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## K'taka crisis reaches SC

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ime is fast running out for Time is last running the HD Kumaraswamy Government in Karnataka with more MLAs jumping off the sinking ship on Wednesday and the Mumbai Police not allowing Congress main trou-bleshooter DK Shivakumar to even meet the rebel MLAs in their luxury hotel.

The rebel camp, backed allegedly by the BJP, approached the Supreme Court on Wednesday and moved a petition signed by 10 Congress and JD(S) MLAs accusing the Karnataka Assembly Speaker of Karnataka Assembly Speaker of deliberately not accepting their

A Bench of Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justices Deepak Gupta and Aniruddha Bose would decide on Thursday whether their plea seeking direction for the Speaker to accept the resigna-tion of these MLAs could be listed for urgent hearing. Dashing the faintest hope

beleaguered Chief Minister Kumaraswamy might have harboured for survival. Housing Minister MTB Nagaraj and K Sudhakar, both from the Congress, tendered their resignation to Assembly Speaker Ramesh Kumar.

With the two latest resig-With the two latest resignations, 16 MLAs — 13 from the Congress and 3 from the JD(S) — have quit while two Independent MLAs — H Nagesh and R Shanker — have already withdrawn support.

The coalition's strength is 116 (Congress-78, JD(S)-37 and BSP-1), besides the Speaker.
With the support of the two Independents, who quit the Government on Monday, the BJP has 107 MLAs in the 224-member House, where the halfway mark is 113. If the resignation of the 16 MLAs is accepted, the coalition tally will come down to 100.

After tendering his resignation, Nagaraj told reporters, "I don't want any ministerial position or anything. I am fed up with politics." Nagaraj and Sudhakar, who

#### **Goa LoP leads** 2/3rd Congress **MLAs to shift loyalty to BJP**

PTI PANAJI

Winds of political instability in neighbouring Karnataka reached Goa on Wednesday, with two-thirds (10 out of 15) of Congress MLAs breaking away to merge with the ruling BJP in the coastal State. the coastal State.

The group, led by Leader of Opposition Chandrakant Kavlekar, met Assembly Speaker Rajesh Patnekar in the evening and gave him a letter, informing him about their breaking away

from the party.
The MLAs include Atanasio Monserratte, Jeniffer Monserratte, Francis Silveira, Philip Nery Rodrigues, Cleaofacio Dias, Wilfred DSa, Nilkant Halarnkar and Isidor

Fernandes.
Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant, who was present when the group arrived at the Assembly complex, said the 10 MLAs have merged with the BJP. With the 10 MLAs

changing sides, the strength of the Congress in the House would be reduced to five.

The BIP is the single largest party with 17, the Goa Forward Party and Independents have three each, while one MLA each is from the NCP and the MGP.

When asked, Kavlekar refused to give reason behind their move, but said that they will make a statement later Sawant was sworn in as CM in March after the death of then CM Manohar Parrikar.

is State Pollution Control Board Chairman, came to the Speaker's office about 4 pm and handed over resignations in

their official letterhead to him Senior advocate Muku Rohatgi, appearing for the rebel MLAs, said these lawmakers have already resigned from their membership of the Assembly and wanted to contest fresh elections.

He sought the hearing

He sought the hearing either on Wednesday or Thursday on the plea in which it has been alleged that the Speaker had acted in a partisan and malafide manner and deliberately not accepting their deliberately not accepting their resignations.

In the petition, the 10 rebel

MLAs alleged that the Speaker was protecting the Government which is in minority now. The MLAs further sought a direction that the Speaker be restrained from proceeding with the application for their disqualification.

"Acting in a concerted manner, the Congress has filed a petition before the Speaker seeking disqualification of the MLAs who have resigned. Needless to state, the disqual-ification proceedings are com-pletely illegal and without any

cause of action," they said.

In the petition, the MLAs stated that the Assembly Session is to begin from July 12, the same day that the MLAs have been asked to remain in person before the Speaker, which showed the "intent of the Speaker to disqualify the peti-tioners in a prejudged manner". "The whole idea is to dis-

qualify the petitioners and under threat of disqualification allow the minority Government to function without the support of majority in the House. It is submitted that the actions of the Speaker are arbitrary and unreasonable and violative of the Constitution," the plea said.

The MLAs further said their resignations were in consonance with the rules and the constitution. The Objection is clearly not warranted and appears to be an exercise to delay the proceedings, thereby giving room for ings, thereby giving room for the ruling dispensation to exert pressure on the MLAs who have tendered resignations,"

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Karnataka Ministers D Shivkumar and GT Devegowda interact with police personnel at Hotel Renaissance, where the 10 rebel

### Cong troubleshooter Shivkumar detained over 'threat to MLAs'

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

The political crisis faced by the ruling Congress-JD (S) Government in Karnataka spilled on to Mumbai and snowballed into a high-voltage drama on Wednesday as the city police detained visiting Congress Minister DK Shivkumar and his party's leaders from Mumbai for refusing to move away from a Mumbai hotel where rebel Karnataka

MLAs are staying. Shivkumar, who has handled this kind of political crises in the past, arrived at the Renaissance Hotel at Powai in north-west Mumbai at 8.15 am. Despite the fact that he had reserved a room at the hateleved a room at the hotel, he was prevented from entering the hotel by the Mumbai Police officials who told him that the Congress

MLAs staying the hotel had written to Mumbai Police chief saying they feared threat to their life due to his arrival

there.

The operative part of the letter written by the 10 Congress MLAs to the Mumbai Police Commissioner read thus: "...We have heard that DK Shivkumar and others are going to storm in the hotel premises (sic). We feel threatened for the same (sic). We do not want to meet him. Kind request to us help us in the matter and do not allow him to

matter and do not allow him to enter the hotel premises".

The day-long drama, which began with Shivkumar being detained from near the Renaissance-Mumbai Convention Centre Hotel after he refused to leave the place till he met his party's rebel MLAs lodged at the hotel, ended with his assertion made after his release from his detention that "all our MLAs will back and our Government is safe."

Shivkumar, who was to be deported back to Bengaluru late in the night by the Mumbai Police, said that though he wanted to stay back in Mumbai to meet Congress leaders and take them back to Bengaluru irrespective of the consequences, but he was persuaded by the police officials saying that his continued stay in Mumbai would result in law

and order problem.
Talking to mediapersons after his release from detention, Shivkumar said, "I am still confident that all of them (rebel Congress MLAs staying put in Mumbai) will come back. The Congress-JD(S) Government which is there in

### Cabinet clears Bill to Rebel MLAs move court against Speaker for delay in accepting resignation | combat Ponzi menace

Seeking to curb the menace of Ponzi schemes, the Narendra Modi Government gave its approval to the Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Bill, 2019, in the Union Cabinet

meeting on Wednesday.

The proposed law would address the issue of illicit deposit-taking activities as it provides for strict action against such activities.

The proposed legislation will have adequate provisions for punishment and disgorgement/repayment of deposits in cases where such schemes nonetheless manage to raise

deposits illegally.

Addressing the media after the Cabinet meeting, Union Environment and Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar said the Union Cabinet also approved the proposed Code on Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Bill, 2019, that seeks to merge 13

and disgorgement/repayment of deposits in cases where such schemes nonetheless manage to raise deposits illegally

Proposed Code on Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Bill, 2019 seeks to merge 13 Central labour laws into a single code which would apply on all establishments employing 10 or more workers

The Bill also has rules framed for women working in night shifts The Cabinet approves Bill to have a single tribunal for water disputes and the decisions have to be taken in two years. Now there are nine tribunals and these will become one

gle code which would apply on all establishments employing 10 or more workers.

The proposed code enhances the coverage of workers manifold as it would be applicable to all establishments employing 10 or more workers, where any industry, trade, business, manufacture or occupation is carried on, including IT establishments or establishments of service sector, the release said. The Bill also has rules framed for women working in night shifts. The Union Cabinet also approved Inter-State River Water Disputes

(Amendment) Bill, 2019, to streamline the adjudication of inter-State river water disputes and make the present institutional architecture robust.

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The Cabinet also approved a proposal to grant of Organised Group 'A' status to Indian Railway Protection Force (RPF) Service. This will end stagnation, improve career progression of the officers and keep up their motivational level.

### **Death term for** child rape now

Amendments OK'd earlier too to make it as foolin POCSO Act

PNS NEW DELHI

To combat rising cases of child sex abuse, the Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved amendments to strengthen the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act 2012 which would now have death penal-

ty for aggravated penetrative sexual assault against children. To curb child pornography, the amendment levies heavy fine for not deleting and destroying child porno-graphic material. Not reporting child pornogra-phy will also invite a hefty fine. The Government has claimed that this move will not only discourage the trend of child abuse but will also protect the interest of vulnerable minors in times of distress.

Brought in 2012, the POCSO has been modified

proof as possible.

Addressing the media after the Cabinet meeting, Union Environment and Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar said the amendment in the POCSO Act will make punishment more stringent for committing sexual crimes against children including death penalty. The modification in the law will address the need for stringent measures against rising trend of child sex abuse and combat the menace of relatively new kind

crimes, Government said, stress ing that the strong penal provisions will act as a deterrent.

"It intends to protect the interest of vulnerable children in times of distress and ensures their safety and dignity. The amendment is aimed to establish clarity regarding the aspects of child abuse and punishment thereof, the Government release said.

#### CAPSULE

#### DUTEE WINS 100M GOLD IN WORLD UNIVERSIADE

**Napoli:** National record holder Dutee Chand became first Indian woman track and field athlete to clinch a gold medal in World Universiade after she won the 100m dash event. Dutee clocked 11.32 seconds to win the gold.

PRO-KHALISTANI GROUP SIKHS FOR JUSTICE BANNED New Delhi: Pro-Khalistani group the Sikhs for Justice was on

Wednesday banned by the Government for its alleged antinational activities.

50 BIRDS DIE IN BIHAR OF MYSTERIOUS DISEASE

Patna: At least 50 birds have died of a mysterious disease in Bihar's Muzaffarpur district in the last two days, officials said.

DEPOSITS IN JAN DHAN ACCOUNTS CROSS ₹1L CR New Delhi: Deposits in bank accounts opened under Jan Dhan scheme, launched about

five years ago by the Modi-Government, have crossed the ₹1 lakh crore mark. As per the latest data, total balance in over 36.06 crore Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana accounts was at

### **He blames local Congress leaders**

PNS/PTI LUCKNOW/AMETHI

ongress leader Rahul Gandhi On Wednesday visited Amethi for the first time after losing the Lok Sabha constituency to Smriti Irani and assured locals that he will not abandon the constituency. However, Rahul attributed his defeat to local party leaders who failed to connect with people there. Rahul had won Amethi LS seat thrice in 2004, 2009 and

"I will not leave Amethi. It

development of Amethi will not be hampered I am the MP from Wayanad but my ties with for losing LS seat Amethi are three decades old. I will fight for Amethi in Dalhi" will fight for Amethi in Delhi. Rahul reportedly told party

> Rahul said the workers did a lot during the campaign but "local leaders remained away from the people, leading to his defeat". Many workers said the Congress was weak in the entire district and the party campaign lacked direction. They alleged that some party men worked with the BJP in the constituency. They also unanimously demanded that Rahul should withdraw his resignation from



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi listens to a party worker during his visit to Amethi

### Won't abandon Massive heartbreak Water project OK'd to



MS Dhoni leaves the field after being dismissed during Cricket World Cup semi-final match at Old Trafford in Manchester on

# tap 'soaring' Yamuna

#### **Kejriwal Cabinet** approves floodplain water conservation. mega reservoir

SAPNA SINGH NEW DELHI

With an aim to make the national Capital self sufficient and to end its dependence on the neighbouring States to meet water demands, the Delhi Cabinet on Wednesday approved Yamuna flood Natural Water Storage Project. Chief Minister Arvind Keiriwal monitored the pilot project which has the potential to end acute water shortage, particularly in summer ct is scheduled to start in a month's time.

The Cabinet meeting chaired by Keriwal has passed all the necessary inter-department proposals for the pilot project, including ₹77,000 per acre to be paid to farmers who are willing to lease their land for the project.
According to the Delhi Government, the project is aimed to conserve water in the Yamuna floodplains and creating eco-friendly mega reservoir between Palla and Warirabad to deal with the water shortage.

"The project envisages creation of small ponds in the floodplains which will catch water from the overflowing Yamuna during the monsoon season. Most of the approvals have been received for the pilot project, barring two from the National Green Tribunal (NGT) committees, which are expected very soon," quoted a statement from the Chief Minister's Office (CMO).

At a time when many States in India are facing water scarcity problem, the Government claimed that the project will prove to be a gamechanger not only for Delhi but for the whole



### Govt committed to fiscal consolidation, says Sitharaman

Without offering any comments on the hike in petrol and diesel cess proposed in the Budget presented by her in the Lok Sabha on Friday, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday said the fiscal deficit in the regular Budget for 2019-20 has been pegged at 3.3 per cent of the GDP as against 3.4 per cent proposed in the 4 per cent proposed in the interim budget presented in the House in February.

Replying to the Budget discussion in the Lok Sabha on the General Budget 2019-20, Sitharaman said her Government is committed to the path of fiscal consolidation without compromising on pub-

lic expenditure. Several Opposition parties including the Congress staged a walkout demanding a roll back of cess on petrol and diesel proposed in the Budget and shouting slogans saying it was an anti-people Budget. Besides Congress, DMK, TMC, NC, and NCP walked out dur-

ing the minister's reply.

The minister said that economic growth and national security would be the focus of the government. She said sup-port amount for all schemes which have implications for common man has been



"We will move GST Council to reduce the GST rate on e- vehicles from 12 per cent to 5 per cent," she said adding "we will work with states for supplying tap water to all in rural household by 2024". The minister said the gov-

ernment's intention is to push infrastructure development and invest over ₹100 lakh crore

in the next five years.

She said the Government has increased Minimum Support Price (MSP) for all 22 commodities.

Sitharaman did not choose to comment on the hike in petrol and diesel cess proposed in the Budget.

Following the decision, the petrol price went up by a minimum of ₹2.40 per litre and diesel by a minimum of ₹2.36 Sitharaman had on Friday

and road and infrastructure cess on petrol and diesel by ₹2. per litre each to raise ₹24,000-

She said several steps including enhancing investments in infrastructure, liberalisation in the foreign direct investment policy and lowering of corporate tax are being taken to make India a \$5 trillion economy by 2024-25 as stated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The Government is committed to the path of fiscal consolidation without compro-mising on the public expendi-ture placed by the various secshe said.

The Minister said the fiscal deficit in the regular budget for 2019-20 has been pegged at 3.3 per cent of the GDP as against 3.4 per cent proposed in the interim budget presented in the House in February. Sitharaman further said that all the data mentioned

in the Budget is authentic.
"I will assure the House there is no need for any speculation on figures given in Budget and every number is authentic," she said.

Sitharaman further said the Budget reflects the mandate of the newly elected Government and towards acheiving the \$5 trillion econ-

five-member committee headed by the Prime Minister has

to questions raised on discrep-ancies of data between the Budget and the Economic Survey, she said the Budget has taken into account 12 per cent growth in nominal GDP.

She said although the Survey has projected a nominal GDP growth of 11 per cent in 2019-20, but the actual size nominal GDP is same.

To Opposition queries, she said the Finance Ministry has said the Finance Ministry has taken into account 12 per cent nominal GDP growth to ensure compatibility with the projec-tions made in the interim

When some members objected to her statement, she said: "Even if I am mocked at, sometimes I spoke like a teacher to a class of students...And even if that is not sufficient I am quite happy to receive Members to room number 36 with due respect.'

Her remarks evoked sharp reaction from the Opposition benches on which Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said he would look into the records and remove objectionable con-

On problems being faced by the banking sector, she said the government is addressing them through four 'R' strategy. These are recognition of NPAs, recovery of bad loans, recapitalisation of public sector banks, and reforms, she said.

### Cong ready for Budget discussion

fter stalling the Rajya A fter stalling the Rajya Sabha proceedings for two days on the issue of ongoing Karnataka political crisis, the Congress on Wednesday agreed to participate in the Budget discussion on Thursday. The main Opposition party, earlier, in the day raised a din in the house forcing repeated adjournments. The debate on Budget commenced in the post-lunch session despite the Congress members storming into the well and raising slo-gans. The Lok Sabha also saw protest by the Congress fol-lowed by a walk-out. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman replied to the Budget debate in

the lower house.

The main action was in the Upper House where the Congress repeatedly disrupted the proceedings since the Rajya Sabha met for the day. Incidentally, the party did not allow the house to function on Tuesday too when the debate on budget was to commence. Given the situation, proceedings were adjourned for the day later without any business.

On Wednesday too, same unruly scenes were witnessed

Leader of the House Thawar Chand Gehlot announced that the Rajya Sabha will begin the debate on Budget on Thursday at 11.00 am and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will be present. Congress leader Anand Sharma also said his party is very serious about participating in the debate and appealed to Deputy Chairman Harivansh to adjourn the house. The Chair did so at

house. The Chair did so at about 4.15 pm.
Earlier in the day,
Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu was forced to adjourn the Zero
Hour after the Congress raised a din. When the Elders reassembled for the Question
Hour Congress member and Hour, Congress member and Deputy Leader Anand Sharma sought to raise a point but the chairman disallowed him. Seeing the Congress members trooping into the well and continuing to create din, Naidu adjourned the House till 2

Earlier at the start of pro-ceedings, Naidu said he had not admitted notices by Congress members including Kapil Sibal under rule 267 seeking suspension of rules to take up their issue. Barely had four members

mission when Congress members were up on their feet again, seemingly bolstered by the presence of their deputy leader. Sharma, who was not present in the House at the start of the proceedings, sought to raise the 267 notice given by his party colleagues but Naidu said the ruling of the chair was

In the post-lunch session, Sharma again tried to raise the issue but Deputy Chairman Harivansh did not allow him to do so and asked Congress leader P Chidambaram to begin his speech on the bud-As the agitated Congress members kept on raising slo-gans in the well and Chidambaram not starting his speech, the chair then asked BJP leader Suresh Prabhu to speak. When he began to speak amidst din, Harivansh adjourned the house till three pm at about 2.05 pm.

Later, Prabhu spoke for about 50 minutes on the budget in the continuous uproar by the Congress. Some protesting members in the well tried to block his view while Prabhu was speaking from the front row. He immediately shifted to

assertion lauding the budget However, major part of his speech was not audible due to ruckus.

In the Lok Sabha, the Congress staged a walk-out even as Union Minister Prahlad Joshi asserted that Karnataka minister D K Shivakumar was not allowed to enter a Mumbai hotel where Congress MLAs are lodged as they alleged a threat to their life from him and sought police protection. Speaker Om Birla allowed

Congress leader in the Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury to raise the issue again for the third time even though he reminded him that it has already been taken up in house during the previous days. Prior to this, Congress mem bers had come to the well of the

Chowdhury said in Karnataka democracy is being betrayed and a conspiracy is being hatched to overthrow the government. Responding to charges leveled by Chowdhury, Joshi displayed the letter writ-ten by the MLAs lodged in a hotel in Mumbai and said it is on their request that the police

### Pro-Khalistani group banned for anti-national activities

Union Home Ministry on Wednesday banned pro-Khalistani group "The Sikhs for Justice" for its alleged anti-national activities. US-based The Sikhs for Justice (SFJ) pushes for Sikh Referendum 2020 as part of its sep-

aratist agenda.
"SFJ is involved in anti-national and subversive activities in Punjab and elsewhere, intended to disrupt the sovereignty and territorial integrity of India. SFI is in close touch with the militant outfits and activists, and its supporting violent form of extremism and ....carve out a sovereign Khalistan out of territory of India," said the MHA notification.

The outfit wanted to use The outfit wanted to use Kartarpur Corridor for propagating their secessionist ideology, officials said adding SFJ and its secessionist campaign referendum 2020 are supported by Pakistan. India is likely to



raise the issue regarding security and safety of pilgrims during Kartarpur talks with Pakistan on July 14.

The official website of SFI and referendum 2020 were sharing and sourcing content from Karachi-based website, they said. A number of SFJ activists were also linked with same Pakistani websites, they point-

They said there's no concrete evidence that Pakistan has curbed or banned the group.

A meeting of the Union Cabine

decided to declare SFJ as outlawed under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act, Home Ministry offitive is to establish an "independent and sovereign country" in Punjab. The SFJ openly espouses the cause of Khalistan and in that process chal-lenges the sovereignty and territori-al integrity of India, said MHA offi-

. The notification also said that SFJ In nonlineation also said that Srijis funding and encouraging and aiding the activities of secession oand supporting many separatist and terrorist groups working against the country. There were occasions and proofs of SFI's role in escalating tensions and greate and treate suit. India sentitensions and create anti-India senti-

tensions and create anti-india senti-ments in Punjab
Punjab Chief Minister
Amarinder Singh hailed the Union
Government's decision to ban pro-Khalistan group The Sikhs for Justice and said it deserved to be treated as a "terrorist organisation". Singh termed the move as the first step towards protecting the nation from "anti-India or secessionist designs" of the ISI-backed organisation.

#### **SAND MINING SCAM**

### CBI books 4 UP IAS officers, ex-Min

The CBI has registered two fresh cases in Uttar Pradesh mining scam naming four IAS officers and former Minister Gayatri Prajapati as accused and conducted searches at 12 locations in the State on Wednesday including Bulandshahar, Lucknow Fatehpur, Azamgarh, Allahabad. Noida, Gorakhpur and Deoria.
The CBI FIR names Prajapati, a

former minister in the Samaiwadi Farty government, and then Principal Secretary Jiwesh Nandan, Special Secretary Santosh Kumar, then district magistrates Abhay (Fatehpur) and

Vivek (Deoria), agency sources said. The Uttar Pradesh Government had mandated e-tendering for renew al and award of fresh lease for sand mining in the State on May 31, 2012, which was upheld by the Allahabad High Court on January 29, 2013. agency has alleged that beneficiaries Shiv Singh and Sukhraj used the influ-ence of the Minister to get their lease renewed in irregular manner. Nanadan and then district mag

istrate of Fatehpur Abhay allegedly conspired with the minister to get the lease renewed in the matter of Sukhraj in 2014 while Singh managed to get his lease renewed in 2012. The lease of the duo was allegedly renewed in violation of e-tendering policy of the State government, they said. In the second case, the agency has

alleged that Vivek, during his stint as DM in Deoria, allowed renewal of lease of one Sharda Yadav.

Yadav, whose petition for renewal of lease was dismissed by the Allahabad High Court on April 5, 2013, managed to get it renewed next day in conspiracy with Vivek and other officials of the district, the CBI

has alleged in the FIR.

The agency teams simultaneously reached the 12 locations in the State on Wednesday morning, including at the premises of 2007-batch IAS offi-cer Abhay, presently the District Magistrate of Bulandshahr, and 2009batch IAS officer Vivek, the Mission Director of Uttar Pradesh Skill Development Mission to conduct searches, they said.

The officials said cash of around

₹47 lakh was recovered from the premises of Abhay and about Rs 10 lakh was recovered from the residence of Devi Sharan Upadhyay, the then ADM of Deoria. Upadhyay is present-ly posted as the CDO in Azamgarh, and the agency also searched his premises. The agency also seized some documents related to properties from the premises of Vivek who is presently posted as Director, Training & Employment, Lucknow.

### SC to consider plea for early hearing of PIL challenging Article 370

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday said it would consider the pĺea seek ing urgent hearing of a PIL challenging the constitutional validity of Article 370 which grants special status to Jammu & Kashmir and limits Parliament's power to make laws for the State.

A bench comprising Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justices Deepak Gupta and Aniruddha Bose took note of the submission of BJP leader and lawyer Ashwini Upadhyay that his PIL be listed for an

"File a memo. We will see." the bench said.

On February 18 this year as well, he had mentioned the PIL for urgent listing for the hear-



special provision was "temporary" in nature at the time of framing of the Constitution and Article 370(3) lapsed with the dissolution of the Jammu and Kashmir Constituent Assembly on January 26, 1957.

Upadhyay, in his plea which was filed in September last year, has contended that the Upadhyay, in his plea which was filed in September last year, has contended that the Upadhyay, in his plea which was filed in September last year, has contended that the Upadhyay, in his plea which was filed in September last year, has contended that the Upadhyay, in his plea which was filed in September last year, has contended that the Upadhyay, in his plea which was filed in September last year, has contended that the was filed in September last year, has contended that the upadhyay.

of Jammu & Kashmir was "arbitrary" and "unconstituon various grounds, including that it was against the Constitution, One National Anthem and One National

### NIA attaches Asiya Andrabi's property in Srinagar

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Wednesday attached a prop-erty of banned terror outfit Dukhtaran-e-Millat chief Asiya Andrabi in Srinagar in a terror case relating to waging war against India under the proviions of the Unlawful Activities

(Prevention) Act.
The attached house of Andrabi is situated at 90 Feet Road Saura, Srinagar. Andrabi is the Chairperson of Dukhtaran-E-Millat (a proscribed terrorist organisation under the Unlawful Activities

(Prevention) Act).

"The approval for attachment of the property was granted by DGP, J&K as required under the law. Consequent to attachment, the property cannot be sold, transferred or otherwise dealt with in any manner without the express permission of officer

to Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar to enter the effect of attachment in the revenue records," a senior NIA official

said here.
The attachment has been done in connection with the investigation of a NIA case registered last year case relating to waging war against the country by using Internet plat-

The NIA had chargesheeted Andrabi on November 14 last year along with two other accused persons — Sofi Fehmeeda and Nahida Nasreen. All the three accused persons are in judicial custody presently. The Court of Speciall ludge. NIA. New Delhi has taken cognisance of the

chargesheet.
The attachment has been UA (P) A, which states that an investigating officer can attach a property if the officer has reabrought from proceeds of ter-

Andrabi, Sofi Fehmeeda and Naheeda Nasreen were using Twitter, Facebook, YouTube and TV channels including some in Pakistan to spread "insurrectionary impu-tations and hateful messages and speeches against India",

according to the charge sheet. Dukhtaran-E-Millat, a banned terrorist organisation. through Andrabi and others, openly advocates secession of Jammu and Kashmir from the Union of India and its merger with Pakistan through violent

It is engaged in anti-India activities and has been inciting the Kashmiri people for an armed rebellion against the Government of India with aid and assistance of terrorist organisations based in Pakistan.

Andrabi and her two associates were arrested by Jammu and Kashmir police in April later transferred to NIA in

tious and insurrectionary imputations against the Government of India. She is romoting ill-will and enmity between different commu nities in India on religious grounds. Investigation has also established that she has close contacts with designated global terrorist Hafeez Mohammad Saeed who is the head of Jamaat-ud-Dawah and Lashkar-e-Taiba, inter-nationally designated terrorist organisations that are based in Pakistan," the NIA

Fehmeeda and Nasreen using social media and other platforms to wage war against he Indian government. The duo also collected funds to carry out terrorist activities of Dukhtaran-E-Millat, the

#### INSHORT

LOK SABHA PASSES Arbitration bill



New Delhi: A Bill to set up an independent and autonon domestic and international arhitration was passed by the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre (NDIAC) Bill. 2019, seeks to replace an ordinance issued in March this setting up of an independent institutional arbitration.

#### CONG SEEKS TRANSPORT, FOOD FOR PARL STAFF

New Delhi: Congress leader in the Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury on Wednesday requested Speaker Om Birla to provide food and transport facil ities for Parliament staff when the House sits for late hours. His came a day after the Lower House transacted business till the members but staff did not get food. Also, there was no home, Chowdhury said. In response, the Speaker said,
"Now you will get everything."

#### COAL BLOCK AUCTION SOON: COAL MINISTER New Delhi: Union Minister

Pralhad Joshi on Wednesday said the auction of coal blocks would commence "very shortly" major policy changes would also be notified very shortly and expressed hope that the auction would be successful. "Once it is notified, this time, I am quite hopeful that there will be a successful auction and after that auction, the production will further increase," he told the Lok Sabha during the Question

### Co-infection with Kala Azar, HIV on rise in Bihar: Study

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

ncidents of co-infection with Visceral Leishmaniasis (commonly known as Kala Azar, KA) and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) are increasingly being reported from Bihar, noted a team of researchers and warned that such patients are reaching late for medical treatment in

Government hospitals.

They pointed out that symptoms of vector-borne disease KA caused by the sandfly are being often misdiagnosed in the private sector as seasonal fever, while care providers found it difficult to disentangle the clinical symptoms of KA and HIV, due to which patients reach late to district hospitals.

This was leading to high out of pocket expenditure, leaving the patients dependent on

societal support to access care Bihar has 80 per cent of the Kala Azar reported in India.

During the study researchers found that "patients highly valued income and health as indicators of a good quality life, and routinely went into debt accessing care in the private setup. This was due to perceptions of poor quality of care in the Government setup and a lack of knowledge regardvices at the district level."

The researchers from Delhi-based Jawaharlal Nehru University, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Patna and Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF), Spain had interviewed 29 patients including 16 patients co-infected with Kala Azar and HIV and 13 patients co-infected with Kala Azar, HIV, and TB.

Among 29 patients, 24 were men while 5 were women.
"The economic impact of

"The economic impact of seeking care in the private sec-tor combined with lost income during periods of illness con-tributed to feelings of anxiety and hopelessness among patients, and left them dependent on societal support to access care.
"The KA symptoms were

often misdiagnosed in the private sector as seasonal fever, while care providers found it difficult to disentangle the clin-ical symptoms of KA and HIV, contributing to patients presenting late to district hospitals," they noted in the study Quality of life for patients co-infected with kala-azar and HIV: qualitative study from Bihar'

The study was presented here recently at an event MSF

Scientific Day organised by the MSF. After treating more than 13,000 patients suffering from kala azar in Bihar since 2007 the MSF is now focusing on the diagnosis and treatment of HIV-kala azar co-infection.

The researchers were Pragya Kumar, Sanjay Pandey, Alok Ranjan, Chandra Mani Singh and Neeraj Agarwal from AIIMS, Patna, Amit Harshana, Mohit Nair, Shahwar Kazmi and Sakib Burza from Jawaharlal Nehru University and Fernanda Falero, Laura Moreto-Planas from Medecins Sans Frontieres, Barcelona,

Spain.
This study is the first assessment of self-reported quality of life among patients with KA-HIV coinfection in the Asian context, and was particularly relevant to our work in order to understand how patients perceived treatment and why they presented late in seeking care said the researchers.

According to experts, HIV and KA are mutually reinforc-ing infections, which means that HIV-infected people are vulnerable to KA, while KA advances an HIV infection.

MSF is focusing on kala azar-HIV co-infection because relapse and mortality rates are around 13 -14 times higher in comparison to cases of KA without HIV. "KA can also not be completely eliminated with-out addressing the KA-HIV co-infection. So while cases of primary KA are going down, the proportion of co-infections are on the rise, which presents a public health challenge and needs to be addressed comprehensively," explained Dr Deepak Kumar from MSF.

### Govt repatriates CBI DIG Gauba supervising Rakesh Asthana probe

PNS NEW DELHI

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet headed by Prime Minister on Wednesday prematurely repatriated CBI DIG Tarun Gauba who was supervising the probe against former agency Special Director Rakesh Asthana, back

to his cadre. Gauba, a 2001-batch IPS officer from Uttar Pradesh cadre who had also probed Vyapam cases, has been sent back to his UP cadre. The UP cadre IPS officer

was appointed by former CBI Sources saic Additional Director M himself sought r Nageswar Rao to supervise the his home cadre.

probe against Asthana.
"Approval of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) is hereby conveyed for the premature repatriation of Tarun Gauba...DIG, CBI to his state cadre," said an order issued by

Training.
The Government had last week curtailed the tenure of Rao in the CBI and transferred him as the DG of Fire Services, Civil Defence and Home

Department of Personnel and

the Union Home Ministry. Sources said Guaba had himself sought repatriation to

### **Crucial cabinet meet today to chalk** out strategies for Assembly session

STAFF REPORTER

Acrucial cabinet meeting is scheduled at chief minister's official residence on Thursday evening to chalk out strategies for the upcoming monsoon session of the state assembly which will begin on Friday.

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, who will chair the meeting, will discuss with his cabinet colleagues about the possible issues the opposition BJP is going to raise during the fiveday long session.

Though Baghel government is only six months old, Janta



Congress Chhattisgarh, Jogi (JCC-J) is planning to move a no confidence motion against it in this session with the help of main opposition BJP. It has also sent a proposal in this regard to leader of opposition Dharamlal

Meanwhile, keeping a close watch on the fast-changing political developments in the state, the CM called the meeting to prepare themselves for the attacks of opposition on several issues, including power curtailment, failing to provide farm loan waiver to all farmers and the law and order situation in

#### **Suggestions invited for** draft Water **Sustainability Bill 2019**

RAIPUR: Water Resources department Chhattisgarh Sustainability Bill 2019 for different uses of water such as irrigation, drinking water, industrial and other uses.

The department has now invited from public suggestions and objections on the draft bill by July 19, 2019. The WRD intimated that the

draft in Hindi and English has been uploaded in water resources department's www.cgwrd.in. Any state resident can go through the draft bill and register his suggestions and objections with office of the secretary, WRD, Government of Chhattisgarh, Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar Nava Raipur or email it to secy-wrd.cg@gov.in.

### Electoral awareness training through 'play mode' held

lection Commission of India has Etaken up the initiative to continue with electoral awareness programmes across the country irrespective of election schedules.

As part of it, a two-day training programme was organized for state master trainers. They will take up the drive through 'Election Literacy Club. The training schedules were made interesting both for the participants as well as for the trainers.

The training involved various aspects of elections such as EVM and its characters, functions, use

election symbols, candidates and other topics. Even certain games are also used to explain different fea-

tures of election and its process.

Addressing the concluding ceremony, joint Chief Electoral Officer SVEEP Dr K.R.R. Singh appreciated role of master trainers and urged them to continue with the SVEEP activity.

The Club is just a seed, which will create awareness in future among the electors and continue to do so. The feedbacks from participants were also taken. Certificates were also given to the participants.

### SECL Director (Personnel) Dr R S Jha's tenure extended

Tenure of Director (Personnel) of the South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) Dr. R. S. Jha has been extended till January 31, 2021.

A decision in this regard was taken by appointments committee of the Union Cabinet. Dr Jha was to complete his five vears tenure as Director (Personnel) of the SECL on September 30 this year.

During his tenure as the Director (Personnel) of SECL, Dr Jha has proved to be a strategic professional who displays participative



management style in fastpaced diverse work force.

He has been instruin manpower rationalization, skill development initiatives, escala-

tion of medical facilities for

SECL employees and such other assignments of HR Department, the SECL said

in a press release.
"These initiatives have not only been popular amongst the employees but have been widely applauded by HR fraternity across the country," the release

Dr. Jha, has also been instrumental in implementing various government welfare schemes, in SECL like the Swacch Vidhvalava, Skill India, etc.

Dr. Jha is a member on the Board of SECL as well as its two subsidiaries, viz. Chhattisgarh East Railway (CERL)

Railway Ltd. (CEWRL). He is Board of Trustee (BoT) member of Coal Mines Provident Organization (CMPFO) and has also served as Board of Chairman, Education

Quality Government Engineering Bilaspur.

Dr. Jha was conferred "Pride of HR Profession (in PSU)" Award by the World HRD Congress in February this year. He has received several other awards and accolades during his

### **Amarjeet Bhagat warns ration** shop owners against irregularities

ood and Civil Supplies Food and Community Bhagat Amarjeet Bhagat the on Wednesday warned the ration shop owners in the state that they would be replaced if they were found indulging in irregularities.

The minister said his department was going to inspect all the ration shops across the state and will verify the complaints of irregularities against them.

Bhagat was speaking to media persons here at party's state headquarters, Rajiv Bhavan. He was present there to hear the plights of the Congress workers

If any irregularity



found an immediate action would be taken against the

the chief minister Bhupesh Baghel for assigning him an important portfolio, which versal public distribution scheme to be launched on the

occasion of Gandhi Jayanti (October 2, 2019), the minister said the process of preparation of ration cards would get completed by September 30. "It is the responsibility on my shoulder to make avail rice in affordable price to all 65 lakhs families from the ration shops across the state", he said.

Notable, the scheme was a part of election manifesto of the Congress in the recently held assembly elections. The Above Poverty Level families will also be benefitted from the PDS system under the



in Sukma district on Wednesday. The cops explained in details to locals that police personnel needed to be treated by them as 'trusted

### HIV Viral Load Testing Centre inauguration today

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ RAIPUR

Public Health, family welfare and medical education minister T. S. Singhdeo will dedicate the H.I.V Viral Load Testing Centre to public at Microbiology department (second floor) of Pt Jawahar Lal Nehru Medical College, Raipur on July 11 at

After the inauguration of the Viral Load Testing machine at Raipur, the HIV infected persons blood sample testing will be done locally. Earlier, the blood samples were being sent to Kolkata or Mumbai for testing. The tests will be free of cost. It is hoped that the facility will give a boost to HIV treatment as with immediate results available, proper medication can be administered as per the changes detected in the patient.

Organisation (NACO) has provided the machines to all the states. Chhattisgarh will have its



ment of AIDS. Already, the state treatment to the local AIDS

### NTPC Sipat organises health check-up camp

 $S_{\text{Power}}^{\text{ipat Super Thermal}}$  Power Station of power utility NTPC Limited organised a health check-up camp at village Kaudia on July 8. In this camp 110

patients were examined by NTPC's specialist doctor and free medicines were provided for their treatment, according to a press communiqué issued by the NTPC Sipat.

The camp was organised under the NTPC's Corporate Social Responsibility-C o m m u n i t y Development activities



as with the advent of monsoon various seasonal diseases spreads in the rural areas.

Apart from this, the NTPC also provides sup-port for up gradation of physical health centres and other hospitals by providing health equip-

On this occasion Dr. Poonam Specialist (O&G) and Dr. Sarans Raja, MBBS and paramedical staff of Patanjali hospital and Department employees rendered their

### C'garh to host national science exhibition 2019

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ RAIPUR

hhattisgarh will host 46th Jawahar Lal Nehru National Science, Mathematics and Environment Exhibition-2019.

School Education minister Dr Premsai Singh Tekam held preliminary meeting on Wednesday at Mahanadi Bhawan (Secretariat) to discuss different aspects of hosting the event in the month of October-November this

Around 200 models on the theme 'Scientific solution for challenges in life' from across the country will be displayed in the exhibition. The sub-subjects are agriculture and organic farming, health and cleanliness, resources management, solid waste management, transport and commu-

As per estimate, around 400 students and 200 teachers will be participating in the exhibition to be held for 5-6 days. The local school students will visit the exhibition and hold discussion.

Chhattisgarh state will be submitting 25 models for exhibi-

Lecture series of renowned scientists will be held on daily basis on current and other sub jects. A tour to prominent spots of the state will be arranged for participants from other parts of the country on the last day.

Principal Secretary School education Gaurav Dwivedi, Director Public Instructions S Prakash and other senior officials were present in the meeting.

### **Businessman stabbed to** death in Mungeli, one held

STAFF REPORTER

Awholesale grocery mer-chant was stabbed to death in the early hours of

Wednesday.

One of the three accused was later nabbed by the Mungeli police while two oth-

ers are still absconding.

The incident took place at Sarthi Mohalla under Kotwali police station jurisdiction of

police station jurisdiction of the district headquarters. According to Sub Divisional Officer Police (SDOP), Mungeli, Tejram businessman Dhingadmal Jain was stabbed to death by three of the accused Raghu Nishad, Kuber and Pappu Alias Arvind, The accused were identified with the help of CCTV footages.



After identifying the accused Raghu was nabbed. The weapon used in the crime and a mobile phone, said to be of the accused, were also seized by the police. According to police the accused Raghu later admitted that the trio stabbed Dhingadmal with a knife in a fit of rage after the businessman scolded them on

Wednesday morning when they were consuming liquor and cannabis near his house. Dhingadmal died on the spot, police said.

Police claimed that soon the rest of the two accused would also be nabbed. Police registered a case under relevant sections and are further

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### **Sidhu absent, Capt takes** command of power dept

Orders crackdown on power theft to check PSPCL losses

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With his 'rebellious' Power Minister Navjot Singh Sidhu yet to take over his new department, Puniab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Wednesday held a high level review meeting to take a stock of the power situation in the state in the wake of peak demand.

The unwavered Sidhu has not assumed the new charge since June 6 when he was divested of charge of Local Government and Tourism and Cultural Affairs portfolios in a cabinet reshuffle, the first after the Lok Sabha election results. He has been given Power and New and Renewable Energy

Sidhu's absence, the Chief Minister has been montioring the power situation over the past few weeks. Wednesday's meeting was convened to review the power situation and progress of ether. uation and progress of other works relating to the Power Ministry amidst reports from across the State over the power shortage that was mainly hampering the paddy transplanta-

Chief Minister, chairing the meeting, ordered a crack down on power theft in a bid to check the huge losses suf-fered by the Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL), particularly in the areas bor-dering Pakistan and Haryana.

Capt Amarinder directed the state Chief Secretary Karan Avtar Singh to issue detailed guidelines to the district police and civil administration in the concerned districts to work with PSPCL to check power

He also asked the Chief Secretary to tie up with the state Director General of Police (DGP) Dinkar Gupta to ensure adequate police protection to PSPCL staff engaged in taking action against unscrupulous elements engaged in pilferage of power through 'kundi con-

nections'.

PSPCL chairman-cummanaging director BS Sran informed that the maximum losses on Urban Power Supply (UPS) feeders were reported in the border towns of Bhikiwind (80 percent), Patti (71 percent), Zira (61 percent) followed by Patran (57 percent), Baghapurana (55 percent),

Tarn Taran (51 percent) and Ajnala (50 percent). To clear PSPCL's mounting subsidy arrears, the Chief Minister directed the Finance Department to ensure timely release of the payments to help the power entity operate seamlessly and efficaciously. He also asked the Finance Department to ensure release of subsidy

payments at regular intervals.

On the tardy supply of coal to the thermal power plants in the state, the Chief Minister informed the PAPCL CMD that he had already taken up this issue with the Centre and requested it to direct Coal India Limited to ensure regular and uninterrupted supply for smooth generation of power in the State

He asked the CMD to expedite the Shahpur Kandi Power Project as an alternate source of eco-friendly hydropower generation, which would result in financial ben-efits of Rs 250-300 crore per year to PSPCL.

The CMD told the Chief Minister that the total power demand in the State had gone up by 17.78 percent in June this vear, and had further escalated to 33.31 percent as of date, compared with the corresponding periods of the previous year which was the result of the prolonged dry spell and delayed monsoon.

### Pb makes English mandatory for writing testimonies

Judgments in lower court. SAD seeks review

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) On Wednesday asked the Punjab Government to seek review of the latest order of the Punjab and Harvana High Court making it mandatory for the state's lower courts to ensure the abstract of the case, depositions of witnesses and judg

ments in English language only.
"It would make the justice delivery system a cumbersome exercise for 90 percent of the population of Punjab," said the former minister and SAD senior vice-president Daljit Singh

In Punjab, more than 90 percent population speaks and understands only Punjabi language, and they could not be able to comprehend the testimonies and judgments providation English became he soid ed in English language, he said

"They would need a translator at every step and it would not only make them venerable to financial exploitation, they might be misguided about the depositions and judgments as

well," he added.

Urging the State
Government to take appropriate action and file a review peti-tion against the court order, Cheema said that this is the biggest responsibility of the State Government to provide a hassle-free justice delivery sys-

tem to the people of the state.

"The State Government should file a review petition immediately and through its battery of legal hawk put this point before the court that the latest order of Punjab and Haryana High Court could make the process of seeking justice a very complicated affair for the people of the State," he

Citing the Supreme Court's latest decision of clearing decks for providing judgments in six regional languages, Cheema said that according to this decision, Punjabi language must be used in courts for convenience of the common folk.

"The latest court decision is polar opposite to the Punjab Reorganization Act which clearly proposes that the court works would be in Punjabi language in Punjabi-speaking area as well as in Hindi language at Hindi speaking area and it would be in Punjabi language at Chandigarh till it makes its own norms," he said.

### Women panel wants censor board for vulgar songs

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab State Commission for Women wanted to delete the noise of indecency from Punjabi music by having state's own 'Censor Board' for Punjabi songs and videos glorifying vulgarity and indecen-

The proposal, floated almost eight years back, is yet to see the light of the day. In fact, in the absence of any mechanism to check the "men"" the Punishi singers are ace", the Puniabi singers are singing in praise of vulgarity making a bad influence on the

young generations.
It was in 2012 that the then state's Cultural Affairs Minister Sarwan Singh Phillaur mooted the proposal to set up the Censor Board to screen the content shown in videos and the lyrics so that the censored content reaches the public However, at that time, the State received a dressing down by the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) dubbing it as a "separatist move".

The demand to have state's own Censor Board has once again gained momentum with the state's women panel chief Manisha Gulati giving voice to the same.

After ensuring registration of a case against Punjabi rap-per Yo Yo Honey Singh for using lewd lyrics against women in his latest song 'Makhna' besides the producer Bhushan Kumar, Gulati insisted that Board must be constituted for the songs on line with the censor board for

"Songs have very crucial role either to make or mar a society. The song 'Makhna' by Honey Singh has played a cat-astrophic role to misguide the youngsters by its lewd lyrics," said Gulati.

She said that a Censor Board for the songs is "urgent-ly required" which will act as a deterrent against such singers who were singing vulgar songs.
"I will personally meet the
Chief Minister to request him to set up a Censor Board in Punjab," she said.

Notably, the Punjab and Haryana High Court is also hearing a public interest litigation on curbing vulgar lyrics in Punjabi songs.

A government official told
The Pioneer that the main
problem is how to control the contents on the social media which is on everyone's finger-tips. "It is quite difficult to censor the content at a time when everything is just a click away and available on the worldwide web and on everyone's mobile sets," added the official.

Over the period, the leaders, and the respective Ministers had only created noise, instead of actually acting

During the present regime, the state's former Cultural

Sidhu had announced to set up a Punjab Sabhyachaar (Culture) ity and vulgarity" besides the glorification of drugs and vio-

He had also maintained that the Commission would also have powers to monitor content served through the social media, but the panel is yet to see the light of the day.

set up after an Act for setting it up would be passed in the House, was empowered to have powers to register FIRs against those who violate a "code of conduct".

"The Commission would first issue show-cause notices, then call the singers for counselling and still if they don't desist, then as a last resort the option of getting an FIR registered against the singer would also be open to the commis-sion," said the official.

#### WOMEN PANEL SEEKS GURDAS MANN'S HELP

Punjab State Women Commission chairperson also appealed the famous legendary Punjabi singer Gurdas Mann to come forward and support the women panel in its campaign against vulgar songs. "Gurdas Mann should per-

suade the singers and produc-ers to not to sing or produce vulgar songs in future," she said.

### Paradise for Birds in Hry under CCTV surveillance

To keep an eye on birds' activities and check poaching, department of Forest (wildlife), Haryana has decided to install high power closed circuit television (CCTV) cameras in Sultanpur National Park, which is a bird paradise for bird

Famous for its migratory as well as resident birds, the National Park is situated in Gurgaon on Gurgaon-Farrukh

For over one hundred years now, Sultanpur Jheel has been attracting birds, said an official, adding migratory species reach here after covering incredible distance, when their homeland in Europe, Siberia and Central Asia becomes inhabitable due to cold temperature, snow covered ground and frozen lakes.

During summer and monsoon months, the park is inhabited by many local bird species. A total of around 250 bird species have been reported in the park.

The installation of CCTV cameras is a part of an advanced surveillance mechanism that will be put in place to check poaching and also study the birds' activities. Cameras will be installed on strategic locations

Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden, Haryana, said the monitoring of birds has a widespread potential in numerous applications in ecology, climatology, and avian science. The high power closed circuit television cameras will be installed at some more vital locations in the National park to keep an eye on birds' activi-ties. This will help curb cases of possible poaching and disturbing of birds besides conducting patrolling at night to monitor activities. In addition to this, the new project will enhance the surveillance capacity of the workforce of the department,

ML Raivanshi, Chief Conservator of Forests (wildlife) said that the preservation of the ecology of the sanctuary is most important by keeping damage to the habitat at a minimum. Surveillance system is aimed at effective monitoring and surveillance of birds' activities at selected locations and we have planned to complete the project of advanced monitoring system very soon.

"The project will also help us in effective monitoring and

having a clear vision and offi-cials will be appointed to keep a vigil on birds activities. VS Tanwar, Principal Chief



quick decision making," he said, adding "the CCTV cameras will be installed on electricity poles together and other important locations and power important locations and power will be supplied by the electricity department". Power will be supplied through underground electricity wires.

He said that the installation cameras would also help in reducing the number of deaths and minimising poaching and other criminal activities in the park. CCTV cameras will be connected to local control room which will be set up at each location for the data collection

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and analysis. Local control rooms will be connected to divisional/central control room.

Raivanshi added that in forest areas, activities during night remain high as compared to day and night vision through CCTV cameras will help in monitoring activities more effectively. The cameras will provide live feed of birds' activities in the covered area.

"The incidents are not only limited to birds' smuggling, human interface in forest areas but there are many incidents which could not be notified due

huge forest area and highly active poachers and criminals in the area," Rajvanshi said.

Besides improving the for-est department's monitoring capabilities, the project would help the authorities in conservation of birds and other wildlife animals, identification of poaching or other wildlife crime prone areas, checking infiltration and illegal activities and in effective decision mak-ing, he said, adding the monitoring is being done with the help of department officials and this will continue but the project will enhance proficiency and capabilities of our work-

force, Moreover, every year, lakhs Moreover, every year, takns of people visit the national park to watch the birds. Bird lovers' especially old men and women, children and others will be facilitated to watch the birds' activities through TV screen from a common place within the park. CCTV cameras will be monitored by the officials sitting in district and state

headquarters.
The Chief Conservator of Forests said that based on bird watchers' demand, the depart-ment is also considering to close the national park for only two months in place four months from May to September.

Observers said that illegal killing of birds is known to be a particular and growing issue of concern. Illegal activities are by their nature often hidden and difficult to track, and monand difficult to track, and mon-itoring the illegal killing of birds therefore requires addi-tional considerations to those for monitoring bird abundance or distribution. Sources said that the increase in birds num-bers, coupled with insufficient staff, is one of the main reasons for the department turning to install CCTV cameras to ensure

### Digvijay to reply to WC on derogatory comments against Sapna Chaudhary

day after receiving a Anotice from Haryana State Women Commission for his alleged indecent remark against Haryanvi dancer-singer Sapna Chaudhary, Jannayak Janta Party leader Digvijay Chautala on Wednesday said that he stands by his state-ment and will submit his reply after consulting with his

legal team. "I have not made any insulting comments about a woman. I respect Sapna Chaudhary but I also stand by my statement," Digvijay said while talking to the media-persons on Wednesday.

Commenting on the

Harvanavi dancer-singer Chaudhary joining the BJP, Digvijay Chautala, while talking a dig at the BJP had ear-lier said, "Ab thumke lagane wali BJP ke liye votes layegi (Now, a dancer will help the BJP win votes)."

He had also labelled

in our culture."
Following this, Haryana State Women Commission had issued a notice to Digvijay seeking a reply with-in three days, failing which ex parte action would be taken against him.

on the notice, Digvijay on Wednesday said, "The kind of environment we are living in today... I might get arrested or put in jail for all this. But I do not think I have

said anything wrong."
I will submit my reply in next two days, he added.

Digvijay Chautala is the grandson of former Chief Minister OP Chautala and younger brother of former MP Dushyant Chautala.

Haryana BJP chief Subhash Barala have condemned the remark made by Digvijay as 'inappropriate' and stated that every artist has a right to express his political affiliations without being unwarrantedly targeted with

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#### India bans SFJ, Punjab CM hails the move Affairs' (MHA) order, declared

India has banned the Sikhs for Justice (SFJ) — the pro-Khalistan outfit which has been pushing the Sikh Referendum-- as unlawful association under the Unlawful Activities

Hailing the decision, Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Wednesday described it as the first step towards protecting the nation from the anti-India or secessionist plans and designs of the ISI-backed

The Government of India, through the Ministry of Home

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the fringe group SFJ as unlawful association under the UAPA.
In the recent past, India had

suspended the Twitter handle of SFJ's legal head and main spokesperson Gurpatwant Singh Pannu, who has also recently threatened Punjab Director General of Police (DGP) Dinkar Gupta in a video

Notably, Pakistan had already banned the organisation in April this year.

Puniab police had booked more than half a dozen cases against SFJ activists in India for terrorist activities. In fact, cases

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were also registered against the outfit in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.
Welcoming the move, Chief

Minister said that though the outright as a terrorist organisation, the Government of India had at least taken a long-overdue stand against SFJ, which had unleashed a wave of terror and fear in Punjab in recent years.

Capt Amarinder said: "With this step, the Centre had finally shown its much-needed intent to crack down on the organization, which was covert ly being backed by Pakistan's ISI in its conspiratorial campaign over 'Sikh Referendum 2020', launched in 2014."

However, he asserted that the Central Government would have to take more proactive measures to crack down on SFJ and its affiliates or operatives in the interest of national securi-

ty.

"The recent years had seen blatant attempts by SFJ to radicalize, fund and motivate some poor and gullible youth of Punjab into committing acts of arson and violence," Amarinder pointed out, adding that the outfit had also been making efforts to enlist the support of gangsters and radiin Puniab and exhorting them to fight for the 'liberation of Puniab' from the Indian gov-

Capt Amarinder came down heavily against those try-ing to play down the vile threat posed by SFJ, which continues to flex its muscle not just within but also outside India, as

On the day, UK-based SFI activists were in the spotlight during the India versus England World Cup cricket match at Edgbaston (Birmingham). "Pamma and his associates were seen wearing T-shirts of Referendum 2020 and waving the Khalistani Flag at the Cricket match," he said.

He added that in a highly secessionist act, SFI also shared a poster on social media just las week urging pro-Khalistani Sikhs to boo the Indian team during the semi-final match against New-Zealand. "These incidents totally negate the ridiculous stand of

SAD and its leaders, as evident

in the statement of party spokesperson Daljit Singh Cheema that Khalistan was no longer an issue," he said.

Pointing to the gravity of the issue, Capt Amarinder urged the Akalis to refrain from playing petty politics over it, and instead to join the government

in fighting and eliminating the "Akali leaders seemed to be wilfully ignoring the vicious agenda of SFJ, showing how little they cared about the interests of Punjab and its people," he

Capt Amarinder also exhorted the global community to support India's efforts to SFJ's secessionist and violent had been cleverly shrouded behind a supposedly non-vio-lent Referendum campaign.

"Any country allowing SFI

to use its soil for destabilizing India would also suffer the consequences of such an act as no nation could remain unaf fected as a result of supporting terror or violence against another," he added. The Chief Minister pointed

that Punjab Police, over the last three years, had registered several criminal cases against such youth as well as SFJ leaders or operatives based in various countries and working under the command of SFJ promoters, operating from USA, Canada, UK. Malaysia etc.

The recovery of arms and ammunition from apprehended youth or operatives has exposed a major network, spread across various south-African countries, and using money transfers over MTSS or hawala channels to finance the violence and illegal activities.

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# British envoy to US resigns US, China negotiators

British Prime Minister Theresa May said Darroch's

departure was "a matter of

sador said it was "impossible"

of Commons that the ambas-

sador had the full backing of the Cabinet and had given a "lifetime of service" to the UK,

for which he was owed an "enormous debt of gratitude".

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May told MPs in the House

 $B^{\text{ritain's}}_{\text{US, Kim Darroch, resigned}}$  Wednesday amidst an escalating diplomatic row between over leaked emails in which he described President Donald Trump's administration as "clumsy" and "inept."

The resignation, announced by the UK Foreign Office, came after US President Donald Trump said Monday that the White House would no longer deal with Darroch.

Trump had branded Darroch a "very stupid guy" after emails emerged where the ambassador had called his administration "clumsy and Darroch said he wanted to

put an end to speculation and step down as the leak had made it "impossible" for him to do his job in Washington. "Since the leak of official documents from this Embassy there has been a great deal of speculation surrounding my position and the duration of my remaining term as ambassador.

I want to put an end to that

speculation," he said in his resignation letter addressed to

Simon McDonald, the senior-

most official at the UK Foreign

Office and head of the diplo-

matic service. "The current situation is making it impossible for me to carry out my role as I would like," he said.

Following the leak, Darroch was dis-invited from a dinner with Trump, the Emir of Qatar on Monday

**EMAIL LEAK ROW WITH TRUMP** depends on public servants being able to give full and frank advice", she said.

May, the outgoing prime minister, spoke of the importance of "defending our values and principles particularly when they are under pressure".

The ambassador's resignation comes after a series of diplomatic messages sent by him were leaked at the week-

In his reply, McDonald said Darroch had been the target of "a malicious leak" and expressed gratitude for his" work. "You are the best of us,"

The outgoing diplomat, who was set to retire at the end of the year, also received the backing of foreign secretary Jeremy Hunt, currently in the midst of a leadership contest with Boris Johnson to replace May.

Hunt said he was "deeply
" L. Darroch's decisaddened" by Darroch's deci-sion to resign after serving the

UK with the "utmost dedication and distinction". "He brought dispassionate insight and directness to his

reporting to ministers in London. Whenever I visited Washington as Foreign Secretary, I was struck by Sir Kim's professionalism and intellect. I am outraged that a selection of his reports should have been leaked," said Hunt, who had earlier taken to Twitter to admonish Trump over his very personal attacks on Theresa May and Darroch in the wake of the email leak

row.
"@realDonaldTrump friends speak frankly so I will: these comments are disrespectful and wrong to our Prime Minister and my country," Hunt tweeted on Tuesday, reacting to Trump's attack on May for handling Brexit in a "foolish way".

Darroch received widespread backing across party lines in the UK, with Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn telling the Commons: "The comments made about him are beyond unfair and wrong. I think he has given honourable and good given honourable and good service and he should be

# resume trade war talks

Top US and Chinese negotiators held phone talks on Tuesday as the world's top two economies seek to resolve their trade war, more than a week after they declared Talks had broken down in

May over US accusations that Beijing had reneged on its commitments, and the dispute escalated with the two sides exchanging steep increases in punitive tariffs.

But US President Donald Trump and Chinese leader Xi Jinping agreed to revive nego-tiations when they met on the sidelines of the G20 summit in Japan on June 29.

US Treasury Secretary

Steven Mnuchin and Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer spoke with Chinese Vice Premier Liu He and Commerce Minister Zhong

Shan on Tuesday.
White House economic adviser Larry Kudlow told reporters the talks "went con-

structively" but it was "too soon for details." In an interview with the

Fox Business Network, Kudlow described the discussions as "preliminary" and said meetings will "probably" be arranged, but did not give more details.

Kudlow noted that Trump has agreed to hold off on imposing new tariffs and will allow certain US products to be sold to Chinese telecom giant

"Having said that, we have Having said that, we have a very strong — I want to underscore this — a very strong expectation that China will really shortly, maybe immediately ately, begin to purchase US agricultural products," he told the US broadcaster.

The Chinese commerce ministry said in a brief statement that the two sides exchanged "opinions on imple-menting the consensus reached between the two countries heads of state in Osaka.

Washington and Beijing have hit each other with punitive tariffs covering more than \$360 billion in two-way trade and those duties remain in

After his meeting with Xi in Osaka, Trump said he would refrain from imposing tariffs on more Chinese products. He had previously threatened to put punitive duties on an additional \$300 billion in Chinese exports.

He also triggered a back-lash in the US Congress by agreeing to soften some US export restrictions on compo-nents to Huawei, though Trump stipulated that officials would take care to avoid creating new risks to US national

The United States had imposed tough sanctions on the company, whose equipment US officials fear could be used as Trojan horses for China's intelligence services.

The ceasefire comes as the

US presidential campaign has started ahead of the November 2020 election.

### Iran warns Britain of 'repercussions' over ship seizure

**AFP** ■ TEHRAN

Tran's president says Britain will face "repercussions" over the seizure of Iranian supertanker.

Hassan Rouhani was quoted by the official IRNA news agency Wednesday as calling the seizure "mean and wrong" during a Cabinet meet-"You are an initiator of inse-He warns London: curity and you will understand its repercussions," with-

Prench President Emmanuel Macron's top diplomatic advisor on Wednesday held high-level talks in Tehran aimed

at saving the 2015 nuclear deal and easing tensions between Iran and the United States.

Emmanuel Bonne met Rear-Admiral Ali Shamkhani,

the secretary of Iran's Supreme

National Security Council, and Foreign Minister Mohammad

Last week, authorities in Gibraltar intercepted an Iranian supertanker that was believed to be breaching European Union sanctions by carrying a shipment of Tehran's crude oil to war-ravaged Syria.

The tanker's detention comes at a particularly sensitive time as tensions between the U.S. And Iran grow over the unraveling of a 2015 nuclear deal, which President Donald Trump withdrew from

Javad Zarif and his deputy

Abbas Araghchi.
Bonnes mission is "to try

and open the discussion space to

avoid an uncontrolled escalation, or even an accident", according

to French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian. The 2015 accord

between Iran and world powers,

the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), promised

sanctions relief, economic ben-

efits and an end to international isolation in return for strin-

### Europe urges Iran to stick to troubled nuclear deal

 $E^{\text{uropean powers urged Iran}}_{\text{On Tuesday to reverse its}}$ move to increase uranium enrichment, as a French envoy arrived in Tehran to boost efforts to save a landmark 2015

The accord between Iran and world powers promised sanctions relief, economic benefits and an end to international isolation of the Islamic repub-lic in return for stringent curbs

on its nuclear programme.

But Tehran says it has lost patience with perceived inaction by European countries more than a year after President

French envoy in Tehran talks for nuclear deal salvage bid

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patience with perceived inaction by European countries more than a year after President Donald Trump unilaterally pulled the United States out of

"Negotiations are never possible under pressure," Zarif said before the meeting with Bonne, in reference to US sanctions against Iran.

public's nuclear programme.
But Tehran says it has lost

Donald Trump pulled the United States out of the agree-

The European parties to the deal along with the EU's diplo-matic chief on Tuesday called on Tehran to reverse breaches of the agreement. "The foreign ministers of

France, Germany, and the United Kingdom and the (EU) High Representative express deep concern that Iran is pursuing activities inconsistent with its commitments under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPoA)," they said in a statement, using the deal's official name. "It must act accord-

Pointing to the US with-

Pointing to the US with-drawal from the JCPOA, he added that the Europeans "must solve that problem." The European parties to the deal along with the EU's diplomatic chief on Tuesday called on Tehran to reverse its breaches of the aurement.

Iran "must act accordingly by... Returning to full JCPOA compliance without delay", said

a statement from the European Union and foreign ministers of

the agreement.

compliance without delay. According to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), tasked with inspections, while Iran consistently lived up to its commitments under the deal until recently, it is now in breach of two of them.

President French Emmanuel Macron sent his top diplomatic advisor to Tehran after Iran announced on Monday it had passed 4.5 per-cent uranium enrichment above the 3.67 per cent limit under the agreement though still far below the 90 per cent necessary for military pur

France, Germany and Britain.

Bonne arrived in Tehran after Iran announced Monday it

had surpassed 4.5 per cent ura-nium enrichment -- above the 3.67 per cent limit under the

accord, though still far below the 90 percent necessary for military

confirmed that Iran surpassed

300 kilogrammes of enriched

uranium reserves, another limit that was imposed by the deal.

Farlier this month, it was

#### S Korea warns of 'prolonged' export row with Japan

South Korean President Moon Jae-in on Wednesday told top business leaders that Japan's ban on exports of chemicals crucial to the country's tech sector had caused an "unprecedented emergency" and warned of a drawn-out trade dispute.

Tokyo last week said it

would stop shipment of com-pounds used by major firms including Samsung Electronics and SK Hynix in the manufac-ture of microchips and smartphones, increasing long-simmering tensions over the use of forced labour during World

War Two. With the two firms accounting for almost two-thirds of global chip produc-tion, the issue is raising con-cerns about the impact on the supply chains across the plan-et.

Moon on Wednesday met executives from Samsung Electronics and SK Group as well as Hyundai Motor Co. And Lotte Group to discuss the crisis, telling them last week's decision by Tokyo was intended to damage South Korea's economy.

### Nawaz Sharif's daughter summoned by anti-graft court in fake trust deed case

ailed former Pakistan prime minister Nawaz Sharif's daughter Marvam Nawaz has been summoned by an anticorruption court to appear before it on July 19 for alleged-ly submitting a fake trust deed in the high-profile Avenfield Apartments case. The Avenfield properties case was one of three filed by

the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) last year in light of the Supreme Court's verdict against Sharif in the Panama Papers case.

The case pertains to the ownership of the Sharif fami-y's apartments at Avenfield House, London.

Accountability court Judge Muhammad Bashir issued the notice to Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Vice-President Maryam, asking the 45-year-old political leader to appear

in court on July 19.
According to the NAB, Pakistan's anti-corruption watchdog, the trust deed Maryam presented in the Avenefield case was fake and have requested a trial against the PML-N leader for fraud-

# ulent documents.

In 2017, a Pakistani team investigating former prime minister Sharif alleged illegal

offshore properties - flagged in the Panama Papers. Last year in September, the Islamabad High Court sus-pended the sentences for Maryam and her husband

Captain (retd) M Safdar in the Avenfield corruption case.

On July 6, after four extensions in the original six-month deadline to con-

clude all three cases, the accountability court announced its verdict in the

Avenfield case. Sharif, his daughter Maryam and son-in-law Safdar were sentenced to 11

years, eight years and one year, respectively, in prison.

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

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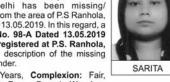
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Age: 17 Years 3 months, Height: 5'3", Complexion Wheatish, Face: Round, Wearing : Blue colour T-Shirt & Black colour lower and Black colour clothes shoes in feet... Any person is having any information/Clue about this Missing girl, may inform SHO, Bawana, Delhi at -mail ld-ci cbi.gov.in or Website: http://cbi.nic.in SHO

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on Communist Party critics

a member of the now-defunct New Citizens Movement, which campaigned for democracy and government

It is unusual in China for members of civil society or human rights activists to be accused of terrorism, and his wife told AFP that she fears it suggests Zhang might receive a heavy prison sen-

He has continued to be a vocal critic of the Communist Party even after the move ment was suppressed and at least 20 of its members were

arrest is unclear. Zhang was arrested by Beijing police on July 4, suspected of "picking quarrels, promoting terror-ism, extremism, and inciting terrorism," according to an arrest warrant shared by his wife, Liu Juefan.

#### China activist arrested for PUBLIC NOTICE General public is hereby promoting informed that 356 no of Equity shares certificates of terrorism' Reliance Industries Limited, Folio Number 034519811. in

AFP ■ RELUNG

Activist who had urged officials to disclose their Chinese anti-corruption wealth was arrested for allegedly "promoting terror-ism", as Beijing clamps down Zhang Baocheng, 60, was

Zhang was given a two year prison term in 2014 for "disrupting public order" after holding a banner in a crowded shopping area in Beijing urging officials to disclose their assets as a check against corruption.

detained in a year-long crack-down starting in 2013. But what led to his latest

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#### PAPER WITH PASSION = A lost summer

India's exit from the 50-over World Cup disappointed millions but things look good for the future



nternational cricket tournaments are sadly few and far between nowadays, much like football, where club competitions have changed the game and at a level devalued the World Cup in that sport. The rise of franchise cricket tournaments like the Indian Premier League (IPL) seems to have taken the gloss off international tournaments. But the Cricket World Cup this summer still drew in millions of viewers, with streaming service Hotstar setting a world record for the most viewed stream during the India-Pakistan game, which despite being a damp squib, proved how

excited the sub-continent gets when the two rivals compete, making yet another compelling case for renewed sporting ties. Then again, Pakistan's airspace still remains closed to Indian carriers, so renewed sporting ties will be on the back-burner for at least another few years.

But the manner of India's exit at the hands of New Zealand, thanks to a stunning exhibition of fast, swing bowling by that team's stars, doesn't just make us marvel how a country, whose population is a fifth of Delhi's, can produce such championship teams but how the vagaries of cricket, such as the Duckworth-Lewis method, are not really fair. The fact that the International Cricket Council (ICC) kept a spare day for the match should be commended but the weather did play a dampener for most fans, both at the start of the tournament and towards the end. However, one could fairly argue that the weather is an equal opportunity destroyer of games. Admittedly, it did make the coin toss vital and it has been telling that throughout this World Cup, teams batting first have won most games. It is not just disproportionate, it is totally lopsided. Cricket has an excellent opportunity to become the world's second-largest team sport after football. This is a space that several different sports from rugby to field hockey and even American sports such as baseball and basketball are aspiring towards. Yet the cricket World Cup was a singularly exclusive event for ten nations and, of course, massive numbers of diaspora citizens across the world. This tournament, while holding up a modicum of excitement, did not preach the game to new fans or to new nations. This has been the singular failure of the tournament and must make the ICC and even the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) the most powerful national cricket board, a bit worried. Sure, the Indian diaspora is pretty much everywhere and a strong team from the United States and Canada within the next decade thanks to the diaspora is a given, but cricket needs to spread. Not just to Iceland, whose cricket 'board' took out some hilarious tweets, but to East Asia and further into Africa and possible Europe. And on that front, this tournament has not done its job. So the ICC really needs to step up to the plate, to borrow a phrase from baseball, and ensure that the message of cricket spreads far and wide. Because other sports are also competing for the affections of Indians, and nothing will breed success for the game as much as a properly global world cup the next time around.

### **Contaminated food**

Despite strict protocols, govt study shows 30 per cent of samples have failed the safety test and are adulterated



ust when we thought that food safety was finally an achievable target, what with Ulaws and guidelines becoming more stringent and consumers demanding reassurance of the origin and processing, comes a reality check. According to government data, almost one-third of the food samples tested across the country in 2018-19 was found adulterated or sub-standard, with Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu leading the list where nearly half of the samples failed the test. What is shocking is that failed samples are now 30 per cent of the lot, which was 25 per cent over the last two years. The tests, carried out

within the parameters set by the food safety regulator, FSSAI, mean that crackdowns and heightened awareness have meant little. Between 2016-17 and 2018-19, about 8,100 people were convicted for committing food tampering offences and authorities across the states collected nearly ₹43.65 crore fine from the offenders. Which means that unscrupulous practices of diluting food quality with substitutes and additives continue unabated without fear of falling foul of the law. What it also means is that pesticides and chemicals used in agriculture have had a stubborn effect, affecting both soil and plant health, leading to unwanted spikes in harmful chemicals in food sources. There have been frequent reports of adulterated milk, frighteningly diluted with not just water but starch, groundnut milk and wheat flour. Some reports have also suggested how a majority of Indians would suffer major diseases only because of food contamination. Cooking oils continue to be mixed with low-grade palm oil, cheap edible oils and even cottonseed oil. Some of these are coloured and flavoured to avoid detection of substitutes. Even items of everyday use pose serious health risks, like tea, where used tea leaves are processed and coloured, coffee, which is routinely mixed with tamarind seed, date seed powder and chicory powder and wheat and other foodgrains, into which poisonous fungus is tossed in for volumes. Kitchen essentials like mustard are often mixed with argemone seeds, turmeric with dyes and chilli powder with brick powder.

It's not that the laws aren't there but what is pathetically lacking is their uniform implementation and interpretation. Many amendments have been suggested in the Food Safety and Standards (FSS) Act, including life imprisonment and penalty of up to ₹10 lakh for adulterants. FSSAI has also proposed setting up of state food safety authorities so that this law can be enforced in letter and spirit down to the grassroots. In line with Singapore's Sale of Food Act, the FSSAI has further proposed that the errant will have to pay fees and other expenses incidental to the analysis of any food, thereby making him/her culpable for reneging on prescribed standards. But as producers, they can hardly be expected to be altruistic or not attempt to bend the rules in collusion with local food inspectors. Besides, often the adulterants escape detection. Therefore, there need to be standardised screening protocols that can be applied for random checks and booking offenders. Food labelling has definitely led to awareness but manufacturers and companies must also be asked to youch for the authenticity and source of food products and their components. Food is the building block of our national health and human resource and the study should really accelerate efforts to get amended laws passed in Parliament on a priority basis before more dam-

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# Politics of peace-making

In what way, and why, could a European war be so persistently and consistently be referred to as the First World War for a hundred years?



ABHIJIT BHATTACHARYYA

he First World War ended with a series of peace meetings and conferences in Paris, which were essentially concluded only between European powers. Hence, the question arises, in what way, and why, could a European war be so persis-tently and consistently referred to as the First World War for a hundred years? Was the First World War really a World War? Or was it the "First Great European War" of the 20th century? Let's look back at the post-war treaties at a glance — there were the Treaty of Versailles between "victor" "Allied and Associated Powers" and "vanquished" Germany (Saturday, June 28, 1919); the Treaty of St Germain with Austria (Wednesday, September 10, 1919); Treaty of Neuilly with Bulgaria (Thursday, November 27, 1919). In 1920, the Treaty of Trianon with Hungary (Friday, June 4) and the fifth and final Treaty with Turkey was signed at Lausanne (Tuesday, July 24, 1923). Beside these five treaties in Europe, a series of treaties was signed to restore or a firm footing the status quo in the 'Far East' Pacific Ocean at Washington DC between 1921 and 1922. History recognises all these treaties, along with a host of minor ones and agreements, as peace set-tlement of the First World War.

But who were the "vanquished" belligerents? Germany, Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey — all European powers. And, who were the "victors?" England, France and their "Allied and Associated Powers." How then can the 1914-1918 war, most of which was fought on European soil, be referred to anything other than the "First Great European War," a few non-European combat theatres, like northern China, in which Russia and Japan were involved, and

across Mesopotamia notwithstanding? Well, the reason for referring to it as "World War", to this author, emanates from the fact that when the White Christian European nations were at each other's throats in the heartland of the European continent, the nations, nationalities and even nationalists beyond Europe, who were fighting for freedom from Africa to Asia and British estates of Australia and New Zealand and other island territories of/in the Atlantic and Indian Ocean — were dragged into the war of Europe without being part thereof. Simply because the "belligerents" were the colonial masters of non-European countries across the globe. Hence, a European War became "World War," notwithstanding the fact that it's a

Indeed, it's the post-war "territorial set-tlement", which enhanced the importance and, hence, "upgraded" the First Great European War as First World War in his-tory books. How and why? The overarching legacy of the Paris Peace Conference affected and/or "settled" Europe, the Near



East, Africa and the far East. In Europe, all the five "van-quished" lost territories. Germany ceded Alsace and Lorraine to France; Eupen and Malmedy to Belgium; port of Memel to Lithuania; Posen and part of West Prussia to Poland, thereby resulting in an overall German loss of 25,000 (plus) square miles territories nd seven million inhabitants

Vanquished Austria lost Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia, which became part of Czechoslovakia. Slovenia went to Serbia and Croatia formed part of the new state of

Hungary lost Slovakia to Czechoslovakia; Croatia to Yugoslavia and Transylvania to Romania. The fourth European state, Bulgaria's biggest loss, however, came when Macedonia was

when Macedonia was detached from it.

Turkey, the fifth European state, somehow had the rare luck of a "vanquished" to sign the Treaty at Lausanne (Switzerland, a neutral territory) in 1923. Fortunately, it was owing to statesman-like Turkish nationalist leader Mustafa Kemal, who didn't regret the defeat and dissolution of his country's Ottoman Empire and sagaciously renounced all claim to (past)

"territories containing Arab majorities. Luck also favoured two

extinguished (east) European states, Poland and Yugoslavia. From being subjects of the Austro-Hungarian empire of Habsburgs, Poland regained sovereignty after 124 years, being partitioned by/between empires of Austria, Prussia and Russia thrice in 1772, 1793 and 1795. Yugoslavia, too, came alive as a sovereign state in 1919, only to be dismembered into seven smaller sovereign

states in the 1990s.
Post-war 1919, however, emerged the most complicated issues in the Arab world. An insulting verdict by the Covenant of League of Nations (predecessor of UN) read: "Those territories, ceded by the defeated powers, which are inhabited by peoples not yet able to stand by themselves under strenuous conditions of the modern world", should be placed under the tutelage of "advanced nations," and that "this tutelage should be exercised by them as mandatories

on behalf of League of Nations."
In one stroke began post-European War's gross injustice, beyond Europe, inflicted by none other than the so-called saviour of the world: The League of Nations, as it legalised occupation of non-White countries by the White "advanced nations." Regrettably the League unabashedly justi fied wars initiated by the Europeans as "advanced nations" and those who were victims of the belligerents bloodshed, branded as "peoples not yet able to stand by themselves under the strenuous conditions of the modern world." How insulting the colo-nial West-dominated League of Nations could be towards the non-White world?

In retrospect, the League of Nations appeared to be in cahoots with European powers, which had captured the world even before the start of the Great European War, thereby giving their historians and politicians to refer to it as First World War. Thus, whereas in 1875, less than one-tenth of Africa had been turned into European colonies, by 1895, only one-tenth remained unappropriated. It was one of the harshest realities, rather ironies, of history that most of the world, by the late 19th century, belonged to a handful of so-called great European powers which was achieved through "trade, missionaries, adven-ture, settlement, loot, arrogance, conquests and war between rival imperial powers."

The US, despite being one of the last to join the European bloodshed in April 1917, was more interested in the Pacific Ocean, Hence, the Washington Conference of 1921-1922, in which Japan's rising Navy was targetted by the Anglo-American lobby. The nine nations participating in the conference pledged "to refrain from taking advantage of con-ditions in China to seek special rights and privileges which would abridge the rights of subjects and citizens of friendly states." Yet, in reality, they turned a blind eye to the Japanese aggression of the

Chinese territory.
So far as India was concerned, "peace" of 1919 brought nothing but death of thousands of Indian soldiers, thereby resulting in "blood, sweat, toil and tears", and resources were sucked out by the British to furt their war with White fight their war with White neighbours across English Channel. In India, however, it was the Jallianwala Bagh mas-sacre of unarmed citizens and a political morsel thrown by Montagu-Chelmsford Reforms at the Indians. The legacy of 1919 survives to this day

(The writer, an alumnus of National Defence College of India, is author of China

#### DBITE

I am the MP from Wayanad but my ties with Amethi are three decades old. I will fight for it in Delhi. It is my home and family.

Congress chief —Rahul Gandh



There was a time when getting trolled on health issues hurt me but that doesn't bother me anymore. I needed some love



Dawood Ibrahim's illegitimate activities from a safe haven that refuses to acknowledge even his existence, are a rea



because of security threat. I have a lot of respect for the Maharashtra Government.

I am not being permitted inside

Congress leader —DK Shivakuma



#### TERS **Become equal participants in population control**

#### **Make roads safe**

 $\rm Sir-The\ death\ of\ 29\ people\ in$ a road accident on use rank.

Expressway is disheartening.

human factor is ough the human factor often cited in fatal road accidents, one cannot overlook poor road infrastructure as another major cause. Data from the Public Works Department last year, on Delhi's roads, showed an average of 2,000 potholes along the main roads. There were also broken footpaths, dislocated kerb stones and trees affecting traffic. India ranks very high in road accidents if one accesses data from the International Road Federation, Geneva. In a review of accident prevention, there has to be a holistic view of all factors.

**Tushar Anand** 

#### **III-thought decision**

This refers to the editorial, "The camera trap" (July 10). Undoubtedly, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Government in Delhi has done a lot to improve educational standards in Government schools. From nine billion people will occupy the world's space.

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), in collaboration with a number of governmental and non-governmental agencies, is setting priorities for different organisations to ensure population remains under control. Similar to the right to live, right to education and right to free speech, the 'right to family planning' is also enshrined in the annals of the United Nations, which

opulation is a blessing as well as a curse. Blessing

bers, involving them as active participants, and

When Governments effectively cater to smaller num-

curse when a voluminous population acts as a hindrance

to sustainable development, especially with respect to

environmental issues. Eighty million people are added

to the world every year and by the end of 2030, the globe

is expected to see a surge in population; Approximately

began marking the 'World Population Day' on July 11. starting 1990. A better-off country means heightened awareness among its people. Race, religion, economic status, marital status and gender should not act as roadblocks to a systematically undertaken family planning. Availability of resources is the responsibility of Governments. Commodities for planning should not only



be accessible but they should also be acceptable to the common man, 'Forced' planning is a big 'no'. But the authorities cannot take refusal as the final word: Gently prodding and cajoling the husband and wife can have unexpected desired effects. In other words, the population should be a willing participant to make popula tion control a roaring success. Privacy for the members of the family and accountability for the enforcers are equally important

Ganapathi Bhat

improving school infrastructure to maintaining the quality of education by the definition of the parents is really ill-thought. Such a move will put maintaining the quality of educa-tion, AAP has created an atmoshuge pressure on teachers and stu-dents. Children will not be their phere conducive for students to study. Its move to introduce hapnormal selves and this may impact piness classes has been a hit. But the quality of education. Hence, its move to install CCTVs in classrooms and giving access of its to re-think on this issue. Instead,

it should install cameras on the streets to make the capital more safe. This not just for the safety of women but also because the city has witnessed a spurt in crime

#### **Collective efforts**

Sir - The six-lane Yamuna Expressway, which connects Agra to Greater Noida, has turned out to be a "highway to hell" for commuters due to its high accident rate. Ever since it was inaugurated by the then Akhilesh Yadav regime in 2012, it has claimed over 8,000 lives in over 5,000 accidents. Nitin Gadkari, while taking charge as Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, had promised to bring a strong law to make the roads safer. But it is travesty that the Motor Vehicles Act. 1988 is still stuck

Due to this rigid attitude of our lawmakers, vulnerable people are losing lives everyday. Road crashes needs to be on priority for the new Government. With the lack of adequate measures and regulations, if is imperative for the citizens to stand up for the cause of road safety and educate others to do the same

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# analysis

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### A witness to history

Bashar Tabbah's book, A Map & A Lens: Jordan Sights Unseen and Stories Untold, through photographs and texts, tracks the unfolding of the entirety of Jordan's history



HIRANMAY KARLEKAR

ne can divide writings about countries into three broad categories — academic or journalistic narratives about their politics, economics, international relations, history and future; literary travelogues — such as Lawrence Durrell's *Bitter Lemons* about Cyprus — describing one's encounter with a country's life, people, landscapes, cities and villages: and coffee table publications with engaging photographs of places of tourist interest, including historical sites and information about how to visit these, their significance

Bashar Tabbah's book, A Map & A Lens: Jordan Sights Unseen and Stories Untold (Jabal Amman Publishing), is a significant addition to the third category. It is perhaps the only one of its kind that covers all important sites of tourist attraction in Jordan, which has a long history with evidence of human habitation as early as the Paleolithic Age. Bashar has arranged his photographs and text (the latter co-written with Jane Taylor) according to the various periods that have followed one another chronologically, beginning with the earliest Paleolithic, Bronze and Iron Age sites like Bayda, where the first settlements date back to 8,300 BC and Ayn Ghazal, founded around the same time and remarkable for its life-

Next comes the Nabataean period with the famous remains of Petra. The Romans and Byzantines, who followed, have left their imprimatur in cities like Jerash, Jmm Qais and Umm al-Jimal and the exquisite mosaics in Madaba and Umm ar-Rasas, a complex of 16 churches that have been declared by UNESCO has a World Heritage Site. The sites of early centuries of Islam depicted include Qusayr Amra and Qasa al-Hallabat. Monuments of the crusaders, Ayyubids and Mamluks, which feature in the book, include the Karak, Shobak and Ajlun castles. The Ottomans, who ruled for several centuries, have left behind numerous buildings and forts like the Hasa Hajji Fort.

The photographs and texts in the volume track the unfolding of the entirety of Jordan's history, including what is described as the Abrahamic Sites, which include Bethany, the place, a little north of the Dead Sea, where Jesus was baptized and the tombs of a number of prophets mentioned in the Old Testament. Jordan and the region around have been witness to multiple events connected with the emergence of Christianity and Islam, particularly the former. It has seen the rise and fall of empires and kingdoms and the marches of massive armies and battles, including those that Prophet

Mohammad and his associates fought.

It is by no means easy to chronicle such an eventful journey in time and its architectural legacy in photographs and texts. Photographing historical sites poses its own special problems in the sense that it is not just a matter of pressing the shutter. Each building looks different under different light conditions — during day and night, dawn and dusk, on sunny and cloudy days. What lends it its identity is its structure, its constant feature. What makes the identity of a historical monument different from those of other structures is its aura arising from its being a witness to time, with its flows of people and events, bearing the silent imprint of the eras when life surged around it. A subtle, invisible emanation of the accumulated vibrations of the past, a monument's aura glides into the consciousness of those with a sense of history, a proneness to wonder how life might have been in the remote past and the ability to imagine living in its midst. Not many fill the bill

Even among those who do, the aura's awareness comes in special moments when solitude enables the absorption of signals from the past, which are not overwhelmed by those from the present when multitudes swirl around, particularly chattering, shouting, selfie-clicking tourists, disgorging from buses and shepherded around by guides.

To be a true reflection of a historical monument's transcendental persona and not just calendar art, a photograph needs not only to capture its aura but, like the monument itself, make one wonder about quotidian experiences and events centuries or millennia in the past. To achieve this, a photographer needs to know a monument's history, and sense the imprimatur of its past on its present, stand before it in silence. with the vents of beyond-sensory perception open for times bygone to flow in. For this he/she needs to be relatively alone with the monument, which in turn demands presence in early or late hours when few are around, and repeated visits if the magic moment proves elusive. In a country like Jordan, with its many and widely separated historical sites, it means thousands of kilometres of travel

All this requires perseverance and deep commitment manifested in sustained hard work. If his photographs are any criterion, Bashar Tabbah shows both in amplitude. These are not just of monuments but of the spaces in which these are located and the skies above, particularly at night when millions of stars sparkle and wink. A bonus is his photograph of the Dead Sea on a January evening.

There are many publications with stunning photographs of monuments and human settlements, and many with informed histories. But not many that combine both, More, one is caught in its web once one opens it. Simply put, it is unputdownable. India could do with a book like this on its rich and widely dispersed legacy of historical sites.

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#### POINTCOUNTERPOINT

I HAVE NOT ACCEPTED ANY RESIGNATION, I CAN'T DO IT OVERNIGHT. I HAVE GIVEN THEM TIME ON 17TH. I'LL GO THROUGH THE PROCEDURE AND TAKE A DECISION. —KARNATAKA ASSEMBLY SPEAKER





MLAS HAVE RESIGNED VOLUNTARILY AND ARE COMPLAINING THAT THE SPEAKER IS NOT TAKING IMMEDIATE DECISION AND DELAYING IT DELIBERATELY. —COUNSEL FOR KARNATAKA REBEL MLAS

# Reimagining higher education

The draft NEP envisages a roadmap for improving the fundamentals of undergraduate education. But will the final policy keep to such a holistic approach?



DEVENDER SINGH

ne draft National Higher Education Policy (NEP 2019) report submitted by the Kasturirangan Committee covers almost all aspects of an over-arching national education policy. There can be no gainsaying that education helps promote sustainable livelihoods, economic devel-opment and plays a catalytic role in improving the overall well-being of humans. It also helps develop a just, socially conscious, cultured and humane soci-ety — one that ensures liberty, equality, fraternity

and justice for all.

As India moves towards becoming a "true knowledge society" and with the onset of the fourth knowledge society" and with the onset of the fourth industrial revolution, more and more young Indians are aspiring for higher education. With regard to the requirements of the 21st century, the aim of a "quality university" or college education must be to develop good, well-rounded and creative individuals. It must enable an individual to specialise in one or more specific areas of interest at a deeper level, while at the same time help build character, ethical and Constitutional values, intellectual ter, ethical and Constitutional values, intellectual curiosity, spirit of service and 21st century capabilities across a range of disciplines, including social sciences, arts, humanities as well as professional, technical and vocational crafts.

To attain these goals, higher education must provide the students with broad-based multi-disciplinary education, while also developing specialised knowledge with true disciplinary rigour. Instead of mechanistic rote learning — a scourge for students — colleges and universities must encourage active learners to develop abilities of independent logic learners to develop abilities of independent, logical and scientific thinking, creativity and problem

cal and scientific thinking, creativity and problem solving, and decision-making.

The 10+2+3 structure in the extant NPE 1986/1992 is in for a change in the Draft NEP 2019, which proposes a 5+3+3+4 structure at the school level and a four-year flexible undergraduate programme. The lofty objective espoused in the draft NEP, 2019 is to move towards a more imaginative and broad-based liberal education system as a foundation for holistic development of all students, with rigorous specialisation in cho-

of all students, with rigorous specialisation in cho-sen disciplines and fields.

Accordingly, it proposes that all undergradu-ate programmes be characterised by a liberal edu-cation approach as the foundation for holistic development, through imaginative and flexible curric ular structures, creative combinations of disciplines of study and multiple exit and entry points within integrated programmes, offering rigorous specialisation in chosen disciplines and fields.

Liberal education with broad multi-disciplinary

exposure, intended to develop Constitutional val-ues, will be the basis of higher education. This will help develop important life capacities, rigorous dis-ciplinary understanding and an ethic for social-moral engagement. This will be the approach at the undergraduate level across all disciplines, programmes and fields, including professional and voca-tional fields. The Centre will set up, if the recom-mendation is accepted, 10 Indian Institutes of Liberal Arts/Multidisciplinary Education and Research Universities on the model and standards of the

Indian Institutes of Technology (ITTs).

Imaginative and flexible curricular structures will enable creative combinations of disciplines of study and offer multiple useful exit and entry points for students, thus demolishing the current prevalent rigid boundaries. Thus, it will create pos-



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CREATIVE COMBINATIONS OF DISCIPLINES OF STUDY AND MULTIPLE EXIT AND ENTRY POINTS WITHIN INTEGRATED PROGRAMMES



sibilities for life-long learning. Graduate (master's and doctoral) level education will provide rigorous research-based specialisation.

A liberal education approach will be the basis for undergraduate education in all fields/disciplines, including professional education. The notion of "streaming", where science, arts and vocational students are separated, based on their academic performance, majors, interests, or any other such criteria, will come to an end.

The existing undergraduate pro-grammes will be re-structured to a four-year Bachelor of Liberal Arts (BLA) or Bachelor of Liberal Education (BLE) degree (or BLA / BLE with Research) and can be offered by those institutions, which are currently ready to run such programmes. However, since the existing higher education institutions are not ready both in infrastructural and academic terms, the draft NPE has proposed that the traditional/existing three-year traditional BA, BSc as well as BVoc degrees will continue for those institutions who wish to go ahead with them.

Over a period of time, it is expected that all bachelor's degrees will move towards a more comprehensive, liberal educational approach. The undergraduate programmes shall be interdisciplinary with the curricula designed to develop broadly useful capacities and important dispositions, while offering rigorous education in specialisations.

To enable this transformation in

undergraduate education, the curriculum will have two parts: First, a common core curriculum for all students to develop broad capacities and important disposi-tions. This will include critical thinking; communication skills; aesthetic sensibilities; scientific temper and scientific method; and an understanding of the Indian context and challenges along with Constitutional values and their practice, social, moral and ethical reasoning; an adequate exposure to multiple disciplines/fields, including arts, humanities, sports and science related to society and environment. The second, one or two

area(s) of specialisation. The four-year programme will provide for greater rigour in a full Liberal Arts Science Education (LASE) education and experience and also conduct research optionally. Students will graduate with a four-year LASE degree with honours, or may graduate with a BSc, BA, BCom or BVoc after completing three years with a suitable subject credit. Students will graduate in an appropriate vocational subject after completing two years with a diploma or a certificate after completing one

In view of the change of structure at undergraduate levels, the post-graduate structure will also undergo changes. Accordingly, there will be three options to pursue a masters programme: First, will be two-year masters for those completing three years degree; second one-year mas-ters for those completing four-year degree and the third, a five-year integrated masters programme. Eligibility for PhD shall be based on either a master's degree or a four-year undergraduate degree with research. Another significant departure is that the draft NEP 2019 proposes that all professional education, including techni-

be formulated by a new body called the General Education Council (GEC) to outline learning outcomes associated with degree/diploma/certification for curricula across all disciplines and fields, which do not have individual Professional Standard Setting Bodies (PSSBs). In vocational subjects, National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF) and the NHEQF shall be aligned for equivalence and mobility. The NHEQF shall permit flexibility — a system of credit transfer shall be put in place, making student mobility possible in many ways: Changes across streams of study (for example, from arts to science or from vocational to scila across all disciplines and fields, which acts steams is steay (to campa, non-arts to science or from vocational to sci-ence), choice across combinations of areas of study (for example, music and chemistry), flexible entry into and exit from programmes and transfers across institutions and programmes.

Finally, awarding of specific degrees, diplomas and certificates will require specific combinations and number of cours es to be completed successfully, which will be appropriately detailed within the NHEQF by each institution. Such a rad-ical transformation of the undergraduate education is expected to break the current stratification of qualifications as that of preferred programmes, such as one witnessing in engineering and medicine, giving a secondary status to other pro-grammes of study. This will break the shackles of hard silos among disciplines and pave way for students to experience varied flavours of multiple knowledge domains. Let's wait and watch whether the rolessonia education, including technical education and single-field institutions, will develop into full-fledged liberal education programmes.

A National Higher Education Qualifications Framework (NHEQF) will Scretary, Lok Sabha and an author)

### Rainwater not harvested is wasted

India's culture has evolved and progressively omitted and excluded the ancient art of rainwater harvesting. This needs to be re-inculcated if India has to be liberated from water shortages and droughts



KOTA SRIRAJ

The drought situation in some parts of the country, in times when pre-monsoon showers are expected, shows that worsening climate change is all set to wreak havoc. In fact, many parts of the counnavoc. In fact, many parts of the country should have been experiencing fair amounts of rainfall by now but the reality is far more unsettling. India is yet to take lessons — whether it is about infrastructure upgradation or rainwater harvesting. As a result of a lackadaisical approach, the country and its cities are once again at the threshold of a civic infrastructure collapse - as was seen in Mumbai which has been battling torrential rains since the past few days, with no or very minimum arrangements in place to harvest the rain water.

India and its environmental experts, as also politicians, have since long been talking about rainwater harvesting. Debates about the woefully inadequate rain-harvesting infrastruc ture are repeated every year. Experts refer to its benefits and the Government makes tall claims and noises, to the effect that enough is being done about it. Superficially though None of this is effective and every year, we see a repeat of colossal wastage of rainwater, which could have successfully been harvested so as to fix the problem of water scarcity.

For years together, we have known the importance of harvesting rain from the rooftops and hill catchments and storing it in underground reservoirs, aquifers, lakes and ponds. Then, why have we failed to make this technology work? Why have we not been able to use this knowledge? This is a pertinent question which must make us uncomfortable

The potential of rainwater harvesting makes a compelling case for itself. Sample this: One hectare of land with just 100 millimetre (mm) of rain that's what deserts get on an average — is capable of harvesting one

million litres of water. This is quite impressive. To understand the water dependence of humans, a family of five would not need more than 10-15 litres a day for drinking and cooking. This comes to 4,000-5,000 litres in a year. This means one hectare can harvest enough water to meet the needs of 200-300 families. The scarcity of water seems like a myth now.

India had enough systems in place in the past to recover the rainwater. Many places in Rajasthan such as Jaisalmer — a city that built a flour-ishing civilisation and a stunning fort of yellow sandstone despite receiv ing only 50-100 mm of rain — is currently reeling under water shortages. It could built a water secure future as city planning in the past involved its rainwater being harvested from rooftops to tanks. This helped keep shortages at bay during the punishing dry summer months. But this ancient knowledge and wisdom of rainwater harvesting, replete with its intricacy, innovation and ingenuity, has slowly crumbled much like the historic

infrastructure of the past.
Every region of the country had own unique method of harvesting

rain, storing it and then using it. Every system had been adapted, in fact, evolved, to meet the special ecologi-cal needs yet, each system was an engi-neering marvel, designed to make the best of the region's rain endowment. But slowly, with modernisation, the Government took control from the local community or households as the provider or supplier of water in order to shore up revenue. This led to rain-water harvesting getting relegated to

the back burner Moreover, the local groundwater, which was recharged using rainwater, was replaced by surface water, brought often from long distances in canals. This was coupled with pollution leaching into the groundwater table and illegal extraction, which either dwindled the water table or rendered it was the couple of the couple o it polluted and, hence, useless.

Rainwater harvesting is people-centric. It will continue to remain largely on the drawing board if peo-ple are not actively involved. This because primarily, the Government cannot harvest rain; people will have to do it and for that, their involvement is necessary as it has to be done in every house; every colony; every village; and for every catchment. The incentive to do this only comes when we are dependent on groundwater for our needs. If cities and even villages get piped water, from distant sources, where is the need for rainwater harvesting?

The other problem is that India has not yet understood the science and art of harvesting rain on land. So, the catchments — land where the rain falls - have been encroached upon or distributed in the name of land-reform. The drains, which channelised rain to underground storage, have been built upon or destroyed. Then how will we harvest the raindrop? We can't and we won't. This is why the cycle of drought and flood will continue and get exacerbated. So let's really learn from the wisdom that we have ignored and allowed to die. India's culture has evolved and has progressively omitted and excluded the ancient art of rainwater harvesting from its fabric. This has to be re-inculcated in every nook and corner of the country if India has to be liberated from water shortages

and droughts. (The writer is an environmental iournalist)



### **Swiss bank details** of Indians from Sept

India's fight against suspected black money stashed abroad will get a major boost this September in the form of first set of detailed financial information about all Indians having Swiss bank accounts, including

those closed since last year.

The details that
Switzerland would share with Indian tax authorities under the Automatic Exchange of Information (AEOI) framework would include account numbers, credit balance and all kinds of financial income for each Indian client of every Swiss financial institution.

The first set in September would be followed by further despatches on a yearly basis, according to Switzerland's Federal Department of Finance

This would be in addition to details already being shared by Switzerland with India for nearly 100 Indian entities, including individuals and enterprises, on submission of prima facie evidence of their financial wrongdoings, under a bilateral pact for administrative assistance on tax matters.

Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedhran also said in writ-

ten reply to a Lok Sabha question on Wednesday that India will start receiving information on automatic basis from September about financial accounts held in Switzerland by Indian residents.

Besides, the India-Switzerland tax treaty facilitates receipt of information on request basis for cases under investigation, he said.

"The information received on request or on automatic basis may include information about persons allegedly involved in corruption," the minister said.

Asked whether the gov-ernment would reveal those names, the minister, however, said the "use and disclosure of

the information" is governed by confidentiality provisions.

Explaining the AEOI with India, which has come into force from January 1, 2018, the FDF said Switzerland, as a global wealth management global wealth management hub, is committed to con-tributing to the integrity of the international financial system

and to a level playing field.

"Switzerland applies the international transparency standards and therefore actively supports India in its fight against tax fraud and evasion it said.

work, detailed financial information on all Indian residents that have an account maintained by a Swiss financial institution in 2018 will be provided for the first time to the Indian tax authorities in September 2019 and on a yearly basis thereafter.

The information would include accounts that were closed during 2018, it said. It is feared many Indians

might have closed their accounts after a global crack-down on black money led to Switzerland buckling under pressure to open its banking sector for scrutiny to clear the long-held perception of Swiss banks being safe haven for undisclosed funds.

However, the AEOI would only related to accounts that are officially in the name of Indian residents and they might include those used for business

and other genuine purposes.

In an explanatory dossier on AEOI, the FDF said if a taxpayer in country A (India) has a bank account in Switzerland, the bank would disclose the financial account data to the Swiss authorities, which would automatically forward the information to the tax authorities in the country A (India).

#### Connaught Place 9th most |₹ trips 7 expensive office location in the world: CBRE

per sq ft.

"Indian markets continued to have greater investions."

ment grade space in the CBDs of the different cities as promi-nent domestic and global cor-

porates continued to favour

investment grade space for set-ting up front their front offices

Magazine, Chairman and CEO,

India, South East Asia, Middle

office markets are found in Asia.

Kong (Kowloon) and New York (Midtown Manhattan). Beijing's (Finance Street) is at the fifth position on the list.

In its report, CBRE under-lined the growing significance

of talent acquisition race, driving the prime occupancy cost

to newer heights.

East and Africa, CBRE.

se cities," said Anshuman

New Delhi's Connaught Place (CP) is the ninth most expensive office location in the world with an annual rent of nearly \$144 per sq ft, according to property consultant CBRE. CP, located in the heart of

the national capital, was at the ninth position even last year. In its annual Global Prime Office Occupancy Costs survey, CBRE tracks the cost of leasing

prime office space globally.

For the second year, Hong Kong's Central district retained the top spot as the world's most expensive market for prime office rents, with the prime occupancy costs valued at \$322

per sq.Ft.

"New Delhi's Connaught
Place — central business dis-trict (CBD) retains its ninth position in the list as last year and the office occupancy cost is valued at \$143.97 per sq ft," the report said.

Mumbai's Bandra Kurla

Complex and Nariman Point CBD slipped to 27th and 40th positions, respectively.

Bandra Kurla Complex

(BKC) was ranked 26th and Nariman Point at 37th in 2018

ranking.
The current annual prime rent of BKC is valued at \$90.67 per sq. Ft and the Nariman Point CBD is valued at \$68.38

paise to 68.58 vs USD

The rupee declined by 7 paise to close at 68.58 against the US dollar on Wednesday, pressured by persistent foreign fund outflows

and firming crude oil prices.

A weak trend at the domestic equity markets and global trade tensions also kept senti-ment subdued, traders said. At the interbank foreign

exchange market, the domestic unit opened weak at 68.61 and The commercial office soon slipped to hit the day's low of 68.67. However, it pared some losses to touch a high of market remains a strong growth propeller for the real estate sector, he added. "Delhi, being a prime mar-ket, continues to witness sus-tained activity and retains its 68.48, before finally closing at 68.58, showing a loss of 7 paise over its previous close.

The rupee had rebounded by 15 paise to close at 68.51 against the greenback Tuesday on fag-end selling of the US currency by banks and importers in line with a late position amongst the top 10 most expensive markets in the world," Magazine said. CBRE highlighted that six of the world's 10 most expensive London's (West End) is ranked 2nd, followed by Hong covery in domestic equities "Rupee has been consoli-

dating in the range of 68.50 and 69.20 for last five sessions. Any level below 68.50 could bring momentum buying in rupee against dollar. Rupee has managed to remain resilient in the recent past despite rising Dollar Index and

Brent crude prices.

The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six curren-This, combined with lim ited supply and moderate construction pipelines in most cities, are the driving forces behind the price growth," it added. cies, slipped 0.03 per cent to 97.45.

### Over 3,133 cr digital transactions registered in FY19, says Prasad

Digital transactions in the country surpassed the target set by the Government, clocking a total volume of 3,133.58 crore in 2018-19 and is showing a positive trend for the current financial year. the current financial year. Parliament was informed on

Wednesday. "FY data for 2018-19 shows that the Government surpassed the target set for digital pay-ments and data for 2019-20 also shows a positive trend," Electronics and Information Technology Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said in a writ-

ten reply to the Lok Sabha. He added that the target for digital transactions for 2018-19 was set at 3,013 crore, and the total digital transactions regis-tered were 3,133.58 crore.

The Minister said 313.05 crore digital transactions were registered till April 30, 2019, and the government has set a target of over 4,000 crore digital transactions. ital transactions in the ongoing

financial year.

Prasad said the Reserve
Bank of India has undertaken
an exercise of benchmarking India's payment systems vis-àvis those in comparable Asian economies and BRICS nations.
The analysis was attempted under 41 indicators covering 21 broad areas including regula-

tion, oversight, payment sys tems, government payments customer protection and grievance redressal, among others

"The study found that India has a strong regulatory system and robust large value and retail payment systems which have contributed to the rapid growth in the volume of transactions in these payment systems," he said.

There has been substantial growth in e-payments by the government and also in digital infrastructure in terms of mobile networks, Prasad added.

The Minister said there has been a significant increase in the use of the digital payments in the country since demonetisation. Total digital transactions grew 104.38 per cent from 1.013 crore (FY17) to 2,070.39 crore (FY18), and by another 51.35 per cent to 3,133.58 crore in FY19, he added.

#### India attracts \$64.4 bn FDI in FY19 despite global headwinds: Min

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India attracted foreign direct investment of \$64.4 billion in the last fiscal, and aims is to take it higher as it moves forward, Union minister V Muraleedharan Wednesday.

At an event here late evening, the Minister of State for External Affairs also said the Centre is considering fur-ther opening foreign direct investment in aviation, media

and other sectors.

He was addressing a gathering of several ambassadors and representatives from different countries in New Delhi, at a curtain raiser event for the first-ever Global Investors' Meet to be hosted by Himachal Pradesh overnment in Dharamshsla on

"India is the fastest growing major economy in the world right now. Our Prime Minister has set a vision for a \$5 trillion economy. We want to avoid the mistakes of others, and do better," Muraleedharan

countries to invest in Himachal Pradesh and explore the poten tial of the hill state by partici

pating in the meet in November.

"Despite global headwinds, India attracted an FDI worth \$64.4 billion, which is six per cent more than in the previous year. And, the aim is to take it higher as the coun-try moves forward," Muraleedharan said.

Following the last five years, the Centre's policy has been to give an "unprecedent-ed push" to the economy through initiatives such as Make in India, Ayushman Bharat and UDAN, he said.

"Our Prime Minister's vision of cooperative federalism includes an enabling atmos phere for all states and union territories to cooperate and compete with each other," he

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur invited various countries to invest in his hill state, saying it provides ample opportunities to investors amid its clean, healthy said.

He also invited different investors amid its clean, heal and peaceful environment.

#### Sensex resumes downward spiral; Bajaj Finance cracks 5%

PTI ■ MUMBAI

 $E_{\text{Sensex resumed its down-}}^{\text{quity benchmark BSE}}$ ward march on Wednesday, closing 174 points in the red as risk sentiment remained subdued following a lacklustre start to the earnings sea-

Investors were also spooked after US President Donald Trump Tuesday launched a fresh attack on India over its tariffs on American imports, traders

Unabated foreign fund outflows, weak auto sales data and a depreciating rupee fur-ther weighed on the bourses, they added.

After swinging nearly 400 points during the day, the 30-share Sensex settled 173.78 points or 0.45 per cent lower at 38,557.04. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty ended 57 points, or 0.49 per cent, lower at 11,498.90, marking its fourth straight day of losses.

Bajaj Finance was the biggest loser in the Sensex pack, cracking 4.91 per cent.

### India, Russia working to deepen economic partnership: Niti VC

ndia and Russia are working together to take their relationship to a higher level and tionship to a higher level and there is scope for cooperation in agriculture and agro-pro-cessing sector, Niti Aayog Vice-Chairman Rajiv Kumar said Wednesday. Addressing the second India-Russia Strategic Economic Dialogue, Kumar said that India is looking to expand its rela-

is looking to expand its rela-tionship with Russia to a qual-itatively higher level with deeper economic cooperation and exchange of ideas. "India and Russia are

working together to take their relationship to a higher level. The IRSED (Dialogue) is looking at six core areas of cooper-ation which expands upon the work done since the first meeting in 2018," he said.

The six core areas are

development of agriculture and agro-processing sector, development of transport infrastructure and technologies, small and medium business support, digital transforma-

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cooperation in trade, banking, finance, and industry, and tourism and connectivity.

"A lot can be done in terms

of agriculture ... India can meet a lot of agriculture needs of Russia. We are such a large agricultural country econo my," the Niti Aayog vice-chair man said.

On the other side, Kumar said Russian companies can help Indian farmers in value addition of agricultural products.

"Both ways, its a win-win

situation" he noted.

Kumar also pointed out that so far India's MSMEs are not integrated with global production chains, so there is a huge opportunity for Russian companies to partner with India's MSMEs.

Speaking at the event, Deputy Minister of Economic Development of Russian Federation Timur Maksimov said the range of issues being discussed at the second dialogue provide a positive dynamic to the Indo-Russian relationship.

#### **HFCL** grows 23% in Q1FY 20

PNS I NEW DELHI

Himachal Futuristic (HFCL), a telecom infrastructure developer, system integrator and manufacturer of high-end telecom equipment and optical fibre cables released quarterly perfor-mance to start the financial year 2019-20 (FY20) on a high note. The Company exceeds all

previous quarterly performance benchmarks in Q1FY20 and has reported remarkable quarterly performance with the consolidated revenue ₹1343 crs (+23%), EBIDTA ₹194 crs (+104%),PBT (+104%), PBT ₹157 crs(+116%) and PAT ₹117 crs (+148%). The all-round performance was powered by change in revenue mix, accelerated project execution and efficiency improvement.
On standalone basis , the

Company has achieved revenue of ₹1201 crs (+16%), EBIDTA of ₹164 crs(+84%), PBT of ₹136 crs (+94%) and PAT of ₹89 crs (+102%).

Having achieved signifi-

cant growth in revenue, Company's focus has been on driving increased margins.



In the 18th annual convocation ceremony of VLCC Institute of Beauty and Nutrition Union Minister of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Mahendra Nath Pandey alongwith Chairperson of VLCC, Vandana Luthra, gives away certificates to the students of 2018-19 batch.

#### **BAJAJ FINSERV OFFERS** PRE-APPROVED PERSONAL LOAN

Pune: Bajaj Finance Ltd, an arm of Bajaj Finserv offers pre-approved personal loans to existing customers without any documents. An existing cus-tomer can check their preapproved offer by simply enterapproved offer by shirply effecting their name and mobile number. Once the preapproved offer is accepted by the customer, the loan is disbursed in no time.

To tap more customers in India, the firm has also unveiled its website link www.bajajfinserv.in/personal-loan and toll free no. 18002667989. *PNS* 

#### ITL unveils Solis tractor in collaboration with Yanmar

ITL (International Tractors Ltd.) on Wednesday launched Solis Yanmar tractor range in col-laboration with Yanmar Agribusiness Co. Ltd. of Japan. ITL has one of the biggest ranges of 20-110 HP tractors outside India. Both the companies have been exporting tractors to Brazil, Turkey, Algeria and USA. Solis is Fully loaded with high-tech features and technologies sup-ported by Yanmar.

#### PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that Menna Aka Nandani W/o Sh. Raju R/o Jhuggi Old Cloth Market, Raghubir Nagar, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 529/14 u/s 379/411 IPC P.S. Maurva Enclave. Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Menna can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Menna** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Menna of FIR No. 529/14 u/s 379/411 IPC P.S. Maurya Enclave, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint By Order

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

#### SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that a girl namely Renu D/o Amar Pal, R/o H.No. 111, Gali No. 04, Vijay Colony, Bawana, Delhi, Age: 16 yrs. (During Missing Date), Height: 5 ft., Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built : Medium, Wearing : Unknown, has been missing / kidnapped since 16.10.2014 from the area of PS.

Bawana. In this regard a case FIR No. 836/14 dated 363 IPC has been Bawana, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local Police to trace out the missing / kidnapped girl but no clue has come to light so far.

anyone have any information about this missing kidnapped girl please inform undersigned

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING

DP/409/ON/19

### SEARCH FOR MISSING FEMALE



General public is here by informed that the female Namely: Savita, W/o: Sh. Arjun, R/o: A,1/18, RP Bagh, Delhi, Age: 23 years, Height: 5', Complexion: Shallow, Face: Long, Built: Thin, Wearing: Blue Saree and Plastic Chappal in Feet has been missing since 24.06.2019 from the jurisdiction of P.S. Bharat

In this regard a DD No. 15-A, dated 24.06.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Bharat Nagar, Delhi,

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this female but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this female kindly inform to the following.

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P.S. Bharat Nagar, Delhi. Ph. 011-27301200, 8750870222 DP/9113/NW/19

#### SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED GIRL General public is hereby informed that a girl



namely Neha, D/o: Ravi, R/o: H.No. C-3/113 Nangli Vihar Extn., Gali No. 4, Near Shiv Public School, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 06.06.2019 from the area of P.S. Ranhola, Delhi. In this regard FIR No. 332/19 u/s 363 IPC, dated 08.06.2019 has been registered at P.S. Ranhola. Sincere

efforts have been made by local police to trace out the nissing/kidnapped girl but no clue has come to light so far. The ription of missing/kidnapped girl is as under Name: Neha, Age: 17 Years, Height: 5', Face: Long,

Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: Unknown Color Suit-Salwar. If anyone have any information about this missing/kidnapped gir

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olease inform P.S. Ranhola, Delhi.

SHO S Police Station, Ranhola, Delhi Tel.: 011-24368638/24368641 Ph: 011-28363001, 28363002, 28363003

#### SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that one girl Namely: Pushpa, D/o: Hari Dass R/o: D-77, Laxmi Park, Nihal Vihar, Delh missing/kidnapped since 12.06,2019 from the area of P. S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi, In this regard a case vide FIR No. 395/2019 u/s 363 IPC dated 13.06.2019 has been registered at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. The

description of the missing girl are as under: Age: 14 years Height: 5', Face: long, Complexion: Fair, Wearing: Red Top-Blue Jeans Pant and blue hawai chappal in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this girl kindly inform to the following.

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THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED (See Section 82 Cr. P.C.) Whereas complaint has been made before me that Parveen @ Mota

S/o Sh. Khaian Singh R/o Beed Sunar Wali, P.O. Nehru Collage. Distt. Jhajiar Harvana has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 47/19 u/s 302/120-B/34 IPC & 25/27 Arms Act. P.S. Bawana, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Parveen @ Mota can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Parveen @ Mota has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Parveen @ Mota

of FIR No. 47/19 u/s 302/120-B/34 IPC & 25/27 Arms Act. P.S.

Bawana, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the

said complaint on 17.08.2019. By Order Ms. Manu Goel Kharb Metropolitan Magistrate-05 (North) Court No.114, 1st Floor, Rohini Courts, Delhi

#### SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL



inform to the following

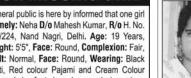
eneral public is here by informed that one gir Namely: Neha D/o Mahesh Kumar, R/o H. No. C-1/224, Nand Nagri, Delhi. Age: 19 Years Height: 5'5", Face: Round, Complexion: Fair Built: Normal, Face: Round, Wearing: Black Kurti, Red colour Pajami and Cream Colour Chappal in feet has been missing since

27.05.2019 from the his house, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 32-A, dated 31.05.2019 has been lodged at

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

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P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi.

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#### SEARCH FOR MISSING



Laxmi

General public is hereby informed that a girl namely Laxmi, D/O Sh.Ramnath, R/O Jhuggi No. 621, T-Hut, Meera Bagh, Delhi. The girl has been missing since 14.05.2019 from the area of P.S. Paschim Vihar East,

In this regard **DD No. 43-A dated 15.05.2019** has been lodged at P.S. Paschim Vihar East, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far.

The description of the missing girl is as under:

Name: Laxmi, Age: 19 Years, Height: 4'10", Complexion:
Wheatish, Face: Round, Identification Mark: A Tatto mark 'OM' on right Hand, Wearing: Blue & White Colour Checked Shirt, Black Colour Jeans and White Colour Sande in her Feet.

If anyone has any information regarding this missing girl, kindly inform SHO/P.S. Paschim Vihar East, Delhi.

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KARNATAKA POLITICAL CRISIS —

### Rebel Cong MLA heckled, attacked, locked

 $\mathbf{I}^{\mathrm{n}}$  a violent turn to Karnataka political crisis, a rebel congress MLA Dr K Sudhakar who submitted his resignation to speaker Ramesh Kumar was heckled, abducted and attacked at seat of power Vidhana Soudha on Wednesday by

Congress leaders.

Amidst violent attack on
Chikkaballapura MLA who was locked up at Minister KJ George's room by Congress president Dinesh Gundu Rao and another Minister Priyank Kharge, Governor Vaju Bhai Vala has directed the Bengaluru police Commissioner Alok Kumar to Bengaluru

produce the MLA before him within few minutes. This shameful incident which is a blot on the democracy has put the Congress in a pitiable position. The Governor's intervention has saved him and later he went to Governor and submitted a copy of his resignation.
The TV grab showed
Dinesh Gundu Rao , Priyank

Kharge and other congress s heckled and dragged

Soudha and locked him up. Then Congress leader and for-mer Chief Minister Siddaramaiah came inside

amidst protest by the BJP. After the Governor's direction he was rescued by the police and taken him to the Governor. Siddaramaiah failed to convince Sudhakar and keeping a great silence.

Earlier in the day, another powerful and richest MLA in the country MTB Nagaraj submitted his resignation pushed Kumaraswamy-led coalition Government into minority Government.

This incident was a recap of 1994 where Ramakrishna Hegde and other leaders were chased, heckled attacked and locked up in a toilet by Devegowda supporters where he was declared Chief Minister before he became the Prime Minister. This incident shows dirty and political low of the law makers who are fighting for

With the resignations of 16 Congress and JD(S) MLAs, the strength of the coalition Government reduced to 101

and BJP has 107 in the total strength of 208 member house. The magic number is 105 and it has been reduced minority.

It is also rumoured that Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy will resign on the house (monsoon session) which commences from on

Meanwhile, the MLAs who are holed up in the Mumbai hotel have petitioned the SC which is crucial as in the case of Yeddyurappa where he had to resign on the floor of the house before proving majori-

Siddaramaiah blamed PM, Amit Shah of orchestrating the entire drama and called this an anti democracy

BJP led by Yeddyurappa protested against congress and petitioned governor and also met the speaker asking him to take a decision on the resignations of MLAs. BJP also blamed him for procrastinating and delay in accepting the resignations.

It is also expected more MLAs would resign putting an end to the coalition politics.

### BJP protests outside K'taka Assembly, demands Kumaraswamy's resignation

Karnataka demonstrated outside the Vidhana Soudha on Wednesday to demand that Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy step down from

office, claiming his Government has lost majority after 14 MLAs of the ruling Congress-JD(S) alliance submitted their resig-A delegation of saffron party

leaders, led by state unit chief B S Yeddyurappa also met Governor Vajubhai Vala at Raj Bhavan, submitted a memo-randum to him on the matter and requested him to advice the Speaker to act immediately on the resignations.

"We have made this request. As Kumaraswamy has lost the majority, he has to resign immediately. The Speaker, without any delay, has to accept the resigna-

tions," Yeddyurappa said. Speaking to reporters after emerging from the Raj Bhavan,

**Bengaluru:** The BJP in he said the Governor informed them he would take necessary action after examining every-

thing. "We are satisfied,"he said.
To a question on whether
BJP asked for a floor test, he said they had not done so and there was no question of it at all as the government had already lost

'As the government has already lost its majority, if the Speaker accepts the resigna-tions without delay, even the assembly session (from July 12)

also wont happen," he added.

Noting that there are chances of more MLAs resigning, he said Kumaraswamy should at least now understand the reality and resign as Chief

Earlier in the day, several state BJP leaders, including for-mer deputy Chief Minister K S Eshwarappa took part in the protest led by state president B S Yeddyurappa in front of the

Mahatma Gandhi statue at the Vidhana Soudha.

As Congress leader and

state minister D K Shivakumar stood vigil outside a hotel in Mumbai to meet the rebels MLAs, BJP protesters here raised slogans like "Down, down to the government that has lost majority... Down, down to CM who wants to stick on to the chair".

Yeddyurappa also alleged that the political crisis in the state was created by Congress and JD(S) themselves.

The situation now was such that they had lost majority and had no moral right to continue in office, he said.

Denying charges that BJP had indulged in horse trad-ing,he pointed out that Congress and JD(S) MLAs had in the last few months openly expressed unhappiness over the government and sought to know how the saffron party was responsible for it. PTI

### Clashes in Bengal's Birbhum over cut money, 9 arrested



Police and RAF personnel at the site of a political clash at Sadaipur in Birbhum on

Siuri: Clashes erupted on Wednesday between two groups of villagers in West Bengal's Birbhum district over the issue of 'cut money', prompting the police to increase vigil in the area and arrest nine persons, sources in the administration said.

Crude bombs were hurled indiscriminately by the two sides at Sahapur village in Sadaipur police station area near Siuri, with the locals claiming that the miscreants were supporters of the ruling TMC and the BJP, they said.

Police officers, too, came under attack while trying to stop the clash, the sources claimed.

According to local people, a group of villagers on Tuesday evening agitated before TMC leader Enamul Haque's residence, demanding the return of 'cut money' which they had allegedly given to get benefits under Government schemes.

The situation, however, turned violent on Wednesday when supporters of Haque allegedly attacked those who had agitated the day before.

### Bengal Opp demands Tata's return in Singur

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

The Bengal Opposition parties came down heavily on Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for driving the Tatas out of the State and asked the Government to bring back India's top industrial house to

Singur.
The attack came soon after the Chief Minister replying to a question in the State Assembly said cultivation has decreased in Singur in the past

Replying to a question Banerjee said the landed area under cultivation in Singur had come down to 260 acres

had once again started after the Singur lands were restored to the farmers following a Supreme Court order in 2016.

The order had termed the land acquisition by the then Left Front Government as illegal. The then Government had acquired 990 acres of land for the Tata Nano plant leading to a powerful movement by Mamata Banerjee in 2006 which finally catapulted her to power in 2011.

Out of the 990 acres about 955 acres were returned to the farmers after the imposing Tata Nano structure was pulled down by the State Government

from 640 acre where cultivation in the wake of the Apex Court

order.
While the local farmers' associations said a vast area of the land had been rendered uncultivable Banerjee told the Assembly that "the Government cannot force people to cultivate the land.

Claiming that the price of the land in that area was increasing steadily which could be one reason why the farmers were leaving cultivation, Banerjee said her Government had taken all the initiatives including providing financial assistance of ₹10,000 to the local farmers to start cultivation

### NEET issue: DMK walks out of TN Assembly

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■

On a day when the daughter of a poor tailor from Anakaputhur in Kancheepuram district secured admission to MBBS in the prestigious Madras Medical College, the Opposition DMK staged a walkout in the Tamil Nadu Assembly protesting against the failure of the AIADMK Government to get the State exempted from the NEET.

MK Stalin, DMK president, told media persons after the walk out that the State Government did not inform the Opposition about the President of India rejecting the Bill passed unanimously by the Assembly in 2017. The refrain of the DMK and AIADMK politicians have been that stu-



dents in Tamil Nadu cannot compete against the their counterparts in other States and hence they be exempted from

P Jeevitha, daughter of P Bhavani who was struggling to meet both the ends of life as a poor tailor, proved the Tamil

Nadu politicians wrong by cracking the 2019 National Eligibility and Entrance Test, the qualifying examination for admission to the under graduate courses in medical colleges

across the country.
Senior educationists and

AIADMK and the DMK are voicing the concerns of private medical college owners who stand to lose big money because of NEET mode of admission. The year 2019 saw 59, 785 students out of the 1,23,078 who appeared for the NEET qualify ing for admission to MBBS.

mous in their view that both the

This is almost 10 per cent more than the students who qualified in last year's examination. While only 39.56 per cent of the Tamil Nadu students who appeared in last year's NEET qualified for counselling, this year it rose to 48.57 per cent, a commendable performance according to education-

Jeevitha managed to complete her studies thanks to the financial support extended by the State BIP chief. Similarly, there are a number of students hailing from rural Tamil Nadu who cracked the NEET and are waiting for their MBBS admis-

But the DMK lambacted the State and Central governments for their indifference to the demand by the party to abolish the NEET once and for ever. Interestingly, the DMK was part of the UPA government which was in the forefront to introduce the NEET all over the country.
Though the Tamil Nadu

Legislative Assembly had passed a resolution demanding the exemption of the State from the NEET and a Bill to conduct medical courses admission based on the marks scored by the students in the 12th stan-

#### 50 birds die of mysterious disease in Bihar

Patna: At least 50 birds have died of a mysterious disease in Bihar's Muzaffarpur district in the last two days, officials said on Wednesday.

Most of the birds died in Lakshmi Nagar locality of Muzaffarpur.

Officials of the forest and animal husbandry departments said that the deaths of the 50 birds has surprised them as they had apparently fallen from the trees and died

According to district officials, an investigation has begun into the cause of the deaths. Some local residents said that the birds died during the spell of rain.

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#### **MEKEDATU DAM** ·

### TN objects to K'taka plan for dam across Cauvery

Government on Wednesday objected to a Central committee's decision to discuss Karnataka's proposal to construct a dam across the Cauvery at Mekedatu, saying it is "clear violation" of the final order of a disputes tribunal and the

The objection by the state government comes ahead of the July 19 meeting of the Expert Appraisal Committee for River Valley and Hydro electric

Chief Minister K

Chennai: The Tamil Nadu mittee for including Karnataka's proposal for grant of fresh terms of reference to the Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir and Drinking Water Project in its

meeting.
The committee comes under the Environment, Forest

and Climate Change Ministry. In identical letters to Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar and Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Palaniswami pointed out that he had earlier written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the matter. He said he had then sought Modi's intervention for

denying permission to Karnataka's proposal for grant of terms of reference for environmental clearance for the project.
Palaniswami said it was

brought to his notice that the committee has included Karntaka's proposal for grant of fresh terms of reference to the project in its meeting scheduled on July 19. "The action of the committee to include the pro-posal of Karnataka for discussion in the meeting is a violation of the Notified Final Order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal and the judgment of the

Supreme Court," he said. PTI

#### Kolkata: The BSF has repulsed armed Bangladeshi cattle smugglers and seized 107 buffaloes along the Indo-Bangla border in Murshidabad district

of West Bengal, the force said on Wednesday. The smuggling bid took place on the intervening night of July 9-10 at border post Nirmal Char in the Nirmal Char in Murshidabad district of the state, the Border Security Force

The smugglers were attempting to take the cattle herd to the Bangladeshi side amid "unabated rain" and darkness, and they attacked the troops with 'dahs', a cleaver-shaped weapon, hasua (axe) and bamboo sticks among other sharp objects, the BSF



were outnumbered by the Bangladeshi smugglers, they displayed valour, grit and commitment to foil the smugglers' attempts. The troops were also attacked with arms and country-made bombs," it

The BSF troops also fired a number of pump action gun (PAG) rounds to thwart the attack and the smuggling



bid after which the group of 200 smugglers, called 'Rakhal' in local language, was dispersed, it said.

worth about Rs 18.68 lakh, have been kept at the BSF borlocal language, was dis-red, it said. der post and a case has been registered at the local police sta-tion at Ranitala, it added. *PTI* 



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#### **CricketCradle**



Indian superfan Sudhir Gautam reacts after India's 18-run semifinal defeat against New Zealand at Old Trafford in Manchester on Wednesday



A disappointing result, but good to see #TeamIndia 😭 's fighting spirit till the very end.

India batted, bowled, fielded well throughout the tournament, of which we are very proud.

Wins and losses are a part of life. Best wishes to the team for their future endeavours. #INDvsNZ

46 PM - 10 Jul 19 - Twitter for iPh

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweets after India's loss against New Zealand in the World Cup semifinal



Will it be advantage employees if Salary is given by Duckworth Lewis in rainy months. If baarish mein bhi employee is coming to office. What do HR log think?

10:28 PM - 09 Jul 19 - Twitter for Andre

Virender Sehwag tickled the funny bone of everyone with his cheeky tweet on the Duckworth-Lewis method



Michael Vaughan takes dig of Sanjay Manjrekar after the former Indian batsman blocks him on Twitter



Once again. 2015. 2017. 2019. Impressive India fall in the pressure game.

223 PM - 10 Jul 19 - Twitter for Android

Cricket commentator Harsha Bhogle tweets after India once again fail to lift the ICC trophy despite playing outstandingly well throughout the tournament



How many times have we seen @RishabPant777 do that?????!!!!!

The very reason he wasn't picked initially!

#### Pathetic!

Former England captain Kevin Pieterson criticises Rishabh Pant shot selection against New Zealand in the semifinal



These low scoring games are dull eh ???

7:15 PM - 10 Jul 19 Twitter for iPhon

Former England skipper Nasser Hussain tweets after Kiwis beat India in the low scoring World Cup semifinal



Pakistan fan holds New Zealand flag as he supports Kane Williamson's side against India at Old Trafford ICC/T ICC/Twitter

# lnd1a out!

Kiwis fly to Lord's, Kohli home; Jadeja, Dhoni fightback but India lose semi by 18 runs

PNS OLD TRAFFORD

ndia go home. New Zealand it is for Lord's! A horrible start, a late flourish by Ravindra Jadeja and MS Dhoni, the lowest ever first powerplay total in any World Cup, the highest ever eighth-wicket partnership in any World Cup – the story was all India's, but the end was all New Zealands was all New Zealand's.
Sudden death, death, death.

Life, life and then death again, this one was not for the faint hearted. New Zealand won by 18 runs with India packing up for 221. MS Dhoni the finisher, in the last World Cup match of his career, failed to finish though he toiled hard in the middle as Iadeia launched his most audacious knock of the tournament to somehow get to the Lord's dressing room where Kapil Dev had in 1983. After 77 runs, sadly Jadeja was still a broken heart as was Dhoni at 50 being run out when he dashed for victory somehow, anyhow.

But really, the impossibility was imposed, as skipper Virat Kohli admitted, in the first 45 minutes of the game, when the India horror show pushed the 17000-odd spectators at the Old Trafford into shock. The end of a great Indian run in the tournament seemed to have approached virtually before the beginning, putting New Zealand on the road to Lord's and India back home in nothing but abject despair of an unexplained, unfathomed and unexpected

Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli and KL Rahul shared an unenvi-ous commonality of walking back with just one run each. After five centuries, Sharma's stay in the middle was the shortest when he was required to be there for the longest. Kohli, trapped by Boult, could not save himself despite a referral. KL Rahul got caught in a double mind, finally edging it away to the first slip when some lifesaving surgery was needed from his bat.

Staring at the scoreboard showing 5/3, the silence was so intense that one could almost hear Kohli's heart palpitating in panic. After being table toppers, losing just one game out of nine. getting to the top of the runs and bowling tables, India went out like the light does in Delhi's long and intense summer.

People were left asking who

or what could have been more fickle than England's weather, the



Mahendra Singh Dhoni is run out via a direct throw from Martin Guptill during the Cricket World Cup first semifinal match between India and New Zealand at Old Trafford in Manchester on Wednesday

answer being made more than obvious by the Men in Blue and their opening show, or should one say the lack of it, in the mid-

From extra-ordinary to ordi-nary to less than ordinary – it just took three overs, inside an hour and a fall so vertical that the pub-lic around the middle started getting vertigo. Dinesh Karthik, meanwhile, got snapped by a flashy splashy catch at backward point to put the life support monitors on. It didn't matter that the ball would have otherwise raced

to the boundary.

What mattered was India's dream of a Lord's dressing room presence on July 14 lay ripped – till of course Ravindra Jadeja came along to insert life in the coffin. India recorded the worst first powerplay figures of the World Cup – four wickets, 49 dot balls, 24 runs and a job totally undone after 35 days of ticking all the boxes, self-belief, fitness,

performance and professionalism that Kohli talked about.

that Kohli talked about.
New Zealand's 27/3 earlier in
the innings paled into insignificance as the clouds started gathering over the stadium with
prayers of a washout gaining
chant, much like they did in the
Joburg Final of 2003 and the
Melbourg semi-final in 2015 Melbourne semi-final in 2015.

Yes, cricket comes with glo-rious uncertainties but this one stretched the games imagination a wee bit more than the faintest one could have. The 50-4 on board showed up the 17th over and run rate that could not have surpassed the exit rate of the Big Three of Indian cricket on a grey Manchester morning living on the singular brightness of the

floodlights at noon.

From 5/3 to 221/10, the fightback was on an individual blade which kept flirting with hope for a long time before get-ting extinguished. A 116-run partnership at No 7 was the shin-

ing penny in the thoughts but once Jadeja walked at 7 all towards home for India.

Jadeja who was playing only

his third game in this tourna-ment, was the fable of the day. He showed his class as much as he did his reserve in the high-pressure situation soaking in the difficult moments with elan and balance all at the same time. Kohli later spoke of Jadeja's extraordinary class in extraordinary circumstances as did Kiwi skip-per Kane Williamson who point-ed out how big a task Jadeja had undertaken by batting magnifi-cently so late in the innings and under extreme pressure to put on board more runs than anyone in

both the teams through this match.
Widely called India's bright future, Rishabh Pant could not muster the required maturity or patience, much like his senior Hardik Pandya who could not light even a glimmer of hope

once the first three went uncharacteristically. When India were 71, the young Pant could no longer wait to play the big shot and fell to William Santner with de Grandhomme grabbing his fall of patience near the bound-

ary when he was 32. The debris at the stumps, meanwhile, kept mounting steadily with no checks or balances by the Indian batsmen. Pandya did save some minutes on the fall line but he too fell to a high in the air shot off Santner bringing India to an unassailable 92/6 situation with no established batsmen left in the bag and the run rate mounting. Santner's best spell of the World Cup couldn't have come on a better occasion though his colleague Matt Henry bagged the Player of the Match award.

A word here on the beauties that were bowled by the Kiwi bowlers who kept their wits as beautifully as they did their line, did. Yes, shit happens, and how!

length and precision bowling, not allowing any of the Indian bats to drive even a single ball till well into the late 30 overs. With his brilliant bowling, Smith resembled Woakes, bringing in the swing which Bhuvneshwar could not. Yes, the conditions were overcast but the Indian blade has the navigational capabilities to steer out of the mess and the moisture. Boult stuck to regimen bowling to tap into the Indian panic room and Santner did the rest in a match that turned out to be the last one for the legend of

the game MS Dhoni.

May be Sanjay Manjrekar will have something to fill up the stunned silence that India have left the nation in. Something about New Zealand, may be? If not, this silence will at least give the right atmosphere for Team India to reflect on what went wrong, why and how it should not have, at least not the way it

### Kohli goes out with pride & poise

#### 'That you go out with just 45 minutes of bad cricket is saddening & it breaks your heart'

PNS MANCHESTER

India captain Virat Kohli was poised Iin defeat on Wednesday when he and his team lost the biggest moment of the World Cup in a matter of just 45 minutes. That this quick ouster came after a grand run of good cricket spreading over nine matches, record breaking performances and top-ranking outing with both the bat and the ball, made the heartbreak even more unbearable, not just for the players in the dressing room but also the fans and the Indian

It must have been a difficult job to address the media after such a convul-sive day but Kohli showed acquired maturity and balance to deal with the situation, urging the fans to strike the same balance in reacting to victory and defeat. "We lost the match due to the

defeat. We lost the match due to the first 40 minutes of bad cricket," the skipper said candidly. "I don't think that I would like to break things down immediately but in time would like to sit down and analyse what went wrong and what things we could have done right, in this game particularly," Kohli said, talking about the heartbreak in the team which played good cricket throughout the tournament only to go out of the game because of just 45 minutes of bad cricket.



Virat Kohli throws his bat in air after getting out AP

"You feel bad for the result. Everyone goes out there to win the game. We are sad but not devastated because we know where we stand as a team," Kohli added.

He lauded the efforts of the New Zealand bowlers who put up a great show bowling with the new ball. "We lost three wickets for five runs and it is very difficult to come back from he said.

"Rohit got a good ball. My ball was also decent... Start is always impor-tant. The way they bowled did not give us any opportunity. The first seven or eight overs we did not get a ball to drive even one," he said. The "perfect spell of fast bowling, Kohli said, "put us

under a lot of pressure."

He candidly admitted that "we are not good enough under pressure and we have to accept that," Kohli said. Talking about the shot that took

away Rishabh Pant from the middle when he had a big task at hand, Kohli said mistakes happen. "He is an instinc-tive bowler. Still young, I made many errors when I was young in my career. He will learn. He will look back and think he could have taken a different option in that situation. He realises that already. All these guys have a lot of pride and passion to play. They are the ones who feel most disappointed when mistakes happen.... The talent is there,

the character is there. It happens in sport, you make decisions you make errors and you have to accept it," the skipper said. "The ones who make the error, trust me, are the ones who suffer the most," he added.

He called Jadeja's knock and

Dhoni's partnership outstanding. Flicking away questions around the pace of Dhoni's innings, he said, "the way they batted together, it was the perfect tempo for that situation." Talking about Dhoni's dual role in the team, Kohli said: "He is been given that role of being in a situation where he can control one end like he did today or if there is a scenario that he could go and strike, then do so," he said.

"Failures teach you and you learn from them," he said philosophically. Talking about his own personal heartbreak as a skipper and a player who could not bring in the victory in the knockout match, Kohli said: "You just go out with just 45 minutes of bad cricket is saddening and it break your heart also. We worked so hard throughout the tournament that we finish No 1 in the table and then a brief spell of bad cricket and you are out of the tournament completely. But we have to accept it. We have all come out better cricketers because of these set-backs. We have played some out-standing cricket and qualified for the

semis. We should also take some positives from here because there were a

lot," he said.

Referring to Jadeja's celebration after he got to his 50, taunting com-mentator Sanjay Manjrekar with a wave of his hands, Kohli said: "I don't think we had anything to stop Jadeja after what had been going on for the past week. You saw the passion which he played. He has played like this in Test cricket also a couple of times. He played under tremendous pressure. He has got three triple hundreds in first class cricket. The talent has always been there. Watching Jadeja for 10 years and playing with him this is his best knock according to me."

Kohli felt that Jadeja was very

motivated. "We all felt that the game can be closed down he played so well but a mistake can happen at any stage. I don't think that was a mistake. It was just lack of execution which in cricket happens. You have to take risks here and there so... He has been a very understated cricketer but..." he added.

He agreed to the question about the knockouts changing format and turning into playoffs, giving more chances to good teams. "If topping the table means anything than I think these things can come into consideration looking at the magnitude... it is a really valid point," he added.

# Battle of nerves

### Australia take on England to seal their spot in summit clash



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ngland seem primed to win their maiden title but it will take a special effort to upstage arch-rivals and record five-time champions Australia in the second World Cup semifinal here today.

England have turned it around following their first-round exit in the 2015 edition and have become a formidable one-day side

Considering the firepower the hosts possess, many current and former players have said it is England's World Cup to lose, a trophy they have not been able to lift despite making the final in 1979, 1987 and 1992.

And between them and a fourth shot at the title, stand familiar foes snot at the tutle, stand familiar foes Australia who have been so consistent in the mega event that they are yet to lose a semifinal, having won six and one being a dramatic tie against South Africa in the 1999 edition.

Not many would have put their money on Australia as recent as four months ago but Aaron Finch and his team have made a phenomenal come-back that began with a rare series win in India in March.

Though they still cannot be brack-eted among the 'invincible' Australian

teams of the past, trust them to rise to the occasion when the stakes are high. They seem to be peaking at the right time and look a relaxed bunch, something that was very much evident when the entire squad walked barefoot around the outfield at Edgbaston here

"If you go back 12 months ago there wasn't too much to be relaxed and chilled about in Australian cricket, was there?. And that's the truth," said Australia coach Justin Langer ahead of

We went through a major crisis in our cricket. It didn't just affect our crick-

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#### et, it affected our country, so there was n't too much to be relaxed about. We've had to work hard on being more humble in what we do and being focussed on playing good cricket but also being good people as well. "And I know there will be some

English people who will laugh about that but its actually true. We had to work hard on that and that's a good bunch of players," said the former open-er," he said referring to the period which saw senior players David Warner and Steve Smith being handed out one-year

bans for ball-tampering.
England may have won 10 out of their last 12 meetings against Australia but they know well that the piece of stasemifinal, especially after the Eoin Morgan-led side's 64-loss to them in the league stage. ut England are back to their best since that loss to Australia as they beat India and New Zealand in their final two league games.

Openers Jonny Bairstow and Jason

Roy have been on fire and the team will be expecting another flying start from the destructive duo.

England pacer Liam Plunkett feels his team is a title favourite for a reason and fancies beating Australia who suffered an unexpected defeat against South Africa in their final league fixture. "We are a different sort of animal compared to our last teams. We have played well for the past four years, we're ranked number one. We feel on our day we can beat anyone in the world," he said. The pace attack has provided the x-factor to both teams, adding to excitement of the contest.

While England don't have injury issues, Australia coach Langer has already confirmed Peter Handscomb will replace an injured Usman Khawaja in the playing eleven.

All-rounder Marcus Stoinis has

recovered from a side strain he sustained against South Africa.

#### SOUADS

Australia: Aaron Finch (captain), Jason Behrendorff, Alex Carey (wk), Nathan Coulter-Nile, Pat Cummins, Peter Handscomb, Usman Khawaja, Nathan Lvon, Glenn Maxwell, Kane Richardson, Steve Smith, Mitchell Starc, Marcus Stoinis, David Warner, Adam Zampa (Standby players: Matthew Wade, Mitchell Marsh). **England:** Eoin Morgan (captain), Moeen Ali, Jofra Archer, Jonny Bairstow, Jos Buttler (wk), Tom Curran, Liam Dawson, Liam Plunkett, Adil Rashid, Joe Root, Jason Roy, Ben Stokes, James Vince, Chris Woakes, Mark Wood.



### Finch coy over Maxi's fitness

Australia captain Aaron Finch insisted Glenn Maxwell's absence from a net session on the eve of the World Cup semi-final against England didn't necessarily mean he would miss today's

Maxwell has struggled to hit peak form during the tour-nament and there have been growing rumours he could be dropped for the Edgbaston semi-final. He has scored just 155 runs in nine innings, did not take part in optional training session on Wednesday.

That increased the talk that Matthew Wade, called into the holders' squad this week to replace the injured Usman Kĥawaja, could be

handed an immediate place in the starting line-up.

But Finch was keen to play down any suggestions that the usually big-hitting Maxwell could be axed.

"It's a purely optional training session. You're reading a bit too much into it," he told

reporters.
"Maxi is someone who 50 percent of the time comes down to optional sessions. Most of the bowlers aren't here, Davey (Warner) isn't here. We'll name our side at the

toss, as usual." Pressed on his team-mates' struggles, Finch was adamant Maxwell remained a key player for Australia and backed the

all-rounder to come good. "There's runs around the corner. He'd like to have scored more but he's hitting the ball nicely. We know how destructive he can be when he's in," he

said.
"His contributions in the field are up there with most runs saved and he got a great run out at Taunton against Pakistan. And the overs he's bowled have been really, really key overs for us too.
"What he brings to the

game is a still very exciting

package."
Finch will be all business once the semi-final gets underway however, with Australia chasing an eighth World Cup

final appearance.

Australia are bidding for a sixth World Cup title after winning four of the last five editions

Asked why Australia thrive Asked why Australia inflye more than other teams under pressure, Finch said: "World Cups are very special and they bring out the best in players. That's why Australia have a very rich history in World Cups

Cups.
"Winning four of the last five (World Cups) is a great achievement. We're full of confidence only in the this great fidence going into this game, but England have been front runners in one-day cricket for

the last four years.
"It will come down to whoever holds their nerve and whoever holds their half-

### Pride, not pressure

**AFP** ■ BIRMINGHAM

England captain Eoin Morgan has Eurged his side to embrace their World Cup dreams as they prepare for today's blockbuster semi-final against old rivals Australia.

Morgan can lead England to their

first World Cup final since 1992 if they beat the holders at Edgbaston.

Advancing to Sunday's title match at Lord's would be the culmination of four years' hard work for Morgan and his squad after their dismal performance at the 2015 edition. On the eve of the crunch clash,

Morgan issued a passionate plea for his players to take pride in their achievements so far and to relish their moment in the spotlight rather than be weighed down by pressure.

Sometimes I'm guilty of it, you can lose sight of the position you're in and the fact you're living your dream,"

Morgan told reporters on Wednesday.
"I think it's possible to play with a smile on your face tomorrow." Asked if the World Cup hosts were feeling excited, nervous or ply focused on the task at hand, Morgan added: "All of

those things. But I think excitement probably should be the dominant one. "Everyone is

excited to play this semi-final. The fact that through the group stages getting to this stage looked unlikely, or was called into question, makes it even more exciting for us.

#### CricketCradle

 $T^{
m he}$  oldest rivalry in cricket will return to the knockout stages of the World Cup for the first time in three decades when England take on Australia at Edgbaston, From a dramatic semi-final in the first WC, to the closest final of them all, England and Australia have played out some classics, with the Australians having enjoyed the better of the meetings. However, while England

have the edge in recent games, the World Cup match-ups favour Australia, including the group stage encounter between the teams at Lord's last month.

#### THE GILMOUR SHOW

The teams met for the first time in the competition at the semi-final stage of the inau-gural WC in 1975 at Headingley. It was a low-scoring affair, and a close-run encounter despite a stunning bowling display from the Australians after putting England in. Gary Gilmour was virtually unplayable, finishing with figures of 6/14 as England were bundled out for just 93. However, that proved a competitive total as Australia slumped to 39/6 in reply. John Snow had both Chappell brothers removed leg before but Gilmour then made a second crucial contribution of the game. He and Doug Walters (20) added an unbeaten 55 to take Australia home, Gilmour making 28 at a run a ball on a wicket where no one else had found any fluency. That victory took Australia through to the first World Cup final, where they went on to

#### CKIDDERS UNITE

England captains past, present and future combined to help England exact revenge on Australia four years later in the group stages at Lord's. Geoff Boycott was the unlikely hero with the ball, taking 2/15 from six economical overs, while four runouts help limit Australia to 159/9. In response then-captain Mike Brearley (44) and a man who would later take on the role,



Graham Gooch (53), combined to help England to a comfortable six-wicket victory. Australia's subsequent defeat to Pakistan saw went on to reach the final before suffering the same fate as the their second straight title.

THE CLOSEST FINAL The teams did not meet in 1983, but they faced off in the final four years later, both teams searching for their maiden title. At Eden Gardens in Kolkata, David Boon scored a fine 75 as the Australians built steadily on their way to 253/5, Mike Veletta chipping in with a quick-fire 45 not out. England looked to be in control in response as Bill Athey and Mike Gatting added 69, but an ill-advised reverse sweep from Gatting off the part-time off-spin of Allan Border turned the game on its head. He departed for 41, Athey followed soon after for 58, and it was left to Allan Lamb to get them over the line. Lamb made 45 before he was bowled by Steve



Waugh, and England ended up falling agonizingly short, losing by just seven runs. That remains the closest margin in a World Cup final.

#### REEFY ON FIRE

TThe next World Cup was playing in Australia and New Zealand, and it was in Sydney that Ian Botham inspired England to their second, and to date last, World Cup win over the Australians. After winning the toss and electing to bat, Australia were bowled out for just 171, with Botham the destroyer in chief as he took 4/31. In reply, the allrounder flourished in his pinch-



hitting role at the top of the order, scoring 53, while opening partner Gooch scored 58. Neither was there at the end, but England cruised to an eight-wicket succe on their way to second spot in the group stages. Australia, by con-trast, missed out on a spot in the

semi-finals due to Pakistan's remarkable recovery. It was th Pakistanis who went on to lift the trophy, beating England in the final by 22 runs, the third time England had fallen at the final

#### BICHEL KNOCKS OUT ENGLAND After an 11-year wait the teams met once more in South Africa, with defending champions Australia knowing that victory would eliminate

their oldest rivals. England bat-ted first with Alec Stewart (46) and Andrew Flintoff (45) the chief contributors as they made 204/8 at Centurion. The star man for Australia was Andy



Bichel, who took 7/20 — the second best figures in a World Cup ever after teammate Glenn McGrath three days earlier against Namibia. The chase was far from straightforward, with Andy Caddick taking 4/35 as Australia slumped to 135/8. That was when Bichel joined master chaser Michael Bevan (74 not out) in the middle and the pair added 73 for the ninth wicket to take Australia home. With seven wickets and then an unbeaten 34, Bichel was inevitably named Player of the Match, with Australia going on to win their second successive world title, beating India in the

#### AUSTRALIA MARCH ON

For the second successive World Cup, Australia got the better of England, and while this one did not knock out the English, it left them on the brink. In Antigua, Kevin Pietersen produced a fine hundred as England batting first, making 104. However Ian Bell (77) provided his only real support as England collapsed to 247 all out, losing eight wickets for 83 runs. In reply, Ricky Ponting managed the chase beautifully, making 86, before Michael Clarke came to the middle and saw



Australia home with an unbeaten 55. The Australians went on to claim a third successive title, beating Sri Lanka in the final.

#### FINCH OFF TO A FLYER

England and Australia met in the teams' World Cup opener four years ago and it was current skipper Aaron Finch who was the star man, making 135 as Australia powered to352/9. George Bailey chipped in with 55 and Glenn Maxwell scored a 40ball 66, while Steve Finn did his bit to stem the flow with a hattrick on his way to 5/71. That total proved far too much for England, although James Taylor showed a lot of resistance on his way to 98 not out. Mitchell Marsh with the pick of the Australian bowlers, taking 5/33. As in 2003 and 2007, Australia went on to lift the trophy, seeing off New



Zealand in the final, while England missed out on the quarter-finals.

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As he had four years previously, Finch scored a hundred in the first meeting between the teams at this World Cup, making exactly 100 as he and David Warner put on 123 for the open ing wicket. England fought back well to restrict Australia to 285/7 but that would prove more than enough. At Lord's, where Australia have had such a good record at both Test and ODI level, they were exceptional with the ball once again.Jason Behrendorff (5/44) and Mitchell Starc (4/43) raced through England's top order, the former removing James Vince with the second ball of the match. Ben Stokes provided some resistance, making 89 before Starc removed him with a stunning yorker to end any slim hopes England still had. Australia eventually ran out winners by 64 runs, but as the two teams meet for the second time at this World Cup – the first time this has happened – England will have an opportunity for revenge and a return to Lord's.

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# Apply afresh: PCB tells Arthur

akistan Cricket Board has asked head coach Mickey Arthur to apply afresh if he wants to continue his job with the national cricket team.

Arthur, whose three-year contract ended with the World Cup, met with the Chairman Ehsan Mani and Managing Director Wasim Khan of the PCB in London this week and expressed his desire to continue as the coach of the Pakistan cricket team.

"The meeting was arranged on the request of Mickey Arthur who wanted to meet the chairman Ehsan Mani to discuss the performance of the team and his future with the national team," a source said.
"Arthur asked Mani what his plans were

for him and whether they intended to continue with him.

"Arthur was told that the PCB's Cricket Committee will be carrying out a robust appraisal of the team's performances in the last three years including the World Cup and if he (Arthur) was interested in continuing to work with the team he should apply afresh

for the post of head coach," the source added. He disclosed that Mani had also asked Wasim Khan to attend the meeting, in which matters relating to the Pakistan team and its performance in the World Cup were dis-cussed. Both the officials are in London to attend the ICC board meetings. Arthur has also requested the PCB officials to invite him for its Cricket Committee meetings and allowed to make a presentation on the team's showing in the last three years. The source



Pakistan coach Mickey Arthur chats with Imam-UI-Haq during team's practice session during World Cup

said that till now the top officials of the PCB have not made any decision on the path to follow after the World Cup, in which Pakistan failed to qualify for the semi-finals.

There is a mixed reaction to the team's performance in the World Cup. While many feel that the PCB should make a fresh start and appoint a new management, there are those who believe the board should not press the panic button and allow captain Sarfaraz Ahmed and Arthur to continue working till

the World T20 Cup in Australia next year. Under a revised constitution of the board, the Managing Director now has full authority to appoint the head coach, support staff, selection committee and captain of the national after consultations with the chairman. In the past, the PCB Chairman

had total powers to make the appointments.

Many of the former players and critics believe that Sarfaraz might be asked to continue as captain in the ODI and T20 formats while the board could go for a change in the captaincy for the Test squad.

Sarfaray earlier this week told a Press

Sarfaraz, earlier this week, told a Press conference in Karachi he had no intentions of stepping down as captain but it was the Board's call on whether he will be retained as captain or replaced by someone else.

Ironically while Sarfaraz defended the

performance of the team in the World Cup, the next day at a presser in Rawalpindi, all-rounder Imad Wasim said the team's performance was not satisfactory as it failed to reach the last four stage.

Imad has time and again been promot-

ed as the next captain after Sarfaraz in the limited over formats.

### No exit for Professor

enior all-rounder Muhammad Senior all-rounder Munammau
Hafeez has no plans to retire from the
limited overs format after Pakistan
endured a disappointing World Cup
campaign in the United Kingdom.
According to a reliable source close
to the all-rounder, former captain and
head coach Wanar Younis had advised

head coach Waqar Younis had advised Hafeez last week to call it quits. "Waqar told Hafeez that he felt this

was the right time now for Hafeez to say goodbye but the senior player said he wanted to carry on playing for a few more years," the source

said. Hafeez, who turns 39 in October, has also informed the Pakistan team management that he

plans to retire and is fit enough to serve Pakistan cricket in ODIs and T20 Internationals for a few more years.



Novak Djokovic celebrates after beating David Goffin in Wimbledon quarterfinal clash on Wednesday

AFP LONDON

 $F^{\text{our-time champion Novak}}_{\text{Djokovic reached the}}$ Wimbledon semi-finals for the ninth time on Wednesday, racking up his 70th career win at the All England Club in the process.

The top seed and world number one hit back from a break down in the first set to carve out a commanding 6-4, 6-0, 6-2 win over

21st seed David Goffin of Belgium. In a ruthless

display, the defending cham-pion reeled off 15 of the last 17 games to secure a place in the semials of the majors for the 36th time.

Next up is Spanish 23rd who made his first Grand Slam semi-final with a 7-5, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 over Argentina's Guido Pella. "He started well and was dictating play from the baseline," 32-year-old Djokovic said of

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"Things could have gone a different way if I had lost the first set but I was very pleased with the second and third.

He added: "I had a tough match in the third round (against Hubert Hurkacz). Other than that, I've won in straight sets and played really well throughout the tournament.

"It's exactly what I wanted and hopefully I can go in the right direction in the semis as

Goffin was on top in the early stages as he sensed the

opportunity to become the first Belgian man to make the semifinals at a Slam since Xavier Malisse at Wimbledon in 2002.

The 28-year-old broke for a 4-3 lead but 16-time Slam win-ner Djokovic then reeled off the next nine games, taking the first set, and the second in which he allowed the Belgian just four points on his serve. The contest was over

over the decay and the first the fir the time Djokovic broke for a 3-1 lead in the third set. Bautista Agut,

31. booked his first appearance in a Slam last-four at the 27th attempt by seeing off Pella, who had never previously reached a quarter-final at

the majors. "Novak is the number one in the world and he's playing

really well on grass," said Bautista Agut, who has a 3-7 record against the Serb. However, two of those wins

came this year in Doha and Roger Federer can rack up

his 100th win at Wimbledon later Wednesday and set-up a blockbuster semi-final against

If it does happen, it will be their first match at the All England Club since 2008 when Nadal triumphed in what is widely regarded as the greatest-ever Wimbledon final.

However, before they reach that stage, eight-time champion Federer has to get past Kei Nishikori while Nadal, a twotime winner, tackles big-hitting Sam Querrey.

At 37, Federer is the oldest quarter-finalist since Jimmy Connors in 1991.

He reached his 17th quarterfinal at the All England Club— and 55th at the majors— with a 74-minute demolition of Italy's Matteo Berrettini, dropping just Federer will take a 7-3

record over seventh-seeded Nishikori into his quarter-final. Nishikori, playing in his

second successive Wimbledon quarter-final, defeated the Swiss great in the ATP Finals last year, ending a drought which had stretched to almost five years.

He is bidding to become the first Japanese man since Jiro Satoh in 1933 to make the semi-Nadal, playing in his seventh Wimbledon quarter-final, faces

Querrey backed up by a 4-1 record over the 65th-ranked American. Querrey made the semi-finals in 2017, beating then

world number one Andy Murray in the last-eight before falling to Marin Cilic. The American has pound-

ed down 100 aces so far at the tournament, dropped serve just once and accounted for fifth seed Dominic Thiem in the first

"When he plays well, he can be very, very dangerous on all surfaces," said Nadal, whose recent 12th French Open title took him to 18 majors, just two back from Federer's record.

Querrey hopes to be the first unseeded player in the semifinals since Marat Safin and Rainer Schuettler both made it

# Djokovic into ninth semis Ole dismisses Pogba's exit

ICC/Twitter



Pogba's agent, told **UK** radio station talkSPORT on **Tuesday that** "everyone knows the willingness of Paul to move on"

Solskjaer said he was optimistic about the goalkeeper remaining at Old Trafford, despite only one

year remaining on his contract.
"David has had a summer where he's been negotiating and we hope we're going to get it sorted," Solskjaer said.

"I'm positive, of course with David I've said many times how lucky I am and happy we are to have him in goal

United have been linked with Southampton's Mario Lemina and Spurs playmaker Christian Eriksen among others, but the United manager remained coy on his transfer

targets.
"We are still in the market. We are patient. We don't have to overspend. We want the right players for the right price,

Solskjaer said he expected Alexis Sanchez, who limped out of Chile's Copa America third-place play-off defeat by Argentina on Saturday, to be fit for the start of the Premier League season.

After playing the two matches in Perth, United will travel on for further pre-season games in Singapore and China.

#### AFP MANCHESTER

Manchester United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer on Wednesday dismissed speculation that Paul Pogba is to leave Old Trafford, saying there had been "no bids" for the midfielder and "agents talk all the time".

The 26-year-old World Cupwinner's future has overshadowed United's pre-season tour since they arrived in Perth on Monday, with Real Madrid and Juventus rumoured as possible destinations. Mino Raiola, Pogba's agent,

told UK radio station talkSPORT on Tuesday that "everyone knows the willingness of Paul to move on"

But Solskjaer, who took the ns from Jose Mourinho last December, said it was "business as usual" and warned the club were under no pressure to offload Pogba, or anyone else.

"There are no bids for our players. Agents talk all the time. We are Manchester United, we don't have to sell players," he said at a press conference after training ahead of matches in the Western Australia and Leed United on Tuesday.

"When you're at Manchester United you expect all these things to pop up in the summer.

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Footage on social media Tuesday suggested Pogba and teammate Jesse Lingard had clashed on the trip, but Solskjaer said there had been no dust-up and that the Frenchman had been on the end of

"With Paul, it looks like it's going to be a media, I don't want to call it, but it's an agenda against Paul," he said.

"He's a top, top bloke. He's a great professional. He's never been any problem.

"Jesse and Paul were walking

around and it's been portrayed as a fight between the two boys. There are no problems between the boys. Pre-season has been very good so far."

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