaded on 01/07/2019 at 1:09 Hrs on UP Govt. e-tender portal <http://etender.up.nic.in> Technical Bid (Part-I) will be opened on 31/07/2019 at 16:00 Hrs. Estimated Cost of work will be approximately Rs. 4,48,682.00 only. The E.M.D and Tender cost for e-bid submission is Rs. 4,200.00 and Rs. 1180.00 respectively. Total Quantity of work, tender specification and other terms & condition is as per tender document available on the e-tender portal. It may please be noted that this is online bid and shall be accepted online only on website <http://etender.up.nic.in>, information related to extension in due dates and corrigendum if any shall be uploaded only on the above website. Bidders are advised to visit the website on regular basis in order to keep themselves updated. The last date of e-bid submission is 29.07.2019 up to 18:00 Hrs. **Superintending Engineer O&MC-III**

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BABRI DEMOLITION CASE

Special judge seeks 6 months' time from SC to conclude trial

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A special judge holding trial case, involving BJP veterans L K Advani, M M Joshi and others, Monday moved the Supreme Court seeking six more months to conclude the trial in the case.

The special judge, in a letter written in May, has informed the top court that he is due to start the trial on September 30, 2019.

The matter came up for hearing on Monday before a bench headed by Justice R F Nariman, which asked the Uttar Pradesh government to appear to it by July 19 about a mechanism by which the tenure of the special judge could be extended till he delivers the verdict in the high profile case.

On April 19, 2017, the top court had ordered day-to-day trial to be concluded in two years in the politically sensitive 1992 Babri Masjid demolition case.

While dubbing the demolition of the medieval era monument as a "crime" which shook the "secular fabric of the Constitution", it had allowed the Governor of Rajasthan and during whose tenure as Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh the disputed structure was razed, is entitled to immunity under Constitution as long as he remained in gubernatorial position.

The court had come down heavily on the CBI for the delay of 25 years in the trial and said, "The accused persons have not been brought to book largely because of the conduct of the CBI in not pursuing the prosecution of the aforesaid alleged offenders in a joint trial, and because of technical defects which were easily curable, but which were not cured by the State Government."

Issuing a slew of directions, it had said that "the proceedings (against Advani and five others) in the court of the Special Judicial Magistrate at Rae Bareilly will stand transferred to the Court of Additional Sessions Judge (Ayodhya Matters) at Lucknow."

Besides the three leaders, the accused, against whom the conspiracy charge was invoked, were Vinay Katiar, Sadhvi Ritambhara, Vishnu Hari Dalmia, who were being tried at Rae Bareilly.

However, the top court had said Kalyan Singh, who is currently the Governor of Rajasthan and during whose tenure as Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh the disputed structure was razed, is entitled to immunity under Constitution as long as he remained in gubernatorial position.

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NEET could soon be scrapped for PG students

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

In a move that would bring smiles on the faces of the medical aspirants, the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) could soon be scrapped for postgraduate students.

According to the revised draft of the National Medical Commission (NMC) Bill, the Union Health Ministry has proposed to do away with NEET-PG and for admission to MD and MS programmes.

It has proposed to use the final MBBS exam.

The revised draft of the National Medical Commission (NMC) Bill, will soon be sent to the Cabinet. The Bill, introduced in December 2017, lapsed when the tenure of the 16th Lok Sabha ended.

"According to the amendments in the fresh NMC Bill, entry into the PG programmes will be on the basis of the results of the National Exit Test, which would be held as a common exam across the country. So the candidates would not have to appear in a separate exam after clearing the MBBS final exam for admission to PG courses," sources said.

However, the exams for AIIMS, NEET super specialty and other entrance tests remain.

While introducing the Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Bill, 2019, Health and Family Welfare Minister Harsh Vardhan said, "The National Medical Commission Bill could be introduced in the near future, though for having legal continuity, every ordinance has to be converted into a law," he said.

SP MP Shekhar resigns from RS, likely to join BJP

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Samajwadi Party leader Neeraj Shekhar on Monday resigned as member of the Rajya Sabha and his resignation was accepted by Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu. Shekhar, the son of former prime minister Chandra Shekhar, met Naidu and told him he is resigning voluntarily and not under any compulsion, the sources said.

Shekhar was a prominent leader of the Samajwadi Party and there is speculation that he might join the BJP. Upset over having been allegedly sidelined, Neeraj quit amidst speculations over his next course of political move.

He first became a member of the Lok Sabha in 2008 in the by-elections for Ballia constituency.

The following year, he won again from the same constituency.

He had been a member of the Rajya Sabha from Uttar Pradesh since November 2014, and was due to retire on November 25, 2020.

He lost the 2014 polls and the party sent him to Rajya Sabha.

ICMR launches vaccine trial to prevent tuberculosis

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) on Monday launched a vaccine trial to prevent occurrence of tuberculosis (TB) among close contacts of a TB patient. This is the first-ever government conducted vaccine trial that was undertaken decades ago.

This vaccine trial is an important step in prevention and decreasing the burden of this disease, said a statement from the ICMR, a research body of the Union Health Ministry.

"After a detailed landscape analysis of the available lead vaccine candidates, two potential vaccine candidates - VPM 1002 produced by Serum Institute of India in Pune and Mycobacterium Indicus Pranii (MIP) were shortlisted for taking forward through the phase III vaccine trial in healthy house hold contacts of sputum smear positive TB patient," said the statement.

The study which will test the safety and efficacy of these two vaccines by administering them in close TB contacts as opposed to a control group of close TB contacts who will not receive the vaccine. The study will enrol 12,000 healthy household contacts of sputum smear positive TB cases that are at high risk of contracting the disease, from seven sites in six states - Delhi, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Orissa, Tamil Nadu and Telangana.

Balram Bhargava, Secretary, Department of Health Research and Director General, ICMR said that the clinical trials are needed in India to show that the vaccine is safe and effective, and that it can provide protection to Indian populations where the disease is endemic.

Rohit Sarin, Director, National Institute of Diseases and Respiratory Health Research and Secretary (NITRD) said that this is the much awaited trial and assured full support in timely completion of the trial.

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INVITATION FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India invites Request for Proposal (online bids) from eligible agencies for the following services separately to be undertaken at Deendayal Hastkala Sankul (Trade Centre & Museum), Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.

1. Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for CCTV/BMS/EPABX/Lighting/Networking
2. Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for Mitsubishi Elevators and Escalators
3. Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for four nos. of Diesel Generator Sets
4. Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for Fire Alarm System
5. Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for Fire Fighting System

The pre-bid meeting shall be held on 19th July, 2019 at 12:00 Hrs at O/o Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), West Block No. 7, R. K. Puram, New Delhi. The last date for submission of online proposals is 06th August 2019 not later than 12:00 Hrs. Bidders are requested to refer RFP documents for further instructions.

Interested agencies may download Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) and Request for Proposal (RFP) documents from CPPP site of e-publish <http://eprocure.cbi.in/epublish.asp> from 15th July, 2019 onwards. Copy of NIT and RFP documents will also be available on www.handicrafts.nic.in from 15th July, 2019 for reference purpose.

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REVISED PUBLIC NOTICE - (VCI COUNSELING SCHEDULE)

This is in continuation to the Public Notice dated 28th November, 2018 issued by Veterinary Council of India and in pursuance of the letter No. K-12052-6/12107-LH dated 27.11.2018 of the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. Government of India pertaining to use of qualified Merit List of National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (UG-2019) (NEET (UG-2019)) for admission of students to B.V.Sc. & A.H. course during the academic session 2019-20 for filling up of seats in the recognized Veterinary Colleges (except Jammu and Kashmir) under 15% All India quota and letter dated 10.07.2019 of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India conveying approval for revised Online Counseling Schedule - 2019. The Schedule for Online VCI Counseling is as under:

1st Round	
(Only the candidates who have registered for online counseling shall be eligible for allotment of seats under All India quota)	
Publication of available seats under 15% All India quota and Information Bulletin	16th July, 2019 (5.00 P.M.)
Online Registration and Choice Filling/Choice Locking	17th July, 2019 to 22nd July, 2019 Upto 5.00 P.M. of 22nd July, 2019 as per Server Time
Mode of payment of Online Registration Fees	17th July, 2019 to 22nd July, 2019 as per Server Time. Payment of fee through Debit/Credit Card. Details may be seen in Information Bulletin of Counseling available in the website (www.vcicounseling.nic.in).
Processing of Seat Allotment	23rd July, 2019 to 25th July, 2019
Publication of Result of Allotment	26th July, 2019 (6.00 P.M.)
Reporting by students at the Allotted College	26th July, 2019 to 2nd August 2019 (Upto 5.00 P.M.)
2nd Round	
Publication of vacant seats	6th August, 2019 (6.00 P.M.)
Processing of Seat Allotment	7th August, 2019 to 8th August, 2019
Publication of Result of Allotment	9th August, 2019 at 6.00 P.M.
Reporting at the Allotted College against seat allotment of 2nd Round	13th August, 2019 to 19th August, 2019 (upto 5.00 P.M.)
3rd Round	
Publication of vacant seats	21st August, 2019
Processing of Seat Allotment	22nd August, 2019 to 23rd August, 2019
Publication of Result of Allotment	26th August, 2019 at 6.00 P.M.
Reporting at the Allotted College against seat allotment of 3 Round	27th August, 2019 to 3rd September, 2019 (upto 5.00 P.M.)
Mop Up Round Counseling	
Publication of provisional allotment of seats	5th September, 2019 at 6.00 P.M.
Submission of online payment of security money by the candidate who have provisionally allotted seat.	6th September 2019 to 7th September 2019 upto 5.00 P.M.
Declaration of final result	9th September, 2019 (6.00 P.M.)
Reporting at the Allotted College against seat allotment of Mop Up Round	11th September, 2019 to 16th September, 2019 (upto 5.00 P.M.)

(Note - As the 15th September, 2019 is Sunday, hence last reporting date has been taken as 16th September, 2019)

Important-

- (i) Detailed information on counseling for admission is available on the Council's: (www.vcicounseling.nic.in)
- (ii) Students desirous of taking admission into B.V.Sc. & A.H. course under 15% All India Quota are advised to keep visiting the website mentioned above regularly.
- (iii) The entire process of counseling is online; the students need not require to send any documents to VCI.
- (iv) The original documents related to the candidature of the candidate shall be verified by the respective allotted Veterinary College/University at the time of reporting for admission to B.V.Sc. & A.H course under 15% All India quota.
- (v) Security deposit collected during Mop-up round shall be refunded to the candidates upon reporting to the College. The Refund will be sent to the same account from which it was paid. No refund shall be given to non-reporting candidates.

Dated : 11.07.2019
Secretary (Addl. Charge) VCI
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Pak intruder neutralised

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE JAMMU

Almid heightened alert along the International border across Jammu frontier, alert jawans of Border Security Force (BSF) late Sunday night shot dead a Pakistani intruder who ignored advance warnings and tried to breach the barbed wire fencing in Ramgarh sector of Samba.

The intruder, in his early fifties, was not carrying any arms and ammunition on his person at the time of sneaking into the Indian borders.

Since July 1, BSF is conducting special exercises to fortify its defences in the wake of ongoing Amarnath yatra. BSF troops on ground zero are also maintaining tight vigil along the vulnerable stretches of the International border to timely detect presence of any cross border tunnel or any surprise intrusion bid.

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authorities handed it over to the local police for completing necessary legal formalities. BSF spokesman statement said, "during the intervening night of 14/15 July 2019, BSF troops deployed at forward post in Ramgarh area noticed a suspicious movement between border fence and I/B". BSF spokesman said, "BSF troops challenged him to stop, but he continued moving stealthily towards border fence crossing the fence BSF jawans first fired a warning shot which did not deter the intruder. Finally, when intruder tried to enter through the fence, BSF jawans neutralised him". Meanwhile, security forces, deployed on Amarnath yatra duty, continue to guard all the borders along the Jammu-Pathankot National Highway to prevent any terrorist strike on the Amarnath yatra.

MALEGAON BLAST Will not examine 'masked' witnesses for a week: NIA

PTI | MUMBAI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) Monday told the Bombay High Court that it would not examine for a week evidence of those prosecution witnesses whose names and statements have been truncated in its chargesheet in the 2008 Malegaon blast case.

The NIA made the statement before a division bench of Justices IA Mahanty and AM Badar which was hearing an application filed by Lt Col Raxad Purohit, one of the accused in the case, seeking non-truncated copies of the witnesses' statements that are part of the chargesheet.

Purohit's lawyer Shrikant Shivade said the special NIA court is presently recording the evidence of prosecution witnesses and the cross-examination of those witnesses whose statements or names have been masked would not be possible.



NIA counsel Sandesh Patil said that on July 22 it would give names of the prosecution witnesses whom it proposed to examine out of those whose statements have been truncated. The agency said till then it would not call any of these witnesses to the stand before the trial court for recording of evidence.

In his plea, Purohit claimed that when the state Anti-

Terrorism Squad (ATS), the agency which probed the case initially, filed its chargesheet, several documents and witnesses' statements were truncated or masked.

He further claimed that the agency never sought the court's permission to truncate or mask the documents and did so at its own discretion.

The case pertains to the killing of six people and injury to 100 when an explosive device strapped to a motorcycle went off near a mosque in north Maharashtra town of Malegaon, about 200 km from here, on September 29, 2008.

In October last year, a special court framed charges under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) against Purohit, Pragy Singh Thakur, now a BJP MP, and some other accused persons in the case.

Kerala to bring in Anti-Superstition Bill; draft submitted

PTI | THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala, which recently witnessed an alarming spurt in the number of black magic cases, is gearing up to bring in a legislation to curb "inhuman" practices and exploitation in the name of superstition.

The Kerala Prevention and Eradication of Inhuman Evil Practices, Sorcery and Black Magic Bill, 2019 has been submitted to the CPI(M)-led LDF Government for its consideration to pass legislation. On the lines of the Anti-Superstition and Black Magic Bill, passed by Maharashtra and Karnataka, the State-run Kerala Law Reforms Commission has drafted the bill to fight superstition and eradicate "inhuman evil" practices propagated in the name of black magic.

The draft bill, accessed by PTI, proposes stringent punishments for any kind of evil practice and cheating in the name of black magic, ranging from "expelling ghost" to isolating women for menstruation and postpartum.

It also aims at raising social awareness in the society with a view to protect people against fraudulent and exploitative practices thriving on ignorance. The legislation will be introduced in the Kerala Legislative Assembly after the Anti-Superstition



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Black Magic Bill in 2017 and 2013, respectively.

"The draft bill is completed and we have submitted it to the State Government," K Sasidharan Nair, Vice Chairman, Kerala Law Reforms Commission, told PTI.

"Unlike the bills passed by Maharashtra and Karnataka, this bill has a special thrust to a series of intense awareness programmes in our bill for the Government to implement. Because, superstition seems to be so deep-rooted in the minds of Kerala people nowadays," he said.

"While going through many instances of superstition, I feel whether we deserve to be called a civilised society? Only a few cases are reported in the media," Nair, also a former law secretary, said. He said a legislation and stringent punishment alone cannot make any changes in the mindsets of the people. "As it is a very sensitive topic, we have drafted the bill very carefully. I personally feel that public opinion should be garnered before it is enacted as law by the Government," the vice-chairman added.

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, ALLAHABAD

E-Tendering Tender Notice Allahabad Division Date: 11.07.2019. Divisional Railway Manager (Operating)/North Central Railway / Allahabad, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-TENDERS on prescribed form for the following work up to 14.30 hrs. on 14.08.2019. The details of the Tender are as under: SM Tender No. Name of work Approx. Cost Earnest Money Cost of Tender Completion Period. 1 102019 Transportation of line boxes of Guards of Mail/Exp. & Goods trains from Brake vans to Guard lobby/ Box room or nominated places and hand to Guards break vans at Kanpur station for 02 years.

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2 Amarnath pilgrims die; Yatra toll 16. PTI | SRINAGAR. Two Amarnath pilgrims died in the past 24 hours en route to the holy 3,880 metre-high cave shrine in south Kashmir's Himalayas, taking the death toll to 16, official sources said on Monday.

A woman pilgrim from Rajasthan died at the Baital base camp due to a cardiac ailment, while a male pilgrim from Madhya Pradesh collapsed while moving towards the base camp, they said.

The death toll in this year's Amarnath Yatra has gone up to 16, which includes 12 pilgrims, two 'sevadars' (volunteers) and two security force personnel posted on duty.

The sources said 30 people sustained injuries due to shooting stones and other causes since the pilgrimage began on June 30.

Police's crime branch on Monday moved a plea before a juvenile justice bench hearing the case of an accused in the gangrape and murder of a young girl in Kathua, seeking detention of the trial as the state high court is yet to decide whether she is a minor or not.

Appearing before the board, the special public prosecutor of the crime branch submitted that the high court is yet to pronounce its decision on an application moved against the decision of a Kathua court which accepted the accused's claim that he is a minor, officials said.

The board had fixed Monday for examining prosecution witnesses. PTI

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PAPER WITH PASSION

Fair game?

May be England deserved the World Cup but to win a game on the basis of boundaries hit is arbitrary



On the south bank of the Thames river that intersects London, a Wimbledon final for the ages was going down, and it would have been the most watched sporting event of Sunday if not for the twists and turns on the other side of the river at Lord's. A cricket final between England and New Zealand was going down to the wire, a cagey match with under 500 runs scored between the teams at the end of regulation in an era where 800-plus run totals in One-day Internationals are not unheard of. But at least you knew how Wimbledon would end. You knew that after that epic final between Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal a decade ago, Wimbledon changed the rules and 'unlimited' final sets were then limited to 12 games each after which a match was to be decided by a tie-breaker. Many can argue about tie-breakers in tennis and their "fairness." Federer, for example, won four more games than the eventual winner Novak Djokovic but they are an established part of the way tennis decides games. The same thing goes for many field sports such as football, field hockey and penalty shootouts. Again, one can debate on the fairness of the methods but these penalty shootouts or tie-breakers are to go to the very end, and while some have carried on quite long, games have eventually been decided.

However, to lose a game on a statistic must be particularly jarring and deeply unfair. And we all saw New Zealand lose the cricket World Cup on the basis of boundaries hit in the match. They also lost to an extremely lucky ricochet, admittedly inadvertent, that changed the game. Had the International Cricket Council (ICC) decided that because England beat New Zealand earlier in the tournament or because they did better in the league phase of the tournament that they should be the winner after everything was tied, it would have been fairer. But deciding a game on the number of boundaries hit is utterly bizarre and it would be like adjudicating a football game where after a tie, the winner is decided by who scored a goal from the greatest distance. New Zealand captain Kane Williamson, who is a tremendous individual, said it plainly, "Should have been this, should have been that, but it is what it is", and was given a standing ovation. But hundreds of cricket journalists, like cricketers and fans across the world, felt that something is rotten with the sport if a game, possibly the greatest one ever played, or so the British media would have us believe, is decided like this. Should there have been a second super over? Should the tournament have been declared a tie? These are genuinely important questions that need to be asked of the ICC and there is a major reason for that. This might have been one of the best games of cricket ever played in the one-day format in a long, long time but if these issues are not ironed out today, it could be the swan song for this genre. Fans and players expect fairness in a result, and while England played a great tournament, this is not how the game should have ended. Otherwise, they are worthy champions and did not in any way manipulate the result, unless, of course, one believes that New Zealand-born Ben Stokes deliberately 'hit' the ball to the boundary, which he clearly did not. It is a pity if the 'greatest game' ever played leaves us with so many valid questions about the result.

Wait for the moon

Too many firsts would have been compromised had ISRO not put Chandrayaan 2 on hold



Just because Chandrayaan 2, India's most ambitious space mission yet, was called off less than an hour before blast-off, doesn't mean that it has failed, dented our space programme or our global competitiveness. Considering that this mission had too much at stake, involving a moon landing on its southern side and a rover to map the surface and something which even Israel failed at just a while ago, it was better to err on the side of caution. Judging by the fact that a successful blastoff, the most spectacular of the

launch procedure, does not in any way guarantee the larger trajectory of any satellite or lunar module, means that pre-checks have to be foolproof and any technical snag has to be looked at with the microscopic attention it deserves. This mission could propel India to an elite league, becoming only the fourth country to soft-land a spacecraft between lunar craters after the US, Russia and China. It doesn't want to blackmark that journey or ability with a failed mission.

Besides, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) works on a shoe-string budget and cannot afford failures, especially of something as high value as Chandrayaan 2. According to last estimates, India only has half the number of satellites it requires to meet its needs, from strategic data to predictive analysis, so we can ill afford a lost asset in space. The cost of launching Chandrayaan 2 is about half of what it would cost if it were launched from a foreign site and some reports suggest its budget is less than the Hollywood blockbuster *Avengers Endgame*. The countdown was halted about an hour before the launch because of a snag in the cryogenic stage or last stage of the rocket before it separates, the cryogenic technology having been developed by us only 1990s onwards and is, therefore, revolutionary. So a fault could jeopardise the landing mission and ISRO held back more out of "abundant precaution." Launch windows are defined by lunar orbital paths and positioning from the earth and one has to patiently wait for another opportunity but that is worth it. There are too many firsts in this project that cannot be compromised by oversight. For example, the 3.8-tonne Chandrayaan 2 spacecraft comprising an orbiter, the lander and the rover was to lift off on the 640-tonne GSLV Mark III (nicknamed "Baahubali"), India's most powerful rocket that's as high as a 15-storey building. Its rover is expected to follow up on Chandrayaan 1's projections of the presence of water and check for availability besides picking up details on moonquakes. For the first time, the mission director and project director of a space programme are women. And considering that everything about Chandrayaan 2 has been indigenously developed and manufactured, it is testimony to not only R&D and innovation but about the ability of home-grown companies to expand capabilities. India has already set a benchmark in PSLV launches, something which has even been acknowledged by NASA, and with Chandrayaan 2, it wants the GSLV to make a statement. This explains ISRO's sensitivity about the smallest move. The commercial satellite launch market is estimated to be \$30 billion by 2025. Competition among service providers has heated up in recent decades with the entry of private players such as SpaceX and Blue Origin and reusable rockets that drastically lower launch costs. China has already said it would launch reusable space rockets to compete with private players. Given this competitiveness and preparation for Gaganyaan, our manned space mission, it's okay to allow ISRO to factor safety before records.

Language conundrum

Several committees and commissions have emphasised the importance of the mother tongue medium. It is to be seen what comes of it in the final education policy



J.S. RAJPUT

The report to UNESCO of the International Commission on Education for the 21st Century was released at the session of the International Bureau of Education (IBE) in Geneva on October 2, 1996. The chairperson of the commission, Jacques Delors, very clearly summarised the essence of global consultations and the future vision of global education in the 21st century. For individual national contexts, he unequivocally stated: "Education in every nation must be rooted to culture and committed to progress." The report begins with Delors' Preamble entitled, 'Education: The Necessary Utopia' and says it all in the first sentence: "In confronting the many challenges that the future holds in store, humankind sees in education an indispensable asset in its attempt to attain the ideals of peace, freedom and social justice."

The report has been deliberated upon globally for over two decades; it has received global appreciation and has impacted policies and implementation strategies internationally. Its articulation of four pillars of education — learning to know, learning to do, learning to be and learning to live together — has received admiration from common folks to seasoned academics alike. In the first quarter of the 21st century, who would not appreciate the fact that education "is not a miracle cure or magic formula" but one of the "principal means available to foster a deeper and more harmonious form of human development and, thereby, to reduce poverty, exclusion, ignorance, oppression and war." India, known for its economic, social, cultural, ethnic, linguistic and religious diversity, is committed to transform its education system to achieve social cohesion and religious harmony and strengthen unity in diversity. But its education system has to encompass a very sensitive canvas. Its three-language formula, accepted in the mid-1960s, is yet to be implemented fully in letter and spirit.

Its national policy on education was last revisited in 1992. After more than a quarter of the century, in 2019, the Kasturba Committee submitted the draft National Education Policy (NEP) to the Government for finalisation of a new education policy. The preparation of this report was preceded by a national consultation process spread over four years. The draft NEP is open for inputs and suggestions from every sector before finalisation. It is interesting that widespread fresh consultations have generated demands for further extension of the time limit for submission of suggestions beyond July 31, 2019.

Yes, people are concerned about education, its quality, utility and capacity to achieve total personality development. While there is no limit to improvements in the presentation of such reports, one has to begin implementation at some point. The NEP, 2019 mostly consists of formulations that deserve support of all active involvement of academics as well as scholars, who are unconstrained by ideological bonds and nar-



row political considerations. The draft report attempts at giving a comprehensive view of national expectations and aspirations fully synchronised with international trends and requirements. "The vision of India's new education system has accordingly been crafted to ensure that it touches the life of each and every citizen, consistent with their ability to contribute to many growing developmental imperatives of this country on the one hand and towards creating a just and equitable society on the other." To achieve such an objective, the issue of 'language' and 'medium of instruction' will become relevant.

For obvious reasons, the British were not interested in educating Indians in their mother tongue. They needed obedient and loyal educated people who would despise everything that was Indian — be it culture, history or heritage. This could best be achieved by 'de-linking Indians from India.' The best and easily available tool was to develop fascination for English language and all that was Western and, hence, admirable. Under severe burden of learning an alien language, where was the time for children as also parents' inclination to realise the importance of learning the mother tongue? It was rather interesting that within hours of the presentation of the report to the Human Resource Development Minister and its simultaneous uploading on the Ministry's website, certain vested interests attempted to create an

unsavoury conflict in the minds of people, raising the issue of the so-called imposition of Hindi on non-Hindi speaking States. It must go to the credit of the Ministry of Human Resource Development that within hours of the issue emerging on the national scene, it issued a clarification that the Government has no intention to impose any language on any set of people unwilling to learn it. In fact, ever since the three languages formula was accepted by the Government and a commitment made to the nation, none of the Union Governments ever tried to impose any language hegemony.

The issue of mother tongue medium has once again been comprehensively addressed in the draft NEP, 2019. It is a universal-ly accepted fact that initial education must be provided in the mother tongue of the child. It is also a known fact that children in the age group of 2-8 years are extremely flexible in learning multiple languages.

The NEP report acknowledges: "Language has a direct bearing as the mediator in all cognitive and social capacities, including in knowledge acquisition and production. The science of child development and language acquisition suggests that young children become literate in (as a language) and learn best through (as medium of instruction) their 'local language' is, the language spoken at home. It is interesting to note that the committee uses two terms — mother tongue and also the language

spoken at the home." One can cite an example that will indicate the farcical lengths of fascination for English medium schools in India, particularly among those who can afford paying exorbitant fees in privately managed "public schools."

A young professor, working in a national academic institution in Delhi, sought transfer to his home-town in Bengaluru to look after his octogenarian in-laws, who had no other support. The request was accepted and the family shifted to their home place "happily." Their two kids — 10 and 12-year-old — got admission in a public school without any difficulty. However, their grandparents could communicate in Kannada only and the children were made monolingual, meaning they could speak English only. One had the occasion to ask the young parents how it was beyond comprehension that children were totally alien to Kannada. The response was very truthful and also revealing: "We decided to speak only English in our home and family conversation, even guests were requested accordingly. All this to ensure children acquire greater fluency in English — it was all for their bright future and to make their life easier to get a green card." If highly educated people are so charmed by English medium and English language, none will be surprised to find the mushroom growth of English medium schools in villages and towns.

The growing fascination for English in India has caused brain fog; put an undue strain upon the nerves of our children; made them crammers and imitators; unfitted them for original work and thought; and disabled them for filtering their learning to the family or the masses. The foreign medium has made our children practically foreigners in their own land.

In his opinion, among the many evils that the British imperialists imposed on India and its people, the imposition of a foreign medium was the greatest. He fervently wanted India to shake itself free from the hypnotic spell of foreign medium; sooner the better. Sadly enough that was not to be. Practically every commission and committee appointed in the post-independence period accepted and emphasised the importance and necessity of the mother tongue medium but things have gone from bad to worse. We have reached a stage when Governments, having failed to look after schools properly, have allowed their credibility to touch the nadir. The failure to maintain the mother tongue medium, Government schools are now being covered under the plan called school merger. People understand the real position. It will be interesting to see what emerges on the language front and the issue of medium of instruction in the final national education policy.

(The writer is the Indian Representative on the Executive Board of UNESCO)

SOUNDBITE

The House needs to discuss the powers and limitations of the three pillars of democracy — judiciary, legislature and executive.

Rajya Sabha Chairman — M Venkiah Naidu

I feel that in an ideal world, any actor should be able to play anybody and art, in all forms, should be immune to political correctness.

Actor — Scarlett Johansson

I believe we (China, Russia, the US and Pakistan) don't exclude India in discussing and helping early settlement of the Afghanistan issue.

Chinese official — Geng Shuang

I thought power is an important thing for Punjab, one of our most important things, so I gave it to Sidhu but he did not want it.

Punjab Chief Minister — Amrinder Singh

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dramatic victory

Sir — The 2019 Cricket World Cup final was, perhaps, the wildest in cricket history and will be remembered for all time to come. This because there emerged no decisive winner. In the first stage, both England and New Zealand scored an equal of 241 runs each by the end of 50 overs. In the super over, too, both teams ended up with 15 runs in six balls.

However, it was England, which was crowned as champions by virtue of its overall direct hit to the fence. The country had 26 fours to its credit while the Blackcaps had only 17. While it is a memorable maiden victory for England, it is not a telling defeat for the Kiwis, too. Both teams played well.

Sravana Ramachandran Chennai

A fairy tale ending

Sir — Perhaps the most imaginative writer, too, would not dare to come up with a script as unbelievable as the 2019 World Cup cricket final. What a fairy tale ending it had?

Cricket World Cup format needs an overhaul

The World Cup cricket finale ended on a high note while keeping the fans on the edge. The spectacular tied game — both England and New Zealand scored 241 runs in 50 overs — ended with super overs being declared in favour of the former, which had more number of boundaries to its credit. New Zealand conceded the defeat in the jaws of victory. It was a very close shave and worth an effort to bowl out England for 241 runs and, thus, limit their run chase to claim the title. New Zealand will be remembered for the sportsmanship and maturity it displayed in the first-ever World Cup final.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) needs to be appreciated for organising such a mammoth tournament, especially during a turbulent weather month, which hampered the matches and, hence, affected the net run rate for some teams. It should further plan meticulously to organise such tournaments in a weather-friendly season to ensure correct results without giving any points owing to bad weather. The ICC has to further review the run rate calculation method by doing away the archaic Duckworth Lewis points system, which favours only bet-



ter scoring teams batting first during rain-affected matches due to which many teams lose despite inching closer to victory. Semi-finalists, too, fared well with India and Australia being the favourites to claim the title but ended up with dismal performance. The World Cup tournament is a milestone gateway for many players, which witnessed key talent emerging and few prominent players willing to bid adieu to cricket.

Varun Dambal Bengaluru

However, the decision on the winning team, on account of the number of boundaries hit — 26 by England and 17 by New Zealand — acted only as a cruel dampener but also rendered great injustice to the valiant display of the unsung Kiwis. Barring Kane Williamson, Ross Taylor and Trent Boult, there was hardly any other star in their line-up. Yet, by virtue of an impeccable team spirit and fighting attitude with cool minds, the Kiwis succeeded in equalling the state-studded English in all departments, including the super over in the latter's own den, Lords, in the thrilling final. Justice would have been adequately served had both

England and New Zealand been declared joint winners. Kajal Chatterjee Kolkata

Exposing faultlines

Sir — Cricket teams these days depend on a handful of batsmen

and bowlers. They are called upon in all tricky situations and the selectors, the coach and the captain tend to rely a bit too much on this group. Other players in the team play as fielders. Lower-order batsmen seldom experience crunch situations and are happy to let the top order do all the hard work and take all the glory. Hence, if the top order collapses in a given match, then all hope is generally lost. India's loss in the semi-finals is a pity after winning almost every game in the league stage. The fault lies in the doggy middle and lower orders. Expecting predictably good performances in World Cup is foolish.

Avantika Navi Mumbai

Look for strategy

Sir — With the monsoon playing truant and cities facing rising population, the Government must look for a long-term remedy for the water crisis, failing which the problem may go out of hand.

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FIRST COLUMN

White elephant of dispute settlement

The lack of laws surrounding arbitration has made it not only a complex process but often delays resolution



VIVEK SINGH

When an unresolved dispute is referred by parties, who have disagreements over an issue, to a third party who stands to be neutral, the process of resolution is known as "arbitration." When instead of the litigation process, the concerned parties mutually agree to resolve the matter through a neutral party, it is known as "voluntary arbitration." But when the Government instructs the two parties to resolve their issues through mediation, it is known as "compulsory arbitration." While the former is not legally binding to both parties, the latter is subject to being binding by both. Although arbitration seems to be simple, easy and cost-effective, the process is full of practical demerits, which remain disguised until the parties come to know that they had spent a lot. The results, however, are still unsatisfactory.

Extravagant alternative to litigation: More buzz, less bite is the perfect phrase to describe why arbitration is a white elephant. Yes, expensive but worthless. Though it was introduced as an alternative to a lawsuit, in a highly populated country like India, arbitration is not an antidote to the established legal procedure that is followed by the courts. First, a majority of the people do not have faith in this alternate way of resolving disputes because of the many complications involved in the arbitration procedure. Second, in the case of non-satisfaction, the loser does not have much scope for appellate jurisdiction.

In India, the binding value of an arbitration verdict has always been questionable in the legal term because as per the Supreme Court of India, a writ can lie against an arbitrator under Article 226 of the Indian Constitution. There are also some legal challenges that affect the effectiveness of the arbitration. According to the Supreme Court, an arbitrator's decision must not go against the provisions laid down by the law, else it will be considered illegal. After spending a significant amount of money in the arbitration agreement, dissatisfaction among the parties over its legal power is always a common issue. Further, when the legal cost is high and its recovery is unavailable, it becomes more difficult for an aggrieved party, who do not have sufficient funds or unwilling to bear arbitration cost.

When influence gets biased: Another big disadvantage of arbitration is the influence of the powerful in the system over the decisions of an arbitrator, who is not as protected as the judge of a tribunal court. The vested interest of the arbitrator from the stronger party may also nullify the purpose of arbitration. And once the decision goes wrong, the sufferer has very limited scope to challenge the verdict as there are not many avenues for appeal and chances of making any major change in the decision are always very slim, which means an upside down of the table is rarely possible.

Complexities make things rigid: Apart from the functional demerits, there are also many structural shortcomings that make arbitration the least preferred choice. It becomes quite annoying for solution-seekers to expect early resolution of a dispute when there are two or more arbitrators on the panel. Availability of arbitrators on a particular date is often a challenge because of differences in their work schedules. On the other hand, rule of applicable law is binding only to the parties, who seek justice through arbitration but arbitrators are not necessarily bound to it. In addition, hassles are also there in the enforcement of interlocutory measures against a party to resolve disputes related to relocation of assets among other things.

Arbitration is not a very good alternative to the lawsuit that takes place through the courts in a systematic and more transparent manner. Usually, in our country, retired judges from High Courts and the Supreme Court are hired as arbitrators by big firms where they make decisions to impress their bosses. In such an influential scenario, where there are no set rules and responsibilities defined by the law for an arbitrator, getting an acquaintance with justice is not just difficult but costly, too.

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DINESH TYAGI

Promoting enterprise in rural areas

At a time when India has undertaken a digital revolution, Common Services Centres are playing an important role of a catalyst in extending access to technology and services for citizens, especially in rural areas, thus paving grassroots penetration of e-governance

that the advantages of information and communication technology are harnessed so as to empower the citizens. The true potential of these revolutionary steps is being harnessed by promoting rural entrepreneurship based on digital infrastructure and services to provide relevant and sustainable options of livelihood in rural areas.

In the present context, it is relevant to provide opportunity to people in rural areas for gainful employment. It is here that digital India has opened new avenues for them. The Common Services Centres (CSC), under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, are playing an important role as they have emerged as the harbinger of rural entrepreneurship, which is an integral part of the Government's Digital India programme.

CSCs are internet-enabled access points that deliver various electronic services through a pan-India network, catering to regional, geographic, linguistic and cultural diversity, thus fulfilling the Government's

mandate of a socially, financially and digitally inclusive society. The ability of CSCs, which avoids direct interaction of the citizens with the Government offices, ensures transparency, accountability and efficiency in the delivery of services through a reduced turnaround time.

In 2015, under the Digital India programme, the Government approved the CSC 2.0 scheme with an aim to create "one CSC, one gram panchayat" in order to cover all the 2.50 lakh gram panchayats, thus aiming at establishing a self-sustaining network at the gram panchayat level under digital India and deliver various citizen centric services. It places great stress on sustainability of the scheme as well as providing access to the rural population.

Today, CSCs are playing the role of a catalyst in extending access to technology and services for citizens, especially in rural areas and in the process, paving grassroots penetration of digital services and, hence, fostering participation in governance. The objective of the CSC scheme is to provide non-discrimi-

natory access to e-services to rural citizens by making it a complete service delivery centre, by creating the physical service delivery infrastructure and utilising the back-end infrastructure already created in terms of other MMPs. The CSC 2.0 is envisaged as transaction-based and service delivery-based model, delivering a large bouquet of e-services through a single delivery technological platform, which would increase the sustainability of the CSCs across the country.

The role of CSC e-Governance Services India Limited (CSGSPV), a special purpose vehicle set up by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology to oversee the implementation of the CSC scheme, is engaged by the Government as the overall implementing agency for the success of the CSC 2.0 scheme. The body constantly engages with various Government departments, business establishments, banks, insurance companies and educational institutions to augment the range of services that can be provided through

CSCs and thereby ensure their sustainability. As on today, there are around 3,65,918 functional CSCs in India, of which 2,65,398 cover the gram panchayats.

These bodies are run by individuals called the Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs), who are co-opted into the ecosystem from the community they serve. Currently, around 28 Central Government services are offered to the citizens through the CSC network that uses the centralised Digital Seva Portal. State G2C services, ranging from 10 to 400 in various States, are also delivered through CSCs in collaboration with various State Governments and other departments.

In a rough estimate today, around 12 lakh people have been provided direct or indirect employment through their engagement with CSC across the country. Despite rapid urbanisation, more than 66 per cent of our population still resides in rural areas. Hence, providing livelihood opportunities is crucial for this vast segment of the population. The

launching of developing entrepreneurship capabilities in rural areas by enabling the CSCs to implement various important programmes is a paradigm shift in the approach of bridging the digital divide.

This initiative is expected to ignite rural development and reduce migration of the young generation to cities. As India continues to grow as a digital economy, the rural communities need avenues and employment opportunities that are based on the digital infrastructure. Gradually, the CSCs are being positioned as change agents, promoting rural entrepreneurship and building rural capacities and livelihoods.

The CSCs provide a success model for creating rural entrepreneurship that leverages new-age opportunities through a sound business and social development service framework. This approach has a natural call for continuation in the years to come to meet citizens' expectations and the Government's vision of delivery of services at their doorstep.

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(The Guardian editorial)

POINT COUNTERPOINT



MANISH TEWARI

THE MODI GOVERNMENT WILL NEVER ABUSE NIA TO TARGET ANYONE BUT WILL ENSURE THAT TERRORISM IS FINISHED OFF.

AMIT SHAH

The cost of financial inclusion

Given the high incidence of fraud and abuse and the all-pervasive menace of illegal money pooling by companies, it's essential that customer protection must be overhauled



MOJIN QAZI

In 1919, Charles (Carlo) Ponzi, a dishwasher from Parma, Italy, who immigrated to the United States (US) in 1903 and worked as a clerk in Boston, duped the Americans with a scheme that now bears his name. Ponzi was a financial con artist who did not invent this eponymous scheme but he lent star power to one of the oldest scams known to us and pioneered its subtle variation on a huge scale.

India has always been a fertile ground for swindlers that have bilked mostly low-income households of millions of rupees. The financially illiterate are usually the easy picks. Financial illiteracy leads people to make systematic and costly mistakes. Investors have been periodically gulled by nefarious characters into dubious schemes. The poor have now become wary of investing money even in credible organisations. These mercenary agents use enticing traps to net gullible investors like sharks preying on small gold fish in the big bad financial ocean. Ponzi sponsors are authors of the dreamers' landscape. Get-rich-quick schemes and rags-to-riches stories; they have an unerring gift of charming and beguiling investors, fuelling their avarice. The rise actually juggles investors' money and works in this manner: Perpetrators typically promise gullible clients moon-stratospheric returns on investments. The scheme relies on a constant stream of new investors to fund guaranteed payouts to existing savers. These schemes can snowball but eventually collapse when the potential pool of new savers runs dry. This happens when the scheme hits the natural limits of its strategy for recruiting investors.

Ponzi and pyramid schemes: A Ponzi scheme is a classic swindle, similar to a pyramid scheme in the sense that both are based on using new investors' funds to pay earlier investors. The promoters tout phenomenal returns for investors. One difference between the two schemes is that the Ponzi operator gathers funds from new investors and then distributes them. Pyramid schemes, on the other hand, allow each investor to directly benefit in proportion to the number of new investors recruited. Older members are allowed to withdraw money after a certain period of time and receive bonuses for encouraging new entrants to sign up. In this case, the person on the top of the pyramid does not, at any point, have access to all the money in the system. Instead of investing funds or doing legitimate business, the uncouth Ponzi operator just recycles money, uses the commitments to pay off earlier investors and takes a cut for himself. Gullible investors are normally illiterate and do not understand the nuances of finance. They don't realise that existing investors are paid money not from genuine business profit. They believe that their funds are a sound and legitimate business.

The scam establishes a facade of credibility by paying the promised returns to early-stage backers, as long as new savers keep adding to the fold. The liabilities actually exceed assets and the firm is permanently insolvent. The scheme moves seamlessly, delivering steady returns and without raising a faintest hint of suspicion, until a point when it is no longer able to attract new investors. The promoters even pay the fanciful returns, perhaps even higher than the promised dividend, out of their personal funds, thus confirming the promoter's credibility. They plough ahead until the whole structure collapses like a house of cards when the flow of fresh money dwindles and the perpetrator can't honour the redemptions because the outflow of cash



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exceeds the inflow. Savings disappear, debts mount and the scammer goes slowly under. He tries to siphon off as much of the money as he can before the scheme fails and those at the bottom end up losing all the money. The crucial piece in the puzzle is the incompetence of regulators and watch-dogs, who either know about these scams and do nothing, or completely overlook it on account of powerful promoters, who have political links. Such schemes thrive in an opaque policy environment.

We live in a difficult financial world where millions of financially illiterate, and some surprisingly literate, are being conned by dangerous money games that have generated increasingly massive bubbles of fake growth and Ponzi prosperity while endangering precious hard-earned savings, jobs and futures of virtually everyone outside the financial industry. "Voodoo banking" continues to generate massive phony profits. These episodes continue to cause a significant loss of consumer trust and confidence. Our market structure puts the onus of reliability on the "buyer", who is expected to be fully aware of the implications of his/her decision. It is presumed that information available in the market will empower them, who will sort through various options that competing businesses offer and make a decision that maximises the economic utility.

This model, where the responsibility sits on the consumer for choosing the right product, is based on the twin pillars of full disclosure by firms and of literate consumers, who are considered capable of decoding these disclosures.

Financial literacy is an antidote to scams: While we should make a case for strong regulations to protect consumers against unscrupulous firms, we must remember that good financial literacy

among citizens is the most effective antidote against these moral abuses. To blunt the potential for risk, it's more important than ever to arm customers with skills they need to responsibly borrow to get a business idea off the ground or to acquire an asset like a house, save and insure to stay resilient through the life's worst moments without being pushed deeper into debt. They can then keep distance from unscrupulous and dubious investment schemes that have lacerated the financial lives of multitudes. Stories commonly abound of people having been stripped of every rupee they earned by the time they realised that they'd been conned. Financial advisors and counsellors must be able to spot early, and sometimes subtle, signals.

Since low-income communities face multiple risks, small businesses need to be insured to prevent their side back into poverty. Micro-insurance softens the impact of economic shocks, which frequent within this segment. Offering micro-credit without micro-insurance is self-defeating; it must be an integral component of financial inclusion when offered in conjunction with micro-savings. Micro-insurance can keep this segment away from the poverty trap. Offering microcredit without micro-insurance is fraught with risk. Therefore the need is to emphasise the linking of microcredit with micro-insurance. It will also enhance the sustainability of micro-insurance as it is not viable as a standalone product.

Many micro-entrepreneurs still prefer their informal sources of finance, like the moneylenders because of their flexible methods of repayment. If they are prepared to pawn their jewels, local informal lenders will advance at high interest. The (interest) rate may be sky-high, but one can pay back whenever he/she has the money. It's less stressful and one can invest

all the loans without keeping anything for initial instalments. Many of these borrowers are moving to other sources for their financial needs after experiencing too many close calls when they find themselves short of money to make their micro-finance repayment. Robust consumer protection rules are critical to safeguard people from fraud and abuse and the pervasive menace of illegal money pooling by companies. This is especially important for women and low-income people, who are most likely to be financially inexperienced. This also underscores the importance of targeted financial literacy and capability training and embracing opportunities to use new technologies to expand access to formal financial services.

We need an overhaul of the customer protection regime. The new regime must be one that can hold all entities to a common standard of institutional conduct in how they deal with the individual customers, including how they sell products. A misalignment of incentives between the provider and the customer leaves the customer worse-off. Therefore, we need to enforce a system that keeps the customer's interests above everything else. The good news is that there are now several channels of information and resources to help the public build financial stability. To safeguard the hard-earned money of investors and curb the pervasive menace of illegal money pooling by companies, the Reserve Bank of India has set up a portal — sachet.rbi.org.in — to enable the public to obtain information about registered entities, who accept deposits, get information regarding illegal acceptance of deposits and lodge complaints. The portal also facilitates filing and tracking of complaints.

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FOREIGN EYE



RUFUS NORRIS

CREATIVE SELF
As the National Theatre's artistic director, Rufus Norris argued, creative confidence brings with it initiative and freedom of thought, an understanding of the relationships and communication that sit at the heart of any dynamic and successful working life. Creativity needs to be on the curriculum, not only because we should aim to nurture the next Andrew Lloyd Webber, Zeddy Smith or Cressida Cowell, but because it equips even non-creatives with skills. (The Guardian editorial)

Researchers have found that Japanese Matcha tea have various health benefits such as reducing anxiety. The tea's calming effects are due to mechanisms that activate dopamine D1 receptors and serotonin 5-HT1A receptors, both of which are closely related to anxious behaviour.



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Watch your back

We are obsessed with reaching any place in the fastest way possible. It doesn't matter if we're carrying jam-packed bags, standing or sitting in uncomfortable positions for long hours or utilising roads which are uneven. A combination of these aspects can cause serious impact — muscle spasm, slipped disc, back and neck pain among other problems.

There are several things one should keep in mind when travelling by different modes of transport:

■ **When using a two-wheeler:** A two-wheeler does not have any back support. This makes the passenger's back an easy target for losing the correct posture. Additionally, carrying heavy loads when using a two-wheeler, can be dangerous. Especially for those who live a sedentary lifestyle, their back and spine muscles are not strong enough to carry the load for long hours. This causes aches and pains.

■ **Tip:** One should choose a two-wheeler which distributes the weight between their wrists and their back. Avoid carrying any heavy load so as to evade leaning forward which leads to imbalance.

■ **When using a car:** Traveling in a car for more than 30 minutes can stress your back. This is because when we are driving, we tend to lean forward. At this point we do not make use of the back of the head rest.

■ **Tip:** A lumbar support is necessary when travelling by car. Adjust your seat in such a way that your spine is aligned against the back rest and the middle of your head is supported by the headrest.

■ **When traveling by train or flight:** Our normal posture is S shaped. When sitting in the same position for long duration in the train or the plane makes people lean forward and bend their back to form a C shape curvature. This also restricts blood flow, as well as restrains and causes pain in the tissues.

■ **Tip:** Get up and move every 20 to 30 minutes. This will stimulate the blood flow and supplies sending essential nutrients and oxygen to the lower back. Moving for ten seconds in your seat is still better than no movement at all.

■ **Additional measures while commuting to avoid strain on your back:**

■ **Travel light:** Overloading your bag will put a lot of pressure on your neck, shoulders and back. It will aggravate the strain in your muscles and joints. It is advisable to carry only those things that you absolutely require. In unavoidable scenarios, instead of stuffing one big bag, utilise several smaller bags so that the weight gets distributed.

■ **Avoid bad roads:** No matter how consciously you have aligned your back to the back rest or the middle of your head to the headrest in a car, if the road consists of potholes and bumps it will strain and intensify your back problems.

■ **Caution when travelling by public transport:** A sudden, even a half second, push to someone or by someone can have long-lasting effects. The sudden jerk will come as a surprise to your back muscles. Be mindful of other travelers when using the bus, train or metro.

■ **Support your feet:** The position of your feet determines the posture of your lower back. This means that if your feet are in an uncomfortable position while sitting, hanging off, it will affect your lower back posture. The correct way to sit is with your knees at right angle and your feet firmly on the ground. In such a scenario use a foot rest to support your feet for long drives.

SUMMER COOLERS

P. Plum is a round reddish fruit which is sweet and sour in taste. It is a great source of potassium and is also rich in antioxidants, protecting the body against cell-damaging free radicals. Plums are also low in calories and hence will not increase your blood sugar levels. The antioxidants fights the free radicals, preventing heart diseases and stroke scares.

Plums contain isatin and sorbitol, which help relieve constipation and improve digestion. It also keeps the bowel healthy. Consuming plum firms your skin and clears your skin texture. The fruit reduces wrinkles and rejuvenates your skin. Drink plum juice for younger looking skin.

Eating plums will keep cold and flu at bay by improving your immunity. The fruit boosts your immunity and promotes development of healthy tissues. The fruit is good for summers as well because of its hydrating nature.



A study reported that hypertension led to 1.63 million deaths in India in 2016. Doctors suggest ways to keep the silent killer at bay

LOOK OUT FOR

Hypertension, also known as high blood pressure is the result of force exerted by the blood against the artery walls. When there is too much force of blood on the walls of the blood vessels, it leads to hypertension. Severe health complications and an increase in risk of heart diseases, stroke may arise in people with hypertension. Stress is one of the acute causes of an elevated blood pressure level, however there can also be several underlying causes

including kidney diseases and medication. Consumption of excess salt in food plays a vital role in an increased number of cases of hypertension worldwide. According to the Medical Guidelines, normal blood pressure is 120 over 80 mm of Hg. When it exceeds and reaches 130/80 mm Hg, it is considered to be high blood pressure or hypertension.

It is also known as a silent killer. Pain in the back of head and neck is one of the initial symptoms of hypertension. If left untreated, these symptoms may end up causing coronary heart diseases and damage to internal organs. One needs to stay aware of the symptoms to notice them right at the beginning.

- Stress
 - Blurred vision
 - Blood in urine
 - Dizziness
 - Tiredness and lethargy
 - Nose bleeding
 - Insomnia
 - Increasing heart beat
- If you experience any of the listed symptoms, it is best to seek medical assistance.

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WHAT TO EAT?

■ **Garlic:** For high BP, garlic proves to be very beneficial. The sulphur containing compounds in garlic such as allicin, diallyl disulphide and diallyl trisulphide are proved to be beneficial for lowering blood pressure.

■ **Beetroot:** Beetroot is one of the vegetables which are loaded with antioxidants and phytochemical that gives your body a health boost that works towards an enhanced immunity. It is an absolute power veggie. It contains a lot of health benefits. One of them is it helps managing blood pressure levels. The presence of phytochemical and antioxidants can even help in managing conditions like hypertension and certain other diseases. A glass of beetroot juice regularly goes a long way to significantly reduce blood pressure in people with hypertension.

■ **Pomegranate:** Pomegranates have long been associated to managing blood pressure. It has a number of beneficial properties such as powerful antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties. Drinking pomegranate juice works wonder in reduction in BP and lowers the level of unsaturated fats.

■ **Foods with magnesium:** According to some recent researches, magnesium may help people with high BP. Magnesium is found in abundance in our body. It is naturally available in foods containing dietary fibre, dietary supplements. Foods like green leafy vegetables, such as spinach, legumes, nuts, seeds, and whole grains are sources of magnesium.

■ **Foods with potassium:** It is important for muscle function, including relaxing the walls of the blood vessels. It protects against muscle cramping and lowers BP. Foods like prunes, apricots, sweet potatoes, and lima beans are natural sources of potassium.

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■ **Myth 1:** Hypertension is not a big deal

■ **Fact:** This is a misconception. If you have hypertension you may face health related problems. High blood pressure can damage your vessels, heart, kidney and other parts of the body. The most shocking thing is that you will not even know that you have hypertension. This is why hypertension is called silent killer because at the beginning you cannot see any symptoms but suddenly you can have a heart attack or stroke. One should always remember that uncontrolled hypertension can be a big health concern.

■ **Myth 2:** No prevention for hypertension

■ **Fact:** Most of the time there is no cure for hypertension but it can be prevented or controlled by following a healthy and active lifestyle. There are few steps which can help to prevent hypertension and lead to healthy life.

■ **Maintaining weight and controlling it at a healthy level**

■ **Regular exercise at least 30 minutes five days a week**

■ **Eat good foods which should be high in nutrients and low in fat and reduce intake of salt**

■ **Say no to smoking and drinking**

■ **Myth 3:** Impossible to manage inherited hypertension

■ **Fact:** If you inherit hypertension you cannot change your

WHAT IS THE TRUTH?



genes you get from your parents, but there is lots you can do about it. Hypertension can be managed by bringing in moderate changes in your lifestyle and good habits. Doing regular exercise for at least 5 days in a week, eating healthy foods like low salt diet, vegetables, maintaining a healthy weight, avoid drinking alcohol and smoking.

■ **Myth 4:** Stop medication if your blood pressure brings down.

■ **Fact:** Medicine of hypertension leaves a prolonged profound impact at cell level, if someone abruptly stops taking pills the blood pressure can remain controlled for few weeks. Gradually over weeks to months this blood pressure

again raises its head and since its symptoms are silent it can damage vital organs like heart, brain and kidney without making any noise. So skipping or stopping the medicine leads to irreversible damage to organs (kidney, heart and brain).

■ **Myth 5:** Hypertension is concern for only 40 above people

■ **Fact:** This is a major misconception among the people that high blood pressure only impacts those above 40 and hypertension does not develop in young age. But the true fact is that happen to anyone at any time. In fact, nearly one in five young adults have hypertension. More importantly people getting more blood pressure at extremes of ages.

■ **Myth 6:** Wine is good for heart and can take high quantities of wine

■ **Fact:** This is again a myth, earlier small doses of red wine was shown to have some cardiac preventive effects. New research forbids alcohol in any form. Even small amounts of wine can lead to heavier damage and complications like heart failure, strokes and many others.

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MANAGE YOUR BREATHING



Managing asthma in children is no child play. SATKAM DIVYA shares tips that can help in the long run

As a parent, it can be unnerving to learn that your child has asthma. You need to know that the condition is very common and that it's manageable. Your child can surely be able to sleep well at night and play any sports they want, but it needs work.

To make asthma easier on you and to be able to create a normal lifestyle for your child, you can:

- **Schedule regular doctor's appointments**
Your child's healthcare provider can help you with a treatment plan and can reevaluate it at each visit. You can proactively ask for tips around using an inhaler, figuring out whether a certain diet is working or any questions around exposure to pollution and dust.
- **Create an action plan**
Ensure that you schedule a new appointment outside of the regular check-up schedule if you have any concerns around the treatment not working, but be patient and don't get paranoid as that may stress the children out as well.
- **Work with the doctor to create a plan for managing the regular symptoms and for handling all kinds of possible emergencies.** If there are other members in the family, train them to take responsibility and proactive action if they are with the child. Keep a copy of the emergency plan with you, and give one each to your family members, also to your child's school dispenser or nurse. Check whether the school allows for keeping medicine in backpacks.
- **Make your child learn how to take medication when necessary**

Your child's treatment may involve consuming a pill or using a device such as an inhaler or nebuliser. To maximise their effectiveness, your child will need to learn how to use any of these, as per the condition or situation at hand. Talk with your doctor and teach your child.

■ **Beat the flu**

Be prepared for the changing season and for bacteria in the air. If your child has asthma and comes down with a virus, it could lead to more difficulty in breathing. An influenza vaccine can reduce your child's risk of getting sick, and you can get one vaccination ideally every autumn, after consulting your healthcare provider.

■ **Avoid exposure to allergens**

Allergens like certain foods, pollen or grain can give your child breathing trouble. Observe if any of these cause any difficulty in breathing for your child, and consult your doctor for best possible medication.

Precaution is the best form of care. If you are prepared with medication and know when and how to use it, you will be fine. Stay alert and cognizant, but learn not to panic.

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DadiKaKehna

While rains bring much needed relief from the scorching heat, the season comes with its woes. Fungal infection, red and itchy skin are a few of them.

ROSHANI DEVI shares home remedies to treat these



We all look forward to the rainy days. Sipping tea and eating pakoras on a lazy Sunday is the perfect way to enjoy the down-pour. Unfortunately, most of us have to step out for work and that means skin problems; fungal infection, itchy and red skin are common problems. Here are a few things that one can do to treat it at home.

One can use aloe vera as well since it has medicinal properties and can cure many skin problems. Apply some fresh aloe vera gel on the affected area and leave it for half an hour. Wash it with cold water.

Apple cider vinegar is an age-old cure to all your skin allergies. Dilute it with water.

Then apply gently with cotton ball on the affected part.

A painful fungal infection — Athlete's foot — is caused by ill-fitting and wet shoes. One should not wear plastic, leather or canvas shoes. Try wearing footwear where your feet can breathe. Wear washed cotton socks and keep feet clean and dry.

We all know the importance of neem. Boil a handful of neem leaves for about 10 minutes. Add this to a bucket of water and take a bath with it to cure skin problems. The antimicrobial properties of the leaves will remove impurities. Do this till the infection is cured.



TIPTOP

The AIIMS Centre for Dental Education and Research will undertake the largest nationwide oral health survey this year in collaboration with the Ministry of Health to collect data that would act as a baseline for planning preventive and treatment strategies.

An expert committee comprising dentists representing various oral health specialties and health ministry officials met at the AIIMS to discuss sampling strategies, planning and timelines of the survey.

The burden of oral diseases in India is enormous. The impact of oral diseases is irreversible when neglected. Pain due to decay leads to loss of school hours among children and severely impacts the quality of life. Lack of proper oral hygiene leads to severe gum diseases which is the biggest cause of tooth loss in India," Dr

OP Kharbanda, the Chief of Centre for Dental Education and Research (CDER), AIIMS said.

The survey aims to record specific, representative data of the most prevalent dental diseases in the country like dental decay, gum diseases, dental facial deformities, cancerous lesions, dental fluorosis and dental trauma among others.

The plan is to ensure trained and calibrated oral health workforce examine the teeth following protocols in coherence with global guidelines to bring out an authentic data bank that acts as a baseline to plan preventive and treatment strategies, Dr Kharbanda said.

Scientifically validated guidelines have been formulated for sampling examination and recording of data by experts.

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SLIMLINE

Doctors at Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals saved the life of a three weeks old baby girl Inaya from a rare heart condition known as Anomalous left coronary artery from the pulmonary artery (ALCAPA). Inaya presented with complaints of respiratory distress with excessive sweating and flat breathing with difficulty. When she was brought to the emergency, she suffered a heart attack.

Pediatric Cardiothoracic Surgeon, Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals said, "The miracle happened when the team of doctors treating Inaya managed to resuscitate the baby by massaging her heart. Intensive care doctors were called and together they got the heart beating again within 40 minutes. Despite being without any cardiac function for 30-40 minutes, the child did not suffer from any perceptible brain damage."

STUDYCENTRE

Depression and other mental health problems can spread through social networks, up to "three degrees of separation" of a friend or a friend of a friend, warn recent studies.

Addition to social media technology can have a negative effect on social connections. The accompanying loneliness is partly a consequence of replacing face-to-face interaction with a form of communication where body language and other signals cannot be interpreted.

Having access to so many different streams of information through gadgets has been found to decrease the brain's grey matter density, which is responsible for cognition and emotional control. In this digital era, the key to good health should be moderation i.e. moderate use of technology. Most of us have become slaves to devices that were really meant to free us and give us more time to experience life and be with people. And we are leading our children in the same path as well.

Tips from Heart Care Foundation of India:

- **Don't use any electronic gadgets 30 minutes before sleep.**
- **Take a Facebook holiday for 7 days every three months.** Avoid use of social media once in a week for the entire day.
- **Use your mobile phone only when mobile.** Do not use computer for more than three hours in a day.
- **Limit your mobile talk time to not more than two hours in a day.**

Sensex soars 160 pts, infosys moves up

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Market benchmark BSE Sensex ended 160 points higher Monday driven by heavy gains in index heavyweight Infosys and positive macroeconomic cues.

After swinging 327 points during the day, the 30-share index settled 160.48 points or 0.41 per cent higher at 38,996.71. The index hit an intra-day high of 39,023.97 and a low of 38,696.60.

The broader NSE Nifty ended 35.85 points, or 0.31 per cent, up at 11,588.35. During the day, the index hit a high of 11,618.40 and a low of 11,532.30.

Infosys was the top gainer in the Sensex pack, closing 7.20 per cent higher as investors cheered its financial results.

The IT major posted better-than-expected 5.3 per cent rise in its June quarter net profit, and raised revenue growth forecast for the current fiscal.

Rival TCS too jumped 1.77 per cent.

Other gainers included Sun Pharma, TechM, Maruti, Kotak Bank, Bajaj Finance and HDFC twins, ending up to 3.61 per

cent higher.

On the other hand, IndusInd Bank, L&T, ITC, Bharti Airtel, ICICI Bank, Yes Bank, SBI and Hero MotoCorp lost up to 2.28 per cent.

Wholesale price-based inflation declined for the second consecutive month to its 23-month low of 2.02 per cent in June, traders said.

Inflation in food articles basket eased marginally to 6.98 per cent in June, from 6.99 per cent in May.

Vegetable inflation too softened to 24.76 per cent in June, from 25.23 per cent in the previous month.

Elsewhere in Asia, Shanghai Composite Index, Hang Seng and Nikkei ended in the green, while Kospi settled in the red.

Equities in Europe were trading lower in their respective early sessions.

On the currency front, the Indian rupee appreciated 17 paise to 68.2 against the US dollar (intra-day).

Meanwhile, the global oil benchmark Brent crude futures were trading 0.42 per cent higher at USD 67 per barrel.

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

JSW Steel on Monday told the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) that the company is not backing out from the ongoing resolution process of Bhushan Power & Steel despite reports of alleged fraud by its former promoters.

During the proceedings in NCLT, counsel appearing for JSW Steel informed the tribunal that it was anxious about

the alleged fraud reports and needs to know what is going inside Bhushan Power & Steel Ltd (BPSL).

NCLT said a member NCLT bench headed by the President Justice M M Kumar asked the Resolution Professional (RP) of BPSL to hand over a copy of the forensic report to JSW Steel.

NCLT said that alleged fraud reports will not have any impact on the insolvency resolution process and JSW's

resolution plan for BPSL.

NCLT has to take a decision on the lenders approval of the resolution plan of JSW Steel for BPSL.

Earlier on February 4, the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) had dismissed the plea of Tata Steel and upheld the Committee of Creditors (CoC) decision to approve JSW Steel's plan.

The NCLAT had said the

CoC decision was well within its rights to negotiate better terms with resolution applicants and has not acted NCLT to decide on JSW Steel's bid by March 31, 2019.

However, the judgement is still pending before the Principal Bench of NCLT.

JSW Steel had revised its offer from Rs 11,000 crore to Rs 18,000 crore, whereas Tata Steel's last offer was at Rs

17,000 crore after it had refused to revise its bid.

Last week, state-owned lender Allahabad Bank had reported fraud of Rs 1,774 crore by BPSL to the Reserve Bank of India.

Earlier, PNB reported a fraud worth Rs 3,805.15 crore by BPSL by misappropriating bank funds and manipulating its books of accounts.

Around 85 per cent of PNB's Rs 4,399 crore exposure

to the company had been siphoned off.

Investigate agency CBI has already registered complaint in April names several other lenders. According to the CBI, BPSL diverted around Rs 2,348 crore through its directors and staff from the loan accounts of PNB, Oriental Bank of Commerce, IDBI Bank and UCO Bank into the accounts of more than 200 shell companies without any obvious purpose.

Govt mulling splitting GAIL; to sell pipeline business

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The government is considering to split state-run gas utility GAIL (India) Ltd by hiving off its pipeline business into a separate entity and selling it to strategic investors, sources privy to the development said.

GAIL is India's biggest natural gas marketing and trading firm and owns more than two-thirds of the country's 16,234-km pipeline network, giving it a stranglehold on the market.

Users of natural gas have often complained about not getting access to GAIL's 11,551-km pipeline network, to transport their own fuel.

The sources said that to resolve the conflict arising out of the same entity owning the two jobs, bifurcating GAIL is

being considered.

As previously selling of the marketing business, possibly to another state-owned firm, was being considered, the government is now mulling on hiving off the pipelines into a separate entity and selling it to a major stake in it, they said.

GAIL has multiple long-term contracts to import gas in its liquid form (LNG) from countries such as the US and no strategic buyer would like to take the responsibility of those, particularly when the fuel is available at a cheaper price in the spot or current market, the sources said.

They said it is now being considered that GAIL continue to operate with the marketing business, making it easier to split them into two entities.

By unbundling GAIL, the

pipeline business, the government may divert a major stake to a strategic investor such as Canadian asset management company Brookfield.

The 1,623-km pipeline owned by Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries (RIIL).

The sources said the strategic partner will operate the pipeline business on a non-discriminatory basis to any entity wanting to transport gas either from a natural gas field or an LNG import terminal to consumers.

GAIL already keeps separate accounts for its gas pipeline and marketing business, making it easier to split them into two entities.

The pipeline business, the government hopes to increase gas use to 15 per cent of the energy mix by 2030 from current 6.2 per cent.

When talk of splitting first started in January last year, Oil Minister Prakash Kadam had stated that GAIL should focus on laying pipelines, suggesting housing of the marketing business.

The sale of a stake in pipeline business and gas to the government met a part of its Rs 1,05,000 crore target for raising revenue from disinvestment in the year to March 31, 2020.

Incorporated in August 1984 by spinning off the gas business of ONGC, GAIL owns and operates over 11,500-km of natural gas pipelines in the country. It sells around 60 per

cent of natural gas in the country.

The sources said the oil ministry has not been very happy with GAIL's performance in building pipeline network. Besides, there is a conflict of interest in its role as an infrastructure provider and carrier.

GAIL did not start executing the Rs 12,940 crore Jagdishpur-Haldia and Bokaro pipeline projects. The government agreed to give 40 per cent of the project cost as a grant from the budget. The pipeline takes the gas to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's constituency, Varanasi.

Plans to split the company had been discussed more than a decade back but it did not materialise.

The sources said referees

Indian Oil Corp (IOC) and Bharat Petroleum Corp Ltd (BPCL) had in 2017 evinced interest in acquiring GAIL to expand their gas marketing business.

GAIL also owns a petrochemical plant at its Uttar Pradesh, which too could be sold to either IOC or BPCL.

The company had in the past resisted the split on grounds that its gas marketing and fuel sales are to be operated at arm's length and hence do not need to be separated.

GAIL's marketing business formed 76 per cent of its 2018-19 net profit and about 30 per cent pre-tax profit.

The government has a 54.89 per cent stake in GAIL India. Its current market cap is Rs 65,600 crore.

NIFTY 50

SCRIP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	LEF	CHANGE
NIFTY 50	16147.7	16188	16132	11588.35	35.85
INFY	763.00	781.65	754.20	779.40	25.55
RELIANCE	64.25	64.80	64.20	64.20	0.20
UPL	63.40	65.00	62.10	64.80	17.95
TECHM	675.00	680.70	668.85	679.35	13.75
MARUTI	598.00	607.00	595.00	607.95	18.50
KOTAKBANK	1489.00	1519.85	1478.00	1510.15	21.90
TCS	212.50	213.60	209.00	213.50	2.90
BAFINANCE	338.80	340.00	333.60	341.00	33.50
SWSTEL	26.70	27.25	26.50	27.40	2.50
GRASIM	93.00	92.75	91.60	92.00	0.20
HINDALCO	198.50	201.00	195.20	200.20	1.35
TATAMOTORS	159.00	162.60	157.85	163.15	1.05
DRREDDY	260.00	267.05	261.20	265.50	16.40
ULTRACEM	457.00	468.00	453.00	459.00	27.10
WIPRO	260.00	262.00	255.30	261.50	1.50
HDFC	225.50	227.00	223.60	227.00	1.20
BPCL	24.20	24.30	24.00	24.20	1.45
HEALTHCARE	104.45	105.00	103.00	104.20	0.70
ONGC	150.00	151.70	148.80	150.15	0.45
HINDUNIV	171.50	172.70	170.20	171.50	3.30
HDFC BANK	239.00	240.00	237.35	239.80	4.10
NTPC	125.00	125.85	124.20	125.00	0.20
MAM	63.15	63.80	62.45	63.20	0.70
BAJA-AUTO	272.00	274.00	270.50	272.10	2.45
INFRAE	26.20	26.80	26.10	26.20	-0.65
BIJANAND	27.50	27.80	27.20	27.50	0.20
RELIANCE	128.50	129.80	127.35	127.50	-0.40
BAFINANCE	778.70	779.00	767.20	770.00	-25.70
ZEEL	16.75	16.75	16.65	16.65	-0.70
ECONOMY	34.70	34.85	34.55	34.65	-2.25
YASH	34.70	34.85	34.55	34.65	-2.25
POWERGRID	26.65	26.75	26.50	26.55	-1.55
COALINDIA	21.00	21.10	20.85	21.00	-1.80
ADANIP	75.75	76.00	75.20	75.60	-0.90
GAIL	47.00	47.20	46.45	46.50	-1.25
TATASTEEL	17.80	17.85	17.65	17.80	-1.40
SBIN	344.00	345.00	340.25	343.35	-3.35
ASIANPAINT	156.25	157.00	155.20	156.00	-1.00
HEROMOTOC	202.50	203.75	201.20	201.50	-2.00
ADANIPOR	41.35	41.40	41.00	41.30	-0.40
CPIA	59.90	59.60	58.80	59.10	-0.80
KICKER	42.80	42.80	41.80	42.55	-0.50
ICEL	64.85	64.80	64.10	64.10	-0.70
TITAN	110.00	110.75	109.80	110.20	-1.20
ITC	25.50	25.60	25.30	25.30	-3.85
YESBANK	67.00	67.00	66.55	66.55	-1.35
BHARTIARTL	35.70	35.80	35.30	35.30	-1.00
INDUSINDB	147.95	147.95	146.80	147.45	-36.05
IBUHSFIN	12.00	12.00	11.80	11.80	-0.20
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BAJAJ-FIN	272.00	274.00	270.50	272.10	2.45
BAJAJ-INS	272.00	274.00	270.50	272.10	2.45
BAJAJ-RE	272.00	274.00	270.50	272.10	2.45
BAJAJ-S	272.00	274.00	270.50	272.10	2.45
BAJAJ-T	272.00	274.00	270.50	272.10	2.45
BAJAJ-U	272.00	274.00	270.50	272.10	2.45
BAJAJ-V	272.00	274.00	270.50	272.10	2.45
BAJAJ-W	272.00	274.00	270.50	272.10	2.45
BAJAJ-X	272.00	274.00	270.50	272.10	2.45
BAJAJ-Y	272.00	274.00	270.50	272.10	2.45
BAJAJ-Z	272.00	274.00	270.50	272.10	2.45
BAJAJ-AA	272.00	274.00	270.50	272.10	2.45
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S Africa's graft-accused Zuma claims he has been 'vilified'

AFF ■ JOHANNESBURG

South Africa's graft-accused ex-president Jacob Zuma said on Monday he had been "vilified", as he testified at a judicial inquiry into the alleged looting of state funds while he was in power.

"I have been vilified, alleged to be the king of corrupt people", he told the inquiry. "I have been given every other name and I have never responded to those issues. I believe it is important that we respect one another."

Zuma had struck a characteristically relaxed tone ahead of his televised appearance, which could last for five days, tweeting a video on Sunday of himself dancing and singing "Zuma must fall" before laughing heartily.

Ramaphosa. Zuma, 77, was not legally required to appear at the inquiry into the so-called "State Capture" scandal.

State capture describes a form of corruption in which businesses and politicians conspired to influence policies to advance their own interests. He denies all wrongdoing and dismissed the concept of "state capture", while his lawyers have described the inquiry as an attempt to "ambush and humiliate" him.

Zuma, who addressed the commission at the start of the day, said that he had been the victim of "character assassination over 20 years". His request to see questions in advance was denied by the inquiry commission, which had invited him to appear "to give his side

government officials, the wealthy Gupta family and state-owned companies.

"The commission is not mandated to prove any case against anybody but is mandated to investigate and inquire into certain allegations," Zondo said, thanking Zuma for appearing.

Before Zuma spoke, his lawyer Mervin Sikhandane told the commission: "The propaganda machine out there has been quite alive."

The former president established this commission and is willing to cooperate.

According to Angelo Agrizzi, one of the inquiry witnesses, Zuma allegedly accepted a monthly USD 2,200 bribe delivered in luxury bags from a contracting firm that was trying to evade police investiga-

tion. Zuma was forced to set up the inquiry in January 2018, shortly before he left office, after failing in a legal battle to overturn the instructions of the country's ethics ombudsman.

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A Nepalese man wades with his belonging through a flooded street in Kathmandu as heavy rainfall since Thursday night has caused havoc throughout the country. AP

Nepal appeals to world agencies to extend help in flood-hit areas

PTI ■ KATHMANDU

Flood-hit Nepal has appealed to the international agencies for help to prevent the possible water-borne diseases and to ensure proper health services to the tens of thousands of people affected by the incessant rains that has claimed at least 60 lives, according to media reports.

Nepal has been hit by heavy rainfall since Thursday. More than 25 districts and 10,385 households have been affected.

Thirty five people are reported to be missing in the rain-related incidents that have thrown normal life out of gear in central and eastern parts of the country.

An emergency meeting was called on Sunday to take stock of the damage caused by the rains. Representatives of the World Health Organisation Nepal Office, the United Nations Children's Fund, (UNICEF), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and other agencies were present at

the meeting. The Kathmandu Post reported.

The Health Emergency Operation Centre, set up by the Ministry of Health and Population, has asked international partner agencies to help and mobilise their mechanisms in the districts hit by flood and landslide.

During the meeting at the Health Ministry on Sunday, the centre informed representatives of the agencies about the possible risk of disease outbreaks in the districts.

"We have also requested them to mobilise their local channels in the areas of need. All our international partner agencies are ready to provide all kinds of help," Chudamani Bhandari, chief of the centre, told the Post.

The Health Ministry has also directed all the central-level hospitals and medical colleges to prepare emergency teams of doctors to be mobilised in the disaster-hit areas, Bhandari said.

Three teams of doctors from the Health Ministry

would be deployed on Monday to Pathlaha of Bara district, Lahan of Siraha district and Bardibas of Mahottari district of Province 2, one of the provinces worst hit by the floods, he said.

Those teams would coordinate with the provincial and local governments to ensure health services to the needy people.

Health experts have warned of possible outbreaks of waterborne diseases—diarrhea, dysentery, typhoid, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis E in the flood-hit areas of the Tarai region, as most of the water resources have been contaminated by floodwaters, the report said.

"Cases of malaria, dengue, kala-azar could go up and people in the affected areas are vulnerable to snake bites as well," said Dr Sameer Kumar Adhikari, an official at the Epidemiology and Disease Control Division.

The division has also urged all provincial governments to not allow health workers to take leave during the monsoon,

which is considered an epidemic season.

Provinces 1, 2 and 3 are the worst hit, with Lalitpur, Bhojpur and Kailashat witness the highest death toll, The Himalayan Times reported.

Provincial governments have decided to provide relief for flood and landslide victims. They will also provide free medical treatment to the 38 people who have been injured so far.

Forecasting Section on Sunday, water level in the major rivers is coming down.

The section, however, has warned people to remain alert, as risk of landslides has increased due to continuous rainfall for the last four days, it said.

The Meteorological Forecasting Division (MFD) warned the public to remain on high alert and said that air and road traffic could be affected due to low visibility.

Heavy rainfall has led the water level in the rivers to rise.



Former South Africa President Jacob Zuma appears before a commission probing allegations of corruption during his tenure as the country's leader as president from 2009 until 2018. In Johannesburg on Monday, Zuma was forced to resign by his ruling African National Congress party over widespread reports of corruption and was replaced by his then deputy Cyril Ramaphosa.

The former president is accused of fostering a culture of corruption during a nine-year reign before he was ousted in 2018 by the ruling ANC party and replaced by Cyril

of the story" after other witnesses gave damning evidence against him.

Led by judge Raymond Zondo, the probe is investigating a web of deals involving

the money was in theory for his charity foundation.

Agrizzi said his company also organised free parties, bulk alcohol supplies and birth-

Indian-Americans thrilled over PM Modi's possible community address in Houston

PTI ■ HOUSTON

The Indian diaspora in Houston are thrilled over reports that Prime Minister Narendra Modi could visit America's energy capital to address them during his planned trip to the US to attend the annual United Nations General Assembly meeting in September.

Community leaders said the dates for the prime minister's address has not been finalised yet, but they have been asked to make preparations for a potential address on 23 in Houston on September 22.

Houston, which has one of the largest concentration of the Indian-American community in the US, is the energy capital of the world. Energy security is a priority area for the prime minister.

This could be Modi's third major address to the Indian-American community after he became the prime minister in 2014 and the first after his

re-election in May. The previous two being at the Madison Square Garden in New York in 2014 and the Silicon Valley in 2016. Both the events were attended by more than 20,000 people.

Prime Minister Modi's possible visit to Houston and New York in the last week of September has already got Indian Americans into discussions and excitement mode about his arrival.

Indian-American community leaders in Houston said that "this visit was long-awaited since Modi's first address in New York in 2014 and later in California in 2016." "The Indian diaspora is thrilled and counting the days for Modi's visit to Houston. We are enthusiastically preparing one of the most memorable programmes to welcome him," said the members of Overseas Friends of BJP (OFBJP).

Prime Minister Modi is expected to address the Indian diaspora on September 22, at the NRG Stadium, which has a seating capacity of 45,000 people, the Indian community leaders said.

Prime Minister Modi is likely to attend the UNGA session in New York between September 20-23 and will take a day off from his schedule to visit Houston on September 21-22, they said.

"As it is very early in the stage, no other plans are yet finalised," a community leader said. Regarding Modi's trip to Houston, Mayor Sylvester Turner, who took a trade delegation to India in November last, told PTI, "I look forward with excitement to Prime Minister Modi's visit as this historic visit will strengthen the already robust bonds between Houston and India, on trade, culture, tourism and more."

"As one of the most international cities in the world, Houston hosts one of the biggest and most vibrant Indian communities in the US. This is one of the many growing connections I dis-

ussed with Vice President Venkaiah Naidu and some national government ministers during my trade mission to New Delhi and Mumbai," Turner said.

The Indo-American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston (IACCGH) said Prime Minister Modi's planned visit will not only strengthen the economic ties between the two countries but also encourage more investment in India.

IACCGH Founding Secretary Jagdish Ahluwalia said Texas accounts for 15 per cent of the US global trade while Houston-India trade stands at USD 6.6 billion.

"With a catchment area of over 400,000 Indo-Americans, Houston, the energy capital of the world, and home to the world's largest medical centre and NASA Johnson Space Centre, we hope the prime minister during his visit will announce a no-stop flight from Houston to Delhi," Ahluwalia said.

During a press conference, Aurangzeb also showed to the media a picture showing journalist Rose sitting with Prime Minister Khan and Akbar.

Rose hit back at the PML-N leaders for terming his news story as "baseless" and "propaganda campaign".

"The PML-N trolls in Pakistan are posting a photo of me with Imran Khan, claiming this shows my article about Shehbaz was 'planted'. The photo was taken when I interviewed him before the election. Here's the proof," he said while sharing the web link of the interview published on July 21, 2018 in the same paper. The Express Tribune reported.

Sharif, 67, is the younger brother of ousted prime minister Nawaz Sharif, 69, who is facing corruption charges in three cases.

Shahbaz was allegedly involved in the corruption of Rs 14 billion Ashiana Housing project and Rs 4 billion Punjab Saaf Pani Company scams.

Gunmen kill 10 in revenge attack on Nigerian village

AFF ■ KANO (NIHERIA)

About 300 gunmen raided a village in northwestern Nigeria in a revenge attack, killing 10 people, burning cars and stealing cattle, police said.

The assailants "invaded" Kirtawa village in Katsina state late Saturday, shooting residents and stealing cows, regional police spokesman Gambo Isah said in a statement.

"Ten persons were found dead, five injured," Isah said.

The bandits set fire to five cars and four motorcycles after stealing "an unspecified number of cows", he said.

Police said the gunmen opened fire on security forces as they arrived on the scene, shooting 10 people, burning cars and wounding a soldier and a paramilitary officer, before fleeing. The raid was a "reprisal attack for earlier assault on the bandits by vigilantes from the villages," police said.

Katsina state has seen a surge in attacks by kidnapping and cattle rustling gangs, prompting villagers to form vigilantes groups to defend themselves.

Cycle rally in S Africa to celebrate Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary

PTI ■ JOHANNESBURG

Indian diplomats South Africa participated in a cycle rally along with scores of cyclists as part of an effort to promote greater awareness of Mahatma Gandhi's ideals of non-violence and satyagraha to celebrate his 150th birth anniversary.

Conceived by Indian Consul-General in Johannesburg Dr K J Srinivasa, the event was co-hosted by the Gandhi Walk Committee, which annually hosts the walk.

Scores of cyclists joined the Indian diplomats on Sunday at the inaugural Block Ride in the sprawling Indian township of Lenasia, south of the city, to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi this year.

"The aim was to promote greater awareness of Gandhi's ideals of truth, non-violence and satyagraha," said Srinivasa, who was lauded by a host of other speakers as he prepared to leave for his new posting as Ambassador to Guyana the same evening.

"As we always say, India sent South Africa a lawyer and we sent back a Mahatma, so this is his karmabhoom,"

"There was no question of partnering with anyone else but the Gandhi Walk Committee for this project as we have been with them for the past few years for the massive Gandhi Walk that has been coordinated so well by them for the past 34 years," Srinivasa added.

The event also served as a welcome for new Indian High Commissioner Jaydeep Sarkar, who assumed his position in Pretoria last month.

"Along with all those ideals that Gandhi strove for in our freedom struggles in both our countries, like civil disobedience and satyagraha, the real victory of today's function is that he also emphasised a lot on personal habits and individual and community actions," Sarkar said.

"Today's cycling event is an attempt in that direction — to propagate the idea of individual action to not only keep yourself healthy, but also to make a modest contribution to the environment. The other thing is the importance of the feeling of community that Gandhiji emphasised."

"I'm delighted to see people from all walks of life and of all ages participating so enthusiastically and look forward to it growing in future," Sarkar added before he donned a helmet and led the cyclists alongside Srinivasa and other local dignitaries.

From toddlers on three wheelers to professional cyclists on expensive cycles, the three km ride through the streets of Lenasia and back to the Gandhi Hall was enjoyed by all as they collected a commemorative medal on completion, bearing the image of Mahatma Gandhi.

"This was not a race, but rather a fun event to commemorate Gandhiji's 150th birthday this year," Gandhi Walk Chairman Amit Parbhucharan emphasised.

Gauteng provincial government representatives who attended the inaugural event pledged to bring in greater support from across the province next year.

Shehbaz Sharif to sue UK tabloid

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Leader of the Opposition in Pakistan's National Assembly Shehbaz Sharif has said that he will file a lawsuit against a UK newspaper for publishing a "fabricated and misleading story" blaming him for stealing British foreign aid money. Pakistani media reported on Monday.

The former Punjab Chief Minister accused the Daily Mail of publishing the story "at the behest" of Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan and his aide Shahzad Akbar and said he will initiate legal proceedings against them as well.

"I have decided to file lawsuit against Daily Mail. The fabricated and misleading story was published at the behest of Imran Khan and Shahzad Akbar. We will also launch legal proceedings against them," Sharif said in a tweet on Sunday.

"I've Imran Khan has yet to respond to three such cases I filed against him for defamation," he said.

and his family were embroiled tens of millions of pounds of public money and laundering it to Britain, Geo News reported.

It said Akbar, the Prime Minister's special assistant, said the PML-N President's son Suleman Shehbaz was the main culprit in the laundering of UK aid funds for earthquake victims.

In his report British journalist David Rose has alleged that Shehbaz and his family had embezzled and laundered millions of pounds out of 500 million pounds aid coming from UK during his tenure as the chief minister of Punjab. The Express Tribune reported.

PML-N spokesperson Mairizum Aurangzeb has termed the report "baseless" and a "propaganda campaign".

"Conspiratorial point of views and allegations have been published, news report does not mention any report by the UK government. It is fabricated, baseless and a pack of lies that has been invented by Imran Khan's conspiratorial mind,"

Aurangzeb said in a tweet.

During a press conference, Aurangzeb also showed to the media a picture showing journalist Rose sitting with Prime Minister Khan and Akbar.

Rose hit back at the PML-N leaders for terming his news story as "baseless" and "propaganda campaign".

"The PML-N trolls in Pakistan are posting a photo of me with Imran Khan, claiming this shows my article about Shehbaz was 'planted'. The photo was taken when I interviewed him before the election. Here's the proof," he said while sharing the web link of the interview published on July 21, 2018 in the same paper. The Express Tribune reported.

Sharif, 67, is the younger brother of ousted prime minister Nawaz Sharif, 69, who is facing corruption charges in three cases.

Shahbaz was allegedly involved in the corruption of Rs 14 billion Ashiana Housing project and Rs 4 billion Punjab Saaf Pani Company scams.

B'desh seeks India help to tackle smuggling

PTI ■ RANGPUR (B'DESH)

Smugglers are very poor people. For their livelihood they go for smuggling and not for leading a lavish lifestyle," Gani said.

Calling for the greater cooperation between the Border Security Force (BSF) and the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB), Brigadier Gani said that although there have been many positive outcomes in border management over the years, some ground remains to be covered.

Gani said that there should be zero tolerance for killing and the two forces should help each other.

"We always try to catch them (smugglers), investigate and then handover them to the concerned officials and follow procedures."

"The BSF also does the same thing but in some cases, killing of smugglers takes place. This should be stopped," Gani said.

"This is our request that we should follow the law of the land. Killing is not the solution," the BGB commander told a group of visiting Indian journalists.

His remarks came a month after the 48th bi-annual Director General-level talks between the BSF and the BGB in Dhaka wherein it was decided to enhance cooperation to check crime and smuggling of cattle and narcotics across the 4,096-km frontier shared by the neighbours.

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

The BGB claims that this year 15 Bangladeshi nationals have been killed and 12 injured till July 8 by the border force. Last year, six people were killed and 25 others injured.

"The BSF maintains that it fires only when a situation turns 'ugly' and lives of its troops are in danger."

Talking to the media, Ajmal Singh, IG, North Frontier, BSF, said that the "we have adopted a non-lethal strategy according to which the usage of lethal weapon is minimum."

"Bangladesh is a friendly country, the basic problem we are facing along the border is illegal infiltration, movement of criminals, cattle smuggling, fake currency, narcotics, arms and ammunition."

Pak court grants interim bail to JuD chief Saeed, his 3 aides

PTI ■ LAHORE

Mumbai terror attack mastermind and JuD chief Hafiz Saeed and his three aides were granted pre-arrest bail on Monday by an anti-terrorism court in Pakistan in a case pertaining to the banned outfit's illegal use of land for its seminary.

In March, Punjab police said that government seized control of 160 seminaries, 32 schools, two colleges, four hospitals, 178 ambulances and 153 dispensaries associated with the JuD and its charity wing the Falah-e-Insaniyat Foundation (FIF) in province. At least 56 seminaries and facilities being run by the JuD and FIF in southern Sindh province were also taken over by authorities in the same month.

Saeed-led JuD is believed to be the main organizer of the Lashkar-e-Taiba which is responsible for carrying out the 2008 Mumbai attacks.

The US Department of the Treasury has designated Saeed as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist, and the US since 2012, has offered a USD 10 million reward for information that brings Saeed to justice.

Under pressure from the international community, Pakistani authorities have launched investigations into matters of the JuD, LeT and the FIF regarding their holding and use of trusts to raise funds for terrorism financing.

Meanwhile, the Lahore High Court (LHC) issued notices to the federal government and the Punjab government and the Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) regarding a petition filed by Saeed and his seven aides, challenging charges of terror financing and money laundering against them.

A two-member bench of the LHC comprising Justice Shehram Sarwar Chaudhry and Justice Mohammad Waheed Khan asked the parties to submit their replies within two weeks.

The bench, however, dismissed the objection and adjourned proceedings until July 30, the paper said.

The Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) of Punjab Police on July 3 registered 23 FIRs against 13 leaders of the JuD including Saeed on different charges of 'terror financing' in different cities of Punjab province.

On Friday, Saeed, who is reportedly living at his Jauhar Town residence in Lahore, challenged these FIRs in the Lahore High Court.

Hafiz Saeed and other (petitioners) are not members of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) as per the (earlier) judgement of the LHC. The petitioners have no nexus with LeT or Al-Qaeda, the petition said.

It urged the LHC to declare that the petitioners are not linked with the LeT and therefore the CTD's FIRs be declared illegal.

India not excluded from peace process in Afghanistan: China

PTI ■ BEIJING

India has not been excluded from the efforts to bring peace in Afghanistan, China said Monday, days after it hosted a key meeting with the US, Russia and Pakistan on facilitating peace process in the war-torn country.

Representatives of China, Russia, and the US held their 3rd consultation on the Afghan peace process in Beijing on July 10-11 following which they also requested Pakistan to join for a surprise quadrilateral meeting.

"China, Russia, and the United States welcomed Pakistan joining the consultation and believe that Pakistan can play an important role in facilitating peace in Afghanistan," a joint statement issued at the end of the meeting said.

US special envoy for Afghanistan reconciliation Zalmay Khalilzad, who is currently holding talks with the Taliban to work out an agreement for withdrawal of the US troops and participation of the rebel group in the Afghan government, attended the meeting.

Briefing reporters about the meeting here on Monday, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said "we have reached some consensus and exchanged views on the current situation in Afghanistan and our effort to help to restore peace and security."

He said all four countries had agreed to step up coordination and communication and jointly promote reconciliation and peace in Afghanistan. Hinting that the quadrilateral meeting could be institutionalised in the future, Geng said the future meetings of the four countries will take place with mutual consultations.

Asked why India was not invited to the meeting, he said "China has been in close communication and coordination with all parties including India on the Afghanistan issue."

"I believe we (China, Russia, the US and Pakistan) don't exclude India in discussing and helping early settlement of the Afghanistan issue," he said.

The invitation to Pakistan to take part in the meeting came ahead of its Prime Minister Imran Khan's first visit to the US starting from July 21 to hold talks with US President Donald Trump during which the peace process in Afghanistan is expected to come up.

In December last year, President Donald Trump announced that the US would pull out troops from Afghanistan.

The US still has about 14,000 troops in Afghanistan, nearly 18 years after the US-led invasion to topple the Taliban.

Afghanistan accuses Pakistan of harbouring the Taliban militants who have been carrying out violent attacks and destabilising the country.

Last month, China formally acknowledged that it hosted a Taliban delegation headed by its chief negotiator Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar for talks here.

The meeting was seen as part of China's stepped-up efforts to enlarge its strategic role in Afghanistan as the US is negotiating its way out of the war-torn country.

Baradar has also been holding talks with Khalilzad.

23 killed as cloud burst causes flood in Pok's Neelum Valley

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

At least 23 people were killed and several others are missing after a cloud burst caused flash flood in the Neelum Valley of the Pakistan occupied Kashmir, officials said. A large number of homes in the Laswa area of the Valley were damaged and dozens of people were swept away in the flooding caused by relentless rainfall after the cloudburst overnight.

Landslides were also reported in the area and officials said many structures in the Laswa's main market, including two mosques, were completely destroyed. Traffic flow in the area has been severely disrupted, while cell phone and internet services are also affected. Teams including rescue and dozens of people were swept away in the flooding caused by relentless rainfall after the cloudburst overnight.

The Laswa area of the valley was badly hit when many house were swept away. There were also reports of landsliding in some areas. A total of 23 people have been killed, 23ed Al-Rehman Qureshi, Director of Operations, State Disaster Management Authority, said.

He said several people, including women and children, are still missing. The glacial lake outburst event (GLOF) occurred after the Jam Ashpar glacier - a popular tourist destination in Chitral - exploded overnight, it said.

AFP ■ BRUSSELS

European foreign ministers met Monday for crisis talks on the Iran nuclear deal, as Britain warned the 'small window' to save the accord was closing, with Tehran breaching the agreement.

Tensions in the Gulf have soared since the United States last year pulled out of the 2015 deal and reimposed sanctions on Iran, hampering its economy and prompting Tehran to break limits on uranium enrichment and stockpiling.

The European Union is desperately trying to prevent the deal unravelling completely, seeing it as the best way to stop Tehran acquiring atomic weapons, and the issue was top of the agenda as ministers from the bloc met in Brussels.

British Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt - who held phone talks with his US and Iranian counterparts over the weekend - insisted "the deal isn't dead yet."

"Iran is still a good way from developing a nuclear weapon. We think there is still some closing but small window to keep the deal alive," Hunt told reporters.

Britain, France and Germany - the three European parties to the deal - on Sunday issued a joint statement saying they were "extremely concerned" by Iran's recent breaches as well as by US sanctions they called for dialogue to resolve the crisis.

Europe hopes to use a special trading mechanism called INSTEX to enable businesses to deal with Iran without using the US dollar or financial system, thereby avoiding Washington's sanctions.

But the system is complicated, no transactions have been finalised yet and it can for now only be used for humanitarian goods - food and pharmaceuticals, for example - and not Iran's crucial oil sector.

Iran accuses Europe of not doing enough, but the sweeping nature of the US measures has scared many major European businesses out of

EU holds crisis talks on Iran nuclear deal



Spain's Foreign Minister Josep Borrell (left) talks with his French counterpart Jean-Yves Le Drian during a European Foreign Affairs Ministers meeting at the European Council headquarters in Brussels on Monday. European Union nations were looking to deescalate tensions in the Persian Gulf area on Monday and call on Iran to stick to the 2015 nuclear deal, despite the pullout of the United States from the accord and the re-imposition of U.S. sanctions on Tehran.

Iran has taken bad decisions in response to the bad decision of the United States to pull out of the deal and reimpose sanctions, whose extraterritoriality strikes at the economic advantages the country got from the deal, French Foreign Minister Jacques-Yves Le Drian said as he arrived for talks in Brussels.

EU ministers insisted Iran must return to respecting its obligations under the deal in full, rejecting a suggestion by Iranian President Hassan Rouhani that both sides could reduce their commitments.

"This is a very, very serious situation. We must make it clear once again, in clear language, that there is only a chance if Iran commits itself unreservedly to what is contained in the treaty," Germany's junior foreign minister Michael Roth told reporters.

Hunt agreed, saying the deal "has to be taken in its entirety".

The joint commission overseeing the accord, made up of Washington, Iranian and EU officials, said the countries still in the deal - the Europeans plus China, Russia and Iran - will meet "very soon" to discuss Tehran's breaches, Hunt said.

Lanka's North closer to political solution, says Wickremesinghe

PTI ■ COLOMBO

Sri Lankan Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe on Monday assured the minority Tamil community in the North that they would be granted a political solution within the next two years.

"We are agreeable to give the powers which are acceptable to all communities," President Maithripala Sirisena and Prime Minister Wickremesinghe formed the coalition in 2015, an attempt was made to formulate a new constitution to address the Tamil issue. A constitutional assembly was created and an experts panel report was issued.

However, there was no agreement among political parties for the form of devolution in the experts panel report with political objections being raised over it. The whole constitutional reform process was stalled after a constitutional standoff between Sirisena and Wickremesinghe last year.

Wickremesinghe's comments in the Tamil heartland on Monday came as the country was heading for the next presidential election which must be held before December 8.

The Tamil minority which supported the current government in 2015, remain disgruntled that despite the large-scale Tamil minority support to Sirisena in 2015, nothing had been delivered to them - or not adequate efforts have been made to address their grievances.

The political tension between Sirisena and Wickremesinghe led to the latter being sacked as the prime minister only to be restored by the highest court's intervention last year.

The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) had run a military campaign for a separate Tamil homeland in the northern and eastern provinces of the island nation for nearly 30 years before its collapse in 2009 after the Sri Lankan Army killed its supreme leader Velupillai Prabhakaran.

Rajapaksa, who was the president at the time, has repeatedly said that the war was against the LTTE and not against the Tamil community.

"Fire erupted due to a cable short circuit, causing the spread of poisonous monoxide gas," Shahwani told AFP.

One miner has been rescued but 10 remain trapped inside, he said.

Hopes fade for miners trapped at Pak colliery

AFP ■ QUETTA

At least 10 miners are trapped more than a kilometre (nearly a mile) underground after a fire started by an electrical short circuit in a coal mine in southwestern Pakistan, officials said Monday.

Rescue efforts were hampered by the fire spreading poisonous carbon monoxide gas inside the mine, some 35 kilometre (22 miles) east of Quetta, the capital of oil and mineral rich Balochistan province.

Abdullah Shahwani, a top official for the industry in the province, said 11 miners were working Sunday around 4,000 feet (1,200 metres) underground when the accident happened.

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One miner has been rescued but 10 remain trapped inside, he said.

DR Congo urges calm after Ebola case in key city

AFP ■ KINSHASA

The authorities in the Democratic Republic of Congo have appealed for calm after the first case of Ebola was diagnosed in the main eastern city of Goma.

The city is the biggest where a case of the killer disease has been confirmed since an outbreak started in eastern DR Congo last August, but the government said chances of it spreading were low.

The patient is a pastor who had been preaching at a church in another town, Butembo, where he would have touched worshippers "including the sick," the country's health ministry said.

His symptoms first appeared last Tuesday.

The preacher left for Goma from Butembo, one of the towns most affected by the outbreak, by bus on Friday, and arrived two days later

where "the results of the laboratory test confirmed that he was positive for Ebola", the ministry said.

"Given that the patient was quickly identified, as well as all the passengers on the bus from Butembo, the risk of the disease spreading in the city of Goma is low," it added.

The other passengers, 18 in all, and the driver will be vaccinated against Ebola on Monday, said the ministry, and urged the population of one of Africa's largest countries to "keep calm".

At the weekend, however, two Ebola awareness campaigns were murdered in their homes in the North Kivu province, where locals view foreign health care providers with deep suspicion.

The pair were killed after months of threats, the health ministry said.

The UN is convening a "high-level event" in Geneva Monday to discuss response

and preparedness for the Ebola outbreak.

It will be attended by government ministers from the DR Congo and Britain, senior officials of the World Bank, the World Health Organisation, and other UN agencies.

Health workers in Goma, which has a population of about one million and is the capital of North Kivu province, were vaccinated as early as December when the outbreak first hit Butembo some 300 kilometres (180 miles) north.

The two towns are separated by poor roads under the threat of armed groups.

The latest Ebola outbreak in eastern DR Congo has killed 1,655 people, according to a health ministry bulletin on Saturday.

Nearly 700 were cured, and total of 160,239 people have been vaccinated against the highly contagious haemorrhagic fever, it added.

China detains Canadian citizen on drugs charges

AFP ■ BEIJING

A Canadian citizen detained in China is being held on drug-related offences, Beijing said Monday, at a time of tense relations between the two countries.

News of the latest arrest comes amid a diplomatic crisis sparked by the detention of Meng Wanzhou, chief financial officer for Chinese tech giant Huawei, in Vancouver on a US extradition bid.

"The Shandong Provincial Public Security Bureau recently issued a drug-related case involving foreign students," said foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang at a press briefing.

"One of the people involved in the case is a Canadian citizen," Geng said the case was under investigation and the relevant embassies had been notified.

Canada said Sunday that one of its citizens was being detained in the city of Yantai in the eastern province of Shandong, and that consular assistance was being given.

A source familiar with the latest detention told AFP there was no indication that the case was related to the arrests of Canadians Michael Kovrig, an ex-diplomat, and Michael Spavor, who faces espionage-linked accusations.

The pair were detained days after Meng's arrest in December - sparking questions over whether the allegations were in retaliation.

Ottawa has called their arrests "arbitrary".

As the diplomatic row escalated, Beijing sentenced two other Canadians to death for drug trafficking and blocked imports of Canadian agricultural products worth billions of dollars.

Biden aggressively defends Obamacare

AP ■ DES MOINES

Joe Biden is taking an aggressive approach to defending Obamacare, challenging not just President Donald Trump but also some of his rivals for the Democratic presidential nomination who want to replace the current insurance system with a fully government-run model.

The former vice president will spend much of the coming week talking about his approach to health care, including remarks he'll deliver on Monday in Iowa at a presidential forum sponsored by AARP. His almost singular focus on the 2010 health care law has been on display recently in the early voting states.

In Iowa, he declared himself "against any Republican (and) any Democrat who wants to scrap" Obamacare. Later in New Hampshire, he said "we should not be scrapping Obamacare, we should be building on it."

Reference to his approach to add a government insurance plan known as the public option to existing exchanges that split private insurance. Biden is hoping his positioning as Obamacare's chief defender could be helpful on several fronts. It's a reminder of his close work alongside President Barack Obama, who remains popular among Democratic voters. And it could reinforce his pitch as a sensible centrist promising to rise above the strident cacophony of

Trump and Democrats including Sens. Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren and Kamala Harris, all single-payer advocates.

Perhaps as important, it's an offense ahead of the next presidential debate at the end of July. Biden has spent the past several weeks on defense, reversing his position on taxpayer funding for abortions and highlighting his past work with segregationist senators. Harris slammed him during the first debate, blasting the segregationist comment and criticizing his position to federalize public schools during the same era.

Each of the episodes raised

questions about whether Biden can maintain his front-runner status.

In New Hampshire over the weekend, it was clear Biden wanted to turn the tables as he pushed the idea of a "Medicare-like" plan that any American could buy as opposed to a "Medicare-for-all" that would be imposed on everyone.

"I think one of the most significant things we've done in our administration is pass the Affordable Care Act," Biden said. "I don't want to know why we get rid of it in fact was working and move to something totally new. And so, there are differences." He argued that some of his opponents, with the exception of Sanders, aren't fairly representing the conse-

quences of their proposals.

"Bernie's been very honest about it," Biden said. "He said you're going to have to raise taxes on the middle class. He said it's going to end all private insurance. I mean, he's been straightforward about it. And he's making his case."

Asked specifically whether Harris has been honest about how her plan would affect private insurance, Biden said, "I'll let you guys make that judgment."

During last month's debates, Harris, Warren and Sanders raised their hands when candidates were asked as a group whether they supported eliminating private insurance. A day later, Harris, a Senate co-sponsor of Sanders' single-payer bill, reversed her answer

— the second time since her campaign launch that she'd walked back her seeming endorsement of eliminating private insurance.

She explained that she interpreted the debate moderator's question as asking whether she'd be willing to give up her existing coverage as part of a single-payer model. She said she wants private policies to remain "supplemental" options for consumers.

Sanders, meanwhile, hit back at Biden, clarifying that his plan would be a net financial benefit for most households: Their federal taxes would go up, but their private insurance premiums, deductibles and co-pays would be eliminated.

At a time when Donald

Trump and the health insurance industry are lying every day about Medicare for All, I would hope that my fellow Democrats would not resort to misinformation about my legislation," Sanders said in a statement responding to Biden's New Hampshire comments.

Biden hasn't yet introduced his full health care plan, but he has said it will be anchored by a "Medicare-like" plan that would be available to anyone — including the 150 million-plus Americans now covered by job-based insurance, a group now ineligible for exchange-based policies. Biden has indicated that income-based subsidies would ensure that any household could get coverage.

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I love my freckles: Jacqueline

Actress **JACQUELINE FERNANDEZ** doesn't consider her freckles a problem but loves them as she has got them from her mother. She opened up about it when she took to Instagram to ask her followers to share their skin problems with her.

The actress gave beauty advice to the followers who came forward with their queries.

When some users asked about ways to get rid of pimples, the actress of Sri Lankan origin said, "Please don't touch them. Make sure your face is always cleaned properly and drink lots of water, no sugar."



'There is a subconscious holding back when touching the face for fear or pulling the hair of fake beard or nose or whatever prosthetics there are and destroying them. Normalcy has been put away and the feel for the original absconds. Unfortunately all the films to come are also in the similar category. Change the face, put on prosthetics, put hair... It's like it's a must and a given now.'

—Amitabh Bachchan

Dancer-actress **NORA FATEHI** is back with another recreation of an old hit dance number.

Nora's new dance is a new-age version of the song *Saaki*, for the forthcoming John Abraham-starrer, *Batla House*.

"Getting the opportunity to be able to perform on a song like *saaki*, which has been made on such an epic level by Tanishk (Bagchi) and sung by Neha (Kakkar) and Tulsi (Kumar), is a dream," said Nora.

"The best part is I am acting in the film, so my character's performance to the song leads up to a very important sequence that carries the story forward," she added.

'Comments were misconstrued'

SCARLETT JOHANSSON says comments she made on the "authentic casting" debate have been taken out of context and asserts that she supports diversity in film.

The actress came under fire in 2017 for playing an Asian character in *Ghost in the Shell* and canceled plans last year to portray a transgender man in the forthcoming film *Rub & Tug*, after transgender actors and advocates questioned the casting. She said actors should be allowed to play any person "because that is my job and the

require-

'Maximalism defines our brand's aesthetic'

Designer **FALGUNI SHANE PEACOCK**, take stock of what is in store this wedding season

Falguni and Shane Peacock combine disparate elements — feathers and sequins, bling and applique, contemporary Western silhouettes and Indian tradition — which are in sync with the sensibilities of the modern bride who looks ahead yet is rooted in the past. The designer duo will be exhibiting at a wedding show in the capital. The place is ideal for those looking for a complete solution to their wedding day as it brings together fashion designers, top jewellers, wedding planners, hair and makeup artists, decor experts and gifting specialists under one roof.

QWhat is the wedding colour this year?

Brides are willing to ditch the conventional reds and pinks for pastels, champagne, silver, gold and other colours from the Parisian palette.

QWhat has been your approach towards your ensembles for this year?

For our ensembles this year, our approach has been a juxtaposition between modern, glamorous and traditional silhouettes. Think *lehengas* with exaggerated gown trails, blouses with structured shoulders and extravagant sleeves. With this collection, we are trying to give the best of both worlds. It will have the perfect balance between ethnic and contemporary silhouettes.

QYou have stayed true to your signature style of feathers and glittery ensembles all these years while blending and experimenting with it. How has this style evolved?

Feathers and sequins are a big part of our identity and over the years we have experimented with it by using these elements in unconventional ways. From incorporating opulence through feathers, sequins and crystals in dresses and gowns, we have now made them a big part of traditional collections as well. *Lehengas* bearing feathers, crystal elements and sequins are some of the ways in which we have reinvented our signature style.

QFashion consciousness is being increasingly acknowledged by the Indian population. How do you think this change has come about?

About time, both consumers and



designers need to be fashion conscious and sustainable in their approach. I think the change was put in motion a couple of years ago and people are now becoming increasingly aware of it. The consumers now are more educated on the subject.

QFrom designing bridal couture to resort wear, designers have to constantly update their designs as fashion trends keep changing with every season. How do you keep yourself updated and handle the pressure? What keeps you going?

For us, it is not about following the norm or doing what others are doing to keep up with the trend. We have always remained authentic in our approach so what we create comes from what we are inspired by during that time. For example, if we're travelling to palaces across India, we translate that into our bridal couture, but if we're vacationing on a beach abroad and are inspired by the tropical nature, we create a line that fits the aesthetic there.

QSince most of your designs are dedicated to bridal couture, how do you think the fashion sensibility on ceremonial lines and wedding couture has



evolved in India?

The Indian bridal market has evolved enormously over the last few years. The Indian bride of today is well-travelled and aware of international trends which makes her taste and aesthetic global. They like to experiment more with their silhouettes, the cuts, and the colour

palettes instead of going for the conventional designs and in the vermilion shade.

QDo you think your creative freedom gets restricted in India?

Not really, the Indian audience has evolved when it comes to fashion, they are now at par with global trends, so it's no longer creatively restrictive. They are far more open and welcoming of newer styles, whether it's couture or pret, the audiences are constantly looking for something unusual and unique.

QYour designs are majorly fantasy-themed, dreamy with embroidery. What made you inclined towards this particular style?

Our brand's aesthetic has always been inclined towards grandeur and opulence, maximalism has always been the way for us. We like to intertwine fashion with art, therefore, we are always inspired by larger-than-life fantasies that we bring to life through the clothes we design.

QYou had said, 'Statement jewellery is a non-negotiable aspect of a bride's checklist'. Can you give an insight into this?

It's all about putting the pieces

together when it comes to creating that perfect bridal look. Nothing complements a couture *lehenga* better than statement jewellery that will instantly elevate your look.

QWhat is new about India Couture Week this year? Apart from this, what are the forthcoming projects that you are working on?

Our India Couture Week collection this year is a celebration of the royal Indian heritage, seeking inspiration from the Fort Amer in the pink city of Jaipur. It is designed for the modern bride who wants to look contemporary yet ethereal.

QFabrics have evolved to be accepted and recognised as an art form. What is your take on this?

Fabrics are one of the most essential components of your garment. It is very important that your choice of fabric translates the vision you have for your silhouette. It should identify with your brand's aesthetic and enable you to create art with fashion.

(The seventh edition of the three-day fest will be held from August 2 to August 4 at Taj Palace.)

A SMALL TOWN BOY

Actor **JIMMY SHEIRGILL** tells **AYUSHI SHARMA** that he has a penchant for playing characters with colour

Crime novelist Agatha Christie once said, "Instinct is a marvellous thing that can neither be explained nor ignored." And it was actor Jimmy Sheirgill's instinct to say yes to *Family of Thakurgani*. He says, "I just couldn't ignore it and now I cannot explain the feeling. Dilip Shukla, who has also written *Dabang* series, wrote this film as well. He narrated the story long before he had actually written it. Since that time I knew I had to do this film. You have a certain kind of instinct about everything. I had the same about this story line. I was sure that this script couldn't possibly go wrong. *Ye concept level pe hi itna acha hai*. (This is so good on this concept level itself.)" Even though he reprises shades of his earlier heartland characters, it is their raw reality that he wants to chew into as an actor.

The film has a political backdrop and unfolds the story of how some people live without following any rules. "It is a rooted story with a lot of dialogue *baazi*. Dilip has a sense of style and flavour when he pens down anything. He writes with a lot of emotion, drama and action."

The actor narrates, "A family lives in Thakurgani and some of the members have set rules and regulations. And then comes my character, who does everything without following any law but that doesn't make him a bad person. Even if his way of doing things is unlawful, his intentions are right."



answers promptly, "I don't see any harm in playing small town roles. I myself have come from one, *Chote shehar se aakar hi bade-bade shehron ko basaya jata hai*. (These small town people have made big cities.) In fact, I feel, these characters have more colour. They make a person feel alive at heart and I think that is why I have an inclination towards such roles."

Jimmy says he does not regret the lack of lead roles. "People remember me for the characters I played, so I have no regrets about not playing a lead," he adds. "While many actors get bothered when the release date of their film clash with those of other actors, it is interesting to observe how Jimmy is enjoying the excitement that another of his films, *Jhootha*

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Wednesday, Special 26, *Mere Yaar Ki Shaadi Hai, Yahaan and Muana Bhai MBBS*.

He tells us that you have to keep yourself motivated in life and give your 100 per cent to everything. "There are various phases in life. You work in a specific zone. You have to follow that rhythm. There is no hard and fast rule in life. Life is what you make of it. Just like my character in the film, there are no specific rules and regulations to live. It's a very natural process and it all depends on the situations that are thrown at you."

Censorship or the control or suppression of what can be accessed, published or viewed is increasingly being discussed with the coming of digital platforms and Jimmy feels that a lot rests on the individuals who should engage in self-censorship. He says, "It is a platform for each one of us. When this medium was made, it was obvious that you have to act as the moral police. One cannot create anything in the name of freedom and creativity. Just by adding abuses in a story is not a way to attract the audience. While some people are creating out of the box content, there are others who are just seeking attention. Here people need to engage in self-censorship. They are capable of judging what is right or wrong for them. It's people who make everything good or bad, never a platform. It's a great one for actors, directors and creative teams."

Jimmy tells us that even he is reading a lot of scripts for the web platform. "Let's see what happens," he says.

(The film releases on July 19.)

Photo: Pankaj Kumar



It's a match

A matrimonial website for the elite has found that a majority of them are seeking spouses outside the country

Marriages are made in heaven. Goes the old saying but in the digital era, it is internet that people are clearly bonding over. The number of matrimonial websites that improves the chances of finding an ideal match is on the upswing.

A recent survey by a leading matrimonial site has revealed 56 per cent of women and 52 per cent of men were looking for a partner living outside India, of which USA, UAE and Canada were the top three preferred countries. EliteMatrimony, a match-making website from BharatMatrimony, based its study on 1.5 lakh of its users.

Based on registrations, the top five cities sampled were Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru, Chennai and Hyderabad. The customer base comprised 38 per cent female registrants and 62 per cent males.

The survey revealed that 64 per cent of female users, who are seeking a life partner, were between the ages of 18 and 27, while 70 per cent of men were of the age group of 28 to 37.

Six per cent of the members were from top educational institutes, including Harvard School of Business, Stanford, Princeton, Yale, MIT, Cornell, Chicago Booth, Kellogg, Wharton, Dartmouth, NUS, London School of Economics, Oxford, London School of Business, INSEAD and HEC Paris. While within India it was IIT, IIM, ISB, XLRI, SP Jain, AIIMS, National Law School and Institute of Chartered Accountants of

India. Almost 60 per cent of the profiles were self-created, whereas 40 per cent of them were managed by siblings or parents.

It was evident from the report that 35 per cent of women and 50 per cent of men were looking for a partner with high education qualification. Among those, looking for a partner outside their caste, eight per cent were women and nine per cent men. When it comes to the preferred language of the registrants, the top five were Hindi, Gujarati, Bengali, Telugu and Tamil. The most common profession among majority of registrations was business, investment banker, entrepreneur or a doctor.

With respect to the partner's career, 29 per cent were looking for those doing business, 23 per cent a software professional, 12 per cent civil services/Army/Navy while 14 per cent preferred chartered accountants. The report also disclosed an interesting aspect that Commenting on the trends, Murugavel Janakiraman, founder and CEO of the site said, "India is home to the fourth largest population of millionaires in the Asia Pacific region with nearly 3.5 lakh millionaires as per a report last year. That's a huge and a special market to cater to. For this niche segment, the needs and preferences for finding a life partner are unique. We see a huge potential and have been witnessing rapid growth each year and seeing plenty of success stories."

Big Ben tale



Ben Stokes reacts after Carlos Brathwaite smashes four consecutive sixes to win World T20 final 2016; (Down) Ben Stokes with the ICC World Cup 2019 winners medal as he helped England to win its maiden title in 44 years

AFP ■ LONDON

Ben Stokes started England's march to World Cup glory with a catch to remember and ended their historic campaign weeping tears of joy as victory against New Zealand completed a personal tale of redemption.

The all-rounder was voted man-of-the-match after hitting an unbeaten 84 in a thrilling England run chase that ended with the match tied after Eoin Morgan's team finished on 241 all out in reply to New Zealand's 241.

The 28-year-old's heroics set up a rare Super Over that saw Stokes and Jos Buttler score 15 runs from six extra balls off New Zealand's Trent Boult.

When England held New Zealand to 15 from New Zealand's 15 Super Over, it was the hosts who took the trophy because they hit more boundaries in the match, including several from Stokes.

The incredible climax at Lord's gave England their first World Cup and ensured Stokes' lasting legacy will be his heroics in the final instead of the 2017 street brawl that threatened to ruin his career.

Not surprisingly, Stokes was overcome with emotion and he wept openly during



the jubilant on-field celebrations. "I'm pretty lost for words. All that hard work for four years and now to be stood here as champions of the world, it's an amazing feeling," Stokes said.

"There was no chance I wasn't going to be there at the end. It's moments like that you live for as a professional cricketer."

"It's incredible. I hope we have inspired people to want to do this in the future."

"Ben Stokes, he's a great player. He stepped up when his team needed him. That is the mark of greatness," former England captain Michael Vaughan said on BBC radio.

Stokes missed the 2017/18 Ashes series in Australia following a well-documented incident in Bristol — an ugly scene outside a nightclub which led to a charge of affray, over which he was found not guilty.

But he was welcomed back with warm, unconditional support from his team-mates and has repaid that faith in spades during this unforgettable World Cup campaign.

"Without the lads in the ODI

Cricket's coming home!



England skipper Eoin Morgan and coach Trevor Bayless hold the World Cup trophy

AFP ■ BRUSSELS

Britain may be in the middle of a painful divorce from the EU, but Brexit did not stop Brussels congratulating England on Monday on their dramatic cricket World Cup triumph.

Before moving to the usual round of questions about migration, US trade relations and EU competition rules, European Commission chief spokesman Margaritis Schinas used a daily briefing with journalists to hail the win.

"Congratulations to the England cricket team on winning the men's cricket World

Cup in a nail-biting final against New Zealand. Cricket is coming home!" said the smiling Greek spokesman, whose enthusiasm for the game had previously passed unnoticed.

England were captained in their thrilling Super Over triumph on Sunday by Irishman Eoin Morgan, giving a European gloss to the side's maiden 50-over tournament triumph.

Schinas followed his warm words for England with similar enthusiastic congratulations for the Portuguese roller hockey team, who saw off Argentina in the final of their own world cup on Sunday.

(one-day international) team and the Test team and the support from my family — that's all gone now," said Stokes, who made his England ODI debut in 2011.

"This is what we aspire to be. I don't think there will ever be a better game in cricket than that," to dismiss Andile Phehlukwayo in England's tournament-opening win over South Africa, the tournament has provided Stokes with a chance to change his story.

From the moment he leapt backwards and thrust a hand over his head to take a stunning catch to dismiss Andile Phehlukwayo in England's tournament-opening win over South Africa, the tournament has provided Stokes with a chance to change his story.

He scored 82 not out and 89 when all about him were losing their heads in group-stage defeats against Sri Lanka and Australia that threatened England's progress to the semi-finals.

In a must-win clash against India, Stokes delivered again with 79, helping to launch England on a three-match winning run that

took them to the final.

With the situation growing more tense by the minute in England's run chase against New Zealand's fired-up pace attack on Sunday, it was Stokes who came to the rescue.

Playing with poise and panache, he ensured England made it to the Super Over despite needing 14 off the final over to tie the regulation match.

Smashing Boult for a six, Stokes enjoyed a moment of deserved good fortune when he dived full length to avoid being run out, with the ball deflecting off his bat and going for four more runs — giving him another six runs.

It was surely at that moment that Stokes realised it was going to be his day.

The cathartic triumph was completed soon after amid fireworks and confetti as Morgan held the World Cup high in the London sky while Stokes tried in vain to stop the tears.



Ben Stokes dives in to make his ground and get a 6 from overthrows during the World Cup final

'Hope it never happens again'

PTI ■ LONDON

A shattered and devastated New Zealand captain Kane Williamson rued the unfortunate overthrow in the last over that eventually turned the epic final in England's favour, saying he hoped the incident would never happen in such moments again.

In a high drama encounter on Sunday night, the pendulum swung viciously in the final over with England needing nine from three balls when Ben Stokes hit Trent Boult to the deep. The return throw from Martin Gupthill hit Stokes' bat as he dived to make his ground for the second run, with the ball rebounding to the rope for additional four runs.

It impacted the equation to the extent that the heart-stopping contest stretched to the Super Over and eventually the hosts lifted their maiden World Cup trophy at the iconic Lord's here.

"It was a shame that the ball hit Stokes' bat, but I just hope it doesn't happen in moments like that. I don't wish to nitpick, just hope it never happens in such moments ever again," Williamson said.

"The New Zealand side showed a great amount of heart to get us to this point, but it just wasn't meant to be. The guys are shattered at the moment — it

is devastating. It's pretty tough to swallow at this stage. But a fantastic effort from our guys," said the skipper.

Stokes later apologised to New Zealand for that lucky unintentional touch.

"In the last over when the ball hit the bat and went for four — I apologised to Kane (Williamson) for that."

Williamson, who was adjudged the player of the tournament for scoring 578 runs and for his brilliant captaincy, said they were a few runs short.

"We thought runs on the board — we would have liked 10-20 more. But in a World Cup final this was a competitive total."

The bowlers really put the batsmen under pressure. It had to go down to the last ball, and then the last ball of the next little match, but a great match all round," he said.

"There were so many moments that could've gone either way, but congratulations to England — they've had an incredible campaign and they deserve it."

Winning skipper Eoin Morgan acknowledged the brave brand of cricket New Zealand displayed throughout the tournament.

"I'd like to commiserate Kane (Williamson) and his team. The example that they lead is hugely commendable to him and his team," he said.

Jimmy Neesham @JimmyNeesh

Kids, don't take up sport. Take up baking or something. Die at 60 really fat and happy.

New Zealand's dejected all-rounder Jimmy Neesham advised kids as he hoped to find at least a day or two in the next decade when the nerve-wracking World Cup final loss to England won't rankle him

Rohit, Bumrah included in WC XI



PTI ■ LONDON

Tournament top-scorer Rohit Sharma and pacer Jasprit Bumrah were the only Indians named in the ICC's World Cup XI, captained by New Zealand's admirable skipper Kane Williamson and dominated by champions England.

Player of the Tournament Williamson leads a team that includes six players from Sunday's dramatic final at the Lord's.

Newly-crowned world champions England are the most represented with four players in the XI while runners-up New Zealand have two in the team, named by a panel selected by the ICC to honour all those who performed well in the tournament.

Other representatives come from the losing semi-finalists India and Australia, who have two each, while

Bangladesh's Shakib Al Hasan rounds out the team.

Sharma top-scored in the tournament with 648 runs while Bumrah was India's best bowler with 18 wickets.

Jason Roy got the nod at the top of the order for his tone-setting brilliance for England that saw him overcome injury during the tournament to help his side to the title.

Alongside Roy, the other opening batsman is India's Rohit Sharma. One of the easier selections in this XI, considering the Indian star was the tournament's top run scorer and cracked a record five centuries in all.

Williamson comes in at No 3. The Black Caps star scored more runs than any captain has ever done before at a World Cup and led his side with aplomb from start to finish.

Joe Root will come in at No 4 for this team after a World

Cup that saw him finish as England's top run scorer, fifth overall in the tournament, with tons against Pakistan and West Indies and three half centuries. Shakib Al Hasan scored his runs this summer batting at No 3 for Bangladesh, but for much of his career he has come in at No 5 and it is there that he appears in this team.

Shakib had a quite wonderful tournament, averaging 87 with the bat with two centuries and five half centuries, and still managed to chip in with 11 wickets as well with his left-arm spin.

Fellow all-rounder Ben Stokes is also a cast-iron selection — his heroics in the final were the stuff of fairytale but he was also a picture of consistency throughout the tournament for England.

Behind the stumps, Alex Carey effected 20 dismissals in this tournament, only Kiwi Tom Latham managed more, while

Australian also bludgeoned 375 runs at an average north of 60.

Alongside Carey is his compatriot, and the tournament's top wicket-taker with 27, Mitchell Starc.

Jofra Archer — the hero of the Super Over in the final and appearing in his first World Cup — claimed 20 wickets at an impressive economy rate of 4.57 to earn his spot.

New Zealand's Lockie Ferguson finished second in the wicket charts with 21, including three in the final as well as an astonishing catch, while also going at less than five runs an over.

Last but by no means least is Bumrah, the world's No1 ODI bowler who lived up to that billing with 18 wickets while still only going for 4.41 runs an over — better than any other bowler on the top wicketers list.

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Villains, only Heroes

■ LORD'S (LONDON)

The thrilling final throes of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2019 were all about emotions — each as raw as you'll find.

We watched Jofra Archer visibly sag under the weight of unimaginable pressure. Jos Buttler gleefully uproot the stumps and man of the moment Ben Stokes immediately console a broken Martin Guppitt.

These scenes will be seared into the memories of the nation and so England have etched their names into the history books.

Eoin Morgan's men have won hearts and broken records on the way; here are your 2019 Cricket World Cup heroes in numbers.

FRAUGHT FINAL

The climax of the Lord's final was a white-knuckle ride and not even England could avoid the odd slip-up.

In the final over of their run-chase, Adil Rashid and Mark Wood became the first pair of team-mates to both be run out while out facing a ball in the same World Cup innings.

In the penultimate over of their bowling effort, which also featured a wicket and a crucial boundary from Matt Henry, Chris Woakes bowled a no-ball.

It seemed nothing earth-shattering at the time, but it was the first no-ball England bowled in the entire tournament.

Only one team has played a World Cup without bowling a no-ball and that was the Netherlands in 1996.

ARCHER HITS THE TARGET

Archer was a revelation for the hosts — his tournament haul of 20 wickets was the highest-ever for an England player at a World Cup, surpassing Ian Botham's 16 when they last reached the final in 1992.

The 24-year-old formed a fearsome pace bowling partnership with Mark Wood and no pair were faster across the seven weeks.

Wood's 95.7mph delivery to Henry Nicholls in the final matched Archer's feat from earlier in the competition, and Australia's Mitchell Starc also reached that speed.

Consistency was one of the keys to Archer's success and in taking at least three wickets against West Indies, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka and Australia he became just the



Jos Buttler runs out Martin Guppitt to win the Cricket World Cup final match between England and New Zealand at Lord's cricket ground in London on Sunday AP



Chris Woakes, right, celebrates wrongly for the wicket of Henry Nicholls, left, during World Cup final AP



Jofra Archer, right, reacts with Jos Buttler after bowling the winning ball in the final at Lord's AP



Jonny Bairstow reacts after playing a shot AP

fifth bowler to do so in four successive World Cup matches.

The other four bowlers to have achieved the feat are Chaminda Vaas and Brett Lee in 2003, Glenn McGrath in 2007 and Shahid Afridi across the 2007 and 2011 editions.

FIELD FEATS

When England fielded well at the 2019 Cricket World Cup, they played well as a

team and tended to win.

They were found wanting as a collective in the defeat to Pakistan at Trent Bridge, runs leaked in the field seeing their batting line-up set an unwanted run-chase record.

Before that game, only two teams had scored 300 batting second in a World Cup match and ended up losing — both in 2015, Zimbabwe in defeat to Ireland and Sri Lanka when they lost to Australia. England scored 334-9 and still fell

short, the highest-ever losing score in a run-chase at the tournament.

But their fielding was largely excellent, and Joe Root set a new record for the most catches in the field in any World Cup with 13 from 11 games played, passing Ricky Ponting's 11 grabs back in 2003.

And James Vince set a new record for the most catches by a substitute fielder at a World Cup with five. Ravindra Jadeja took four, surpassing Kenya's Joe Angara and Suresh Raina with three.

BATTING BLITZ

England's power with the bat was a distinctive feature of their triumph and they set a record for sixes hit at a World Cup, clearing the rope 76 times and surpassing West Indies' 68 in 2015.

Joe Root's aggregate 556 was England's best-ever in a single edition of the World Cup and county colleague Jonny Bairstow ended the competition with 532, a new record for a player at his first World Cup.

Indeed, Babar Azam's 474 runs also went past the previous record of 461 set by Rahul Dravid back in 1999.

Root opened the batting in the win over West Indies — his adaptability is taken for granted, but it was his first time he'd performed the role in his 128 ODI appearances.

Only four other batsmen have batted more times before opening in the format;

namely Mahela Jayawardene (269), Michael Bevan (178), Kapil Dev (166) and Carl Hooper (131).

BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

England's title challenge was buttressed by the ability of several of their number to contribute with bat, ball and in the field, and they did so to history-making proportions.

With 3-71 and four catches against Pakistan, Chris Woakes became just the third man in ODI history to take three wickets and pouch four catches in the same match, after Hooper and New Zealand's Chris Harris.

In addition to opening against West Indies and scoring a century, Root also took two wickets and two catches — just the second such performance in ODI history.

The first and only other was Aravinda De Silva's inspired display to lead Sri Lanka to victory in the 1996 final as he made 107 not out, took 3-42 and two catches.

Mosienko missed out on the final and earlier in the tournament, narrowly missing out on a peculiar place in cricket history.

He scored 31 runs on his 32nd birthday against Afghanistan, nearly matching Andrew Strauss' 34 on his 34th birthday against Ireland in the 2011 World Cup.

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NZ should be proud of their performance

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By DANIEL VETTORI
Former New Zealand captain

KOHLI, BUMRAH RETAIN LEAD IN RANKINGS

PTI ■ LONDON

India skipper Virat Kohli and Jasprit Bumrah on Monday retained their number one position in the ICC batsmen and bowlers' rankings, respectively, following the conclusion of the World Cup.

India had lost to New Zealand in the semifinals of the World Cup. Players from England and New Zealand, champions and runners-up, have moved up rankings after featuring in an exhilarating final at Lord's here on Sunday.

The latest rankings update, which takes into account performances from the semifinals and the final, sees players from either side reach personal bests during the last two stages.

Player of the tournament Kane Williamson reached a career-high 799 points after the semifinal against India, in which he scored an important knock of 67. He ended the tournament at 796 points, gaining two points from his two matches, while his compatriot Ross Taylor has ended the tournament in fifth place, having reached a career-best 841 rating points earlier in the tournament.

England all-rounder Ben Stokes has ended the tournament at a career-best 694 points, gaining five places and moving into the top 20 and to within two places of his career best of 18th two years ago.

Jason Roy's 85 from 65 balls in the semi-final win over Australia has helped him into the top 10 for the first time.

Another notable gainer in the rankings for batsmen is Ravindra Jadeja, whose valiant knock of 77 against New Zealand has lifted him 24 places to 108th position.

The New Zealand players will be devastated on their way back home but they should be forever proud of how they performed in the World Cup final.

Both teams were incredible, each had times where they were on top and in control before it was wrestled back, so there were so many parts that you could analyse and deconstruct from the match.

Two ties in a World Cup final at Lord's, you can't even imagine that stuff. There was a lot going on, a lot packed into 102 overs and it was gripping from start to end.

It is heart-breaking for New Zealand, you

could see the emotion from Kane Williamson at the end of the game and there would be some devastating guys in that dressing room.

The fans and the country will be devastated, they saw the effort, they saw the fightback and the opportunity to win the game.

The two ties are crazy, but there will be a lot of pride around the performance not only in this game but with the way New Zealand have played throughout the whole World Cup.

You can't take anything away from England, a couple of things went their way at the last but they were under an immense amount of pressure for

the last few weeks of the tournament.

They stood up and dominated, they beat the three other semi-finalists in successive games to reach the final and you can't underestimate that type of performance.

New Zealand played very well in that final — they barely did anything wrong and in that seems untrue to be talking about them as a losing side.

So for them it's about celebrating the brilliance of their game and there was plenty of it. The catches in the outfield were superb, Matt Henry with the new ball was fantastic and Colin de Grandhomme, to put together a spell of 1/25 in a World Cup final



THE TWO TIES ARE CRAZY, BUT THERE WILL BE A LOT OF PRIDE AROUND THE PERFORMANCE NOT ONLY IN THIS GAME BUT WITH THE WAY NEW ZEALAND HAVE PLAYED THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE WORLD CUP

shouldn't be overlooked.

Jimmy Neesham did a great job, Lockie Ferguson was in the wickets, Tom Latham played really well with the bat — there are far more positives than negative to take from this game and the performance.

It's a time to celebrate what went right and not focus too heavily on what went wrong.

New Zealand have shown themselves to have the fight but there's plenty to notice in the skill as well, their talent in pressure moments is incredible and they've shown that in many games through the tournament, not least against India.

To see that and to see the way they play makes all New Zealanders very proud.

The Black Caps are a fantastic group of guys and that's

personalised in their cricket, as it was for England, too.

Kane Williamson and Eoin Morgan lead their teams made it such a pleasure for people to watch that final, these are two great teams doing their all but with utmost respect for each other.

Looking ahead to where New Zealand go, we certainly won't be seeing too much change from them.

This is a settled team and the majority of this squad will be available for the next World Cup, so they've got the building blocks of something very special.

They'll take a lot of experience from this leading forward and there's no reason why these 15 guys can't be competing for a title in India in four years' time.

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BCCI to invite fresh applications for support staff

Shastri will have to re-apply for head coach job

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The BCCI will soon invite fresh applications for the Indian cricket team's support staff, including the head coach, and incumbent Ravi Shastri will need to re-apply once his contract expires after next month's tour of the West Indies.

The support staff comprising Shastri, bowling coach Bharat Arun, batting coach Sanjay Bangar and fielding coach R Sridhar were given a 45-day extension following the World Cup, covering the West Indies tour from August 3 to September 3.

All of them can re-apply but the team is set to have a new trainer and physio after the departure of Shanker Basu and Patrick Farhart respectively following India's semifinal exit in the World Cup.

After the West Indies tour, India's home season kicks off with the series against South Africa beginning September 15. Shastri was appointed India chief coach in 2017 after Anil Kumble's tenure ended prematurely in controversial circumstances.

The 57-year-old was also India's director of cricket from August 2014 to June 2016.

However, India has not won a major ICC event under his guidance though the team did make history by winning a maiden Test series in Australia earlier this year.



West Indies tour squad announcement on July 19

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Indian team for next month's tour of West Indies will be announced on July 19 but there is no clarity over the future of Mahendra Singh Dhoni ahead of the limited-overs leg beginning August 3.

Dhoni's future has been widely speculated ever since India lost to New Zealand in the World Cup semifinal on July 9. The 38-year-old is expected to make an announcement on it in the coming few days.

"The selectors will meet in Mumbai on July 19. We have not heard from Dhoni but what is relevant is the communication between the player and selectors. If you ask me, Dhoni did well in the World Cup but he is his own man. Only he can decide whether he wants to carry on or not," a BCCI official said after the Committee Of Administrators' meeting.

Skipper Virat Kohli and pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah are expected to be rested for the limited-overs leg comprising three T20s and as many ODIs before returning for the two-Test series starting August 22. The five-day matches will be part of the inaugural World Test Championship.

There is also no official word on the availability of opener Shikhar Dhawan who is recovering from a thumb injury that cut short his World



Cup campaign.

It was COA's first meeting since India's heartbreaking loss at Manchester but the Vinod Rai-led committee did not discuss the team's performance.

However, the three-member panel and CEO Rahul Johri, who joined in via video conferencing as he remains in London for the ICC meetings, did discuss the issue of players picking and choosing games.

Former greats like Sunil Gavaskar had questioned the BCCI for allowing the likes of Dhoni and Shikhar Dhawan to skip domestic cricket in the run-up to the World Cup.

Sindhu, Srikanth begin quest for title

PTI ■ JAKARTA

Rejuvenated after a month's break, Olympic silver medalist PV Sindhu will look to produce the goods and break this season's title drought when she spearheads the Indian campaign at the USD 1,250,000 Indonesia Open BWF World Tour Super 1000 beginning here Tuesday.

A title has eluded Sindhu ever since she stood on the podium with the gold medal at the World Tour Finals last December.

Sindhu has not looked her usual self as she failed to reach a single final so far this season and has made it to only two semi-finals in six tournaments.

The fifth seeded Indian will have her first final in the season in sight when she opens against Japan's Aya Oshiro Wednesday. However, it will be easier said than done as another Japanese

Nozomi Okuhara stands on her way to the quarter-finals.

"It has not been really great. I think I have to do much better. I have worked on mental as well as physical fitness. I have been working out on my skills a lot more," Sindhu had said recently.

Saina Nehwal, the only Indian to win a title this season at Malaysia Masters earlier in the year, has been suffering from multiple injuries and will not feature in the prestigious tournament.

In men's singles, world no 9 Kidambi Srikanth, who was sidelined by a knee injury ahead of the Sudirman Cup, will also test his form and fitness when he opens against Japan's Kenta Nishimoto.

Srikanth had reached the final at India Open this season and he would look to put another good performance at a tournament, which he had won in 2017.

B Sai Praneeth, who has looked in good touch having reached the final at Swiss Open, will be up against Hong Kong's Wong Wing Ki Vincent, while HS Prannoy will meet a imposing task of facing second seed Shi Yu Qi Wednesday.

Women's doubles pair of Ashwini Ponnappa and N Sikki Reddy will meet Malaysian combo of Vivian Hoo and Yap Cheng Wen, while men's doubles combination of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty will take on Malaysian pair of Goh Sze Fei and Nur Izzuddin. Mixed doubles pair of Pranaav Jerry Chopra and Sikki will face Netherlands' Robin Tabeling and Selena Piek.

Indian shuttlers didn't set the stage on fire this season with just Saina winning a title and chief coach Pullela Gopichand blamed it on the number of injuries, and hoped they would do well in the second half of the year.