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Opp against PM's polls at one go

Modi to discuss 'one nation, one poll' plan with chiefs of parties today, Mamata demands white paper

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In a clear indication of the difficult road ahead for its implementation, the Opposition on Tuesday decided to oppose Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ambitious 'one nation, one election' proposal, for which he would make the first serious push during his meeting with party presidents on Wednesday.

The decision was taken unanimously at a meeting of the Opposition parties convened by UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi and attended by leaders from Congress, TMC, DMK, NCP, NC, RSP, Left and others.

However, BJP's allies like JD(U), Shiv Sena and Shiromani Akali Dal are on board the PM's plan. So are those like Samajwadi Party, BJP and TRS.

Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said the parties were opposed to the idea in principle. "Since some issues are to be sorted out, the UPA will meet again on Wednesday morning to discuss the issue further and take a



UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi along with Congress president Rahul Gandhi and other leaders after a meeting to decide their strategy in Parliament in New Delhi on Tuesday

common stand at the meeting called by Modi in the evening. The Opposition's tone was set during the day itself with West Bengal Chief Minister and TMC chief Mamata Banerjee excusing herself from attending the meeting citing

lack of sufficient time to come up with a "proper response" to the matter and calling for circulation of a white paper on the subject to all political parties inviting their views by providing adequate time to respond if the Centre indeed wanted "con-

crete suggestions". In her letter to Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi, who had sent out invites to all party presidents, she said such a "serious and sensitive subject" required consultation with constitutional

and election experts and that to frame a proper response, she needed to consult all the members of her party.

The PM will be meeting with presidents of political parties having at least one Lok Sabha or Rajya Sabha member on the issue.

The Left parties — CPM, CPI — are strongly opposed to the idea but their presidents Sitaram Yechury and Sudhakar Reddy may, however, join the deliberations. The Left parties term the proposal totally "unrealistic and non-practical" one. The CPM Politburo in a detailed statement said this proposal is not workable as the duration of the Lok Sabha and Assemblies are based on the floor strength. When the Government loses majority, elections have to be conducted within six months. They cited how in 1996, 1998 and 1999 Lok Sabha elections had to be held when Governments lost the majority.

CPI national secretary D Raja said, "We will oppose this proposal, which is already rejected by many parties as it is totally non-practical."

The main Opposition Congress said the idea per se is not bad but has preferred to go along with consensus of the Opposition parties. But the Congress was yet to name its representative for the meeting for want of a party chief following Rahul Gandhi's resignation.

BJD chief and Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik will be here to attend the meeting, party leaders said. But Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray would not make it as he is busy with party's foundation day events. Sanjay Raut is likely to represent the party.

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- Congress is not entirely opposed to the idea but it has preferred to go with the Opposition parties: TMC, DMK, NCP, NC, RSP, Left
- BJP's allies like JD(U), Shiv Sena and Shiromani Akali Dal are on board the PM's plan. So are those like Samajwadi Party, BJP and TRS
- Mamata says no sufficient time for meeting to discuss such 'important issue in hurry'
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Om Birla set to be LS Speaker

BJP picks 2-time MP, UPA backs NDA candidate

DEEPAK K UPRETI ■ NEW DELHI

Two-time member of Parliament Om Birla from Rajasthan is set to be the Speaker of the 17th Lok Sabha. In a surprise move, the BJP on Tuesday nominated him as the candidate of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) for the constitutional post, to which he is expected to be elected unopposed.

The Congress and its UPA partners have decided to support Birla's candidature but they have not been forthcoming on the issue of Deputy Speaker. According to sources, the NDA could back someone from the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) for the Deputy Speaker's post.

Birla would be the second two-term MP to be Speaker after GMC Balayogi, who was succeeded in 2002 by Shiv Sena's Manohar Joshi, a first-time Lok Sabha member. Balayogi, a TDP MP, was elected as Speaker in 1998 and thereafter in 1999, but he could not complete his term due to his untimely demise.

Conventionally, a senior MP is saddled with the responsibility of Speaker's post. The Speaker-designate's predecessor



Sumitra Mahajan was an MP from Indore, from where she won for a record eight times before she reached the BJP's prescribed cut-off age of 75 years for retirement and did not contest the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

LS SPEAKER: BJD TO BACK NDA CANDIDATE

NEW DELHI: Odisha's ruling Biju Janata Dal (BJD) has decided to support Om Birla, BJP-led NDA's candidate for the post of Lok Sabha Speaker, informed BJD Parliamentary Party Leader Pinaki Mishra here on Tuesday.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the parliamentary party held here on the spot. The BJD also signed the proposal on nomination of Om Birla as Lok Sabha Speaker.

"The Bharatiya Janata Party, which has a clear majority in the Lok Sabha, has nominated Om Birla for the post of the Lok Sabha Speaker and sought our support for him. Since we have always had constructive cooperation with the Centre, we will support the proposal," said Mishra.

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CAPSULE

JEWAR AIRPORT TO GET 8 RUNWAYS

NOIDA: The Jewar International Airport in Greater Noida will now have eight runways after UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in a meeting held recently endorsed a proposal to add two more runways to existing six.

4 GET LIFE IN AYODHYA TERROR ATTACK CASE

ALLAHABAD: A special court here sentenced four persons to life imprisonment while acquitted one accused in the 2005 Ayodhya terror attack case in which two locals were killed and seven CRPF personnel were injured.

4 RBU DEPT HEADS QUIT OVER 'RACIST' REMARKS

KOLKATA: Four departmental heads of the Rabindra Bharati University here have put in their papers over alleged racist remarks made against them by members of the Trinamool Congress Ghnatra Parishad (TMC), prompting the State Education Minister to intervene into the matter.

Govt sacks 15 top Customs, Excise officers over graft

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Days after sacking a dozen-odd errant Income Tax officers, the Government on Tuesday dismissed from service 15 senior Customs and Central Excise officials, including one of the rank of Principal Commissioner, on charges of corruption and bribery. Invoking rule 56(j) of the Fundamental Rules, the Government has sacked these Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) officers, ranging from the ranks of Principal Commissioner to Assistant Commissioner, some of whom were already under suspension, according to a Finance Ministry order.

These officers either had corruption cases registered against them by the CBI or were involved in bribery, extortion and disproportionate assets cases, Government sources said.

Among those dismissed include Principal Commissioner Anup Srivastava, who was serving as Principal ADG (Audit) in the CBIC in Delhi, and Joint Commissioner Nalin Kumar, the order said. Sources said the CBI had in 1996 registered a criminal conspiracy case against Srivastava and alleged that he had shown favours to a house building society which was trying to obtain NOC for land purchases in violation of law.

CNG car rebate on anvil to boost Capital's lungs

GAYATHRI MANI ■ NEW DELHI

In yet another relief aimed at middle class voters, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Government is going to grant 50 per cent concession in the registration and road tax charges for Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) factory fitted private cars. The proposal is a part of Delhi Government's "Green Budget" to recreate breathing space in the city and to reduce pollution level by promoting the CNG usage.

The project was proposed by the Government in the Budget 2018-19 along with other projects such as 1,000 electric buses, 900 electric ferries or buses for last mile connectivity, edge-to-edge paving and landscaping of Public Works Department (PWD) roads and others. Under this Green Budget project, 26 anti-pollu-

tion schemes have been listed from various departments of the Delhi Government.

According to the official sources, the finalisation of the scheme is at the last stages and will be placed in the upcoming Cabinet meeting which is likely to be held by end of this month. "The proposal was announced in last year's Budget and the Government is working on it to implement the scheme as soon as possible to promote CNG vehicles in the city for better environment condition. The file regarding the same is under submission and will be placed before the Cabinet meeting," said sources.

If everyone converts their vehicles to CNG, the city will be free from hazardous air pollution, said Jasmeet Singh, the chairperson of Delhi Dialogue Commission (DDC).

Ultra whose IED car martyred 40 CRP men in Pulwama shot

Another JeM terrorist killed, cop loses life

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

One of the key conspirators of the February 14 Pulwama terror attack, whose car was fabricated and later handed over to the suicide bomber, was among two terrorists gunned down by the joint team of security forces in Marhama area of Anantnag of South Kashmir's Anantnag district on Tuesday. One Army jawan sacrificed his life in the operation.

Meanwhile, two Army jawans, injured in the IED blast late on Monday evening in Aerial area of Pulwama succumbed to their injuries in the command hospital in Srinagar early on Tuesday. Late evening, unidentified terrorists lobbed a grenade outside Pulwama police station causing injuries to several pedestrians. Police said two civilians received serious injuries.

In the last five days, 10 security personnel — five CRPF men, four Army men, including a Major, and an Inspector of the J&K Police — have sacrificed their lives. The martyred soldiers were identified as Havildar Amarjeet



Paramedics and local people transfer on a stretcher a man wounded in a grenade blast in Pulwama town as he is brought for treatment in Srinagar on Tuesday

Kumar and Naik Ajit Kumar Sahoo. Another soldier, Rifleman Anil Kumar Jaswal, made supreme sacrifice in anti-terror operations in Marhama on Tuesday.

Confirming the identity of the two terrorists killed in the operation, J&K Police DGP Dilbagh Singh said, "Two dreaded terrorists of Jaish-e-Mohammad, identified as Sajjad Ahmad Bhat and Tauseef Ahmad Bhat, were eliminated during fierce gunfight in Marhama area of Anantnag on Tuesday morning."

The DGP claimed, "Sajjad Ahmad Bhat's car was fabricated as IED and the same was handed over to the suicide

bomber before targeting the CRPF convoy in which 40 CRPF personnel were martyred."

Singh said, the duo were well trained members of the JeM suicide squad.

"Two other terrorists killed in Aachabal and KP road attack were also part of the same JeM group," he added.

According to police, "Sajad Ahmad Bhat, alias Afzal Guru, had joined militancy days before the Pulwama terror attack. He hailed from village Marhama in Anantnag.

Kashmir Valley has witnessed three vehicle mounted IED attack on the security forces this year.

Black money in polls comes under SIT scanner

₹3,800 CRORE SEIZED ACROSS COUNTRY

PNS ■ CUTTACK

Expressing concern over the rise of huge amounts of black money during the time of elections, Supreme Court-appointed Special Investigation Team (SIT) Vice-Chairman Justice Arijit Pasayat on

Tuesday suggested for appropriate amendments in the existing tax laws to curb the use money power to win polls.

Briefing reporters after a meeting with officials from Crime Branch, Vigilance, Economic Offences Wing and officers from Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, Enforcement Directorate, CBI, SEBI, Income Tax and Central Economic Intelligence Bureau here, Justice Pasayat said the agencies discussed various modalities to make the tax laws more effective.

"It has come to the notice of the SIT that nearly Rs 3,800



crore was seized across the country during the time of elec-

tions in April-May this year," Justice Pasayat said, adding that discussions were held as to how these seizures could be treated as "predicate offences" so that the Enforcement Directorate and the Income Tax Bureau could bring the seized amounts under the tax net.

He said the SIT, formed in 2014, has already prepared its seventh interim report to be submitted to the Supreme Court in July this year. "The new report includes several suggestions to curb the menace of black money in the country," Justice Pasayat said, adding that the SIT is also of the

opinion of having special courts in the country to deal exclusively with offences related to black money.

"About 15,000 to 16,000 such cases are still pending in different courts across the country for over 10 to 12 years now. We have recommended in our report to expedite the trial of these cases and also suggested setting of special courts to deal with the pending cases," the SIT Vice-Chairman said, adding that proper prosecution and putting the offenders behind the bars would have a deterrent effect on generation of black money.

Injured Odia jawan martyred in Pulwama

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Odia jawan Naik Ajit Kumar Sahoo, who was injured following an IED blast in Jammu and Kashmir's Pulwama district on Monday, succumbed to his injuries on Tuesday.

Sahoo, a resident of Badasaala village in Kamakhyanagar block of Dhenkanal district, had joined the Indian Army in 2015.

His family came to know about the incident after Ajit's father received a phone call from the Army in the morning.



Dhenkanal Collector Nikhil Pawan Kalyan said, "It's very unfortunate for us but it's a pride as well at the same time that he sacrificed his life for the

country in the line of duty. Our deepest condolences to the family, we will extend all support to them," he expressed. "We expect the body of the martyr would be brought to Odisha in service flight in the evening today. Later, the body would be brought to Dhenkanal for cremation, he added."

The State BJP expressed deep grief over the incident. State BJP president Basant Panda while expressing his sympathies to the bereaved family prayed for Sahoo's soul to rest in peace.

SCHOOL SUMMER VACATION TILL JUN 25 IN STATE

BHUBANESWAR: The State Government on Tuesday extended the summer vacation of schools till June 25 in view of the prevailing heat wave condition almost across the State. The schools, which were scheduled to reopen on Wednesday (June 19) after the end of summer vacation, will now reopen on June 26. "The Government extended the summer vacation of schools till June 25 in view of prevailing heat wave," said School and Mass Education Department Secretary Pradipta Kumar Mohapatra. The summer holidays, which usually begin in the first week of May, were advanced to April 18 this year due to torrid heat conditions in many places. *PNR*

PLASTIC, POLYTHENE BAN

BMC to intensify raids from today

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

To ensure execution of the ban of use of polythene and plastic carry bags in the city, the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) Commissioner on Tuesday asked Zonal Deputy Commissioners to form at least two squads under each of them and conduct raids in their respective zones each Wednesday.

While two central squads were conducting raids in the



city, the raids by ZDC squads are expected to have a larger

impact on banning of polythene and plastics below the prescribed limits of 50 micron.

The squads of ZDCs will conduct raids on every Wednesday from 8 am to 2 pm with the help of local police. So the ZDCs will begin raids from Wednesday i.e. June 19. There are three ZDCs under the BMC operating in north, south-east and south-west regions.

CM to attend all-party meet in Delhi

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik will visit New Delhi on Wednesday to attend a meeting of presidents of all political parties in the Parliament premises. The meeting, scheduled to begin at 3 pm, will have discussions on five key issues, including 'One Nation, One Election', ways to improve productivity of Parliament, building of New India in the 75th years of independence, celebration of Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary and development of aspirational districts. Presidents of all parties will keep their views on the above subjects and can also raise any other issue of national relevance. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given his consent to be present at the meeting.

State's June rainfall deficient by 52%

WHILE NORMAL RAINFALL IS 93.8MM, RAINFALL RECEIVED BY JUNE 15 WAS 44.8MM

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Odisha has received 52 per cent less rainfall during the month of June, reveals a latest report on crop weather situation. According to the official statistics, as on June 15, the State has received 44.8 MM rainfall, while normal rainfall is 93.8 MM. The Crop Weather Watch Group held its review meeting

on June 17 under chairmanship of Agriculture Production Commissioner (APC) Gagan Kumar Dhal. Odisha has received scanty rainfall during the month of June with a minus 52.2 per cent deviation. Odisha received excess rainfall of 21 per cent in April. Against normal rainfall 33.1 MM, it received 37.7 MM. As against normal rainfall of 63.3 MM in May, the State received 85.3 MM which was 34.7 per cent more during the month. However, in June it received scanty rainfall, causing concern among the farmers. In comparison to earlier years, June this year has turned out to be a dry month. In 2018, June, the State received 74.1 MM rainfall, whereas in 2017 June, Odisha received 48.0 MM rainfall. In June 2016,

Odisha received 44.5 MM rainfall and in June, 2015, the State had received 49.6 MM rainfall, said sources. Against this backdrop, crop coverage in June has been achieved at 1.71 lakh hectares, which is much less than other years. Last year by June crop coverage was 2.62 lakh hectares. During 2015, by June 4.20 lakh hectares were covered under crop, which was highest during last four years. While crop coverage in June 2016 was 2.46 lakh hectares, in June 2017, it was 2.7 lakh hectares. Field preparation and sowing of Kharif paddy is under progress. Raising of paddy nursery is going on. Sowing of non paddy crops like maize, pulses, jute, oilseeds, vegetables and spices is also under progress, said an official in the Agriculture Department.

Notification for Odisha RS seats issued

Nominations till June 25; voting on July 5

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Tuesday issued a notification to hold by-polls to the three Rajya Sabha seats vacant in Odisha. According to the notification, filing of nominations was to begin from June 18 and continue till June 25. Nominations would be scrutinized on June 26. Last date for withdrawal of candidatures is June 28. Voting would be conducted on July 5 between 9 am to 4 pm and counting of votes to be held at

5 pm on the day. The whole election process would be completed before July 9. Notably, the three seats have been vacant due to resignation of Achyutananda Samanta, Pratap Keshari Deb and Soumya Ranjan Patnaik after their wins from Kandhamal Lok Sabha seat, Ali and Khandapada Assembly seats, respectively, in the recently-held elections. Samanta and Patnaik's tenures in the Upper House were to end in April 2024 while Deb's term was till July 2022. Since each RS candidate will require support of 38 MLAs to win, it is certain that BJD, which has 111 MLAs, would retain all the three seats.

Fire safety: City hospitals come under scanner



BHUBANESWAR: After coaching centres, the Fire Services department on Tuesday conducted raids on several private hospitals in the State capital to check what fire safety measures they have put in place. As per reports, separate teams of Fire Services personnel conducted simultaneous raids on 15 private hospitals, including Apollo Hospitals, HI-Tech

Hospital and Shree Hospital. The officials inspected the fire safety arrangements taken up by the health institutions and lacuna, if any, that need to be addressed on a war footing. The inspection drive aimed at ensuring compliance to the fire safety norms in the interest of patients, visitors and doctors as well as staffs of the hospitals. Besides, the fire personnel also sensitised staffs, doctors and

security personnel of the hospitals on the basic firefighting skills, said Fire Service DG Bijay Kumar Sharma. "A total of 15 teams conducted the raids to check whether the hospitals are following fire safety norms. The hospitals that have not implemented the safety guidelines will be given a specific time-frame to do the same," said a fire official. **PNS**

OJEE ADMISSION TO MBBS, BDS

Online application for counselling from Jun 20

MERIT LIST ON JULY 1

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The Board of Odisha Joint Entrance Examination (OJEE) has released the tentative dates for counselling and admission to MBBS and BDS courses. Registration and online application process for the counselling and admission would be held from 12 pm on June 20 to 11.59 pm on June 25. The list of registered candidates will be published on June 26 and document verification will be conducted at nodal centres from June 26 to June 29. The State merit list will be

published on July 1 while candidates will have the option of choice filling and locking from July 1 (11 am) till July 2 (11.59 pm). The dates of downloading of provisional allotment letters for the first and second rounds are July 4 and July 26, respectively. The second round provisional admission at OJEE Cell at Gandmunda, Bhubaneswar is from July 27 to July 30 (10 am-5 pm). The date for withdrawal from admission is July 31. A spot counselling and admission may be done if vacancy arises for any reason after second round of counselling. The last date of joining allotted institutions is August 12 and in case of private institutions the date is July 18, 2019.

ICSI BBSR chapter observes PCS Day

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

On the occasion of the Observance of the PCS Day here by the ICSI Bhubaneswar chapter, National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), Cuttack and Kolkata Bench, member Justice MV Gosavi said that the profession of Company Secretaries is regarded with respect and trusted by the Government, regulatory authorities, shareholders and other stakeholders today. It is a matter of pride, to be a part of what the profession of Company Secretaries attained way back in 1988, the first recognition for Company Secretaries in practice. Each day is bringing new opportunities and challenges and with extremely heightened expectations from this brigade of professionals in general and the practising members in particular, said Gosavi. Further he



said that the presentations made before the NCLT bench by the Company Secretaries are highly commendable. S S Mishra, Chairman of the Chapter said that June 15, 1988 marked the beginning of an era for the Institute of Company Secretaries of India

as well as its members when the Company Secretaries in practice were accorded recognition for certifying the Annual Returns under the erstwhile Companies Act, 1956. Priyadarshi Nayak, Vice-Chairman, EIRC, RK Kar, Vice-Chairman and CS

Helmet wearing on NH in city mandatory

After series of fatal mishaps on flyovers

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

In the wake of a series of fatal road accidents involving two-wheeler on the flyovers connecting Khandagiri and Rasulgarh on National Highway-16 here in the recent past, the Khordha district administration has made it mandatory for bike riders to wear helmets while commuting on the highway. A communiqué in the regard was issued by Khordha Collector BS Poonia on Tuesday. It is mandatory for two-wheeler riders to wear helmets during movement on the highway, failing which they will be liable for action as per the law. Keeping a close vigil on the

situation, the traffic police would patrol and use CCTV cameras at the black spots to monitor the movement of the bikers, sources said. On Tuesday, staffs of the Odisha Motor Vehicles Department conducted checking on the Baramunda flyover and caught many two-wheeler riders driving without helmets. Earlier on May 28, the Commissionerate Police had identified five black spots on the roads of Batabhusani near Janla, Aiginia, in front of Hotel Crown, Acharya Vihar and Pahala. It was also decided to install speed breakers to put up traffic signs in these accident-prone zones for awareness of commuters. Besides, barricades would be put up from 9 am to 9 pm to check over speeding.

AIIMS, BBSR inks MoU to execute BSKY

Pvt hospitals asked to submit treatment report each month

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

To provide treatment under The Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY), the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Bhubaneswar signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Health Department here on Tuesday. Health and Family Welfare Minister Naba Kishore Das, Secretary Dr Pramod Kumar Meherda and AIIMS, Bhubaneswar Director Dr Gitanjali B were present at the MoU signing ceremony held at the State Secretariat. It was revealed that 189 private hospitals have been enlisted to provide treatment under

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the BSKY. The Minister also held discussions with officials of different private hospitals on implementation of BSKY by them and directed them to ensure that no poor patient returns from their hospitals without getting treatment under the State-run scheme. The Minister also asked them to provide a report each month detailing about numbers of patients admitted to

their respective hospitals directly or through CDMO references and the regions to which the patients come from. He also directed the DMET to make payment to the private hospitals for treatment of patients under the BSKY as soon as possible. A decision was taken for establishment of the Odisha Cancer Care Hub. Regional staff meeting to be held on July 15.

Man arrested for defrauding NGOs of ₹62L

Cheated in guise of providing skill development progs

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the State Crime Branch on Tuesday arrested one Sudhir Sahoo for allegedly defrauding several NGOs of over Rs 62 lakh. Sahoo is the managing director of Rudhitapala Institute of Technology and Management Private Limited having its office in Saptasati Vihar in the Palusani area here. He was arrested on the basis of a complaint lodged by secretary of Nayagarh-based NGO HAMS, Bijaya Kumar Mohapatra. The complainant had alleged that the accused had misappropriated huge amount of money from different NGOs

including his NGO on the pretext of giving lucrative remunerations for imparting various skill development programmes. The investigation revealed that the accused induced many NGOs engaged in imparting training in different skill development programmes with false assurance that his company is having franchise of National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIEIT) of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and also Khadi Village Industries Commission (KVIC). "The accused cheated 15 NGOs of more than Rs 62 lakhs. He has also cheated many other NGOs and persons, which is under verification and the misappropriated amount might exceed more than Rs 1 crore. Further investigation of the case is on," said an EOW official.

Now Baleswar gears up to prohibit polythene

BAN TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN B'SWAR CIVIC BODY

URABACH MOHANTY ■ BALESWAR

The district administration there has embarked on a drive in the Baleswar Municipality area to make the residents as well as shopkeepers aware of the polythene menace and to urge them to stay off from polythene use. District Collector Ramesh Chandra Rout said, "The idea is mooted to implement within a week or so. We are at an initial phase of the process i.e. information, education and communication (IEC). We have been appealing both the residents as well as the shopkeepers to refrain from using polythene through public announcement system. While we are urg-

ing the shopkeepers not to keep polythene carry bags, on the other hands, we are appealing them not to demand these carry bags, although, optimistically, yet "don't know how people would respond to our initiative." When asked what alternatives are made available to the small time roadside vendors, Rout said, "We would see what best can be done to mitigate the problem." Baleswar has 31 wards under its municipality with population around 1.70 lakh. Following dissolution of municipal council, the entire administrative control is with the district administration. The residents while welcomed the move of the district administration, yet they apprehend it shouldn't be restricted only to slogans as the shopkeepers have hardly any options to refuse to the consumers who prefer and are habituated with going to market to fetch

daily needs without their bags. "In Odisha some of the cities including Cuttack, Bhubaneswar, Rourkela, Bhubaneswar, Brahmapur and Puri have implemented polythene ban but the desired result is not seen as expected. Still polythene use is seen. On the other hand certain metro cities in India have banned polythene. There the shopkeepers as well as big shopping malls are facilitated with the disposable (bio-degradable) poly bags with certain permissible microns. So it is desired that the administration would provide the same facilities to the shopkeepers in order that the ban is implemented successfully," opined some intellectuals of the town. <https://ssl.gstatic.com/ui/v1/icons/mail/images/clearid.gif> As per officials, a fine of Rs 500 will be imposed on the traders and others using polythene bags, when implemented.

Forest Dept employee dead in hotel room

PNS ■ BALANGIR

A Forest Department employee was found dead in a hotel room in Balangir town on Tuesday. The deceased identified as Gokulananda Bhoi was working as a clerk in the office of Boudh Forest Division. Bhoi had checked into the hotel located near the government bus stand on June 7. He was in the town for medical treatment.

As per hotel staffs, the guest was last seen on Sunday evening and did not come out of his room the entire day of Monday. The hotel manager rang up the Town police station after foul smell emanated from the room. Police broke open the door and found the body lying on the bed. "We have recovered the body and sent it for post-mortem. The report would help ascertain the cause of death," police said.

DSBM, ACCA ink pact for partnership

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the DAV School of Business Management (DSBM) and the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), London, was signed at the DSBM campus here. The MoU was signed by Krishan Mishra, Regional Head (North and East India), ACCA and Dr DN Mishra, Principal in the august of presence of MM Panda, President, DSBM. Founded in 1904 and incorporated by Royal Charter, London, the ACCA is the world's fastest growing gateway to the finance profession with



more than 2,19,000 fully qualified members, a network of 5,27,000 students worldwide and a global reach in 180 countries. The DSBM is the 1st

institution in Odisha which is going to be accredited with ACCA to provide ACCA professional qualification in accounting and finance. This will benefit the students to access a global degree to become a qualified finance professional and will also act as a value addition to their career. The DSBM and the ACCA together are looking towards starting a finance lab of Odisha which would help the students and faculties enhance their employability skills. The MoU would result in creating more innovative and strategic solutions, which is the need of the hour, said a DSBM release. DSBM Principal Mishra said, "The objective of the value addition programme is to create more employment opportunities for the youth as per the expectations of the industry and global market."

Power workers submit memo to Ministers

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

A representative team of the Odisha Bidyt Karmachari Mahasangha led by its president Subas Singh met and urged Energy Minister Dibya Shankar Mishra and Revenue Minister Sudam Marthi to resolve their various demands at the earliest. The demands include provision of financial assistance and rehabilitation in case of electricity-related accidental deaths, regularisation of contractual employees, sorting out salary discrepancies between administrative and skilled

workers and payment of skill-labour wages to IMOT working at the OPTCL. In response, the Minister assured the representatives that he would hold a meeting with department officers to resolve the various problems in coming three days' time. Among others, working president Rajib Mohanty, general secretary Amar Jumar Pratap Singh, organizational secretary Bijay Kumar Bhujabal and secretaries Kumar Jitendra Biswal, Manoranjan Biswal and Debnatara Raul and Jnana Ranjan Barik were present.

IN GANJAM

Citizen groups want better sanitation in schools



PNS ■ BRAHMAPUR

More than 120 members of 15 citizen groups, named Sanitation Task Force and mostly consisting of women of Khallikote, Purusottampur, Chhatrapur and Kabrisuryanagar blocks, have written to the Chief Minister and the Education Minister to improve the sanitation facilities in schools in Ganjam district.

Before the re-opening of schools on Tuesday after the summer vacation the women members visited the schools and verified the sanitation situation. They oversaw functional toilets, separate toilet and urinals for girls, water supply to the toilets, hand washing facilities, supply of toiletries, man-

agement of garbage, menstrual hygiene facilities and operation and maintenance of toilets in their respective villages. They found most of the schools toilets are not clean, no water supply, no menstrual facilities for girls, no hand washing facilities and no supply of toiletries, overall the toilets are not cleaned and maintained regularly. The SMC members and staffs are not giving any priority for the bettering availability and maintenance of toilet facilities in schools in the district.

A city-based NGO Youth for Social Development recently assessed the condition of school sanitation through the use of citizen report card and physically verified schools toi-

lets and found there are availability of toilets but children are not allowed to use those and found existence of discrimination; poor menstrual facilities with less than 25 per cent schools have soap, changing space and disposal bins; only 52 per cent Primary Schools and 34 per cent Upper Primary Schools have hand washing facilities; only 50 per cent schools have facilities for CWSN; only 57 per cent have IEC activities on sanitation behaviour and practice. In 58 schools SMC members discuss on sanitation issues; schools staffs are very much dissatisfied with the sanitation facilities and in overall satisfaction is low in case of households.

Agri Minister asks officials to visit fields

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Agriculture Minister Arun Kumar Sahoo has asked senior officers of the department to visit assigned districts. They have been asked to supervise the various schemes and programmes implemented by the State Government for improvement of the status of farmers and agriculture.

Chairing a review meeting at Krushi Bhavan here, the Minister also instructed the concerned officers to discuss with field officers and workers so as to find out the difficulties in proper implementation of programmes and guide them suitably.

"The officers should make random visit to villages and GPs within the districts to verify the actual implementation. They should start the visit from June and submit report immediately after completion of the visit," Sahoo said.

"The Directorates should also nominate their senior officers to visit the district and supervise the programme implementation related to the concerned Directorates in the



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district," he added. Notably, 10 senior officers are assigned to visit three dis-

tricts each during this month.

The Minister was apprised about the programmes going on through the department and Director, Agriculture and Food Production, Director, Horticulture and Director, Soil Conservation and Watershed gave out details.

Earlier no Minister assigned such an assignment of field visit and with such directive, the Minister wants to ensure the agriculture officials to visit the field and provide first hand information to the Government, so that corrective steps can be taken.

IN BRIEF

MEET HELD FOR PREVENTION OF DESERTIFICATION

Balangi: The World Day to Combat Desertification was observed in village Masulapur, 25 km from here on Monday. Among others ACF BC Roul and journalist Sudhir Mishra spoke on the causes of desertification and the steps required to stop the process of desertification and drought, which include preservation of forest and conservation of water. During an interaction, villagers complained about non-holding of meetings by NGO officials under the Aam Jangla Yojana and forest official not visiting their villages regularly.



MAN BURNS WIFE TO DEATH IN KEONJHAR

Keonjhar: A woman died after allegedly being set on fire by her husband at Kollipala village in the Anandapur area of Keonjhar district on Tuesday. Pratulika Nayak poured kerosene on his wife Lija and set her ablaze. The woman sustained critical burn injuries and was admitted to the Anandapur hospital. However, she succumbed to her injuries. Her father has lodged a police complaint that his son-in-law killed his daughter.

YOGA SESSIONS BEGIN IN MCL

Sambalpur: Five day yoga sessions on 'health and happiness' began at the Mahanadi Coalfields Limited as part of the International Yoga Day on Monday. The sessions, which are being organised at multiple places in the company area, were inaugurated by a yoga instructor the presence of MCL CVO Munawar Khurshid and Director OP Singh at the headquarters. Special yoga sessions are being organised for employees and their wards to learn the techniques of various yoga asanas.



Meeting on waste mgmt held in Umarkote

PNS ■ UMARKOTE

Under the chairmanship of Sub-Collector-cum-Administrator of Umarkote Municipality Karunakar Raika, a meeting on solid waste management was held at the conference hall of the municipality on Monday.

Raika stated that two baskets would be provided to each household to keep waste materials. An awareness drive in this regard would be started immediately. Municipality vehicles and staffs are being engaged to collect waste materials from each household and each household will pay fifty rupees per month as user fee.

Besides, in order to eradicate the traffic mess in the town, the municipal administration has imposed a ban on loading and unloading of commercial vehicles in the peak hours of the day from 9 am to 11 am and 3 pm to 6 pm. Government land will be provided for parking of auto-rickshaws. The SMC-cum-Municipality Executive Officer Dharmaraj Majhi, Umarmarkote police station IIC Umesh Kumar Sahu, Umarmarkote Bar Association president P Sahu and representatives from chambers of commerce, bus and auto-rickshaw unions and other stakeholders were present in the meeting.

1.6 kg brown sugar worth ₹1.5 cr seized

PNS ■ BALESWAR

The Sahadevkhunta police in Baleswar district on Tuesday seized around 1.6 kg of brown sugar worth over Rs 1.5 crore and arrested four persons in this connection.

Acting on a tipoff about the illegal trading of the drug, the police raided a place at Pacha Chhik on the outskirts of Baleswar town and arrested Sheikh Maksad (35), Sheikh Ratu (30), Sheikh Abusun (28) and Sheikh Janshed Ali (53) for their alleged involvement in the drugs trade.

Besides, a car was seized from their possession, police sources said, adding that the four were carrying out the illegal activity on the pretext of fish trading.



4 die, 3 hurt as bus hits auto-rickshaw

PNS ■ KORAPUT

Four persons were killed and three others critically injured when a bus hit an auto-rickshaw near a market near Borigumma Chhik on National Highway-26 in Koraput district on Tuesday afternoon.

The private bus going towards Brahmapur from Umarmarkote collided with the auto-rickshaw, which was carrying seven people, while try-

ing to overtake it near Borigumma.

On being informed, the Borigumma police and fire brigade personnel reached the spot.

According to police, the four persons died on the spot while the injured ones were immediately rushed to the Borigumma hospital and they are being treated there.

The identities of the deceased and the injured were yet to be ascertained.

Man slips trying to board moving train

Escapes miraculously

PNS ■ JHARSUGUDA

A 60-year-old man miraculously escaped the worst after he slipped down the platform while trying to board a moving train at the Jharsuguda railway station on Tuesday.

Rajesh Talwar, a resident of Sambalpur, was travelling from Howrah to Sambalpur with his wife and son by the Samaleswari Express. At around 8.30 am when the train halted at the Jharsuguda railway station, Talwar got off the



train to have tea. But as the train started departing the station, he ran immediately to catch it. While attempting to get on to the train, he slipped and fell down the platform.

Soon after, two RPF personnel present at the spot

rushed to his rescue and saved his life. Later, the train stopped after a passenger pulled the emergency chain.

However, it was yet to be ascertained whether Rajesh suffered any internal injuries during the mi-

Goof-up: Dharmendra called to take oath

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Lok Sabha Secretary Shrivastava made a faux pas on Monday by calling out the name of Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan to take oath as a member of the Lower House of Parliament though he is a Rajya Sabha member.

Realising the mistake, Shrivastava apologised immediately and then asked a newly-elected Lok Sabha member, Pralhad Joshi for taking oath.

Pradhan, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Steel in the new Modi Government, is a member of the Upper House. The BJP leader from Odisha did not



contest the Lok Sabha elections this time too.

The oath-taking process of the newly-elected members of the Lok Sabha will also continue on Tuesday.

Faulty results: Students meet K'kote Varsity VC

PNS ■ BRAHMAPUR

Groups of Plus Three students from the Binayak Acharya College, Gopalpur and the Government Science College, Chhatrapur on Tuesday met and complained to Khallikote Cluster University Vice-Chancellor Prof Amarendra Narayan Mishra that results on many students have been found faulty during the last three years, pushing their future to sheer darkness.

In many cases, it has been found that students securing more than 80 per cent failed as less than pass mark awarded to a single paper or D Grade given to them. As a result, a full one-year of such students have been spoiled. Besides, publication of all Semester results at

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being published online sometimes and offline some other times, they alleged.

The students requested the VC to publish results of all Semester examinations on time and flawlessly. They even threatened to take to the streets if any discrepancy is marked in upcoming result publications.

Later in an official statement, the VC said the university has always published the results of the three affiliated degree colleges on time and would continue to do so for bright future of students. All steps would be taken to resolve the complaints of the students. Results of students who have back papers in prior Semester examinations would be republished within a week's time, assured the VC.

Communities in Angul pledge to promote good nutrition

SOUMYA RANJAN MOHANTY & BIBHUTI BHUSAN TRIPATHY

It is said that it takes a village to raise a child but time has come to change that saying - it should be - it takes a village to raise a healthy child. And to take this message of health and nutrition forward, Sarpanch from across Angul have come together to pledge that no mother or child should be under-nourished in the district.

We come from a small village in the Pallahara block of Angul, and we have seen that very few PRI members take an active interest in the nutrition status of their Panchayat. So when 21 Sarpanchs and PRI members across our district decided to collaborate for nutrition, this was very welcome.

The Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) came into existence through the 73rd Amendment and to ensure democracy works at local level. It may not be known to some PRI members but they have an active role to play in monitoring nutrition services at the Anganwadi Centre and to ensure that people access these services. Coming together under the banner of Angul Pusti Adhikar Abhiyan (AAPA), all the Sarpanchs and other members of Panchayati Raj Institutions have committed to make poshan or nutrition as their top pri-

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ority. The AAPA is a people-led movement to promote better nutrition in Angul. The meetings are bringing together a lot of stakeholders to spread awareness about the impact of under-nutrition on growth of a child and a mother's well-being. This includes community influencers like frontline health workers including Anganwadi workers, ASHAs (Accredited Social Health Activists), ANMs (Auxiliary Nurse Midwifery) and members of the Janch committee and Matru committee. Janch

and Matru committees are community monitoring committees under the ICDS (Integrated Child Development Services) scheme of the Central Government. Self-help groups (SHGs) which are responsible for providing meals under this scheme, are also attending these meetings.

The Sarpanchs have come to believe that good nutrition plays a huge role for the wellbeing of our future generations too. They want to promote this message that Angul needs to come out of this vicious cycle of an under-nourished mother leading to an under-nourished child. And with community leaders like Sarpanchs taking the lead, all of us need to rally behind them to promote good nutrition.

(Mohanty and Tripathy are members of the Angul Pusti Adhikar Abhiyan - AAPA)

Ravi Kumar fails dope test, suspended



PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Odisha-born Aweightlifter Katulu Ravi Kumar tested positive for a banned substance and has been provisionally suspended for Anti Doping Rule Violation, the National Anti Doping Agency (NADA) has said.

Ravi Kumar's sample had been collected during the 71st Men Senior National Weightlifting Championship in Visakhapatnam in February this year. The 2010 Commonwealth Games gold medalist, who hails from Brahmapur, tested positive for anabolic steroid,

reports said. On the other hand, Ravi Kumar said that he had been consuming the particular supplement for a couple of years and it was banned by the NADA in January this year only. "I will appeal to the NADA to minimise the ban period," he said.

National Sainik School teachers' meet begins

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

All India Sainik Schools Teachers' workshop was inaugurated at the Sainik School Bhubaneswar on June 17 which will conclude on June 22.

Odisha School and Mass Education Minister Samir Ranjan Dash graced the occasion as the chief guest. AVSM, IAS Air Marshal JN Barua, Principal, RIE, Bhubaneswar, Dr PC Agrawal and president, Old Boys Association Amitabh Swain were the distinguished guests of the honour.

There were 116 teachers from the 28 Sainik Schools of the country who participated. Group Captain S Dominic Rayan, Principal, Sainik School Bhubaneswar extended a warm welcome to the chief guest and other guests of honour in the presence of Wing Commander Amitabh Ranjan, Vice Principal, Commander N Santosh Kumar, Administrative Officer, B Pradhan, Senior Master and staff.



The Minister appealed to them to teach the students with honesty, obedience, discipline and dedication apart from teaching them school curriculum.

He expressed his happiness as Sainik School Bhubaneswar is doing well in academics and placed fourth position in CBSE Class-XII results amongst 24 Sainik Schools of the country. The Minister assured that the Government of Odisha would

extend all necessary help for them to teach the students with honesty, obedience, discipline and dedication apart from teaching them school curriculum.

He announced that a second Sainik School being established at Sambalpur would play as another milestone in providing quality education to the youths of Odisha.

The training programme is coordinated by Wing Commander Amitabh Ranjan and Anima Nanda conducts the stage.

Swachhhta Pakhwada activities begin at MCL

PNS ■ SAMBALPUR

Fortnight-long activities on cleanliness campaign on the vision of Swachh Bharat began at the Mahanadi Coalfields Limited began on Monday.

At the corporate headquarters here, Munawar Khurshed, IRP, administered the "swachhta shapath" to employees in the presence of OP Singh, Director (Technical/Operations).

Khurshed said that there is a visible change after the campaign was kicked off by the central government and all should put their effort to take this vision of Swachh Bharat further and make cleanliness a habit in general.

OP Singh emphasised on collective efforts in the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. The proceedings of the event were conducted by Sairam, General Manager (CSR).

Employees in MCL units spread over in Jharsuguda, Angul and Sundargarh districts also took the swachhta pledge.

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A series of activities, including cleanliness drives, rallies, debates and drawing competitions for students, nakkad natak, are being organised during the Pakhwada.

NTPC girls' empowerment programme ends

PNS ■ TALCHER

The NTPC's flagship CSR Girls Empowerment Mission (GEM) conducted at NTPC Kaniha since May 20 concluded on Monday.

The workshop was designed for 120 girls students between 10 to 12 years of age selected from 13 village schools from neighbouring 34 villages of the power station.

The concluding ceremony began with welcome address by PK Sahu, DGM (HR) which was followed by showcase of video on activities of GEM.

Participants of the workshop performed dances which included a group song on "Bande Utkal Janani" and multi-diversity cultural dance programme from various States like West Bengal, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu which provided a taste of multiple culture to the august audience.

The children under the guidance of GEM faculties performed skit on gender inequality and played a drama on their experiences during the workshop which got thunderous applause from the audience present.



Speaking on the occasion NTPC unit CGM Ramesh Babu V said, "The workshop which started with an objective of "empowering girls" has met its expectations. It was a fulfilling experience to watch the students performing with such confidence. Children have learnt a lot through the curriculum which was designed to empower the girls in every possible way through physical and mental well-being. Students learned yoga, computer, leadership qualities and personal hygiene which has given an overall development of the children and personality development."

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IIT JEE counselling: 150 students, guardians join

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The IIT Bhubaneswar organized an Open House, JEE Counselling and Interaction meeting on June 18 for the benefit of IIT aspirants, in particular, those who qualified in JEE (Advanced) 2019 and for those who will be appearing in 2020.

More than 150 students/parents actively participated in the counselling session.

The session started with welcome address by the Chairman, JEE Cell, IIT Bhubaneswar.

Director IIT Bhubaneswar Prof RV Rajakumar welcomed the students and parents to IIT Bhubaneswar and congratulated the JEE qualified students for their commendable achievement. He gave an in-depth overview into the evolution of the IIT system in India including a brief talk on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd generation IITs and IIT education in general.

He also mentioned in detail about the philosophy of IIT as they believe in not just creating an engineer by profession but a noteworthy personality.

This was followed by an introduction to programmes of study by Prof PK Sahu, Dean, Academic Affairs and presentation on general procedures to be followed for admission and counselling at IITs by Dr C Bhambhani, Chairman JEE Cell, IIT Bhubaneswar.

Also present at the event was Dr VR Peddireddy, Dean, Student Affairs, IIT Bhubaneswar.

The inclusion of supernumerary seats for female students from 2018 as per the policy of the Central Government, aimed at bringing gender balance in the engineering education was highlighted. The girl students were also counselled by the JEE help desk team to fill as many choices as possible to maximize their chances of getting a seat in IITs.

Various schemes of financial assistance including "Vidyalaxmi" scheme introduced last year by MHRD, Government of India including the Kalinga Siksha Saathi Yojana by Government of Odisha for Odisha based students were presented by the SBI team at the event.

IIT Bhubaneswar would conduct Reporting Centre (RC) activity for JEE Advanced 2019 for qualified candidates in its campus at Angul from June 28 to July 19. Candidates allotted seats in any of the IITs can do their reporting, document verification and accept their seats at IIT Bhubaneswar during this course of time. More details can be found on the website: <http://joaa.nic.in>, said a release.

Norms to be eased in Punjab for recipients

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The Food Security - Smart Ration Cards Group, a consultative group recently constituted by Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh, on Tuesday reviewed the food security schemes at length and recommended certain modifications in the implementation of existing schemes to streamline the food grains distribution system and to bring more transparency and efficacy into the process.

Chief Minister had constituted the consultative groups to incorporate the pace of implementation of the State Government's flagship programmes under the chairmanship of the state's Food and Civil Supplies Minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu, comprising of Rural Development Minister Panchayats Minister Trip Rajinder Singh Bajwa, Social Security Minister Aruna Chaudhary, seven MLAs, besides senior officers.

In its maiden meeting, the group suggested ease in verification procedure for Smart Ration Card beneficiaries. It was observed that inordinate delay occurs in verification of identified beneficiaries due to the concerned Performa being passed from office of Patwari to the District Commissioner.

Hence, it has been suggested that in rural areas, Patwaris, Block Development Officers and District Food

RECOMMENDATIONS

- ◆ Ease in verification procedure for Smart Ration Card beneficiaries for increasing outreach
- ◆ Random verification of beneficiaries by DCs, SDMs for transparency
- ◆ Brings youth hostels, old age homes and orphanages under subsidized ration scheme
- ◆ Subsidized pulses for smart ration card holders soon



Supply Controller or his nominee, and in urban areas, Inspectors of Municipal Committees, Executive Officers and Secretary or Superintendent level officers, and in areas falling under Cantonment Boards, the nominee of the respective Deputy Commissioner may verify the form of Smart Ration Card.

The Group opined that this simplification in the identification or verification of the beneficiaries will go a long way increasing the reach of food security schemes.

Respectively, it has been proposed that to maintain transparency in the procedure, regular random checks into the data may be made to the tune of 10 percent by Sub-Divisional

Head of DU's law faculty resigns, cites non-cooperative authorities

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Two months before her tenure was supposed to end, head of DU's Faculty of Law Ved Kumari resigned from the post, citing "non-cooperation" of the varsity authorities.

Kumari had joined as Dean and Head, Faculty of Law from September 2, 2016 and her tenure was supposed to end this year on September 1.

She said there had been "failure" in ensuring that justice was done to hardworking students who attend classes regularly.

"Now students with as low as 31 per cent attendance are not only being permitted to take exam but are also being given marks for attendance by giving them additional attendance for tutorials at institutional level without even holding the tutorial classes and maintaining fake records," she said in her resignation letter sent on June 14.

In the letter addressed to the university's vice-chancellor, Kumari also said there was a failure to secure any action against the "whimsical, arrogant and oppressive behaviour" of a faculty member despite there being complaints against her.

The professor also said neither could she get long due promotions for teachers, nor could she invite an experienced clinical teacher from abroad for essential training of teachers in

Clinical Legal Education methods of teaching.

"I do not expect that anything will change in the remaining three months," she said in the letter.

The Faculty of Law deserves immediate support from the university authorities to deal with all these matters," she said, adding that she had "failed to secure that support from university authorities".

When contacted, Kumari said, "There has been no resolution to the issues for the last three years. After I put in my papers, I was told verbally that my resignation has not been accepted but I am firm about it. However, I will continue my duties as a professor."

Temp likely to be around 36 degrees Celsius in Delhi today

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A cloudy sky, gusty winds and light rainfall made the weather on Tuesday pleasant in the national Capital which recorded a maximum temperature of 35 degrees Celsius, four notches below the normal. The city recorded a low of 20.6 degrees Celsius, seven notches below the normal, and humidity between 43 and 95 per cent. Traces of rainfall were recorded in isolated places.

The national Capital gauged 5.5 mm precipitation in the last three days. From June 1 to 14, it did not get any rainfall, according to India Meteorological Department data. Normally, the city gets around 22.6 mm rainfall in the first 18 days of June, IMD data showed.

LS SPEAKER: BJD...

From Page 1 The election for the Speaker's post is scheduled for Wednesday.

However, on the issue of the BJD's stand on a candidate for Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha, Niren Patnaik would take a decision at the appropriate time.

Notably, senior BJD MP Bhartruhari Mahabadi is said to be in the race for the Deputy Speaker post, to which some NDA partners like the Shiv Sena are opposed. It is though normally, Deputy Speaker is selected from Opposition parties.

Shah to be chief guest in Hry Yoga function

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

On the occasion of 5th International Yoga Day in Haryana, the Union Home Minister Amit Shah will be the chief guest in the state level function to be organised in district Rohtak on June 21. Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khosla will also be present on the occasion.

"The State Government would celebrate International Yoga Day in all the districts and assembly constituencies. Overall, the functions will be organized at 79 places in Haryana. Haryana Ministers, MLAs, MPs and other office bearers will be the chief guests of these functions," said an official spokesman.

Haryana Vidhan Sabha, Speaker Kanwar Pal would attend the district level function as chief guest in Jagadhri of district Yamunanagar and Deputy Speaker Santosh Yadav in Ateli of Mahendragarh district.

Chief Secretary DS Dhesi said this while reviewing the arrangements and management of functions to be held on the occasion at state level and in assembly constituencies, on June 21 here. All arrangements related to organization of these functions have been completed, he added.

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state, in which 21,000 participants will be from district Rohtak and Faridabad, besides this 5,000 participants will participate in the assembly level functions. The participants will mainly include students, different organizations of Arya Samaj and various institutions related to Yoga campaigns.

It was informed in the meeting that control room has been set up at headquarters level in the state. Apart from this, website has also been created for registration of participants. From 7 am to 8 am, Yoga would be done in these

programmes to be held on June 21. According to common Yoga Protocol issued by Union Ministry of AYUSH, related yoga training has been given at district level.

Education Minister Ram Bilas Sharma would be the chief guest in a district level function to be held in district Mahendragarh. Finance Minister Capt. Abhimanyu in Narnaula of district Hisar, Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister OP Dhankar in Jhajar city of district Jhajar, Transport Minister Krishan Lal Panwar in Israna of

Panipat, Urban Local Bodies Minister Kavita Jain in Rai of district Sonapat, Health Minister Anil Vij in Ambala Cantonment and Ambala City, Industry and Commerce Minister Vipul Goel and Krishan Pal in district Faridabad and Public Works (Building and Roads) Minister, Rao Narbir Singh and MP, Rao Inderjit Singh in district Gurugram.

The Minister of State for Public Health and Engineering Banwari Lal would be the chief guest at district level function to be held in Bawal of district Rewari, Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Krishan Kumar in Shahabad and Minister of State for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Karan Dev Kamboj in Indri.

Similarly, MP Ambala Ratan Lal Kataria would be the chief guest in a function to be held in district Panchkula, MP Kurukshetra Nayab Singh Saini in Kaithal, MP Sanjay Bhatia in Karnal, MP Ramesh Kaushik in Sonapat, former MP Ch. Birender Singh in Narwana of district Jind, Member of Rajya Sabha, Gen. DP Vats in Tohana, MP Sunita Duggal in Sirsa, MP Briender Singh in district Hisar and MP, Bhiwani-Mahendragarh, Dharmbir Singh in district Bhiwani.

Tiwari wishes Nadda on becoming BJP working chief



STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Bhartiya Janta Party (BJP) President Manoj Tiwari met BJP National Working President Jagat Prakash Nadda and congratulated him on behalf of all the

workers of Delhi BJP.

"BJP will achieve new heights under the able guidance and leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, National President Amit Shah and newly appointed working President Jagat Prakash Nadda," said Tiwari.

"The philosophy of Antyodaya and Sabka Saath-Sabka Vikas-Sabka Vishwas has created awareness among the people," said Tiwari. "130 crore people of the country have made Narendra Modi Prime Minister of India again

and formed a strong Government at Centre with full majority. PM Modi came to power as the hope of the country in 2014 and now he has become the trust of the crores of people in 2019," said the BJP leader.

Didi for white paper, skips polls at 1 go meet

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI/KOLKATA

West Bengal Chief Minister and TMC chief Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday excused herself from attending the meeting convened by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday on the issue of 'one nation, one election'.

She cited lack of sufficient time to come up with a "proper response" to the matter and called for circulation of a white paper on the subject to all political parties, inviting their views by providing adequate time to respond if the Centre indeed wanted "concrete suggestions".

The PM-convened meeting will also hold deliberations on celebrations for 75 years of Independence and the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

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With 22 Lok Sabha members, the Trinamool Congress (TMC) is the fourth-largest party in the Lok Sabha along with the YSR Congress, which also has 22 members in the Lower House.

The TMC chief stated that regarding the development of aspirational districts, her party had already conveyed that they were not in favour of the selection of a few districts as it would be conflicting to the overall objective of achieving a balanced and uniform development of all the districts of the State.

Opp firm against PM's 1 nation, 1 election call

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Opposition parties have decided to oppose Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for 'One Nation, One Election'. The decision was taken unanimously at a meeting of the Opposition parties convened by UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi and attended by leaders from the Congress, the TMC, the DMK, the NCP, the NC, the RSP, the Left and others.

Prominent leaders who attended the meeting included Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, Adhir Ranjan Choudhary, K Suresh all from the Congress party, TR Baalu, Kanimozhi of the DMK, Supriya Sule of the NCP, Feroz Khan of the IUMML, and Thomas Chazhikadan of KC-M. TMC chief Mamata Banerjee has already opposed by declining to attend the meeting called to discuss the issue of 'One Nation, One Election' idea.

The meeting by Sonia Gandhi was called to chalk out their joint strategy for the Parliament session and to take a decision of the choice of Lok Sabha Speaker. Newly appointed leader of the Congress in the Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Choudhary said the Congress and other UPA allies have decided to support the BJP candidate On Birla for the post of the Lok Sabha Speaker but remained silent on the issue of Deputy Speaker. Chowdhury said the Congress has already moved a motion supporting the ruling party candidate for the post of Speaker of Lok Sabha.



UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi after a meet to decide their strategy in Parliament, on Tuesday

held to decide the strategy on key matters such as Lok Sabha speaker's election and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call to discuss the one nation, one election issue.

Sources said the meeting, chaired by Congress Parliamentary Party leader Sonia Gandhi and attended by Rahul Gandhi and former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, discussed the strategy to be adopted by the party during the meeting called by the Prime Minister.

Senior Congress leaders AK Antony, P Chidambaram, Ghulam Nabi Azad, Anand Sharma, Jairam Ramesh, K Suresh, and Adhir Ranjan Choudhary, were among those present at the meeting held at Sonia Gandhi's residence 10, Janpath. The strategy for the dinner-meeting was also discussed at the Congress meeting.

Pak Army-ISI trying to create another Burhan Wani in J&K?

RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

The recent spurt in terrorist attacks in Jammu & Kashmir is a play of the Pakistan Army-ISI combine and their terror affiliates to create a Burhan Wani type character to lambast India at a slew of events coming up at the international level, including Financial Action Task Force.

Assessments here suggest, the latest Pakistani tactic comes soon after neighbouring countries' Prime Minister Imran Khan was isolated at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) meet in Bishkek amid a towering presence of India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared at the meet to call out nations that sponsor terror.

Earlier, then Prime Minister Narendra Modi had visited the United Nations platform in 2016 to call Wani as a "young leader" who was "murdered" by India. Wani was a Hizbul Mujahideen terrorist who was neutralised by the security forces in an encounter in 2016.

A slew of events at UN and European Union are coming up in the next few months and a desperate Pakistan is seeking to exploit these platforms for an anti-India tirade by projecting liquidation of terrorists as human rights abuse by security forces in Jammu & Kashmir.

The spiraling terror attacks in the Kashmir Valley by Pakistan sponsored terror groups are aimed at creating hero out of a terrorist to exploit the international audience as well as deflect domestic pressures on the falling economy in the terror sponsoring nation, counter-terrorism expert DR Rituraj Mate said.

The Pakistani tactic also comes ahead of the visit of US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's visit to New Delhi and Islamabad to provoke security forces in Jammu & Kashmir to initiate major counter-terror operation in the Valley.

In its bid to deceive the international community ahead of the FATF meeting later this month, the Pakistan Government has also sent an alert to India and the US that an attack might be carried out in the Valley in the form of an explosives-laden vehicle to project to the international anti-terrorist financing body and the international community that Islamabad has begun taking action against terror groups sharing intelligence with New Delhi and Washington, sources said.

Apart from the cordon and search operations, the security forces have been engaged by the ultras in encounters, firing and throwing of grenades at security forces personnel in the last one week leading to a number of casualties of the Army, paramilitary and state police forces.

As strike ends, SC defers hearing on security of doctors, keeps open 'larger issue' of their safety

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday deferred the hearing on a plea seeking protection of doctors at Government hospitals, saying since doctors have called off their strike in West Bengal and other states, there is no urgency to hear the matter.

The top court observed that it understands the issue of doctors is a serious issue but it cannot direct to depute police personnel with each and every doctor without taking into account the holistic picture.

A vacation Bench of Justices Deepak Gupta and Surya Kant refused to issue notice (to the Centre) at present but said that it is keeping the larger issue of protection of doctors open.

"When this matter was mentioned yesterday, we had directed to list it to be heard during the strike by the medical fraternity in West Bengal and in some other States was continuing. On Monday, the strike was called off. Therefore we find no urgency to take up the matter. List the matter after the strike is over before appropriate bench," it said.

The Bench said safety of doctors is a serious issue and it needs to take a holistic view in providing security to doctors.

"We understand it is a serious issue but we can't provide security to doctors at the cost of other citizens. We have to take a holistic view. We have to look at the larger picture like availability of police personnel and other things. We are not providing protection to doctors but at the same time we cannot direct to depute police personnel with each and every doctor," the Bench said.

Meanwhile, the Indian Medical Association (IMA) also filed an application seeking intervention into the plea already filed, saying protection needs to be provided to doctors across the country.

LOKSABHASESSION: DAY 2

Oath-taking marks exchange of slogans by MPs

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The second day of oath-taking in the 17th Lok Sabha on Tuesday was marked by raising of slogans such as 'Jai Shri Ram, Jai Maa Durga, Jai Bheem, Tamil Vazhuka and Allahu Akbar by members with some even engaging in heated exchanges and bravados and countering. The sloganeering went unabated ignoring the Chair's direction to desist from it.

Many MPs were adding their own slogans related to religion and cheering up regionalism from the podium after Oath taking. Ruling party also paid bit for tat for those who on Monday made hue and cry during the Bhopal MP Sadvi Pragna Singh Thakur.

Asaduddin Owaisi, AIMIM MP from Hyderabad, coined 'Jai Bheem, Jai Meent, Jai Allahu Akbar, Jai Hind', after members from the ruling side shouted slogans of 'Jai Shri Ram', 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' and



AIMIM MP from Hyderabad Asaduddin Owaisi takes oath as a Member of the 17th Lok Sabha on the second day of its first Session, at Parliament, on Tuesday

'Vande mataram'. Chanting of Jai Shri Ram was at its peak, when Owaisi was called to take oath. At one point, Owaisi was seen asking Chair to control the sloganeering BJP MPs, asking how could take oath during such a noisy situation.



Samajwadi Party's MP Shafiqur Rahman Barq takes oath as a Member of the 17th Lok Sabha on the second day of its first Session, at Parliament, on Tuesday

While many BJP MPs ended their oath with chants of 'Bharat mata ki jai' and Jai Shri Ram, Samajwadi Party MP from Sambhal, Shafiqur Rahman Barq, objected to Vande Mataram slogan, drawing protests from members of treasury benches who demanded an apology from him. BSP member Shyam Singh Yadav concluded his oath with 'Jai Bheem, Jai Bharat and Jai Samajwad'.

Some of the members especially from West Bengal and Tamil Nadu began and ended their oath with sloganeering despite the presiding officer ruling that that no slogans will go on record. Many DMK MPs ended with slogan 'Tamil Vazhuka' (Let Tamil win), BJP MPs and other MPs from North India also countered them from shouting back Bharat Mata Ki Jai and Jai Hind.

Responding to chanting by treasury benches, he said even Modi is not so much popular in the House. Banerjee hoped that he will continue to get blessing from members of treasury benches.

TMC members countered with slogans like Jai Hind, Jai Bengal, Jai Maa Durga and Jai Mataram. Banerjee's nephew TMC recited 'Durga Pathi' after concluding his oath while his party colleague Abu Taher Khan began his oath with 'Bismillah, ar-Rahman, ar-Rahim' and ended with Allahu Akbar. He even chanted 'Singh Bhole' began with 'Om Namah Shivay', while Ravindra concluded his oath 'Jai Yogi, Jai Modi, Nisith Pramanik came to the House with 'raibongshi pagdi' and took oath in Bengali.

Sluggish monsoon may fuel drought

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The slow progress of the monsoon, which irrigates more than half of India's farms, may worsen the drought-like situation prevailing in many States with an overall 45 per cent rain deficiency recorded till June 18 since its advent on June 8.

The monsoon is yet to mark its arrival in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra and Odisha. The country has so far received 46.1 mm of rainfall against the normal of 82.4 mm for this time.

Due to deficiency of rainfall, kharif sowing area was 82.20 lakh hectares compared to 90.34 lakh hectares during the corresponding week in 2018-19. The Telangana Government has issued advisory asking farmers not to rush into sowing. The farmers are also advised not to grow maize on light soils.

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The East and North East region recorded 43 per cent rain deficiency while North West recorded 27 per cent deficiency. Except Lakshadweep, all subdivisions of meteorological department recorded deficient rainfall till date.

Govt restores 'ration in kind' for armed forces in peace areas

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Government has restored supply of rations to defence officers posted in peace areas following a recommendation by the Defence Ministry.

The scheme in practice since mid 1980s was scrapped in 2017 following a recommendation by the Seventh Pay Commission and in lieu officers were paid Rs 117 per day.

Doing away with providing rations had led to discontentment amongst the armed forces and taking note of it the Government gave the nod for the Defence Ministry proposal for restoration of 'ration in kind', officials said on Tuesday.

Rations include butter, eggs, cheese, pulses and vegetables besides other such items. Incidentally, this is one of the first decisions taken after Defence Minister Rajnath assumed charge.

The provision of 'ration in kind' was earlier applicable to junior officers and later allowed for all officer ranks. The officers were given a choice to opt for allowance instead of rations in kind by various officers opted for it, sources said. They also said the Defence forces had appealed for restoration of the scheme soon after it was scrapped in 2017.

CBI books Anand Grover, his firm under FCRA

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PAPER WITH PASSION

Children of a lesser God

Bihar's AES deaths are symptomatic of policy apathy towards public health standards and failure to create awareness



The real headline behind the death of over a hundred children in Bihar's Muzaffarpur is the utter lack of priority towards addressing primary health issues in a backward pocket that is living in denial of itself and the ruling class denies it even exists. So disembodied has reality become from our national narrative that losing a hundred young lives was disgustingly set aside by the Bihar Health Minister during a containment strategy meeting in favour of statistics of an ongoing cricket match. And that reality is of

encephalitis assuming epidemic proportions in the dust bowls of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh every season, both of which serially account for 35 per cent of child deaths in the country. The disease is just the manifestation of a chronic illness called malnutrition and low immunity, which makes the locals vulnerable to outbreak of brain fever, particularly the young and the old. The fact that this has been occurring cyclically since the mid-1990s shows how we have grossly misdiagnosed preventive and primary healthcare in the rural hinterland and failed to communicate combat strategies among the community. Had the children been given proper vaccines, had they access to equipped primary health centres and received first-line treatment, the deaths could have been avoided. Had there been proper awareness campaigns, then it would be found that neither encephalitis nor deadly litchi toxins from neighbouring fruit farms or hypoglycemia were the cause of the deaths. However, each worked together in varying degrees to exacerbate a malaise called collective apathy, covered up as a "mystery disease."

The biggest problem is in defining the malady. Any brain disease, brought on by virus, bacteria, parasites, chemicals or toxins can be defined as acute encephalitis syndrome, which basically manifests as inflammation of the brain. One has to isolate the causative variants, which could differ on a case by case basis. And as studies conducted by the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) and the Atlanta-based Center for Disease Control (CDC) over the past few years have shown, the fever strikes when there is a severe heat wave. This leads to severe dehydration, worsening attendant problems relating to under-nourishment. Besides, most victims have been found to work or live near litchi cultivations, consumption of which some say has led to dipping blood sugar levels and hypoglycemia. But experts have found that malnourished children, who ate litchis and went to sleep without a meal, fell ill, particularly during the high heat of summer. And methylene cyclopropyl-glycine (MCPG) found in litchis only affects the brain in severely malnourished victims. So generalising litchi as a toxin and other such confusing theories are deflecting attention from the Bihar government's abject failure in implementing public health correctives and developing resistance to a known health hazard. Early detection and treatment is a near impossibility in these parts with the nearest health centres sometimes eight hours away. That wait gets longer if the health centre is not equipped enough with either trained staff or intravenous glucose drips and the victim has to be taken to a State hospital. And although the Bihar government has mandated availability of free vaccines at all primary health centres, the execution is yet to be a hundred per cent. Little wonder then that with such glaring lacuna in crisis response, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has sent notices to the Union Health Ministry and Bihar government over the Muzaffarpur deaths. There is a need for ensuring basic hygiene, health and nutrition parameters for our children, who are the social and human capital of the future. As an Asian powerhouse that's looking to consolidate its economic and strategic standards, it is shocking that India continues to be among the topmost countries with the largest number of children being stunted (46.6 million) and wasted (25.5 million). This is despite the fact that children's health has been the Government's priority since 1975, when the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme was rolled out, or 1995, when the Mid-day meal scheme was launched nationally. The recent National Nutrition Strategy, too, aims to end malnutrition by 2022. It is expected to synergise efforts, monitor progress and issue alerts for timely action and help States/UTs achieve targeted goals. But all of this is possible only when there are resources. In short, budgetary allocation for the health sector needs a thorough relook.

Electric shock

The auto industry is against the move to electrify transport. Is this its last gasp or does it have a point?



The automotive industry is being described by some, who feel the future is electric, as status-quoist. After all India's two-wheeler manufacturers have openly attacked proposals by the NITI Aayog to make all sub-150cc motorcycles and scooters electric. So it is being ridiculed as ancient, not open to new ideas and scared of becoming extinct. But there are some severe issues with electrification in India that urgently need to be addressed and the industry, while dragging its feet on the issue, does have some points. The government and

policy-makers would be silly to ignore them. While India has enough electricity, the electrical grid is nowhere near capable enough of handling the tremendous load that even disaggregated home-charging will place on the system. Of course, that will be built up over the next decades, but the other problem, that of cost, is not going to go away in a hurry.

Electric motorcycles and scooters are expensive, particularly if they have a functional range of over 100 km. The average commuter motorcycle costs around ₹50,000 today, but an e-motorcycle with 100 km range will cost ₹1 lakh at the bare minimum, possibly more. The batteries also will have a lifespan of around 1,500 cycles, which would be decent for a mobile phone, but you wouldn't change your 100 cc motor after five years, would you? Nobody will buy electric vehicles for altruistic reasons, no matter how much greenmail the government and environmentalists indulge in, unless the motorist sees actual benefit of the product. In a two-wheeler, running on electricity is less than half as expensive as running on petrol. Even in extreme scenarios, that means a saving of ₹500 a month. If fuel prices increase faster than electricity prices, buying an electric two-wheeler does not make sense and the government's FAME-II subsidy scheme is but a drop in the ocean. The fact is the four-stroke 100cc petrol motorcycle brought mobility to millions of Indians, giving even the impoverished a mode of transport that empowered them economically. The economic impact of the motorcycle thanks to the mobility it produced was crucial to India in the late 1980s through the 1990s, much like the mobile phone in the mid-2000s and cheap over-the-air data today. Going electric is a noble goal but if we set targets in a very short-term, it will leave millions of Indians behind. It is elitist and if we are to work towards "sabka saath, sabka vikas", we will need to work towards solutions that make environmental friendliness affordable.

opinion

Forked road in Sri Lanka

In a conflict between parallel enquiries into the Easter bombings, the question of accountability will be drowned. The Sirisena Government can't evade tough questions by vilifying Muslims

ASHOK K MEHTA

Two months after the Easter bombings, while the dots have been connected, accountability is still playing truant. Besides Sri Lanka on April 4, 10, 16, 20 and 21 but incredibly, security agencies in Colombo took no action. On this page, after the horrendous bombings, this writer had called the catastrophic event a mystery.

Both President Maithripala Sirisena and Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe of what was once a National Unity Government of two rival parties have said they received no official information on terror attacks. Sirisena is the Minister for Defence and Minister for Law and Order, which place all intelligence, defence, security and police agencies under his command. The Minister of State for Defence for good optics is in Wickremesinghe's Cabinet. While Sirisena has ordered a presidential commission to investigate the bombings, the powerful speaker, Karu Jayasuriya, has appointed a parliamentary select committee (PSC) for enquiry. The PSC has had public hearings aired on television which has upset the President, who has since prohibited all serving defence, intelligence and security officials from testifying before it. It has been boycotted by Sirisena's Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) and Rajapaksa's Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP).

Defence Secretary Hemaraj Fernando, who was forced to resign, told the PSC that intelligence was available on April 9 of a possible threat on April 21 and had assumed that Sri Lanka's state intelligence services chief would have informed the President as was the practice. He added that Defence Secretary, he could not meet the President — not even once in two weeks — as he had no time. The shocker was the revelation that Sirisena had told Fernando not to invite the Prime Minister, MoS for Defence and Inspector General Police, Pujith Jayasundara for National Security Council meetings since November 13, 2018, following the Constitutional crisis in which Sirisena had sacked Wickremesinghe and appointed Opposition leader and his presidential rival, Mahinda Rajapaksa, as Prime Minister, which was later revoked by the courts.

IGP Jayasundara, who refused to resign, was suspended by the President and moved the courts, told the PSC that prior intelligence was available, giving specific details about the catastrophic intelligence failure adding: "No emergency was declared." He said Sirisena offered him an assurance against the agitating situation, assuring him that the presidential commission would clear his name. Jayasundara struck the final nail in the coffin by saying there was "total unpreparedness of Government to act on intelligence reports."

The head of national intelligence, Sisira Mendis, a former police chief who



reported directly to the President, testifying before the PSC said that the bombings could have been averted. Mendis also said that the President failed to hold regular security meetings to assess the threat from Islamic radicals, linked to National Towheed Jamaat (NTJ), Sirisena has dismissed Mendis.

Linked to the suicide bombings is the revelation that in 2018, the premier spy agency, state intelligence chief, Nilantha Jayawardene, ordered the IGP to stop investigating Islamic militants as well as NTJ. He also did not take seriously the information provided by India on the radical NTJ. While in India for Prime Minister Modi's swearing in, Sirisena said there was no proof that the bombers visited India, contradicting Army Commander Mahesh Senanayake, who told BBC that they did go to India for training. Clearing himself of any responsibility for the intelligence failures, Sirisena said: "I was in Sri Lanka upon April 16 before going to Singapore on a private visit. None of the defence Chiefs informed me of any such intelligence."

All that one wished to know about the nine suicide

bombers is now in the public domain. Zahran Hashim, the radical preacher linked to NTJ from Kattankudy in Batticaloa, which has Sri Lanka's biggest mosque, was the ring leader. How the suicide bomber inside Taj Samudra hotel panicked, walked out and blew himself up along with two others in a small hotel in Dethiwa suburb of Colombo is well-known. None of the nine bombers was impoverished, physically or mentally challenged, but all highly educated and affluent, two of them millionaires and all roped in by Hashim. It was a small group connected with Hashim.

Meanwhile, Sri Lanka's capacity to self-destruct may be hurling it towards another ethnic conflict. The majority Sinhala Buddhists, spearheaded by the clergy and political Opposition, have demonised the Muslims. Anti-Muslim riots, surpassing in scale the worst ones in 2018 in Diganana, have occurred after the bombings. A false narrative of hatred and prejudice is being spread against Muslims. Fake tales about swords stored in mosques and mass sterilisation of Sinhalese by a Muslim doctor are being circulated.

Vilification of Muslims will

further divide society as Muslims live across the country. Calling for unity among communities, it was disingenuous on part of Sirisena to warn them of the emergence of a Muslim Prabhakaran, an avoidable simile to the dreaded Tamil supremo of the LTTE who fought an ethnic conflict for three decades, ending 2009. The mass resignation of two Muslim Governors and nine Ministers to enable the Government to conduct investigations, clearing them of linkages to suicide bombings, has opened a new front. Organisation of Islamic Countries (OIC) envoys based in Colombo have appealed to the Government to protect Muslims and their properties.

The presidential pardon to reactionary monk Gnanasara Thero, who was implicated in the anti-Muslim violence of 2018 and stormed a court hearing old cases of "enforced disappearances", will add fuel to fire. Rumours against Muslims and anti-Muslim riots are a smoke screen to shift focus from the presidential and parliamentary enquiries to resurgent Sinhala Buddhist extremism directed at Muslims. The Government is drafting a leg-

islation to change Muslim laws dealing with *burqa*, *hijab*, *halal*, mosques and *madrasas* in consultation with Muslim clergy and leadership.

The question of accountability will be drowned in the conflict between parallel enquiries reflecting the breakdown of the co-habitation Government. Why did Sirisena not know about the intended bombings and why did intelligence and security forces fail to act? Sirisena can only be investigated after January 2020 by a new President. But the broken-down Government cannot afford to wait to be fixed till after the elections.

The ultimate irony for Sri Lanka was when Wickremesinghe, after a meeting with Modi, who was on a five-hour visit to Colombo this month, sought India's help in counter-terrorism. Since 2009 after vanquishing LTTE, Colombo has proudly showcased its unique prowess and skills in eliminating root and branch, terrorism in the 21st century — a historic first! (The writer is a retired Major General of the Indian Army and founder member of the Defence Planning Staff, currently the revamped Integrated Defence Staff)

SOUNDBITE

'One nation one poll' is an attractive idea but cannot be put into practice without a Constitutional amendment providing for fixed tenure for legislatures.

Former CEC
—TS Krishnamurthy

It's been a tough journey for me when it comes to my battle with obesity. Everyone has their own struggles. I have had and continue to have mine.

Actor
—Arjun Kapoor

Trade deficit with China is not economically sustainable and it can also become politically sensitive if we don't take steps to address it.

Indian envoy
—Vikram Misri

A vibrant Opposition, notwithstanding whatever its numbers are, is important in a parliamentary democracy. Every word of the Opposition is valuable.

Prime Minister
—Narendra Modi

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Good sense prevails

Sir — Like a raging wildfire, the medical fraternity across the length and breadth of the country lent support to agitating doctors in West Bengal, seeking a Central legislation against hospital violence and attacks by infuriated patients. Janata Party, Communist Party of India (Marxist) conspiracy. This fuelled the protests. Creating an image of a victim of the conspiracy and machination of the BJP is no way to help reclaim the situation. Violence against doctors is trying to follow the best line of treatment for a patient is unacceptable. They may have a demi-god status in the public eye, but they are no

More strength to team India

His refers to the editorial, "Not worth the hype" (June 18). For the thousands of Indian fans waving the tricolour at Old Trafford and lakhs of viewers in India, there was never a doubt. While people were sweating back home, Indians patiently in the rain to watch the Indian team triumph. As scripted, the game started as one of the fiercest rivivals in world sport. India had put its unbeaten streak on the line, while Pakistan was hoping to boost its chances of reaching the semi-finals. But it ended — as is customary — with India riding roughshod over the 'Men in Green'.

It was a day of disruption with the players on and off the field all afternoon. But finally, we had an outcome — India defeated Pakistan by an emphatic 89 runs. Even the rain gods were on India's side. The drizzle hovered over Old Trafford all day but there were only two major interruptions — one towards the end of the Indian innings and the other when Pakistan was on the verge of a huge defeat. For the record, India has now won all its seven



World Cup matches against Pakistan. And remember, it was not firing on all its cylinders — Shikhar Dhawan and Bhuvneshwar Kumar were off the field. Millions are now pondering over the most tantalising question: Can Captain Virat Kohli repeat Kapil Dev's World Cup triumph? If the India-Pakistan match is any indication, Virat's warriors seem sure to be in with a great chance.

KS Jayatheertha
Hassan

many crucial Bills that are pending and require sufficient time to be discussed.

Varun Dambal
Bengaluru

Focus on real growth

Sir — The Prime Minister is reported to have unveiled his vision for a \$5 trillion dollar economy at the NITI Aayog meeting held last week. This is indeed encouraging. But what is of grave concern is that more than 80 per cent of the population is reeling under abject poverty. There are many villages which do not have access to either potable water or electricity. Without proper healthcare, roads and education, people are suffering. Development must be inclusive. It should not be for data or record. Our economy/GDP should speak well about people's standard of living. On the economic front, India has a long road to traverse. Will a \$5 trillion dollar economy spin the fortune of the poor?

NR Ramachandran
Chennai

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After oath-taking ritual

Sir — The oath-taking ceremony for the 17th Lok Sabha session witnessed several members affirming in different languages while assuming the position. The day-long event witnessed the members reading transcript of the oath presented in the presence of pro-tem speaker.

JS Acharya
Hyderabad

FIRST COLUMN

Make the right choice

Despite the many risks, it is likely that IPOs will continue to attract investors because they are usually issued by firms in a transitional phase



HIMA BINDU KOTA

Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) is the oldest stock exchange. It has around 5,000 companies listed with it. On the other hand, the National Stock Exchange, which is comparatively a newer exchange, has around 2,000 firms listed with it. Companies range from Goliaths like TCS and Reliance with market capitalisation crossing the ₹8 trillion mark, to inconsequential companies with market capitalisation as less as the price of a car. Companies had to start somewhere. Each sprang to trading as Initial Public Offerings (IPOs), a process where a previously unlisted company sells new or existing securities and offers them to the public for the first time. Prior to an IPO, a firm is considered to be private — with a smaller number of shareholders, limited to angel investors, venture capitalists and high net-worth individuals; and/or early investors, for instance, the founder, family, and friends. After an IPO, the issuing company becomes a publicly listed company on a recognised stock exchange. Thus, an IPO is also known as “going public.”

Although consumers are on the lookout for the next big thing, IPOs can be difficult to gauge ahead of their listing and incredibly volatile when they hit the market, but are a potentially lucrative investment if done right. But just as with any share, potential buyers need to sort out the firms offering good value, with staying power to thrive in public market from those where red flags could spell disaster. A company's prospectus will give some of the best clues to the underlying business. It should lay out what the company does and what it hopes to do with the money raised. Details about the management team will also be made available. Investors need to feel comfortable with the business they are buying into and should be aware of any factors that could push them to walk away.

One of the first factors would-be investors need to consider is whether or not they like the company and believe that it has room to grow. The listing business should have a sound business model with a strong competitive edge in its market that differentiates it from peers. Investors should feel they understand why a customer would want to pay for the products/services offered by that specific company as opposed to others that offer something similar, especially if its competitors are more established or well-known businesses. As with any other company an investor is looking to buy shares in, discipline is required when assessing the company's strategy, competitive position, finances and the ability of the management team to run it properly.

A more established business may fare better on the public market than one that has less of a track record. Another important question to ask is about the investment plans by management on having access to funds, whether it will be to fund expansion plans or pay off existing debt, or some hybrid of the two. The former is often preferred since shareholders are often encouraged by a business that can demonstrate that it has plans to become bigger. However, paying down debt also frees the firm from the burden of interest payments, allowing it to invest in its core strategy and to improve its business model and efficiency.

Third, a trustworthy and reputable management team, with a good track record, is a must have. Becoming a public company is a significant step in the life of a business and a big commitment for management to take and so the team must communicate clearly with new shareholders and deliver on the promises.

There are some criteria which show that the companies are in good shape before investing in the IPOs:

- Debt should not be more than twice of the profits.
- 10 per cent earnings growth forecast for 12 months.
- Earnings growth of at least 10 per cent during last two years.
- A healthy flow of free cash flows.

An IPO is a key milestone in a firm's life cycle and a healthy IPO market is important for many reasons. IPOs give entrepreneurs liquidity for investments, so a vibrant market can stimulate and help develop new ventures by bringing new investors to a firm, which facilitates its access to future growth capital. Being public also reduces the costs of raising future capital by stimulating the supply of information from the investment community. IPOs are significant as they are regarded as the barometer of the health of the capital market. A single bad IPO can create considerable market disruptions and stall the plans of other firms that want to go public.

Despite the risks, it is likely that IPOs will continue to attract investors because they are usually issued by companies in a transitional phase. Companies in transitions are exciting and interesting to investors. The prospects for a big win and the possibility of earning millions can be very enticing. Just make sure you understand the risks before you take a chance.

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SANIA, I AM SO WORRIED FOR YOUR KID. YOU GUYS TOOK HIM TO A SHEESHA PLACE, ISN'T IT HAZARDOUS? YOU MUST KNOW WELL AS YOU ARE MOTHER.

—PAKISTANI ACTOR

VEENA MALIK



I DID NOT TAKE MY KID TO A SHEESHA PLACE. NOT THAT IT'S ANY OF YOUR BUSINESS. I THINK I CARE ABOUT MY SON A LOT MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE.

—INDIAN TENNIS PLAYER

SANIA MIRZA

Secure outer space

There is a dire need to revisit treaties governing our space to protect our extra-terrestrial security interests and scale down militarisation



RAGHAV PANDEY

ANOUSHKA MEHTA

On May 23 this year, the United States (US) successfully launched 60 of its Starlink internet satellites. Starlink is one of the most ambitious projects of Space X, the private rocket company of high-tech entrepreneur, Elon Musk. The aim of the firm is to launch as many as 2,000 satellites per year, with the ultimate objective of placing up to 12,000 of such satellites into the orbit. Space today has been a witness to numerous projects that are funded by both Governments and private, commercial entities. In the present era of boundless technological capabilities, the use of the outer space for military purposes has become a cause of concern.

“It is not enough to have an American presence in space, we must have American dominance in space,” US President Donald Trump said, adding that he didn't want to see “China and other countries leading us.” With this aim, the Trump administration is in the process of creating a US Space Force, the sixth branch of the US military service, which will undertake missions and operations in the rapidly evolving space domain.

With a global quest for military supremacy and dominance, other space-faring countries have not remained mute spectators. Take the example of India, which recently launched an anti-satellite (ASAT) weapon on March 27. Indian military scientists successfully destroyed a low-Earth orbit satellite in space by using a missile which covered a distance of 300 km to engage the target. In a televised address, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, “India has entered its name as an elite ‘space power.’ An anti-satellite weapon, ASAT, successfully targeted a live satellite on a low-Earth orbit.”

ASAT weapons can be used in warfare as they have the capability to incapacitate or destroy enemy satellites for strategic military purposes. With the recent accomplishment, India became the fourth country to possess such a weapon alongside the US, Russia and China.

Given the increased militarisation of space and the immense threat it poses to nations across the world, it is essential to take a look at the laws which govern the military use of space. The use of space is governed by five space-related international treaties of the United Nations. One of them, the Outer Space Treaty, came into effect in 1967 and was signed by most nations on the globe. It has been signed and made official, or has been ratified, by 105 countries across the world. With regard to the use of space, the treaty prohibits military manoeuvres, weapon testing, establishment of military bases, installations and fortification on celestial bodies. Moreover, objects carrying nuclear weapons or any other kind of weapons of mass destruction is forbidden in the orbit.

However, the use of military personnel — any equipment or facility on the celestial bodies — is not forbidden unless used for peaceful purposes. So far, the treaty has worked well but lacks clarity on several issues, which has left plenty of wiggle room.

Questions have been raised as to what constitutes “mass destruction”; whether the outer

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space can be used for exploration of resources to be used in military machinery; if weapons of mass destruction can be placed in space without fully achieving orbit, and what about weapons that would not cause mass destruction? The treaty remains ambiguous in some crucial aspects about the use of the space.

Another issue that has attracted much debate in the arena of public international law is “peaceful purposes.” According to the treaty, the outer space is a “common heritage of mankind” and is to be used exclusively for “peaceful purposes.” However, the term, “peaceful purposes” lacks clarity of definition. There has been a plethora of debates to decide whether the term is supposed to accord the ideology of being “non-aggressive” or “non-military.” Majority view it as “non-military” but the same has not been substantiated upon any of the space treaties.

Another treaty, commonly known as the “Moon Treaty”, falls within the purview of the “Outer Space Treaty.” The “Moon Treaty” specifically is applicable to the Moon and other celestial bodies in the solar system excluding planet Earth. It explains that these bodies should be used exclusively for peaceful purposes; that nuclear weapons should not be disrupted; and that the UN should be informed of the location and purpose of any station established on those bodies. It also plugs a loophole in the Outer Space

Treaty by banning ownership of any extra-terrestrial property by any organisation or private person, unless that body is international or governmental.

However, the most controversial part of the “Moon Treaty” pertains to the natural resources on the Moon. It provides that the Moon and its natural resources are the common heritage of mankind and harvesting of these riches is prohibited except by way of an international regime established to govern the exploitation of such capital. The exact nature of this regime is not detailed, nor the term “resources” is defined.

It becomes a cause of concern for the international community when the “Moon Treaty” is neither signed, acceded to, nor ratified by any of the space-faring nations. Also, the ambiguity of the provisions of the treaties can leave the nations to interpret the provisions in a way that complements their self-interest in the issue.

Take the example of the US National Space Policy. On the one hand, it emphasises the country's commitment to the exploration and use of outer space by all nations for peaceful purposes but at the same time, it declares US “defence and intelligence-related activities in pursuit of national interests to be consistent with ‘peaceful purposes.’”

Ever since the treaties were formulated in the 1960s, there was a limited view of the potential of utilisation

of the outer space. But with rapid advancements in the use of technology and intelligence in the space, there is a dire need that the laws governing the use of space be revisited so as to address some important space issues of the 21st century like that of mining, space tourism, Artificial Intelligence and intellectual property of space resources among other things. Meanwhile, the international community can only live in the hope that the world does not see warfare and attack missions in space.

The creation of an international regime, much like the World Trade Organisation, is the need of the hour. An international platform needs to be set up wherein deliberations on peaceful use of space can be taken up through negotiations. Since only four countries officially have the ASAT technology, negotiations must start among them.

It is highly possible that a Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT)-type of regime may be established, wherein ASAT's powers are recognised and further militarisation of the space may be scaled down. India needs to exercise its diplomatic heft to materialise the same because then the country's strategic and security interests will also be secured while discouraging further space militarisation.

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Avoid catastrophe of a war

Approximately 73 years after Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the world finds itself in similar straightened circumstances as the US once again puts into motion steps to curb the rise of another Asian power, China. We must be prepared to tackle the fallout



DEEPAK SINHA

American writer and philosopher George Santayana famously said, “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.” We would do well to remember that on December 7, 1941, the Japanese fleet, under Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, launched its devastating attack on the US Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbour, leaving it all but crippled. While to the uninitiated it may well have seemed the first act of the tragedy that would ultimately leave Hiroshima and Nagasaki devastated by fireballs, millions dead and Japan utterly defeated, but in truth, it was only a denouement of events set in motion nearly a century before.

Incidentally, while the attack may have surprised the Pacific Fleet, Washington had broken the Japanese code and was fully conversant with Yamamoto's operational plans. Whether it was sheer incompetence or a deliberate strategy to not inform the Pacific Fleet of the impending attack, to arouse public opinion against Japanese “perfidy” and allow Franklin D Roosevelt to enter the war, still remains a matter of conjecture and debate.

Of course, the delay on the part of the Japanese Ambassador to Washington to convey his Government's decision to declare war on the US, inadvertently delivered into Roosevelt's hands a well-played into Roosevelt's hands as well. However, what is now well known is that the Japanese Government was fully aware — even before the first shots had been fired — that it was a conflict they could never win.

Yet, they had little choice but to take on the might of the US if they were not to be economically and militarily strangled and denied

their rightful place in the world. Ninety years before, on July 8, 1853, Commodore Matthew Perry of the US Navy, commanding a squadron of two steamers and two sailing vessels, sailed into Tokyo harbour aboard the frigate Susquehanna and imposed an unequal treaty on the Japanese, making full use of the technological superiority that his force enjoyed. A supposedly powerful Japan was forced to retreat.

From this humiliating event emerged the understanding that if they were to avoid the fate that had befallen a weak and divided China, they would have to copy the Western imperialist powers. The year 1868 saw the start of the reformist movement — the Meiji Restoration — which turned feudal Japan into a modern industrialist nation, best exemplified by its defeat of Russia in the Russo-Japanese War of 1904-05 that gave Japan control over parts of Manchuria.

Subsequently siding with allies in the World War-I allowed it to take control of Germany's colonies

in the Pacific. In effect, it emerged as another great colonial power engaged in competition for resources with the British, Dutch and other powers. The US did not take kindly to, even refusing to treat it as an equal in the League of Nations.

It was only a matter of time before an expansionist Japan found itself in the cross hairs of the US. In 1937, following the Marco Polo Bridge incident, Japan found itself bogged down in a war with China that put extreme strains on its military capabilities and economic resources. The Nanjing Massacre, the occupation of Korea and a series of other incidents led to the imposition of an economic and oil blockade on Japan by the US that finally forced the former to confront the US at Pearl Harbour and take on the British in the Malayan Peninsula in a desperate bid for oil, rubber, tin and other metals required to keep its factories going.

Today, approximately 73 years after Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the world finds itself in similar straight-

ened circumstances as the US once again puts into motion steps to curb the rise of another Asian power, the People's Republic of China.

Take the example of the US President Donald Trump, his “America First” ideology and the focus on trade restrictions to curb the exponential growth of the Chinese economy are no different from the embargoes we saw on the Japanese those many years ago. The ratcheting up of tensions in the Persian Gulf from where the Chinese receive most of their oil, is obviously no coincidence and while some may see the US' actions directed at Iran, one cannot rule out the fact that the ultimate target may well be the Chinese.

Many analysts believe that a miscalculation in the Gulf may well ignite an unwanted conflict between Iran and the US. If so, while extremely serious, it would only be one aspect of a larger global problem. What should be of even greater concern is the possibility that American attempts to stymie Chinese growth may lead to conflict

if China finds itself economically cornered and responds much in the manner that the Japanese did in 1941, preemptively if it feels it is being cornered.

Incidentally, a scenario, which could apply to Iran, in its current standoff with the US as well. In such a situation, where would our best interests lie? Would we want to be at the forefront of the confrontation as a close US ally or would we prefer to keep our powder dry? Whatever be our choice, one thing is very clear, we better initiate substantive actions to revamp and reorganise our military if we wish to be ready to tackle the fallout of the ongoing US-China tussle for power. This is an issue that diplomacy alone cannot solve and we would do well to remember Mao Zedong's prophetic words that “power flows out of the barrel of the gun.”

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FOREIGN EYE

HONG KONG'S EDGE

Beijing has not, until now, shown much concern for the potential economic impact of Hong Kong's political struggle. But the region's economy is intertwined with that of the southern Chinese mainland, and — with the trade war starting to hit home — leaders may well feel the need to tread cautiously. The bipartisan support in the US Congress for the Bill threatening Hong Kong's status as a special trading partner will have underscored the risks. (The Guardian editorial)

Lenders file for Jet Airways' bankruptcy

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The consortium of 26 bankers led by State Bank Tuesday took the grounded Jet Airways to the National Company Law Tribunal to recover their dues of over Rs 8,500 crore. The tribunal will hear the matter Wednesday.

Jet Airways, started over 25 years ago by airline ticketing agent-turned-entrepreneur Naresh Goyal, stopped flying on April 17 after it ran out of cash and the unpaid lessors took away most of its 100-odd operational airplanes. The lenders have been trying to sell the airline as a going concern since the past five months, but failed due to many a reason.

Apart from banks, the airline also owes ₹10,000 crore to its hundreds of vendors, primarily aircraft lessors and over ₹3,000 crore to around 23,000 employees who have not been paid since March.

The airline has been having negative networth for long and has run a loss of over ₹1,300 crore in the past few years. Thus it has over ₹36,500 crore of debt and being a services company negligible assets to recover.

Also, most of its domestic airport slots have been given away to other airlines by the government and so are of some

its slots at some key international airports.

On the aeroplane asset side, Jet had only 16 on its book which are valued around ₹5,000 crore as per media reports, as the rest of its 123 fleet were on lease and most of them have been de-registered or taken away by the foreign lessors already.

The Jet shares are at multi-year low, plunged 41 per cent Tuesday to close at ₹40.45 on the BSE. During the day, it tumbled 52.78 per cent to hit an all-time low of ₹32.25. In the past five trading sessions alone, the shares lost over 73 per cent of their value. When the shares converted a part of their debt into equity when the stock was trading over ₹250 apiece. The conversion price was fixed at a nominal Re 1, though.

Following a meeting of the lenders, a resolution was passed that "after due deliberations, the lenders have decided to seek resolution for Jet Airways under the bankruptcy code since only a conditional bid was received."

The statement further said the move was necessitated as the prospective investor (a consortium of Etihad Airways and Hinduja group) wants some Sebi exemptions waiving the open offer requirement, which can be worked out better under the bankruptcy laws.

Jet Airways shares plummet 41% as company lands in NCLT

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Jet Airways' shares faced massive drubbing on Tuesday and tumbled nearly 41 per cent after State Bank of India-led consortium of lenders decided to send the grounded airline to the National Company Law Tribunal.

The scrip plummeted 40.78 per cent to close at ₹40.45 on the BSE. During the day, it tumbled 52.78 per cent to hit an all-time low of ₹32.25.

On the National Stock Exchange (NSE), shares plunged 40.78 per cent to close at ₹40.50 apiece. During the day, it dropped 53.72 per cent to a record low of ₹31.65.

This is the 12th consecutive trading day fall for Jet Airways and the scrip has plunged over 73 per cent during this time, wiping out ₹1,253.5 crore from its market valuation, on the BSE.

Sensex, Nifty close higher; all eyes on US Fed policy meet

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Equity benchmarks Sensex and Nifty on Tuesday closed in the green on emergence of buying in metal, energy and IT counters, but gains were capped by a caution among investors ahead of the crucial US Federal Reserve meeting.

Snapping its four-day losing streak, the 30-share Sensex set a record high of 34,022.26, up 85.55 points higher. The index swung over 300 points in a highly volatile session.

Similarly, the 50-stock NSE Nifty ended at 11,691.50, up 0.17 per cent or 19.35 points. Analysts pointed that market is finding it difficult to sustain at elevated levels due to a host of reasons like muted corporate earnings, slow moonshot growth concerns and weak economic and monsoon data.

Top gainers in the Sensex pack included Vedanta, Coal India, Hindalco, ICGI, Bank of India, HCL Tech, Bajaj Finance and Infosys — rising up to 2.47 per cent.

On the other hand, Yes Bank emerged as the biggest loser, cracking 5.94 per cent, followed by Maruti, Asian Paints, Sun Pharma and HDFC twins, shedding up to 2.20 per cent.

Shares of Jet Airways plummeted 40.48 per cent after State Bank of India-led consortium of lenders Monday decided to send the grounded

Jet Airways to the National Company Law of Tribunal (NCLT) as they have not yet received any concrete proposal for the airline.

Sectorally, BSE oil and gas, tech, power, energy, metal and utilities rose up to 1.13 per cent, while BSE healthcare, auto and FMCG fell up to 0.55 per cent.

Broader BSE midcap index settled 0.88 per cent higher and BSE smallcap index fell 0.42 per cent.

Analysts opined that market is finding it difficult to sustain at elevated levels due to a host of reasons like muted corporate earnings, slow moonshot growth concerns and weak economic and monsoon data with regard to India-US trade disagreements.

Today, market ended positive supported by ease in oil prices due to concern over economic and monetary uncertainties in upcoming OPEC meeting. There was a hope that the weakening domestic market will be supported by fiscal and monetary measures. This hope is being tested today given continuous weak economic and monsoon data.

Market will be careful during the ongoing FED meeting which is expected to provide a dovish, Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services, said.

RBI sets up panel under UK Sinha to study MSMEs

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank on Tuesday set up an eight-member expert committee under the leadership of former chairman of Sebi UK Sinha to review the current framework for the MSME sector.

The committee will suggest long-term solutions for the economic and financial sustainability of the micro, small and medium enterprises, RBI said in a statement, adding the panel will submit the report by the end of June.

The central bank said the committee will study the impact of the recent economic reforms on the sector and identify the structural problems affecting its growth.

The committee will examine the factors affecting the timely and adequate availability of finance to the MSME sector," the RBI said.

The other members include development commissioner for MSME Ram Mohan Mishra; joint secretary at the department of financial services Bankaj Jais; SBI managing director PK Gupta; ICGI Bank executive director Anup Bagchi; IIM-Ahmedabad professor Abhimanyu Das; Spirit Foundation founder Shradha Sharma and Dvara Trust chairperson Bindu Ananth.

RBI to examine concerns over data localisation rule: Govt

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The RBI will examine concerns around its strict data localisation rules that require storing of customer data exclusively in India without creating mirror sites overseas, the Government said Tuesday.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in April last year asked payment firms to ensure their data are stored exclusively on local servers, setting a tight six-month deadline for compliance. That deadline was said to have been missed by some foreign firms including credit card giants Visa and Mastercard.

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Monday held extensive consultations with the tech industry and e-commerce companies, a statement by his ministry said. "All the companies who were represented in this meeting put forth their concerns related to RBI data storage requirements and processing related guidelines issued by the RBI. Deputy Governor of RBI, BP Kanungo, assured the industry representatives that the Reserve Bank of India will look into this," it said.

The RBI in April 2018 put out a circular requiring that all "data relating to payment systems" are "stored in a system only in India" within six months.

International giants usually store data on global servers and the requirement to store data locally would require them to make an additional investment. But policymakers in India believe storing data locally would help monitor and conduct investigations if the need arises.

Mastercard CEO Ajay Banga joined the meeting via video conference, the statement said.

Besides the RBI rule, concern was also expressed at the meeting about a draft e-commerce policy that requires exclusive local storage and processing of data generated by users in India. Various sources including e-commerce platforms, social media and search engines.

While domestic companies such as Reliance Jio have spoken up in support of the government's localisation efforts, others like Facebook, Amazon, Microsoft, and Mastercard have led the way in opposing it.

"The e-commerce industry representatives also put forth their concerns before the Commerce Minister about the e-commerce draft policy which they felt was not adequately consultative," the statement said adding Goyal assured them that each and every concern of the industry will be addressed.

₹ rises 21 paise to 69.70 vs USD

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee on Tuesday appreciated by 21 paise to close at 69.70 against the US dollar as easing crude prices and a weak dollar ahead of the US central bank's meeting helped the currency snap its three-day losing streak.

Forex dealers said the selling of the American currency

by exporters and gain in other Asian currencies also supported the rupee.

The US dollar fell against its major rivals before the US Federal Reserve's meeting amid expectations that the central bank may signal a rate cut. The dollar index dropped 0.1 per cent to 97.43 Tuesday.

The domestic currency had settled at 69.70 against the

global oil benchmark, eased 61 per cent to \$60.66 per barrel.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 69.82 per dollar and advanced to a high of 69.63 during the day. It finally settled at 69.70, up 21 paise over its last close.

The domestic currency had settled at 69.70 against the

US dollar Monday.

"Rupee has broken the three-day losing streak by appreciating 21 paise against the US dollar taking a cue from other strong Asian currencies. The weak trend of Brent crude prices has also helped the rupee. The rupee is supported by domestic currency," said V K Sharma, Head-PCG & Capital Market Strategy, HDFC Securities.

Micromax co-founder 'electrifies' two-wheeler industry

Rahul Sharma calls new venture 'Revolt', showcases first product



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Revolt Motors wants to revolutionise the two-wheeler industry, the company established by Micromax co-founder Rahul Sharma showcased their new RV400 product today. Sharma, however was very frank about the issues faced by the industry in the past, which led to the launch of the company. He said that the industry has been plagued by parking in front of the house and battery and range issues. However, he said that Revolt would address all those issues, the RV400 will have a removable battery that can be charged from any 15 ampere home point, and on full-charge has a certified range of over 150 kilometers. In case riders run short of range they can go to a Revolt point and either swap the battery or even have a new battery home-delivered, these steps Sharma said should aid in

removing the range anxiety that electric vehicle owners rightly have.

Sharma said that the RV400 would be open for pre-booking from June 25 on the Amazon and Revolt Motors sites for ₹1000. However, he did not disclose any pricing details. But it appears that he is emulating the model practised by Micromax in the past, which was to import Chinese products with some localisation and slap an Indian brand on them as the RV400 is a rebadged Super SOCO 1200 made by Chinese manufacturer SOCO. The Chinese product costs around \$3300,

Sebi permits stock exchanges to introduce futures on commodity indices

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Capital markets regulator Sebi on Tuesday permitted stock exchanges to introduce commodity derivative segment to introduce futures on indices.

The stock exchanges, willing to start trading in futures on commodity indices, are required to take prior approval for launching such contracts, Sebi said in a circular.

"Exchanges will have to submit at least past 3 years data of the index constructed along with data on monthly volatility, roll over yield for the month and monthly return while seeking approval from Sebi," the circular added.

Constituent futures contracts should be in existence on the respective exchange for at least previous twelve months, and should have traded for at least 90 per cent of trading days in last twelve months and have a minimum average daily turnover. The turnover should be at least ₹75 crore for agricultural and agri-processed commodities, and ₹500 crore for all other commodities, Sebi said.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a female namedly Unknown, W/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, was found on 10.06.2019 at 10:51 PM between Badli Metro Station and Samaipur Badli Railway Station, Delhi. In this regard proceeding DD No. 100-A, dated 10.06.2019 has been lodged at Police Station, Samaipur Badli, Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body of female is as under:
Name: Unknown, Age: 50-55 Years, Height: 5', Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Wearing: Blue Saree and Pink Blouse.
If anyone have any information or clue about this female deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.
SHO
Police Station, Samaipur Badli, Delhi
Ph: 011-27854757, 8750870326
DP/372/ON/19

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED (See Section 82 Cr.Pc.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused persons (1) Duggi, S/o Shri Fandebaj, (2) Ruksana, D/o Shri Fandebaj, (3) Manoj, S/o Shri Fandebaj, (4) Chidi, S/o Shri Fandebaj all are R/o Jhuggi Gaziur, Delhi has committed the offence in case FIR No. 92/18 U/S 323/341/354B/365/197/506/34 IPC PS Guri Teg Bahadur Enclave, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused (1) Duggi, (2) Ruksana, (3) Manoj, (4) Chidi can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused (1) Duggi, (2) Ruksana, (3) Manoj, (4) Chidi have absconded (or are concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant).
Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused persons (1) Duggi, (2) Ruksana, (3) Manoj, (4) Chidi of case FIR No. 92/18 U/S 323/341/354B/365/197/506/34 IPC PS Guri Teg Bahadur Enclave, Delhi are required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 22.07.19.
By Order
Ms. Chhavi Kapoor
Metropolitan Magistrate
Mahila Court No. 1
Karkardooma Court, Shahdara, Delhi
DP/9605/SHD/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a Boy namedly Furkan @ Kaka S/o Sh. Gabbar, R/o A-531, Jhuggi, Behind ITI, K-Block, Jahangir Puri, Delhi, Age: 16 yrs., Height: 4'6", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Long, Built: Thin, Wearing: White Colour T-shirt, Blue Colour Jeans and Sandal in Feet, has been missing / kidnapped since 15.04.2019. In this regard a case FIR No. 276/19 dated 08.06.2019 u/s 363 IPC has been registered at PS, Jahangir Puri, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local Police to trace out the missing / kidnapped Boy but no clue has come to light so far.
If anyone have any information about this missing / kidnapped boy please inform undersigned.
Website: http://cbi.nic.in, Email: cbi@cbi.gov.in, Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641, Fax: 011-24368639
SHO
PS, Jahangir Puri, Delhi
Ph: 011-27636000, 27631600
DP/9005/NW/19

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED (See Section 82 Cr. PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person Vasim S/o Bashrudin, R/o Malhi has committed the offence in case FIR No. 107/19 u/s 356/379/34 IPC registered at PS Janakpuri Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Vasim could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Vasim has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person Vasim of FIR No. 107/19 u/s 356/379/34 IPC PS Janakpuri, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 31.07.2019.
By Order
Sh. Deepak Vats
Metropolitan Magistrate
Room No.9, Ground Floor,
Dwarka District Courts,
Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi
DP/8288/WD/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL

General Public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo) namedly Babita D/o Sanjeev Kumar R/o H.No.247, Sultampur Dabas, Delhi Aged-18 Years 04 months has been reported missing since 19.05.2019 from the area of P.S. Bawana, Outer North Distt. vide DD No. 52-A Dated 24.05.2019 registered at Police Station Bawana, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:
Complexion: Wheatish, Height: 4'9", Face: Round, Clothing: Pink Coloured top, Black Coloured Jeans and Jutti in feet.
Any person having any information/Clue about this missing girl, may inform SHO, Bawana, Delhi at E-mail: cbi@cbi.gov.in or website: http://cbi.nic.in
Tel No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641 Sd/-
FAX No. : 011-24368639 SHO, Bawana, Delhi
DP/351/ON/19 Tel: 011-27751949, 27756090

Appeal For Identification

General public is hereby informed that this person Name : Unknown S/o : Unknown, R/o : Unknown, Age : 40 Years, Sex : Male, Height : 5 Ft. 4 Inch, Complexion : Wheatish, Wearing : Black Colour T-shirt, has been found dead on 10.06.2019 Near Axis Bank ATM, Nicholson Road, Kashmir Gate, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 30-A Dated 10.06.2019 has been lodged at PS, Kashmir Gate, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far.
Any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.
SHO
PS, Kashmir Gate, Delhi
Ph: 011-23967889, 8750870123
DP/127/N/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that one man namedly Suresh Kumar, S/o: Late Sh. Kula Ram, R/o: G-438, Jahangir Puri, Delhi is missing since 18.03.2019 from the area of P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi. In this regard a case vide DD No. 40A dated 13.05.2019 has been lodged at PS, Jahangir Puri, Delhi. The description of the missing man are as under: Age: 53 yrs, Height: 5'11", Face: Long, Built: Thin, Complexion: Swallow, Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the man but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this man kindly inform to the following.
Website: http://cbi.nic.in, E-mail id: cbi@cbi.gov.in, Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641
SHO
PS, Jahangir Puri, Delhi
Ph: 011-27631600, 8750870229
DP/9011/NW/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that one person namedly Raju S/o Late. Sh. Sharada R/o H.No. 258, Banjara Walk Gali-Village, Haiderpur, Delhi Age-26 years, Height-5'6", Face-Oval, Built-Thin, Complexion-Sallow, Wearing-Black Colour T-Shirt and Pyjama and Hawal Chappal in his feet has been missing since dated 15.04.2019. In this regard, DD No. 49A Dated 21.04.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the person but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this person please inform undersigned.
E-mail : cbi@cbi.gov.in
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 SHO
Fax : 011-24368639 P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi
Ph: 011-27495198
DP/9019/NW/19 8750870227

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. PC
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Bajinder S/o Mahender Singh R/o H. No. 2428, Goniyana Road, Muktsar, Punjab has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence of case registered vide FIR No. 232/16 at Police Station - Alipur, Delhi which is punishable under section 407/468/471/420/11/201/34 of Indian Penal Code and a warrant of arrest issued thereupon has been returned unexecuted stating that the said accused Bajinder could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Bajinder has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the warrant).
Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Bajinder is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 30.08.2019.
By Order
Sh. Gagandeep Singh
Chief Metropolitan Magistrate,
Room No. 115, 1st Floor
Rohini Courts, Delhi
DP/349/ON/19

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one unknown dead body of male, Age 55 years, Height 5'8", Complexion Shallow, Thin Built, Wearing White colour T-shirt and grey colour pant was found dead at Red Light Opposite DT Mall, PS Shalimar Bagh, Delhi on 11.06.19.
In this regard a DD No. 64-A dated 11.06.19 has been lodged at PS Shalimar Bagh, Delhi.
Any person having any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be informed to the undersigned.
SHO
PS : Shalimar Bagh, Delhi
Ph: 24495198, 8750870227
DP/9053/NW/19

2005 AYODHYA TERROR ATTACK 4 GET LIFE TERM

PTI ■ ALLAHABAD

A special court here sentenced four persons to life imprisonment and acquitted one in connection with the 2005 terror attack on a makeshift temple at the Jamnabhoomi-Babri Masjid complex here in which two locals were killed and seven CRPF personnel injured.

Special judge Dinesh Chandra, who announced the verdict inside the Naini Central Jail where the accused are lodged, also imposed a fine of Rs 2.4 lakh on each of the four, Public Prosecutor Gulab Chandra Agrahari told reporters here.

Agrahari said the four who got life imprisonment are: Doctor Irrfan, Shakeel Ahmed, Asif Iqbal and Mohammed Naseem; while Mohammed Aziz was acquitted for lack of evidence.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath welcomed the conviction. On the sole acquittal in the case, he said the state government would take appropriate action after examining the ruling.

"The court judgement is welcome. For one person who has been acquitted, necessary action will be taken after seeking legal opinion. The government will keep an eye on the case," he said in a statement.

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He said one of the terrorists killed during the gunfight has been identified as Arshad.

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SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Fresh from her party's unimpressive show in the recently concluded parliamentary elections and tormented by regular exodus of party men, including MLAs and municipal councilors, to the BJP Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday said the spate of emigration was not an account of any ideological transformation but 'greed for cash'.

Addressing a meeting of party corporators at the Netaji Indoor Stadium Banerjee said "only those people who are being investigated for corruption are quitting the party. But they do not know that they will still be investigated for all their past corrupt activities."

Though upset over a large number of TMC councilors and an MLA on Tuesday joining the BJP in Delhi she said, "I am not worried about 15-20 councilors leaving us for cash because TMC is not a weak party. Even the MLAs are also free to quit the party if they want because for every such leader quitting the party I will produce 500 others. In fact I have my TMC ready for them."

The TMC supremo said, "we don't want thieves in our party. I call upon these thieves who are more eager to get cut money out of every project to quit the party immediately so that I can fill their places with honest and hardworking workers," adding she "won't allow the party leaders to extract cut money even from small schemes worth even Rs 2,000."

Claiming that she had reports of party men were extorting 10 per cent cut money for a grant of even Rs 2,000, she said "TMC is not a



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TMC men going to BJP for cash, says Bengal CM



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party of thieves and we shall not allow you to cheat the common people. For that if you want to quit the party and join the BJP you are free to do so. I ask you to go now."

However, she reminded that "no one will be allowed to come back to the party afterwards. None will be allowed to re-join the party by holding some big leaders feet", she said directing senior party leaders Subroto Bakshi and Firhad Hakim to evolve strict conditions for returning to the

TMC after one had left it. The massive exodus from TMC to the BJP started soon after the conclusion of the Lok Sabha elections where the TMC won 22 a deficit of 12 seats from its 2014 tally where as the BJP got 18 seats 16 more than what it got five years ago.

Already four TMC MLAs have left the TMC to join the BJP whereas the Bengal ruling outfit has lost at least five municipalities to a surging BJP in the wake of councilors joining that party in hordes.

IN BRIEF

BANK FRAUD: 6K VEHICLES OF FIRM ATTACHED

New Delhi: The ED on Tuesday said it has attached more than 6,000 vehicles worth about Rs 1,610 crore in connection with a bank loan fraud and money laundering case against a Surat-based company and its promoters. The agency issued a provisional order for attachment of assets under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) against Siddhi Vinayak Logistics Ltd (SVL) and its Director Rupchand Baid. A total of 6,170 vehicles worth Rs 1,609.78 crore have been attached as part of the latest order, it said. The central probe agency had similarly attached assets of the company worth over Rs 19 crore in June, 2017.

SC TO HEAR CONG PLEA FOR POLLS FOR 2 RS SEATS

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Tuesday agreed to hear on June 19 a plea of Gujarat Congress challenging the decision of the Election Commission to hold separate bypolls to two Rajya Sabha seats in the State. The Rajya Sabha seats fell vacant following the election of BJP Chief Minister Shah and party leader Samir Inani to Lok Sabha from Gandhinagar and Amethi, respectively.

FOREST FIRE A SERIOUS ISSUE, PRAY FOR RAIN: SC

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday agreed to hear on June 24 a plea seeking urgent steps to protect forests, wildlife and birds from wildfires in Uttarakhand, saying "it is a serious issue and in the meantime, pray for rain". A vacation Bench of justices Deepak Gupta and Surya Kant listed the matter for June 24 after the petitioner, advocate Rituparn Uniyal, sought urgent listing of the matter.

CYCLONE VAYU CROSSES GUJARAT COAST, CAUSES HEAVY RAIN

Ahmedabad: After playing truant for a week, Cyclone Vayu went past the Kutch coast in Gujarat on Tuesday in a considerably weakened state, leaving moderate to heavy showers at several places with the mercury plummeting dramatically.

"Cyclone Vayu converted into a low pressure area and crossed over Kutch in the morning," Manorama Mohanty, scientist at the India Meteorological Department's (IMD) Ahmedabad Centre, told reporters.

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MAHARASHTRA BUDGET

Fin Min presents ₹20.29K cr deficit budget sans fresh tax

- State debt rises to staggering ₹4.14L cr as on March 31
- Announces sops, including 33.5% rebate in power tariff for drought-hit farmers
- Opp stages walkout over 'leak' of Budget proposals ahead of presentation

TR RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Choosing not to propose any fresh taxes on the people ahead of the State Assembly polls due in October this year, Maharashtra Finance Minister Sudhir Mungatkar on Tuesday presented Rs 20,292.94 crore revenue deficit budget which among other things contained several sops for the drought-affected farmers, including 33.5 per cent concession in power tariff.

Amid a noisy walkout by the Opposition from both the Houses of the State Legislature over the alleged 'leak' of budget papers, Mungatkar presented a budget for 2019-20 which showed that the State debt had mounted to Rs 4.14 lakh crore as on March 31, 2019. "As per the revised estimates, at the end of March 2019, the state government expected a revenue of Rs. 4,14,411 crore. In view of economic size of the State, the debt is within the permissible limits of financial indicators," Mungatkar said.

The Minister said that during 2019-20, the state government expected a revenue of Rs. 3,34,93,306 Tsh, the revenue deficit will remain at



Maharashtra Finance Minister Sudhir Mungatkar and Minister of State for Home Deepak Kesarkar arrive at the Maharashtra Assembly to present Budget during the Monsoon Session, in Mumbai on Tuesday.

Rs. 20,292.94 crore.

Mungatkar said that the tax base of Maharashtra had broadened after the implementation of GST with the increase in number of registered taxpayers from 7,75,900 in 2018 to 15,50,000.

Reiterating his government's resolve stand solidly behind the drought-affected farmers, Mungatkar said that the State Government had credited Rs 4,461 crore in the bank accounts of 66,88,422 farmers from 17,985 villages from 151 tehsils in 26 districts in the State.

Among the farmers that Mungatkar came up with were: concession in payment of

land revenues, Restructuring of Co-operative loans, Stay on recovery of agricultural loans, 33.5 per cent concession in current electricity bill of agricultural pump sets, waiver of examination fee for school and college students, relaxation in the criterion of works under Employment Guarantee Scheme Drinking water supply by tanker wherever necessary and no disconnection of agricultural pump sets in the villages where scarcity has been declared.

The Minister said that scarcity control rooms had been set up in all Collector Offices in the state for redress of drinking water scarcity.

DELHI JAL BOARD GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (EAST-1)
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01.	Replacement of settled sewer between 15 423 Block Takrapur by pipe bursting method in AC-55 in East-1. (Re-invited).	Item Rate	51,700/-	500/-	15.06.2019 2019_DJB_17 4272_2	03.07.2019 At 03:15 PM

Further details in this regard can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>
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EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (EAST-1)

BSES Yamuna Power Limited, New Delhi

A joint venture with Govt. of NCT of Delhi
Date: 19.06.2019

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1.	Replacement of old and damaged Sewer line in Gali Dabowali, Gali Shastri, Gali Ration wall and Gali Gaudium in Kabir Block Gali Ward No 09 under EENH. (Re-invited). E-Tender ID: 2019_DJB 174359_4	25,55,040/-	51,100/-	500/-	17.06.2019 14:00 PM onward	Technical bid to be received on 03-07-2019 3:00 PM & opening of Financial offer after completion of technical bid & confirmation of EMD from Bank.

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EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (EAST-1)

Appeal For Identification

General public is hereby informed that one person (depicted in the photo),
Name: Unknown S/o: Unknown R/o: Unknown Age: About 70-75 years. Sex: Male, Height: 5 feet 6 inch. Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Oval, Build: Thin, Wearing: White Under Sleeves Banyan and Blue White Chedkar Lungi been found dead in Tikona Urdu Park, Near Parada Bagh, on dated 11.06.2019. The dead body has been preserved in Maulana Azad Medical College mortuary for identification for 72 hours.

In this regard a GD No. 76-A dated 11.06.2019 has been lodged at PS. Darya Ganj, Delhi.

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

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

SHO

PS. Darya Ganj, Delhi

DP/6364/CD/19 Ph.: 011-23279331, 8750870421

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one person (depicted in the photo),
Name: Firoz S/o MD. Natar Lal R/o H. No. 2967, Gali No. 12, Ranjit Nagar, Delhi has been missing since 23.04.2019 from his house. In this regard a case vide DD No. 46A dated 24.05.2019 has been lodged at PS Ranjit Nagar, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

Age : 30 Years, Height: 5'6", Complexion : Shallow, Face : Long, Build : Medium, Identification : A cut mark on left leg, Wearing : White colour shirt & Green colour short, Black colour Chappal in feet.

Any person is having any information/cue about this missing person, may inform SHO, Ranjit Nagar, Delhi at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in or website: <http://cbi.nic.in>

SHO

P.S Ranjit Nagar, Delhi

Central District, Delhi

DP/6334/CD/19 Ph. No. 011-25704008, 25704009

New Okhla Industrial Development Authority

Main Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida-201301 (U.P.)
Website : www.noidaauthorityonline.com

E-TENDER NOTICE

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

A. (1119/DGM/JAL/AO/SM/JAL-IV/2018-19 - Strengthening of Sewerage (Change of Old Sewer Line in D-Block Sector - 27) Noida. Cost Rs. 69.60 Lacs.

The above tenders can be uploaded by date 03.07.2019 upto 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date 04.07.2019 at 11.00 AM.

B (1) 97/DGM/JAL/AO/SM/JAL-IV/2018-19 - M/o W/S (Beautification, Harvesting in UGR Compound in Sector -162) Noida. Cost Rs. 47.33 Lacs.

(2) 111/DGM/JAL/AO/SM/JAL-IV/2018-19 - M/o Sewerage (Annual Maintenance of Sewer Line, Sewer Cleaning Manhole in Sector-132) Noida. Cost Rs. 29.25 Lacs.

(3) 112/DGM/JAL/AO/SM/JAL-IV/2018-19 - M/o Sewerage (Annual Maintenance of Sewer Line, Sewer Cleaning Manhole in Sector-135) Noida. Cost Rs. 28.32 Lacs.

The above tenders can be uploaded by date 26.06.2019 upto 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date 27.06.2019 at 11.00 AM.

Office- Senior Manager (Jal)- Noida

Senior Manager (Jal)- Noida

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Hospital services in Bengal back to normal as junior docs resume work

Kolkata: Patients heaved a sigh of relief on Tuesday after junior doctors resumed work at all state-run hospitals following their week-long strike that had disrupted healthcare services across West Bengal.

All the 14 medical college and hospitals in the state started functioning, with normal work resuming at outdoor facilities, pathological units and other departments.

Patient turnout was high at all the hospitals.

"Most of our colleagues have resumed work and they are helping the seniors in delivering regular services," a spokesperson of a joint forum of junior doctors said.

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No more minimum qualification needed to drive in country

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In a move to benefit skilled persons from economically underprivileged sections of the society, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has decided to do away with the requirement of minimum educational qualification for driving a transport vehicle. A notification to this effect will be issued soon.

At present, under Rule 8 of the Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989, a transport vehicle driver needs to have passed Class VIII.

According to a statement issued by the Ministry, the removal of the requirement will open up employment opportunities for a large number of unemployed persons, especially the youth, and the decision will also help meet shortage of nearly 22 lakh drivers in transport and logistics sector, which is hindering its growth.

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Thousands join final journey of martyr Major in Meerut



A family member breaks into tears near body of Major Ketan Sharma after it was brought at his home in Meerut, on Tuesday.

Meerut: Thousands turned up to pay their last respects to Major Ketan Sharma, who was killed in an encounter with militants in Jammu & Kashmir's Anantnag, as his mortal remains were brought to his hometown Meerut in Uttar Pradesh on Tuesday. The 29-year-old officer was killed in an encounter in Achabal area of the south Kashmir district on Monday. A militant was killed in the gun fight which broke out as the security forces launched a cordon-and-search operation in the area.

Sharma's mortal remains were flown from Jammu & Kashmir to Delhi. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Army Chief General Bipin Rawat paid tributes to the slain officer at the Palam airport in the national capital before his mortal remains were taken to Meerut. The slain Armyman, who will be cremated in Surajkund later, was accorded a gun salute by his colleagues here.

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hence it was felt that driving being more a matter of skill than of educational competence, the condition of minimum educational qualification acts as a hindrance for the otherwise eligible unemployed youth.

"However, while removing the requirement of a minimum educational qualification, the Ministry has strongly emphasised upon training and skill testing of drivers so that road safety is not compromised in any way," the statement said.

Anyone applying for a driving license will have to mandatorily pass a stringent skill test, it said, adding the Ministry has emphasised that training imparted by a school or establishment as mentioned in the Motor Vehicles Act 1988 should ensure that the driver can read signs and perform logistical duty such as maintenance of driver logs, inspection of trucks and trailers, submission of pre-trip and post-trip records, determination of discrepancies in paperwork, effective communication to report safety hazards.

The State Government had submitted that many people in the region possess the required skill but not the required educational qualification, and were finding it difficult to obtain driving license, it said, adding

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (NORTH-1)
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EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (NORTH-1)

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (EAST-1)

Take an intelligent step



With college admissions underway, students often get confused about which course to opt for. DEEPA SAYAL shares tips that may help them to choose the right option

As college admissions are under way especially for private institutes. Students have already filled forms for admission to Delhi University. It is normal for students to get bogged down with vexing questions as to which course to choose and how to build a lasting career. Here is some help.

For those coming from a Science background, there are a myriad of promising career avenues to choose from. The adoption and innovation of emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), Internet of Things (IoT), and Robotics are increasing impressively high, especially now when the underlying potential of these techs is unlocked. From software development to robotics engineering, diverse industries call for scientific knowledge and technical skills to register double-digit growth. In fact, Indian Engineering Research and Development (IERD) is expected to double to \$42 billion by FY 2022. Therefore, the students setting an eye on Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) jobs will hit the nail right.

The STEM as the industry is contained with career prospects because the world is

moving towards data-driven decision-making. From marketing managers to financial analysts, from executives to C-suite, expertise in data and computation is more of a necessity than merely a choice.

The NASSCOM predicts that nearly 65 per cent of four million jobs in IT are going to change over the next five years. With it, skills and talent in demand will also change. In the present case scenario, most of the highly-paid jobs require an engineering or tech degree as well as digital engineering skills at the least.

Lately, AI has emerged as one of the most interactive fields of the study. It is the technology that keeps on bestowing us with smart and intelligent creations that makes our life a lot easier. Whether it is Siri or Netflix, these AI powered software help us type message without using fingers, turn on the lights at home, and even discover new shows and movies that are a delight to our eyes. As business strives to offer us more convenience through AI technologies, the field is going to expand creating over 2.3 million jobs by 2020, as Gartner estimates.

To work in this domain, students should have a B.Tech degree in computer science, artificial intelligence,

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machine learning and a postgraduate degree or diploma.

There are many institutes like SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Delhi-NCR and Manav Rachna University (MRU) that have started offering these courses from this new academic year.

The mightiest of tech advancements are born out of small bit-sized information, otherwise called data. The present is futuristic age where even a human gene is a source of the pertinent data and information and can open a whole new world to us. The organisations understand the real value of this data as it allows them to innovate and serve the customers through a result-driven approach. For example, a brand can introduce a new product line that fulfils the requirements of the customers, on the basis of their previously shown behaviour. But, the world produces an infinite amount of raw and unstructured data the value of which is insurmountable for businesses, government bodies, and scientists.

To derive insights from the complex data, there is an urgent need for data scientists, data analysts, data engineers, and data managers. The job market for data science jobs has witnessed a hike of nearly 76 per cent in

India, according to UpGrad Analytics and Data Job Survey 2018. The average salary of a data scientist ranges from ₹4-6 lakh at an entry level. The candidates should have a B.Tech or B.Sc degree in computer science as well as should be thorough with programming languages such as Perl, Java, and Python. An equivalent degree or certification in business analytics, data analytics, and data science strengthens one's educational background.

The digital transformation continues to revamp the business landscape where almost every stakeholder, data, and information is vulnerable to cyber security threats. The antidote to cyber security risk is ethical hacking which is going to be the game changer in future.

An ethical hacker is responsible for building and protecting the company's security system and network against any weakness, fault, and cyber attack. For this, B.Tech in computer science will be a handy point for those looking to become ethical hackers. If not, courses in Certified Ethical Hacking (CEH), Certified Security Analysting, and Computer Hacking Forensic Investigation suffice to build a secure future in the domain.

The writer is Executive Director, Vivid & Director-Co-Founder, ADG Online Solutions

QUOTE OF THE DAY
Education is not just about going to school and getting a degree. It's about widening your knowledge and absorbing the truth about life
 — Shakuntala Devi

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Programmes: BSc Clinical Psychology, BA Applied Psychology and MSc Clinical Psychology, MA Applied Psychology, MA Counselling psychology and Post Graduate diploma in Counselling psychology.

Duration: Three years for UG course, two years for PG course and one year for Post graduate Diploma.

How to apply: Log on to www.amity.edu/gurugram.
Last date to apply: June 21, 2019.

CIVIL PROGRAMMES

Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies (MRRIS) invites applications for admissions to its Civil Programmes.

Programmes: B.Tech — Civil Engineering, M.Tech — Civil Engineering with Specialisation in Structural Management/Transportation Engg and PhD — Civil Engineering.

Duration: Four years for B.Tech.
How to apply: Log on to www.manavarachna.edu.in.

Odd-ball programmes

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As odd education is becoming mainstream, the field is witnessing an increase demand of institutions which offer cross-disciplinary courses with contemporary curriculum. There are very few educational institutions in India that offer futuristic odd-ball courses for the students.

Shankar's Academy of Art equipped with one of the largest portfolio of art and design courses is offering many cutting-edge programmes including art, book illustration and computer graphics for which it awards diplomas.

These professional future-oriented odd-ball courses aim to produce skillful professionals who will shape up seamlessly with the work environment and readily meet the requirements of the fast-growing global design economy. These courses offer unique platforms that not only aim at academics but also look to spread awareness of newer, emerging career streams and even lead to job creation.

"We aim at providing experiential learning through a mix of in-studio learning, field-work and theory. The odd-ball courses are in fact well-researched well-thought out courses that have been designed keeping the future requirements in mind. These courses will prepare the students in various streams other than the traditional ones thus making them future ready," said director, Children's Book Trust and Shankar's Academy of Art.



Up to 100 Knight Hennessy scholarships are available to pursue any graduate degree at Stanford in the US. Students from around the world are eligible to apply for this application programme. The aim is to call students from around the world to receive full funding to pursue a wide.

Eligibility: If you are applying to enrol in a full-time graduate degree programme or if you plan on pursuing one of many joint- and dual- graduate degree options. First/Bachelor's Degree Received in 2014 or later; You are eligible to apply to the scholars as if you apply within four years, and enrol within five years after you earn your first/bachelor's degree. For the pioneer class that enrolls in 2018, that means you must have graduated in 2013 or later and must apply in 2017.

If you're still in college studying for your first/bachelor's degree, you're eligible to apply as long as you complete your first/bachelor's degree before you enrol as a graduate student. You must complete the entire application process for your department — including any standardised test that your discipline requires (GMAT, GRE, LSAT, MCAT).

Resume/C.V. Two recommendations letters, two personal essays, two short-answer responses, a video submission, in-person assessment, graduate degree programme application.

English language Requirements: Scores on standardised tests for admission, as required by the graduate program that you are pursuing.

How to apply: The mode of application is online.
Application deadline: The deadline to apply for the 2020 intake is 15 June 2019.

Northern Arizona University (NAU) invites International Excellence Award to provide opportunities for high-achieving underrepresented international students.
 The programme is a merit-based tuition waiver for first time F-1 UG and graduate degree-seeking overseas students admitted directly into a university degree programme on the Flagstaff campus.

Eligibility: Applicants from all around the world are eligible to apply. The applicants must submit all the following required documents: two Honors admissions essays, resume or list of activities and accomplishments, the SAT and the ACT. GPA of 3.0 or higher (unweighted) is required.
Language Requirement: You must provide proof of English proficiency from if English is not your native language: Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) an International English Language Testing System (IELTS). The minimum scores of English proficiency are: 80 (TOEFL iBT) or 6.5 (IELTS).

Application deadline: March 1 for the fall semester and October 1 for the spring semester

STUDY CENTRES

Those who love to teach and want to work with children with special needs, a career in special education is perfect. Children with special needs require training and instruction by specially trained professionals. The field offers different career opportunities. One can enter this field either doing a diploma course or a bachelor of special education programme. For diploma course 10+2 is the minimum requirement. Special education teachers usually work along with speech therapists, psychologists and physiotherapists. A few colleges to study are:

- **Chetana Institute for the Mentally Handicapped**, Bhubaneswar. **Course:** Med Special Education
- **Kurukshetra University : Department of Education**, Kurukshetra. **Course:** MED Special Education
- **MJP Rohilkhand University : Faculty of Education and Allied Sciences**, Bareilly. **Course:** Med Special Education
- **National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped**, Secunderabad. **Course:** Med Special Education
- **Helen Kellers institute of Research and Rehabilitation for the disabled children**, Secunderabad. **Course:** Bachelor of Education (BED Hearing Impaired)



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 Stipend: ₹2,000 per month
 Link: internshala.com/1001670
 Application deadline: June 25, 2019

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 Location: Delhi
 Stipend: ₹4,000 per month
 Link: internshala.com/1001671
 Application deadline: June 27, 2019

VENDOR MANAGEMENT AT CHAMPU INCORPORATION
 Location: Delhi
 Stipend: ₹10,000-₹15,000 per month
 Link: internshala.com/1001672
 Application deadline: June 28, 2019

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 Location: Work From Home
 Stipend: ₹4,000-₹6,000 per month
 Link: internshala.com/1001673
 Application deadline: June 28, 2019

Practice is key

AIIMS topper, BHAVIK BANSAL speaks with ROHAN BAILWAL about his success story

■ What was your study plan?
 I never followed any particular pattern. It was regular depending upon the topic and subject. I used to think topic wise. In AIIMS entrance exam, new questions are asked on a particular topic too. I never worried about the time it took. The aim was to gain insight knowledge. When you have vast syllabus, one should learn topic wise for better understanding.

■ How did you manage your institute?
 It's a myth that we can't handle both. Both of them have the same syllabus. All you need to do is practice.
■ How long have you been a part of Akash institute?
 I have been a part of institute for two years. I gave me the peripheral knowledge that one requires to apply for entrance exam. The NCERT gave me the base and the institute gave me peripheral content.

■ What role did your parents play?
 The main thing they did was to support me in my decisions rather than enforce their ideologies on me.
■ What made you choose this field?
 When I was in school, I was attracted towards this field. I always wanted to be a doctor. Biology, Chemistry and Physics were my favourite subjects. It is my passion and what's better than doing what you love.

■ Who have been your inspiration?
 I don't have any inspiration. The thing which keeps me going is that I enjoy the scientific method to explore different things and learn more.



JEE Open House

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The IIT-Gandhinagar is organising the JEE Open House at three different locations with the first being held at New Delhi on June 22, 2019 in the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Nipced Campus, Hauz Khas. The second and third workshops will be held on June 23, 2019 at Mumbai in the Shiv Mandir Hirachand Hall, Churachand, and thus making them future ready," said director, Children's Book Trust and Shankar's Academy of Art.

The New Delhi session starts from 10 am. The Mumbai session will start from 3 pm onwards.

New courses on offer

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The Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi (IIIT-Delhi) has announced B.Tech in Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence programme for the academic year 2019-20. The students can log on to www.iiitd.ac.in to get more details about the eligibility criteria and admission process. Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become an integral part of technology in our daily lives. With its rapid adoption, there is a significant requirement of researchers and technologists who can build AI technologies. Being one of a kind course in India, IIIT-Delhi's B.Tech in CS&AI programme will provide students an opportunity to learn both foundational and practical components of AI and Machine Learning. Presently,

only a few universities offer four-year engineering course dedicated to Artificial Intelligence. Highlighting the importance of the course, Professor Ranjan Bose, Director, IIIT-Delhi, said: "Even though many institutions today are embracing AI-powered production and applications, still there is a scarcity of job-ready talents who can engineer home-grown AI technologies. The objective behind offering this course is to equip our future engineers with expertise in AI so that we can also significantly contribute towards ground-breaking development and innovation in the field."

Trend Slazer

Ranveer lauds Virat Kohli

Actor **RANVEER SINGH** has praised star skipper **Virat Kohli**, saying he has changed the face of Indian cricket forever.

Ranveer, who made his commentary debut with Star sports alongside cricket stars Sunil Gavaskar and Virender Sehwag for the ICC Cricket World Cup, shared a photograph of himself along with Kohli on social media.

He captioned it, "I have been a die-hard fan of Indian cricket since childhood. Invested so much emotion into our beloved team. Willing and wanting them to be the undisputed best in the world. And then, there was Virat Kohli."

Ranveer is currently tied up with 83, a film based on India's historic victory at the 1983 Cricket World Cup.



'It has been a tough journey for me ever since I was a kid when it comes to my battle with obesity. Everyone has their own struggles. I also have had where I tried to manage. But the whole point of life is that we fall, we get back up and try again. Efforts will pay off eventually if not today then in a week or in a month or it can even take a year.'
—Arjun Kapoor



Lakshya clocked 15 years of its release, its lead actor **HRITHIK ROSHAN** said the film resonated with his phase of self discovery as an actor.



"A beautiful story of self discovery that touched my life in many ways. It gave me a friendship of a decade and half with Farhan (Akhtar) and Ritesh (Sidhwani)," Hrithik said.

Calling it a special film, the actor added, "It blessed me with the overwhelming love from my audience."

Lakshya is a 2004 romantic war drama film, directed by Farhan Akhtar. It also stars Preity Zinta and Amitabh Bachchan.

Dwayne stands for positivity

DWAYNE JOHNSON didn't make a household name for himself by conforming to someone else's idea of who he should be, an approach he encouraged others to take while accepting a top honour at the MTV Movie & TV Awards.

The actor said, "Embracing himself allowed him to carve his own space in the entertainment industry and become one of its biggest stars."

He accepted MTV's generation award with fanfare — running down the stage amidst a blend of hip-hop and Samoan dancers with screens reading "The Rock" in flaming letters behind him — during the show, which was taped Saturday in Santa Monica, California.



A Scorsesean view of Dylan

Filmmaker **MARTIN SCORSESE**'s documentary gets up close and personal with the iconic singer and the way he engaged with the audience while on tour. By **TEAM VIVA**

Bob Dylan admits he doesn't remember anything about the Rolling *Thunder Revue*, a 1975 concert tour by the American singer and songwriter. He says it had happened a long time ago when "I wasn't even born." He finds it impossible to get to the "core" of what it was about because "it's about nothing."

Filmmaker Martin Scorsese's pseudo-documentary *Rolling Thunder Revue* begins with this sequence to try and delve into the phenomenon that was Dylan.

The footage that has been utilised in the film was shot by some incredible director-cameramen: Dave Myers, Howard Alk and a few others. "How do you talk about something that happened 40 years ago? Music is such an important part of his creative life" and goes on to add about the tour, "which I don't know much about but I sensed that there was a negative resonance in the music. I didn't quite understand it. People complained about something that Dylan did. The footage that I saw was captured from the stage. It was remarkable but what's the story? What are we telling? I received the assembly of this film and remember watching it. It's not emotional," he says and goes on to add, "But what is it really about? Why do I care where they went? It's nothing to ignore. It is something that can move us, and make us think, make us feel before you even think. It has to be preserved and captured and be reminded that it is possible."

Scorsese points out that despite Dylan saying that he did not remember the tour, there was something special about the singer as well as the concert. "There's a mythology that grows up about it, so let's embrace the mythology. This is not a legend, this is kind of myth, kind of supposed to explore something that is timeless about us as human beings. There's one shot of a young woman crying, after the concert. To have something that, touching, that moves you so much, that was real at that time. It's nothing to ignore. That's something can move us, and make us think, make us feel before you think, even. That's something that has to be preserved and has to be captured and be reminded, audiences today they have to be reminded of what that's possible."



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Talking about what drew him to the music of Dylan, Scorsese says, "I have seen Dylan in concerts just once or twice in all these years. My concentration was always on cinema, its music and literature. The films that are still stuck in my mind are *Jazz On A Summer's Day*, *Rock 'n' Roll*, there's used to be Doo-wop and other things as well but somehow it was all about music. It was captured in a way that I don't think will ever find an equal. The key was staying on the performer because all the magic and that element

of the music that transcends the situation comes from the performer. I was completely drawn into that music world, so to speak, with *The Last Waltz*. It's as if that after a certain performance, especially as the concert moves on and they warm up, it's like being around in a fight for prize and they all got through it. 'Ok, take a break, round 5!' Then they go back in and soar. They take off and I thought to capture the essence of that beauty of their art. It's like a wild, spiritual experience," Martin says.

Talking about what truly drives him and how he is able to channelise it to great storytelling, he explained that it is

intense and personal and also a spiritual experience for him. People say that that he is different from all the other directors and knows how to create magic. He says, "You know, when they say, 'Well, directors create magic,' I don't really think so. Because it's more than just that. I don't see directing films as magic. I see that as the nature of the film. There's an element to the tour that has a sense of fun. You do something to the audience, open their minds, so that they don't expect the normal things or the 'conventional.' You don't make it predictable."

The filmmaker, who is known for his



mafia films, tells us where his fascination for the mafia world comes from. He says, "I grew up in Little Italy, a small area in New York, where primarily Italian-Americans, Neo Politians, Sicilians and all kinds of different Italians who, came over to New York on the turn of the century, resided. Growing up there, I saw a lot of very decent people, good and hard-working ones getting into the mafia trap. The area became a transposition of the mafia or the organised crime from Sicily to New York and to America that actually came from New Orleans. So I grew up amongst them. I was seven to eight years old and it seemed to me that they were normal, regular people. You couldn't tell as they were very sweet."

Martin is known to be doing impressions of Robert De Niro during the shooting of *Capo Fear*. "I don't really do impressions of Bob (Robert). I don't know what happened over the years. We melted in each other. There's one that I really like and it's from *Goodfellas*, it's become part of my mantra in the sense, it was a scene where Frank Vincent playing Billy Batts really gets under Joe Pesci's skin by calling him a little bit and then shinebox and at that point, they have to pull Joe away from him, screaming, kicking. Then, Frank says what the hell is matter with him, you know, what's the big deal, can't he take a joke and so Bob he is about to have a drink and he goes, 'Well you did insult him a little bit' and then Frank says, 'No, I didn't' (laughs). I always do that, 'you did insult him a little bit and okay, okay let it go'."

'IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE EVERYONE'

ANU MENON, popularly known as Lola Kutty, asserts that regional accents are bound to influence the way we speak English. By **SAKSHI SHARMA**



Centre parting with braided hair, profusion of jasmine garlands, a small bindi on her forehead, Kanjivaram saris teamed with heavy gold jewellery and a strong accent as can be Malayali accent. If you put out this description to a 90s kid, nine times (or maybe even 10) out of 10, the answer would be Lola Kutty.

Anuradha Menon, who played the much-loved Channel V VJ, will be seen in a stand alone comic show on Amazon Prime called Wonder Menon. The show is a collection of her observations, a style that she has favoured since she started out. Through this, she aims to boldly expose the absurdity of life and language with humour and multi-lingual jokes. "In this show, I have tied together all my observations and writings, which luckily make that one hour special, really special," she says.

Her style of comedy is observational coupled with humour rather than one where she delivers traditional punchlines. With Wonder Menon, Anu has exhausted all her writing for this Amazon show so much so for any other programme she will have to start from a scratch.

Anu started comedy in the 90s when it did not feature high on the list of things to be pursued. She paved her own path while combating challenges that are inherent in a field that is new and relatively unexplored. Talking about the evolution of the comic industry, the chirpy VJ cum actress says, "I think in the current scenario, there are far more platforms to showcase your talent and connect to people." In keeping with the times, she feels, if she was doing Lola Kutty today she would have gone through the web route as opposed to television. "The game is changing as there are so many web platforms which have created more avenues and opportunities for stand-up comedy to flourish as well other different kinds of stories."

For her, comedy is merely jokes and does not convey any lesson. "Everyone portrays comedy differently. Some people are into dark humour, others do



lighter comedy while still others are more political. Each one of us have different strengths and this is what makes the comic industry appealing. The various differences or perspectives which perhaps one might have not thought about," she says.

In India, of late, it is the political satire that has been making waves. Anu feels that everyone has a different route to humour. "People believe, with humour, the point is understood smoothly and it also lightens a heavy topic," she says.

Menon has been accused of making fun of the Malayali community because she imitated the accent. However, she counters saying, "In this country we take offence easily. For me, stereotypes are there for a reason, because they are true. In fact, I don't think there is anything wrong with people having a strong regional accent as the way we speak our regional tongue possibly infiltrates our English accent." She strongly feels that we should not be apologetic about the way we speak. As she was playing a character from a particular social setting, it was essential for her to zone out of Anu in order to play it convincingly. She is also the last one to pay heed to what people think about her. Asserting that it is fundamentally impossible to please everyone every time, she is glad that because of her some people feel that Malayalam is a cool language.

With respect to films, she laughs and tells us, "I would not fit into the role of a conventional heroine because I would never survive in this industry as she is a healthy Malayali girl."

Anu has always given primacy to stage, for a reason. "The stage has always been my first love and it will always be the focal point of my life," she asserts.

Since Lola Kutty was an iconic act, does she have any plans to reprise it? "I would be happy to do so if people want to see Lola back in 2.0 avatar. It is always overwhelming to see people remembering Lola," she says with a sigh.

'Mobile storytelling is economical'

Filmmaker **Kiran Rao**, who has directed two 10-second short films for Facebook India, says shooting a film by a mobile camera and in a vertical frame makes storytelling exciting and inexpensive, especially for youngsters. Eight years after her maiden Bollywood directorial *Dhobi Ghat*, Kiran has returned to filmmaking with the two short mobile films that show change in human behaviour. The short film are part of the Facebook Thumbstoppers initiative launched in May. On the question how short film format will help bring more stories alive as it does not require heavy production cost, Kiran said, "Shooting something on a vertical frame will cut the cost and will be more economical. It's also true the cost of shooting is going down with time as technology is becoming more accessible to people. But the cost of shooting also depends on the concept of the story. If I have a high concept that requires VFX, the product will be more expensive. The short format is exciting. Also, the 10-second time format is cutting the cost for an advertiser hugely. I also believe few stories in the short format create more impact than in a longer format."



number. In another film, a mother serves milk to her son and daughter. As the son's glass has more milk than the glass of the daughter, the son pours some of his share into his sister's glass, making the quantity equal. Talking about how the for-

mat will encourage new storytellers, Kiran said, "When we were shooting, we realised that since it is coming on a mobile phone and not on a 70 mm screen, we were not conscious about the resolution. It really encourages people to experiment with something as good as your mobile camera. We can do a lot with technology now. That way, I think technology is making this much more affordable and democratic."

Thumbstopper Challenge is an invitation to creative minds to submit their short stories on the brief of driving behaviour change in less than 10 seconds, by July 12.

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TENDER NOTICE No. -230-Elect-RSO-30-CTLC, Dt. 17.06.2019

For and on behalf of President of India, Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (RSO), Northern Railway, Delhi Division, New Delhi invites 'E-Tender' in prescribed tender form for the following work:

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1. Tender document and associated attachments (if any) can be downloaded from IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in as of 17.06.2019 on payment of Rs. 2,360/- (Rs. Two Thousand Three Hundred Sixty only) through online payment mode as available on IREPS website and NIT of the work will also be available on website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. Tender Submission period is 27.06.2019 to 11.07.2019 up to 14:30 hrs. Tender closing date and time as mentioned in Top Sheet. Tenderer shall be submit their offer online before tender closing date and time. Cost of tender form is not refundable and also not transferable. The cost of tender document will have to be deposited ONLINE. This should be paid separately and not included in the Earnest Money. The tender documents will be available in the website at "http://www.ireps.gov.in" during the period from 17.06.2019 and can be downloaded and used as tender documents for submitting the offer. Railway Administration shall not be responsible for any delay/difficulties/necessity of the downloading facility for any reason whatsoever.

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US to deploys 1K more troops amid Iran tension

Washington: Amidst an escalation of tensions with Iran, the US has approved the deployment of 1,000 additional troops in the Middle East for 'defensive purposes' to address air, naval and ground-based threats.



Representational image

The action of deploying 1,000 more troops is being taken to ensure the safety and welfare of US military personnel working throughout the region and to protect its national interests, Shanahan said on Monday.

based threats in the Middle East, Shanahan said. 'The recent Iranian attacks validate the reliable, credible intelligence we have received on hostile behaviour by Iranian forces and their proxy groups that threaten United States personnel and interests across the region,' he said.

force levels as necessary given intelligence reporting and credible threats, Shanahan said. Last month, National Security Adviser John Bolton said that the US was deploying the USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group and a bomber task force to the Middle East in response to a 'number of troubling and escalatory indications and warnings' from Iran.

America has blamed Iran for last week's attacks on two oil tankers in the Gulf of Oman, an accusation Tehran has denied as 'baseless.' Following the Shanahan's announcement, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi demanded an immediate briefing from the Trump administration.

'This deeply concerning decision may escalate the situation with Iran and risk serious miscalculations on either side. Diplomacy is needed to defuse tensions, therefore America must continue to consult with our allies so that we do not make the region less safe,' Pelosi said.

anybody,' State Department Spokesperson Morgan Ortagus told reporters at her news conference. Reiterating that the Iranian nuclear deal needs to be replaced, she said Iran, as evident by its announcement and pattern of behaviour over the past few years, is keen on expanding its nuclear programme, and it now wants to exceed these nuclear limits in advance of these so-called sunset clauses.

Rouhani says world 'praises' Iran over US standoff

Tehran: President Hassan Rouhani said on Tuesday the world 'praises' Iran over its standoff with Washington, and that the US had broken promises by abandoning a landmark nuclear deal that Tehran had continued to honour.

pled all acts, agreements and international accords,' he headed. Iran is locked in a tense standoff with the US after Washington withdrew last year from the 2015 nuclear deal and reimposed sweeping sanctions, even as its allies said Tehran had abided by the agreement's terms. Tensions have escalated ever since, with Washington bolstering its military presence in the region, blacklisting Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards as a terrorist organisation and blaming Tehran for twin attacks on tankers last week in the Gulf of Oman. AFP

China warns US against opening West Asian 'Pandora's box'

Beijing: China on Tuesday warned against opening a 'Pandora's box' in the Middle East after the United States announced the deployment of 1,000 additional troops to the region amid escalating tensions with Iran.

Hong Kong leader apologises for extradition crisis, vows to stay on

Hong Kong: Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam apologised on Tuesday for the political unrest that has shaken Hong Kong, but the pro-Beijing chief executive refused to cave in to demands for her resignation.



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Foreign Minister Wang Yi also urged Tehran to not abandon the nuclear agreement 'so easily' after Iran said it would exceed its uranium stockpile limit if world powers fail to fulfil their commitments under the agreement in 10 days.

Lam suspended the bill on Saturday after two massive rallies that saw isolated bouts of violence between the police and some protesters.

But that failed to quell public anger, and an even bigger Sunday drew over two million people, organisers said — more than a quarter of the population. 'I personally have to shoulder much of the responsibility. This has led to controversies, disputes and anxieties in society,' Lam told a press conference. 'For this I offer my most sincere apology to all people of Hong Kong.' Protesters have demanded that the bill be fully withdrawn, and for Lam to step down and investigate police using tear gas and rubber bul-

lets to disperse protesters last week. They have also asked for all charges to be dropped against anyone detained during the protests. 'If the bill... (does) not make the legislative council by July next year, it will expire... And the government will accept that reality.' Protest organisers were unmoved by Lam's latest public statement, and slammed her for failing to address their demands. AFP

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'We call on all parties to remain rational and calm, and not to take any actions to provoke the escalation of tension in the region, and not to open a Pandora's box,' Wang told a joint press conference with visiting Syrian Foreign Minister Walid Muallam. AFP

Qureshi briefs Pompeo about addressing FATF concerns: FO

Islamabad: Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi on Tuesday briefed his American counterpart Mike Pompeo about the steps taken by Islamabad to address the concerns raised by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), including curbing terror financing activities in the country.

Qureshi, who is on an official visit to the UK, had a telephonic call with Pompeo to discuss bilateral relations and regional peace and security, according to a statement issued by the Foreign Office here.

Paris-based international terror financing watchdog FATF in June last year placed Pakistan onto its watch list in a bid to push the country to halt support for militant groups. PTI

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15 missing as crowded jeep plunges into river in Nepal

Kathmandu: Fifteen people are missing after a crowded jeep they were travelling in skidded off a mountainous road and plunged into a river in Nepal's Humla district on Tuesday.

The jeep veered off the road and plunged into the Karnali river in Kharpanath rural municipality at around 1 pm (local time), the Himalayan Times reported.

The jeep — which had the capacity to carry only nine persons — was crowded as it was carrying 15 people, it said.

'We are yet to ascertain whether the missing persons have already breathed their last or (are) still alive,' said an administration official, adding that rescue operations have been intensified. PTI

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Tweet a buzz

India maintained their dominance over arch-rivals Pakistan in World Cup history when the Virat Kohli-led team thrashed Pakistan by 89 runs at Old Trafford, Manchester on Sunday. It was for the seventh consecutive time in the history of the showpiece event when the Green Brigade failed to put up a show against the Men in Blue. While everyone saw the rivalry between both teams on the field, the roar of the fans was also loud on microblogging site Twitter. The much anticipated World Cup game broke records by becoming the most-tweeted about ODI match, generating 2.9 million tweets. While there was dialogue between both countries on the platform, when compared, official hashtags like #TeamIndia and #WeLoveWeWill as well as the number of tweets mentioning Indian cricketers and Pakistani cricketers, the Indian side dominated the conversation on Twitter.

We are Indians

India vice-captain Rohit Sharma slashing Pakistan pacer Hasan Ali for a six over backword point in their clash at Old Trafford on Sunday had fans revisit the upper-cut played by the legendary Sachin Tendulkar off Shaib Akhtar in Centurion in 2003. While there have been constant comparison between the two shots and who played it better, Tendulkar shared his take on the same. Taking to Twitter, Tendulkar wrote: "We both are from India and in this case, Aamchi Mumbai as well. So heads I win, tails you lose! (sic)" Earlier, ICC had posed the question for the fans when it tweeted: "Sachin in 2003 or Rohit in 2019 — who did it better?" It was an amazing display of professionalism from the Men in Blue against Pakistan in Manchester. They first scored 336/5 in their 50 overs with Rohit hitting a brilliant 113-ball 140 and the bowlers then tightened the screws on the Pakistan batsmen as the Indians won the game by 89 runs (D/L method).

Don't get personal

Shoaib Malik, who is drawing flak after Pakistan's embarrassing defeat to India, has lashed out at the country's media for claiming that he and other players were out partying and smoking sheesha hours before the crucial encounter in Manchester. There were questions raised about the Pakistan players' fitness and the apparent flouting of the curfew norms after a series of photos and videos showed certain members of the team allegedly socialising past curfew. "When will Pak media be accountable for their credibility by our courts? Having served my country for +20 years in international cricket, it's sad that I have to clarify things related to my personal life. The videos are from 13th June and not 15th," he tweeted. Sana too took to Twitter to answer potshots being aimed at her post the defeat. She battled Pakistani actress Veena Malik as she denied taking their kid to the Sheesha bar. "Veena, I have not taken my kid to a sheesha place. Not that it's any of your or the rest of the world's business because I think I care about my son a lot more than anyone else does. Secondly I am not Pakistani cricket team's dietician nor am I their mother or principal or teacher," she tweeted.

Forget & move on

Sarfraz Ahmed has warned his teammates of further backlash as home if they fail to lift their game in the remaining matches of the ongoing World Cup. Pakistani cricketers are facing strong criticism from both fans and former players after the 89-run defeat to India in the marquee World Cup clash on Sunday. With just three points from five games, Pakistan are at the second last position in the tournament table and Sarfraz has cautioned his teammates to be ready for the wrath of the public back home if the below-par performances continue. "If anyone thinks that I will go home, then it is their idioy. If God forbid something unfortunate happens then I won't be the only one going back home," Pakistani media outlet *theNews.Com.Pk* quoted Sarfraz as saying. The captain has urged the team to forget the loss against the neighbours and move on. "Forget the bad performance and uplift the team for the remaining four matches," said Sarfraz.

AGENCIES

PRELIMINARY STAGE

Pos	Team	P	W	L	N/R	Net RR	Pts
1	AUS	5	4	1	0	+0.812	8
2	NZ	4	3	0	1	+2.163	7
3	IND	4	3	0	1	+1.029	7
4	ENG	4	3	1	0	+1.557	6
5	B'DESH	5	1	2	2	-0.270	5
6	SL	5	1	2	2	-1.778	4
7	WI	5	1	3	1	+0.272	3
8	RSA	5	1	3	1	-0.208	3
9	PAK	5	1	3	1	-1.933	3
10	AFG	4	0	4	0	-1.638	0

An open partnership



Rohit Sharma, right, congratulates teammate KL Rahul on scoring fifty runs during World Cup match between India and Pakistan at Old Trafford

PTI ■ SOUTHAMPTON

Communication had been the biggest USP in Rohit Sharma and Shikhar Dhawan's enormously successful opening partnership and the Indian vice-captain wants to create the same level of understanding with KL Rahul by the time World Cup reaches business end.

Dhawan fractured left-hand has put Rahul in the line of fire in a stage like World Cup but his senior opening partner is confident that they will slowly be able to build up the right level of communication required in such big event.

In fact against Pakistan, Rohit allowed Rahul to take first strike, which he normally does when Dhawan is around.

"Yeah, KL also likes to take the strike, and for me it was important to give him that because just like me, he also has the mindset of taking the first ball. That is

his comfort. He is playing his first game as an opener here, so I wanted to make sure that he's comfortable," Rohit said while making it clear what his responsibilities are as a senior player.

Rahul, on his part, knows what a big opportunity it is and he is ready to fill in the big boots of Dhawan till the time he comes back (if at all in this tournament). "Obviously Shikhar and Rohit for the last three or four years have been such a dangerous combination having done so well. They have owned those positions. I had to wait for my chance and I am just happy that I got to bat in the top of the order," Rahul told reporters in mixed zone.

However, during their stand of 136, there were a couple of occasions when Rohit could have nearly got run out primarily because of the lack of communication between the two.

But the champion opener is game for this new challenge as that's what

WE (RAHUL & I) HAD A LOT OF COMMUNICATION (DURING PAKISTAN GAME) WHILE WE WERE BATTING, SO SLOWLY WE WILL BUILD ON IT. NOW THAT I KNOW HE'S GOING TO OPEN FOR THE NEXT FEW GAMES AS WELL. SO THAT CONVERSATION BETWEEN US IS REALLY, REALLY IMPORTANT, AND I HOPE THAT CONTINUES BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO ONLY HELP BOTH OF US — ROHIT SHARMA

Not a perfect score

PTI ■ MANCHESTER

Promoted to the opening slot, KL Rahul rated his performance against Pakistan at six out of ten, saying he will only get better after his composed fifty helped India set up a challenging total against the arch-rivals.

With Shikhar Dhawan ruled out of three World Cup games following a hairline fracture on his thumb, Rahul opened the innings with Rohit Sharma in his first international match against Pakistan here Sunday.

Rahul, who made 57 off 78 balls as part of the record 136-run opening partnership with Rohit, said he is grateful to get the opportunity to realise his dream of representing his country against Pakistan.

"Shikhar and Rohit, in the last three or four years, have been such a dangerous combo. Their partnerships, if you see anywhere in the world, they've played so well for the country and they've been No 1 and 2 — they've owned those positions," said Rahul.

"I've had to wait for my chance and I'm just happy that I got to bat in the top three. It's my first international game against Pakistan and it has come in a World Cup so I couldn't ask for anything bigger or better."

As a kid or as a young cricketer growing up this is what you dream to do. I'm really happy that I got the opportunity and I give myself six out of ten! Hopefully I carry on the confidence and get better."

The 136-run partnership was India's best first-wicket stand in an World Cup match against Pakistan as the two-time champions set an intimidating total of 336/5 against their arch-rivals.

Rahul stressed on the need to fight in the initial few overs to



KL Rahul bats during nets session

build up a partnership.

"With the new ball, against any bowler, it's important to see off the first few overs. That was especially true here because we didn't know who to expect from the wicket as it had been under covers for the past few days," he said.

"Once we got through those, we felt a lot more comfortable. For an opening batsman it's important to hit a few balls in the middle of the bat and get a few boundaries going."

Then you start to focus on the game and all the pressure, the hype of India-Pakistan and the World Cup stage just goes away from your head. The initial few overs are the fight, so we were happy to get through that and happy to get the win."

For Rahul, the biggest challenge against Pakistan was to play out Mohammed Amir's first spell, which they did with a fair degree of success.

"Look I mean, with the new ball against any bowler, you have to see off the first few overs and didn't know what to expect from the wicket as it was under covers for the first two days. It was important that we saw off the first spell," the talented Karnataka batsman said.

Amir, whether it was Champions Trophy final in 2017 or the Asia Cup T20, a year before that, he had always struck in the very first over that he bowled but this time around the Indians had done their homework.

"We needed to focus from ball one as he has earlier done damage in the first over itself. We were switched on from ball one and we didn't take too many chances in the first few overs. We gave their bowlers and the ball the respect it deserved and carried on from there," Rahul said.

Fun, food & other things

PTI ■ SOUTHAMPTON

A team that stays together, plays together.

At least that's what the Indian team management believes as its plans various activities during long tours which has a two-fold gain — to switch off a bit and also enjoy each other's company off the field which is very important for on-field performances.

The current Indian team also actively take part in bonding sessions, which are carefully planned during an away series. It could be anything from fun games to having a simple meal in a group of four.

Before the start of the World Cup, Indian team was seen playing paint ball and now that there is a break before the next game against Afghanistan on Saturday, some bonding activities are planned.

The team members are provided with a weekly activity schedule and they are told to do things which are more organic in nature than forced.

"In this Indian team, the bonding sessions have been a part for some years now. It could be some fun games and at times some other activity. Right now, the players are with their families enjoying a break. Once they come back, some activities are

planned," a senior BCCI official said.

While Virat Kohli is the captain, the team's Leadership Group has three members — Kohli, Rohit Sharma and Mahendra Singh Dhoni.

At times, in a team of 15, the 12 players are divided into groups of four and they are handled by each of the three senior members.

"It is always insisted that players from different regions hang out together and at least have a meal together. Just for example, Vijay Shankar, newest member of the team will certainly feel more comfortable interacting with a Dinesh Karthik. Same language, food habits, that is natural."

"But there are times when Karthik will need to have a meal with another junior player. It's not something that is forced but it should happen naturally," the official said.

It's not only about cricket but seniors are encouraged to speak to the junior players about other aspects of life also where they can take a cue from them.

"It could be anything from handling stardom to managing investments. The seniors with their practical experiences could help the juniors out or may be dividing them into groups of three, with the same gym slot.



Shikhar Dhawan's Instagram post in which he and his opening partner Rohit Sharma is seen spending time with their families

Bonding during some strenuous exercises isn't a bad idea either," he added.

Team bonding sessions have been in vogue in Indian cricket for long, only the terminology has changed with changing times.

In 70s, it used to be Sunday Clubs, a concept that was borrowed from English counties where players were told to dress up in a certain way or enact certain scenes.

There used to be punishments like walking from one's own hotel room to the team activity room in underwear with a neck tie tied around the waist.

Or else, some were made to apply lipstick and told to dance like 'Barefoot Coach'. At times it would be fun but other times it could be bordering on ragging as some of the old timers recall.

It became more of a fun during Gary Kirsten's time and Paddy Upton's much acclaimed book 'Barefoot Coach' has some cute pictures of Virender Sehwag and Gautam Gambhir dressed as women during a play they were part of.

From the mid 90s till early 2000s, the team bonding activities hardly took place, especially during Azharuddin's era when the Indian side was a disjointed unit with not much trust existing between the players.



Shakib best in business

At this moment, I have to say Shakib Al Hasan is the most in-form all-rounder in the world.

TIGERTALK



By **ABDUR RAZZAK**
Bangladesh spinner

He is in very good touch with his bowling and his batting has been brilliant at this ICC Men's Cricket World Cup.

He made another century in the win over the West Indies, his second of this tournament with two other half-centuries.

He is the number one all-rounder in the ICC rankings as well and he is in tremendous form. In fact, I have never seen him play like this — the consistency he is showing is incredible. I have played with him many times over the years but this is the best form of his career.

That was a very good win for Bangladesh against the West Indies because they are a very, very good side — they've played really good cricket in this World Cup.

For Bangladesh it was a crucial game because if they lost or even it rained, then they wouldn't have had a great chance to go through to the semi-finals.

It's really, really important to start quickly, especially in England. If you



Bangladesh all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan

CricketWorldCup/Twitter

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well, either bowling or batting. Most of the time those teams win — we've seen that at this World Cup. We started well with the ball by getting Chris Gayle out early and that was important. When West Indies scored 300+, I heard from quite a few people saying 'Bangladesh will lose this game'. But I told them just wait and see. I know the ground at Taunton, I've played over there, and on a wicket which wasn't seeming they had a chance. It was a batter's wicket and at Taunton, 320 isn't an easy target but it isn't that hard either.

They started well with the bat and then Shakib and Liton Das did brilliantly to put on that 189-run partnership and see them over the line.

It's really difficult coming into the team in the middle of this type of tournament, so Liton Das was definitely under pressure. When a new player comes to play in a big game, in a big tournament, with this type of atmosphere, it is really tough.

It was a pressure moment and he coped very nicely. He showed what he can do as a player and it's exciting for Bangladesh cricket. Bangladesh had confidence from their recent record against the West Indies, which is now

eight wins in the last ten ODIs. They've beaten them in the West Indies, in Ireland and in Bangladesh as well. If you keep beating any team consistently then it's really, really confidence-boosting.

When they were set 320, the boys would have still felt they were going to win the game because they know they can do it against the West Indies. Importantly, their chances of reaching the semi-finals are still alive. Each and every game is so important because if you lose one now, it will be really difficult to go through.

This one was crucial and the game against Australia at Trent Bridge on Thursday is the same but this confidence will help them and carry over to that clash. They will believe they can beat anyone because they are playing really good cricket. Bangladesh reached the quarter-finals at the 2015 World Cup and then the semi-finals at the ICC Champions Trophy in 2017 — they've done really well at recent big tournaments — but I honestly believe they are playing even better than that at the moment.

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West Indies players walk off dejected after losing World Cup game against Bangladesh AP

Bitter pill to swallow

AFP ■ TAUNTON

Jason Holder says the West Indies face a tough task to reach the World Cup semi-finals after their dismal seven-wicket defeat against Bangladesh on Monday.

Holder's side fell victim to the second highest run chase in World Cup history as Bangladesh reached 322-3 with 8.3 overs to spare at Taunton.

It was a bitter pill to swallow for Holder after they had posted a solid 321-8, only to implode with a combination of woeful fielding and sloppy bowling.

The West Indies have lost three of their five matches and, with four games left, captain Holder conceded there is only a slim chance they can make the semi-finals in the 10-team tournament.

"It's looking tough at this pre-

sent moment, but it's not impossible. We have to play every game here now as a final," Holder said. "We've got to win every game left to give ourselves a really good chance."

New Zealand and India, both in fine form, are the West Indies' next two opponents and they must beat both to remain in contention.

"If we want to go through into the semi-finals we've got to beat the best teams," Holder said. "We've got to back ourselves and be more clinical with the ball."

"A few top edges didn't go our way, but we didn't help ourselves as well."

"We've also got to score more runs because we haven't got a batsman with a hundred yet."

"I thought with the pitch dimensions we could have short, 40 or 50 runs."

Revelry@124

AFP ■ TAUNTON

Shakib Al Hasan admitted his match-winning 124 in Bangladesh's victory over the West Indies ranked as one of the best moments of his career.

Shakib's majestic display paved the way for Bangladesh to record the second highest run chase in World Cup history as they reached 322-3 at Taunton on Monday.

Hitting 16 fours in his unbeaten 99-ball innings, Shakib was well supported by Liton Das, who scored 94 from 69 balls in his first World Cup appearance.

The pair's unbroken stand of 189 was the second highest for the fourth wicket in World Cup history.

It was a memorable day for Shakib, who rated both his performance and his team's among the greatest he has experienced.

"It's obviously one of the best, because the way we chased that run, the way I paced the innings, I was never in a rush. I didn't have to play too many shots from a good ball," he told reporters.

"I had to be patient. And I was patient enough to put the bad ball away."

"I think every time I did that, it was quite well. And it's one of the key things in my batting in this chase."

"Only Ireland's 329-7 against England in 2011 stands as a bigger World Cup run chase."

But Shakib insisted Bangladesh never

doubted they could overhaul the West Indies' total of 321-8.

In the end they reached the target with 8.3 overs to spare thanks to Shakib and Das.

"At the end of the first innings in the dressing room no one felt that this was tough. Everyone was comfortable and was chilling," he said.

"It gave a lot of confidence in the dressing room and belief that we could chase that run. Once we started batting, I think the way the openers started their innings, everyone in the dressing room felt good and comfortable and relaxed."

"That helped us a lot. So at no point of time we had to panic." Shakib has now scored two centuries in this World Cup after hitting 121 against England.

In the course of the West Indies match he became just the second player to score 6,000 career ODI runs for the Tigers.

His heroics have kept Bangladesh in with a chance of making the semi-finals and Shakib hopes there are more golden moments to come.

"I don't know if this is the best I have been batting or not, but so far it's going well and fingers crossed, hope it continues," he said.



Unsettled Aussies embrace Cup uncertainty

Assistant coach Haddin praises Khawaja as Australia try to settle on their best XI



Australian skipper Aaron Finch, right, and assistant coach Brad Haddin during team's practice session at Trent Bridge stadium in Nottingham cricket.com.au/Twitter

AGENCIES ■ NOTTINGHAM

Australia concede they're still uncertain of their best side for the remainder of the World Cup, despite losing just one of the opening five matches of their title defence.

But assistant coach Brad Haddin believes their flexibility could be a trump card for the crunch matches to come.

With a loss to India marking their only blip so far, the Aussies find themselves in the unusual spot of sitting on top of the World Cup standings yet openly admitting there are question marks hanging over several crucial positions.

An injury to key man Marcus Stoinis shapes as their biggest headache, with the all-rounder set to test out his troublesome left side in Nottingham this week ahead of Thursday's clash with Bangladesh.

"At the moment, we're still trying to find that best XI," Haddin said.

"We're still trying to find what works best for us. Come later in the tournament, we'll start to understand that the conditions are like a lot better and what ... our best XI (is)."

"At the moment, we're not settled on our best XI."

Haddin, the wicketkeeper in Australia's 2015 World Cup-winning side that used all 15 of its available squad members throughout the tournament, suggested the uncertainty isn't necessarily a bad thing.

"We're not too concerned about it all," he said. "One of the things we spoke to the squad about is we need to be a flexible squad to win a World Cup."

"The players understand that and we're training them accordingly. We make sure each and every player is ready for game day."

"I don't think it's a concern, you'd like to start getting your team (right) at the back-end of the tournament. I think one of the luxuries at the moment is we're still winning, and we still haven't found

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the perfect rhythm for our game, which is a dangerous sign."

Usman Khawaja, having thrived as an opener in the lead-in to the World Cup, has been forced to adapt to unfamiliar late-innings scenarios in a handful of Australia's matches so far.

He performed admirably after coming in at No 4 halfway through Australia's run chase against India, scoring 42 at better than a run-a-ball, but has contributed scores of 15, 14 and 10 when he's been in the No 3 spot he's more accustomed to.

"He's playing a different role. It's not that he's not having success, he's been in a role where he's had limited opportunities," Haddin said.

"Before he could go out and set the pace of the innings and now the innings is dictating the role he needs to play. He's been okay with it — he's a class act. He's had little cameos throughout ... We're pretty happy with where he's at. He's just got to bat (according to the situation)."

AGENCIES ■ NOTTINGHAM

Injured all-rounder Marcus Stoinis returned to the bowling crease on Monday at Trent Bridge as he aims to prove he can still play a part in Australia's World Cup campaign.

Having injured his side against India more than a week ago, time is running out for Stoinis to hold onto his spot in Australia's 15-man squad, with Mitchell Marsh ready and available to replace his state teammate.

Under World Cup playing conditions, Stoinis cannot return to the squad should selectors decide to officially draw a line through him and call up Marsh for the rest of the tournament.

Australia will face Bangladesh in Nottingham on Thursday and Stoinis is doing everything he can to prove his fitness ahead of that match. He bowled four overs at Trent Bridge on Monday — the first time he's bowled since the India game — and now faces a bigger test at the team's main training session on Tuesday.

As the sole all-rounder in the squad, the absence of Stoinis left

Race against time



Marcus Stoinis stretches during Australia's training session cricket.com.au/Twitter

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Australia with an unbalanced XI for their matches against Pakistan and Sri Lanka, something selectors would be reluctant to repeat heading into the business end of the tournament.

With time running out,

Stoinis' teammates remain hopeful the popular all-rounder can keep his World Cup dream alive.

"He had a light bowl today and he'll have a better run around tomorrow at the main session," wicketkeeper Alex Carey told

RSN. "Mitch Marsh is here as well ready to go and in really good condition."

"Hopefully Marcus gets up. It's such an important role and he's done such a great job for Australia over the past 12-18 months as

CAPTAIN MARRIAGE

Morgan's record breaking 148, Bairstow's 90 and Root's 88 guide England to 397-6 against hapless Afghanistan



England's captain Eoin Morgan, right, celebrates with teammate Joe Root after scoring a century

OVERS	RUNS	BOWLER	OPPONENT	VENUE	DATE
10	113	Mick Lewis (Aus)	South Africa	Jo'burg	12-03-2006
10	110	Wahab Riaz (Pak)	England	Nottingham	30-08-2016
9	110	Rashid Khan (Afg)	England	Manchester	18-06-2019
10	106	Bhuvneshwar Kumar (Ind)	South Africa	Mumbai	25-10-2015
10	106	Nuvan Pradeep (SL)	India	Mohali	13-12-2017

FAISAL FEATURES

APP ■ MANCHESTER

England captain Eoin Morgan set a new world record for most sixes in a one-day international innings as the World Cup hosts piled up 397 for six in against Afghanistan on Tuesday. Morgan hit 17 sixes in his career-best 148, with England's total of 25 sixes also a new world record.

Morgan, dropped on 28, dominated a third-wicket stand of 189 with Joe Root (82), whose contribution to their partnership was a mere 33. Afghanistan star leg-spinner Rashid Khan set an unwanted record with 0-110 in nine overs — the most expensive return at a World Cup and second costliest in all ODI cricket.

Morgan's tally surpassed the record of 16 sixes in an ODI innings previously shared by India's Rohit Sharma, South Africa's AB de Villiers and West Indies' Chris Gayle.

But one ball after launching Gulbadin Naib for the record-breaking six, Morgan holed out off the Afghanistan captain to end a 71-ball innings that also featured four fours.

His innings, which featured 16 boundaries, was all the more impressive as Morgan had been

doubtful for this match with a back spasm suffered in England's eight-wicket win over the West Indies, in which he could not bat.

Jonny Bairstow (90) got England off to a solid start after Morgan won the toss, with the home side accelerating after James Vince fell for 26 when he mishooked paceman Dawlat Zadran to short fine-leg.

Morgan settled in quickly, hitting Naib for two sixes including a fine hit over long-on.

But the left-hander should have been out when he skied Rashid Khan only for Dawlat Zadran at deep midwicket to make such a mess of the catch that the ball bounced out of his hands and over the rope for four.

It was a costly error, with Morgan immediately hitting a soaring six. He cleared the boundary again in a 36th over that cost 18 runs.

Morgan then went to fifty with his fifth six in 36 balls faced when he pulled

off-spinner Mohammad Naib high into an 8,000-capacity temporary stand.

Root was denied a second successive hundred and third of the tournament when he holed out off Gulbadin, whose three for 68 was not a bad return in the circumstances. But the sixes kept coming, with Moeen Ali setting a new team record when he launched the penultimate delivery of the innings, from Dawlat, over long-on.

OTHER SPORTS



Real Rodrigo identifies with Neymar

APP ■ MADRID

Real Madrid's new signing Rodrigo has said he models his game on Neymar and Robinho as the 18-year-old on Tuesday became the latest arrival unveiled at the Santiago Bernabeu.

Madrid completed a 45-million-euro (\$50.3 million) deal for Rodrigo Silva de Goes in June last year but agreed to let the Brazilian striker stay at Santos for another season.

He is the fifth player to join Madrid this summer, following Eden Hazard, Eder Militao, Ferland Mendy and Luka Jovic for a minimum transfer outlay to 300 million euros.

"For me it is a dream come true," Rodrigo said at a press conference. "I have always said it is the dream of every child in Brazil and the world. I'm living a dream, it's the happiest day of my life."

Rodrigo has signed for Madrid's first team but said he would be happy to play for Castilla, the club's B side, to gain experience.

After being presented in the stands by club president Florentino Perez, Rodrigo emerged on the pitch at the Santiago Bernabeu, where he kicked the balls into a crowd of around 2,000 fans.

Vargas at the double as Chile rout Japan

APP ■ SAO PAULO

Eduardo Vargas scored twice as Chile launched the defense of their Copa America crown with an emphatic 4-0 defeat of Japan in Sao Paulo on Monday.

Vargas, who plays for Mexico club Tigres UANL, netted twice in the second half as Chile gradually overpowered a skilful but limited Japan, who are playing in the South American showpiece as one of two invited teams from Asia.

Erick Pulgar had opened the scoring for Chile in the first half before Vargas doubled the 2015 and 2016 champions' advantage with a deflected second-half strike.

Manchester United's Alexis Sanchez then took his Chilean record goals tally to 42 after diving to head home in the 82nd minute before Vargas scored the pick of the goals moments later with a deft lob over Japan goalkeeper Keisuke Osako.

The win saw Chile join Uruguay at the top of Group C, level on points and goal difference.

"The important thing is that we move on with humility," said Chile coach Reinaldo Rueda.

several promising chances but were let down by poor finishing from young striker Ayase Ueda.

"We deserved to score a goal," said Japan coach Hajime Moriyasu. "The difference was that they were clinical and took their chances. We're sad to lose but proud that we really took it to them."

Japan had started confidently, dominating territory and possession albeit without threatening the Chile goal.

Their best early chance came after nine minutes when Shoya Nakajima let fly after bursting forward only to see his shot saved by Chile goalkeeper Gabriel Arias.

As the first half wore on, Chile looked increasingly more threatening, and Sanchez sounded the alarm in the Japanese defense in the 35th minute when his low shot flashed just wide.

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sion into their own half and Gaku Shibasaki released Ueda on goal.

The 20-year-old Ueda was unable to make the chance count, though, rounding Arias but failing to find the empty net with his shot from a tight angle.

The half closed with Chile threatening to add to their lead, Sanchez's header from close range saved by Osako.

Chile picked up where they left off as the second half got under way, stroking the ball around confidently to deny Japan possession. In the 54th minute the Chileans doubled their lead.

A fluent build-up saw Mauricio Isla go clear down the right and he squared for Vargas, whose shot took a wicked deflection off Takehiro Tomiyasu on its way into the net.

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1	2019_MCL_141022	PROCUREMENT OF LOW PRESSURE HOSES OF BE-1000 HYDRAULIC EXCAVATOR	254295.00
2	2019_MCL_140992	Supply of Spares for EKG Shovel	338424.00
3	2019_MCL_141047	Repairing of backside boundary wall of N-Joy Club at Balmram Township of Balmram OCP under Hingula Area	399943.00
4	2019_MCL_141050	Installation of 05 nos security check post barrier and 03 nos goal post at different location of mines of Balmram OCP under Hingula Area	988178.00
5	2019_MCL_140683	PROCUREMENT OF SEAL KIT FOR 50/60 DUMPER	976959.00
6	2019_MCL_140956	Root Treatment of A and C - Type Quarters of Ananta Vihar Colony of AOCUP under Jagannath Area	5239673.00
7	2019_MCL_140969	Providing 10 Nos blasting shelter at different location inside mine at Ananta OCP	803242.00
8	2019_MCL_140978	Digging with Battering Slopes of Road at R and R site Boulevard of village Rakasa under Jagannath Area	2288408.00
9	2019_MCL_140990	Construction of Mandap for Maa Gramadeviji, Maa Buchi, Thakurani, Maa Hingula and Maa Durga at R and R Site Boulevard under Jagannath Area	1240409.00
10	2019_MCL_141031	PROCUREMENT OF BUSHINGS AND PINS FOR BE-1000/67 HYDRAULIC EXCAVATOR	313480.00
11	2019_MCL_141106	Construction of Training Hall for Skill Upgradation at Kanha in Kanha Block under CSR of Kanha OCP of Kanha Area	2470554.00
12	2019_MCL_141112	Construction of Concrete Road in Kharabania Sahi of Kansamunda Township under CSR work of Kanha OCP of Kanha Area	585238.00
13	2019_MCL_140653	Demolishing, painting of quarters at Belphar Integrated Village of Lakhnapur Area for change of occupancy	2143189.00
14	2019_MCL_140674	Annual maintenance of garden and field carteen near quarry no.04 of LKP OCP of Lakhnapur Area for a period of 02 years	687047.00
15	2019_MCL_139279	Supply, installation and commissioning of Ultrasonography Machine at Anand Vihar Hospital, Burla	3000000.00
16	2019_MCL_140964	Procurement of FLP Light fittings and FLP Junction box for Orient area	7269350.00
17	2019_MCL_141101	Supply of WORM WHEEL for FPH Shovel	615000.00
18	2019_MCL_141110	AMC for erection of LT OH line and light fitting complete at out sourcing - OB patch, OB dump yard, coal face, surface mine area for lighting and illumination and dismantling of poles and OH line materials at out sourcing patch as and when required	4261348.00
19	2019_MCL_141220	Supply of spares for Rhino 90C Crane	397247.00
20	2019_MCL_141213	Hiring of a Covered Jeep (Boloro / Sumo or equivalent vehicle (Diesel) minimum 7 seater with AC fitted) at Hingula Area for 682 days in (02) months	1443794.00
21	2019_MCL_141222	Digging of drain for connecting Laminax road of Kansamunda Township under CSR work of Kanha OCP of Kanha Area	468362.00
22	2019_MCL_141154	Regular repair and maintenance of main pipe line from intake well to IWSS and external water supply line at IB Valley Area	278032.00
23	2019_MCL_141169	Demolishing painting of D.C.B and MQ type Qtrs at Area Unit for change of occupancy at IB Valley Area	1076717.00
24	2019_MCL_141193	Washing painting of 10 nos C type, 10 nos B type and 20 nos MQ type quarters for change of occupancy at SOCP, IB Valley Area	751615.00
25	2019_MCL_141234	Renovation of Pedestrian/Motor Cycle path in excavation workshop complex of SOCP, IB Valley Area	524545.00
26	2019_MCL_140802	Procurement of Hospital Floor Cleaning Machines for Anand Vihar Hospital, Burla	400000.00
27	2019_MCL_141164	Procurement of Spares for Anchorage Testing Machine for MCL Talcher Area	34763.00
28	2019_MCL_141248	Supplying and laying of road metal and moom for monsoon period 2019 as and when required at Balmram OCP under Hingula Area	4981274.00
29	2019_MCL_141259	Supplying and laying of road metal and moom for monsoon period 2019 as and when required at Hingula OCP under Hingula Area	3779966.00
30	2019_MCL_141183	Complete Electrical Wiring of Residential Quarters at Deuberia and Dera DLB Colony under Lingaraj Area	781761.00
31	2019_MCL_141184	Shifting, Laying and Fitting of 6 inch MS pipeline from PO Office, LOCP to SLO and NTPC Siding for Lingaraj Area	312644.00
32	2019_MCL_141338	Heightening of compound wall and other repair and maintenance work at S.T.P of Ananta Vihar Colony	955664.00
33	2019_MCL_141349	Spraying of water for dust suppression through water tanker from Kall Mandir chhack to mine face via GSL and Triveni chhack at Ananta OCP under Jagannath Area for a period of 01(one) year.	8569276.00
34	2019_MCL_141167	Supplying and placing of sand bags for muffle blasting inside mine at Belphar OCP of Lakhnapur Area	2526621.00
35	2019_MCL_141305	Replacement of damaged leaking CGI sheet roofing by profile sheet of Mobile van/ambulance and four wheelers garage, profile sheet shed for parking of two wheeler and miscellaneous civil works around garage at Central Hospital under IB Valley Area	1532773.00
36	2019_MCL_141319	Fire fighting to control spontaneous heating and extinguish fire at different places of mine for 730 days(two years) at LOCP of IB Valley Area	1576414.00
37	2019_MCL_141362	Hiring of one no. AC running covered jeep (Boloro or equivalent) having seating capacity 6 plus 1 on 24 hours duty basis with deployment of two nos. of drivers, max 3000 km/month, for 02 years (862 days) for Banchabahal Police Outpost, Lakhnapur.	1353770.00
38	2019_MCL_141313	Procurement of End fittings for top and bottom conveyor rollers (As per enclosed drawings)	1159350.00
39	2019_MCL_141334	Providing staging for PVC water storage tank for drinking water supply to Excavation section of Hingula OCP under Hingula Area	370331.00
40	2019_MCL_141357	Procurement of different types of Power Contactors.	362714.00
41	2019_MCL_141372	Spraying of water on coal transportation road from Balmram Zero Point to Bhalpur ETP under Balmram OCP of Hingula Area (Outside Mines Area) for a period of 02 years.	4091721.00
42	2019_MCL_141199	PROCUREMENT OF FULL AUTOMATIC BIOCHEMISTRY ANALYZER	3250000.00
43	2019_MCL_141273	Laying of 1"XV, 3 core XLPE power cable under railway track with HD method, through HDPE pipe and providing OD structures near 188 nos. quarter premises of HOCOP, HA	691808.00
44	2019_MCL_141330	Encasing of 6 KV H.T. Overhead power supply line from 33KV Sub-station of Hingula OCP to Hingula Mandira (42Nos. Metallic poles and 931 KG AL aluminium DOG Conductor are to be supplied departmentally)	765309.00
45	2019_MCL_141370	Running and Maintenance of Kalings Bhawan Anand Vihar MCL Hq.	11437868.00
46	2019_MCL_141429	SUPPLY OF Sensor Cable for Auto Fire system of Dumpers	517146.00
47	2019_MCL_141462	PROCUREMENT OF UPPER AND LOWER CASING KIROSKAR MAKE SFC PUMP	2700800.00
48	2019_MCL_141376	Hiring of One (1) Jeep(6 plus 1 seater or more) (Boloro/Sumo or its equivalent) fitted with AC for 12 hrs per day duty for Starmal for two years at Basunthara Area (862 days) (2800km run per month)	720881.00
49	2019_MCL_141398	Hiring of One (1) Jeep(6 plus 1 seater or more) (Boloro/Sumo or its equivalent) fitted with AC for 12 hrs per day duty for Starmal for two years at Basunthara Area (862 days) (2800km run per month)	685410.00
50	2019_MCL_141391	Hiring of Pay Loaders for Mechanical Transfer of coal into Tipper/Trucks of Road Sale and Washery at coal stock yard of Bhuvaneshwar OCP, Jagannath Area	70936290.00
51	2019_MCL_141411	Hiring of one no. AC running Van/Capacity 10(Te or above) for 12000 hrs. per day duty for a period of 03 years for Garjanabahal OCP at Basunthara Area. (1095 days) (2800km run per month)	2128680.00
52	2019_MCL_141423	Making of two No. Deep Bore Well including Installation and Commissioning of Submersible Pump inside Site Office and Near Railway Siding at Kanha OCP of Kanha Area. Rn Tender	866381.00
53	2019_MCL_141451	18MM road from coal corridor edge towards coal sale weigh bridge of BBSR OCP under Jagannath Area	2530496.00
54	2019_MCL_141465	Repair of Fanchayat Road from old Padmatapur Panchayat Office to junction of Rakasha village road at Jagannath Colliery, Jagannath Area	2538632.00
55	2019_MCL_141482	PROCUREMENT OF INDUSTRIAL GASES FOR HEMMS	256515.00
56	2019_MCL_141433	Strengthening of Mid Entry Road from Mine Junction to Coal Face at LOCP of IB Valley Area.	2976349.00
57	2019_MCL_141496	Day to day electrical related works in mine and 33 KV main substation and other 3.3 KV field substation (01 no. Skilled electrician and 01 no. Unskilled electric helper per shift for two shifts per day) for a period of 02 years (610 Days) of Lakur	1399779.00
58	2019_MCL_141463	Providing 1 no. of foundation with shed for installing transformer near B-15 of Nandrola colony, Talcher Area	336797.00
59	2019_MCL_141501	Loading, Unloading, Handing and Laying of Power Cables from Unit Store, Workshop and field to work place for day to day switch shifting work in mines for one year at BOCM, Lakhnapur Area, MCL	500320.00
60	2019_MCL_141439	Repair of water loading platform of Hingula OCP under Hingula Area.	2457209.00
61	2019_MCL_141502	Procurement of Fish Plate (As per Drawing enclosed), M.S. Fish Plate Bolt and M.S. Dograil.	986224.00
62	2019_MCL_141446	Temporary alignment of approach road from CT road to new 100Tc. Static Weigh Bridge ramp by spreading of moom in the back side of Regional Store at Hingula OCP under Hingula Area.	679185.00
63	2019_MCL_141530	Hiring of One Loaders for Mechanical Transfer of coal into Trucks/Tipper of Road Sale and Washery at Bhalpur OCP, Bhalpur Area	17558347.00
64	2019_MCL_141604	Extension of administrative building in HEMM Workshop of Balmram OCP	298113.00
65	2019_MCL_141608	Annual Maintenance and day to day cleaning, sweeping and oil-keeping of floors and surrounding area of community shed near Kall Mandir at Balmram OCP. for a period of 02 years.	594883.00
66	2019_MCL_141643	Hiring of one no. AC running covered jeep (Boloro or equivalent) having seating capacity 6 plus 1 on 24 hours duty basis with deployment of three nos. of drivers, max run 3500 km/month, for 02 years (862 days) for Belphar OCP, Lakhnapur Area. MCL	1786158.00